

Newsletter No. 2

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Day 8 Enrolment Figures

Pine Rivers State High School Day 8 Enrolment showed that 1423.8 students were enrolled and in attendance at our school. The .8 reflects that one of our students is enrolled in 2 subjects at another educational institution because of specific learning needs. Our Year 8 cohort for 2009 comprises 12 classes with a total enrolment of 309.

The Day 8 enrolment per year level was as follows:

Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
309	330	277	284.8	223

Of these students, 62 were registered as a Student with a Disability with an entitlement to a program or service provided through our Inclusive Education Unit.

A total of 99.4 teacher numbers is our staffing entitlement, of which our allocation of 6.2 teachers to support our students with disabilities is still to be confirmed. We have a number of permanent part time teachers working at our school, which means that the actual number of teaching staff is 109.



Year Starts with Recognition of Student Academic Achievement from Semester 2, 2008.

The year has started with a Senior presentation assembly to acknowledge our academic achievers from Year 10 and Year 11 Semester 2, 2008. We welcomed as guest speaker past student, Samantha Quinney, who exited from Year 12 in 2006. Samantha will commence her third year at QUT towards a Bachelor of Law and Business. An OP1 student, she was selected for a QUT Vice Chancellor's Scholarship to support her studies and while at school, she was a Rotary Bursary winner.

Certificates of Achievement, Excellence and Merit were presented to the relevant awardees with the assistance of Presentation Assembly assistant, Rebecca Draheim. The ceremony was conducted by Shivnesh Goundar, 2009 President of the Student Representative Council.

State Parliamentarians' Awardees were Tess-Anna Gilfedder for Year 11 and Brenden Hall for Year 10.

Also attending as guests were Mr Tony Rukis from the Pine Rivers Masonic Lodge and Mr Steve Limbach from the Rotary Club of Strathpine to present bursaries from these respective organisations. The Jock Mitchell Bursary from the Rotary Club was presented to Shivin Prasad of Year 11. The Masonic Lodge bursary went to Shannon Knight and Matthew Rollinson of Year 11.

Congratulations to the following students on their academic achievement and best wishes to all of our Year 10, 11 and 12 students in pursuit of their academic goals this year.

Certificates of Achievement:

Year 11:

Peter Bishop
Tess-Anna Gilfedder

Kate Ramsay
Courtney Smith

Year 10:

Keely Alting-Carr
Lynette Balharry
Samuel Boyd
Vanessa Cawdrey
Arabella Chambers
Brittany Dale
Emma-Lea Duggan
Emma Dunlop
Tina Eliepa
Christopher Gough
Brenden Hall
Aidan Jones
Matthew Kachel

Brendan Knight
Anushma Kumar
Angela Luckman
Tiffany McCulloch
Michael Munchin
Danielle O'Brien
Amy Peterson
Shivin Prasad
Madelaine Robinson
Charley Taplin
Samantha Tayler
Christine Walters
Rebecca Ward
Laura Wilkinson

Certificates of Excellence - Year 11

Peter Bishop	Biology, Chemistry, English, Mathematics B, Mathematics C, Physics
Rebecca Draheim	Certificate in Recreation
Brynne Dunne	Tourism
Nicholas Else	English, Information Processing and Technology, Mathematics B
Thomas Elze	Mathematics B, Music
Trent Flanders	Certificate in Recreation
Mitchell Gatt	English
Tess-Anna Gilfedder	Economics, English, Film and Television, Modern History
Amelia Gourlay	Certificate in Recreation
Kyan Higginson	English
Nicole Jacobsen	English
Blake Johnstone	Modern History
Chantelle Lax	Photography
Robyn Lonergan	Pre Vocational Maths
Aaron Lund	Manufacturing Construction
Mitchell Mardiste	Manufacturing Engineering, Technology Studies
Joshua Marsh	Manufacturing Furnishings
Kathleen McGlone	Physical Education
Belinda Moorhead	English
Benjamin Nesterowich	Automotive Studies
Pooja Prasad	Work and Community Studies
Briget Pulbrook	English
Kate Ramsay	English
Nicholas Rickards	Photography
Tamika Schier	Art
Sarah Scott	Multi-Strand Science
Courtney Smith	Business Communication and Technologies, Dance
Nicole Sowinski	Drama
Shanay Steedman	English
Cherie Taylor	English, Information and Communication Technology
Samantha Wakefield	Early Childhood Studies

Certificates of Excellence – Year 10

Keely Alting-Carr	Industrial Furnishings and Design
Rick Altmann	Health and Physical Education
Lynette Balharry	Home Economics – Food Studies, Junior Hospitality
Sam Boyd	English, Music
Sam Bryant	Industrial Furnishings and Design
Arabella Chambers	Art, Graphics, Music
Kayla Clark	Certificate in Recreation

Kristy Conserdyne	Health and Physical Education
Amy Corrado	Work and Community Studies
Brittany Dale	Art, Mathematics B
Emma Dunlop	English, Geography, History
Annaleise Easlea	IT Education – Games Programming
Melissa Green	Dance
Christopher Gough	Mathematics B
Brenden Hall	Mathematics B
Jamie Hawkins	IT Education – Games Programming
Aidan Jones	Certificate in Recreation
Matthew Kachel	Science
Madelen Knight	Art
Anushma Kumar	Home Economics – Food Studies, Mathematics B, Science
Angela Luckman	English, Science
Tellilah Malase-Makata	Art
Tiffany McCulloch	Business and Enterprise
Brittainy McNally	Junior Hospitality
Delarey Naude	Mathematics B
Megan Norris	Art
Thomas Noyes	Industrial Engineering and Design
Danielle O'Brien	English
Amy Peterson	English
Benjamin Poughla	Foundations Maths
Shivin Prasad	Science
Nemanja Ristic	Certificate I Automotive
Alexandra Ross	German
Daniel Ryan	IT Education – Data Integration
Katie Shepherd	Introduction to Accounting
Joshua Smith	Drama, English
Charley Taplin	Certificate in Recreation
Amo Tavete	Certificate I Automotive
Samantha Tayler	Science
Christine Walters	Home Economics – Fashion
Rebecca Ward	IT Education – New Media, Media Studies
Glen Wilkie	Rugby League
Laura Wilkinson	English, IT Education – New Media
Jack Wilkosz	Health and Physical Education
John Woodrow	Industrial Furnishings and Design
Brendon Woodward	Health and Physical Education

Aaron Luff
Sean Matheson
Tiahn Welsh
Kirsten Sullivan
Tiffany Jardine
Anushma Kumar
8.4
Grant Boldero
Tom Noyes
Megan Norris
Rebecca Ward
Christine Walters
Caitlin Bergman
Katie Shepherd
8.5
Luke Zarb
Matthew Kachel
Katrina Jennings
Amy Peterson
Keely Alting-Carr
Samantha Tayler
8.6
Jason McDermott
Ethan Jones
Juanita Prasad
Courtney Johnstone
Simone Spencer
Tiffany McCulloch

Sam Boyd
Dominic Spearman
Madison Burgess
Amy Corrado
Bonnie Kay
Danielle O'Brien
8.10
Liam Pepper
Thomas Koch
Briony Tyson
Kristy Conserdyne
Emma Suta
Ashleigh Jeffers
8.11
Jake Cook
James Heidke
Vanessa Mercer Weir
Olivia Hamlin
Heather Hausmann
Kiona Bidner
8.12
Matthew Rollinson
Glen Wilkie
Tiara Anderson
Tina Eliepa
Breannan Boyd
Rebecca Brice



Senior Induction

Friday November 20 - 9:15am

Parents and caregivers are invited to attend our Senior Induction on Friday February 20. This formal ceremony will commence at 9:15am sharp in our hall. Year 8 students will attend as guests for this important occasion.

Our guest speaker will be Ms Suzanne Pearce, the newly appointed Executive Director of Schools, Sunshine Coast South District.

All students are required to be in full formal uniform.

QIP Leaders Presented for Junior Assembly



Pine Rivers State High School has a strong tradition of peer support with the training and selection of QIP Leaders. 84 students participated in the two day training program late last year and 73 students were selected to assist our Year 8 students to make a smooth transition to high school.

These Year 11 students have already commenced their work in earnest and were presented at the Year 8 and 9 Assembly last week.

Congratulations to the following:

8.1	8.7
Brenden Hall	Christopher Danby
Aidan Jones	Michael Mills
Madeline Robinson	Rebekah Christ
Angela Luckman	Emma Duggan
Lynette Balharry	Waveney Yasso
Brittainy McNally	Kayla Clark
8.2	8.8
Jason Pritchard	Shivin Prasad
Brendan Knight	Isaac Wilcock
Chantelle Payne	Arabella Chambers
Melissa Green	Carly Williams
Tiana Whisson	Courtney Hannan
Kristie-Lea Stewart	Tayla Hartley

8.3	8.9
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BURGERTOWN

a sizzling new musical for 2009 and an Australian Premiere

A Chicago diner left over from the fifties, forgotten about and built over by progress and backdropped by the backs of an elevated train hovering over the diner's roof sets the scene for a rollicking good fun musical, *Burgertown*. Our 33rd musical is set to rock the tradition of musical theatre at the Pine.

Performances

on
 Wednesday April 1, Friday April 3, Saturday April 4
 make a date on your calendar!
Tickets on sale from 12 March School Box Office
Enquiries 38814704



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CAMP 2009

Instrumental music students began the new school year with a music weekend camp joined by Year 7s from Strathpine State School. The focus of this camp was music making and teamwork. It was well attended and provided an excellent opportunity for the new students, our Year 8s, to enter the music program and get to know other students. Conductors, Mr Scott King, Mr Bruce Hamlin and Mr Timo Jarvela, led students through a diverse repertoire designed to enhance the musicianship skills of our Brass, Woodwind, Strings and Percussion students. They were ably assisted by the Music Captains, Section Leaders and past students, Shane McInnes and Erin Roberts.



The Camp was very successful with an informal Sunday finale concert well supported and enjoyed by parents. The early signs are that this year promises to be quite an exciting one for our Instrumental Music program. We acknowledge the contribution of our Parent Music Committee (PRIMA) for their assistance behind the scenes. Congratulations to Mr King, Mr Hamlin and Mr Jarvela for all their efforts in providing such a professional musical experience for our students and to all the parents who stayed back to help assemble hall chairs at the end of the concert.

Student music timetables on a rostered basis have now been distributed, as well as Music Handbooks for parents. If more copies are desired, these can be obtained from the Performing Arts Dept.

Ms J Franz, HOD, Performing Arts, Ph 3881 4764



Music Extension

The school offers Music Extension to **Year 12** students. This exciting OP course offers students the opportunity to refine

their skills in one of three areas of excellence in music, namely Performance, Composition or Musicology. Students who elect to enrol in Music Extension must also be enrolled in the parent subject Senior Music across Year 11 and 12. Year 11 students may also undertake Music Extension on a trial basis in preparation for Year 12. Music Extension is on in M8 at 7.30am Thursdays. It will be accompanied in Term 2 with a weekly Monday tutorial 3-4pm.

Instrumental Music Program

All instrumental music students will now have their allocated timetable per term. Please keep these at home (e.g. side of fridge).



The Instrumental Music program caters for brass, woodwind, strings, percussion and guitar. We welcome back Music conductors Mr Scott King (brass/woodwind), Mr Timo Jarvela (strings) and Mr Bruce Hamlin (percussion).

Band rehearsals are as follows:

Concert Band	7:30am Wednesday
Stage Band	7:30am Monday
Wind Ensemble	7.30am Friday
String Ensemble	7:30am Tuesday
Percussion Ensemble	2 nd lunch Wednesday

A big welcome to Years 5-7 students from Strathpine State School who join rehearsals with our Wind Ensemble each month as the Middle School Band.



Guitar Tuition

Professional musician, Mr Liam Van Booma, extends the music program as our guitar teacher this term on Mondays. Guitar (classic and acoustic) and bass guitar lessons are available to students at an affordable price in group sessions during school hours. Lessons are structured to suit students from basic skill level to advanced level. Enrolment forms can be collected from the Music or J Block.



PAST STUDENTS HIT AT TAMWORTH

Former Music students of 2008, Rhys Roberts, Ben Burrows, Jared Bullock and Scott Norris took their band **Local Residents** on a 2 week tour performing at Roma and then at the Tamworth Music Festival. They were lucky enough to open as the 'lead in' act to Australian country rock band, The Wolverines.

As well as busking around the town of Tamworth, their talent also got them a gig on the Coco Cola sound stage, making them a band to look out for.



PERFORMING ARTS STUDENTS SHINE IN CANDYMAN

Adrian Detar (Year 9) and Lauren O'Neill (Year 10) go

centrestage in Brisbane's latest musical offering *Candyman*. After two months of rehearsals Adrian and Lauren sing and dance their way as part of the gospel church choir. Catch their electric performances at OPAC, South Brisbane. The season of *Candyman*, musical cabaret, is a short one so get your tickets quickly.



PRIMA MEETING (Pine Rivers Instrumental Music Assoc) Tuesday 17 February 7.30pm Attention All Band Members

Informal meetings are held every **third** Tuesday of the month in the Common Room (Admin Block). An invitation is extended to all parents of students in the Instrumental Music program (especially Year 8 and new parents) to attend. PRIMA supports the Instrumental Music program by raising funds for instruments and music that benefit your child to reach their potential musically. Come along and have a chat with your child's conductor and meet other music parents.



Year 12 Student Selected for Australian Team in Golf

Congratulations to Year 11 student, Cameron Smith, who has been touted as being "on the threshold of an international golf career" with his Quest Newspapers Young Start Award.

Cameron has been named in the U/19 Golf Australian team for the Trans-Tasman Cup in New Zealand. This was the culmination of a series of wins in five tournaments played in November – December last year. These included:

- The Gary Player tournament
- Jack Newton International
- Aaron Baddeley Australian Final
- Queensland Schoolboys Championships
- Queensland Boys' Amateur Championships (January 2009)

He was also the Greg Norman Junior Masters overall champion.

Congratulations Cameron



Year 8 Welcome BBQ

Year 8 Welcome BBQ (Tues 17/2, 4:30-7pm) - students should have returned their RSVP last week - please note that students must wear joggers (no thongs, scuffs etc) to and from the pool area.

A parent/care-giver does need to come to the pool gate at the 7pm close as students will not be allowed to leave unescorted due to safety reasons.

Casual Cleaning Expressions of Interest



Any interested persons are invited to submit an application in writing with their name, details of any experience for **CASUAL** cleaning with the School Business Services Manager. Current bluecard preferable.

Mr Michael Sparks,
Business Services Manager.



From the School Nurse

Welcome to a new year. I hope everyone had a happy and healthy summer holiday. For those who are new to the school, I am the School Based Youth Health Nurse for Pine Rivers State High School. My role in the school is to promote health and wellbeing to students and the school community. This is mainly done through classroom presentations, library displays, newsletter articles, small group work and 1 on 1 consultation. Some of the topics I discuss include healthy lifestyles, puberty, peer / family / personal relationships, tobacco and alcohol, and general health information. My role does not include first aid or administering medications.

I have worked in Youth Health for over 3 years now. Prior to that, I have extensive paediatric background both at the Royal Children's Hospital and in the UK. Along with my bachelor degree, I also have a Master's degree in Child and Adolescent Health. I enjoy working with young people because of their candour and different outlook on life. I am at the school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Ms Nerissa Baker, SBYHN



After School Hour

Does your child need a quiet place to complete home study?

Does your child need access to computers or resources?

Does your child need a place to meet and work on a group project?

We are here to help!

- Every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday students are invited to work in the Library until 4.00pm. Program commences February 23.
- **Students from all year levels are invited.**
- Whilst staff will assist and supervise students, this time cannot be used to provide individual tutorial assistance.
- Students are to make their own arrangement with parents/caregivers regarding transport home.
- If you would like clarification on this program, please contact Joan Trueman, HOD Middle Schooling.



TUCKSHOP NEWS:

After a long process during the latter half of 2008, we would like to welcome Faye Child to the Tuckshop team as our new Manager. Please call in to meet Faye and maybe even join us as a volunteer, as we look forward to an exciting year in the tuckshop.

Already, we have trialled *Chicken Caesar salads* with huge success and hope to continue them on a

regular basis. New *Bliss Bars-boysenberry* (\$2) are now available from the ice cream window as are *Slush Puppies* (\$1.80) as introduced in 2008. New menu items will be introduced periodically, so students watch the DA for details.

A BIG thank you to the volunteers who have helped us get started for the new year.

The roster for the next fortnight as follows:

February

Tues 17Cazna S (1/2), Jo A, Julie Mc
 Wed 18 Lyn B, Lexie Mac, David/Joyce E
 Thurs 19 Lexie Mac
 Fri 20 Julie Mc
 Mon 23 Josie H
 Tues 24Ros H, Julie Mc
 Wed 25 Christie G
 Thurs 26 **No volunteers – can you help?**
 Fri 27 Ray Mac, Julie Mc

March

Mon 2 Josie H

Welcome to our newcomers David and Joyce, Christie, Leisel and *Grandmas'* Josie and Julie.



UNIFORM SHOP NEWS:

Most of our students have been catered for in the back to school frenzy; however, we have sold out of a few items especially sport shorts and junior boys' grey shirts. These have been ordered and I will advise when they arrive. The back-to-school sales were very smooth and I thank parents for their patience during the busy periods.

Specials this month:

- second hand pleated sports skirts - \$5ea.
- a good supply of second hand spray jackets from \$20-\$50.
- NEW long-sleeved white business shirts - \$10ea.

Don't forget our regular shop hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8.30 – 11.30am
CLOSED WEDNESDAYS



**Pine Rivers State High School
 Tuckshop**

The Tuckshop is located in 'D' Block (below the Home Economics Department). Operating times are Monday to Friday 8.30am to 2.00pm.

Welcome back everybody and a special welcome to our new families that have joined us this year. Every year the P&C committee asks the school community for volunteers to help run the Tuckshop. We welcome parents, grandparents and other relatives and friends as helpers in our canteen. Although parent helpers do not need a Blue Card, we can arrange one for other helpers that need a card. **No experience is necessary, lunch is provided along with some great times and new friendships.** You are welcome to stay for as long or as little as you please, an hour or all day if you wish. All help is appreciated.

Our volunteers can work on a once a monthly basis, fortnightly or weekly or just turn up whenever you can. Remember your help goes a long way, not only do you benefit but the community benefits too – you can also use your involvement in the school Tuckshop on your resume when applying for employment.

All our volunteers have the opportunity to go into our **Monthly PRIZE draw**. Every time you volunteer your name goes in the entry box located in the Tuckshop. Each month one lucky volunteer will win a **free movie pass** – wow you can't get better than that – volunteer some time and you could be going to the movies absolutely Free!!!! Plus a **free cuppa and lunch**. Fantastic.

If you can give some time this year please do not hesitate to contact the Tuckshop on 3205 2794 or fill out the form below and send it in to the office or just drop in and talk to one of our friendly convenors.

There have already been some changes to the menu, SO KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED – there will be more changes being made – this year we want to introduce some new and exciting menu items including fresh made salads and some exciting recipes being made right here in the Tuckshop. Term Two should see an exciting and new menu being introduced.

Thank You - Faye, Anne, Alison, Debbie & Sue

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri

Volunteers Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Student's Name: _____ **Prep:** ____

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DATES TO REMEMBER	
Tue 17	Yr 8 Welcome BBQ Year 12 Leadership Conference SRC Exec Meeting MMC 1 st Break PRIMA meeting 7:30pm
Wed 18	Yr 11 Drama Workshop all day SRC meeting Dining Room 7:30pm Yr 12 Parent Evening –Auditorium MMC
Thu 19	Senior Induction Practice (Period 4) School Council 6:30pm
Fri 20	Senior Induction Ceremony 9am
Mon 23	Year 11 Ancient History Excursion Old Arts Council Torch Testing Yrs 8.9 and 8.5 Camp – Moreton Island
Tue 24	Torch Testing Year 8.9 and 8.5 Camp – Moreton Island Year 11 CRC Lifesaving Camp Parent Information Night 7pm
Wed 25	Torch Testing Yr 8 Camp – Moreton Island Immunisation Year 8 girls/boys Year 12 Leadership Camp P & C Meeting 7:30pm
Thu 26	Torch Testing Year 8 Camps – Moreton Island Year 12 Leadership Camp
Fri 27	Year 8 Camps Year 12 Leadership Camp Middle School Band Rehearsal
Mon 2	Year 8.4 Camp – Moreton Island

COMMUNITY NEWS

WOMEN CONNECTING

At Womenspace Open House - Sunday 22 February 2009 from 1 – 4:30pm. 12 – 14 Homebush Road, Kedron
 Come along with your friends and experience a sample of the many wonderful offerings of Womenspace. Enquiries and bookings Ph: 3357 7444 or email coordinator@womenspace.org.au See Website for full details and program www.womenspace.org.au