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Annual Highlights 2008

Today we publish for your information our Annual Highlights 2008. Schools are accountable to their community and to their employer. With this in mind, the School Council of Pine Rivers State High School has established a tradition of annual reporting an account of major school achievements in this format to the members of its school community.

Later this term, the Courier Mail will publish a statewide report on the academic outcomes of the last year's graduating seniors, on a school-by-school basis. Most of our school data has already been provided in a variety of forms, including at parent evenings, student assemblies, Parents' and Citizens' Association meetings and newsletters.

The Annual Highlights 2008 is in addition to the Annual Report that all schools are required to publish in a prescribed format on their website by 30 June.

This document provided for you today and our Year 12 2008 academic data confirm that our school continues to be one of the state's great schools. At Pine Rivers however, we continue to strive to achieve more than academic outcomes for our students, as described in our school vision, 'informed citizens building harmonious communities'. With our strong focus on values and high expectations of all in our school, we actively seek to have everyone graduate from our school better equipped to cope with life's challenges and to contribute to make the world a better place.



Pine Rivers State High School's Successful Submission for Australian Government's National Secondary School Computer Fund

We have recently been advised that our school has been successful in the Supplementary Round Two process of the Australian Government's National Secondary School Computer Fund, which is a key component of the Government's Digital Education Revolution initiative. The Fund provides for new information and communications technology (ICT) for secondary schools with students in Years 9 to 12. The objective for Round Two is to increase the proportion of computers to students in Years 9 to 12 in all schools to a national target of one computer to two students (1:2).

Our school's application was assessed and our school will receive 362 computers which will enable us to reach the target ratio. The agreement requires our school to reach this ratio within two years.

We welcome this announcement by the Hon. Julia Gillard, the Minister for Education. This substantial allocation of additional resources will put Pine Rivers State High School in an enviable position to deliver student outcomes, with our ongoing total school focus on the integration of information communication technologies across the curriculum to enhance learning.

SPORT

Year 11 Student Wins Gold at 2009 Telstra Australian Swimming Championships

Congratulations to Brenden Hall in Year 11 who had another remarkable week at the 2009 Telstra Australian Swimming Championships in Sydney recently. Brenden had a hectic schedule, swimming in 8 events achieving personal bests in all 8. Brenden progressed to 5 finals, winning gold in his pet event, the 400m freestyle, with a great swim just missing the world record by 2 seconds.

His time has him now officially ranked 3rd in the world for this event.

Metropolitan North Regional Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who have been successful in being selected to represent Metropolitan North Region at the various State Championships:

Golf:	Cameron Smith
Touch	Jay Patterson
Touch	Chloe Crotty
Touch U/19	Samantha Tesch
Soccer	Charley Taplin, James MacIntyre
Hockey	Aaron Lund
Netball	Jasmin Tavella



Something new...Something more...Something fresh....
What's in store.....For Burger-t-t-t-to-town
Burgertown
Careful what you wish for....

33 years of Delicious Musical Entertainment The Tradition of Musical Theatre Lives On in

BURGERTOWN

The delicious musical comedy satire of 2009

A satisfying ending...
A tasteful way to go...
A gratifying spending of,
Your time here at the show...
A satisfying ending...
And a new beginning
Burgertown

And with the final lines of the finale, Pine Rivers finished its 33rd musical. Set in a Chicago diner left over from the '50s, forgotten about and built over by progress, the '50s students, performers and musicians lit the stage with high energy tunes and foot tapping rhythms under the direction of Mr Deryck Anderson and Mrs Deanne Smith. The show was delightfully played out with an excellent cast and musical band, memorable lines and snappy dance numbers and costumes. The finale made a spectacular finish to over 6 months of preparation and rehearsal. A satisfying ending...a tasteful way to go....

The school musical reflects strongly our teaching and learning culture. The school proudly provides diverse opportunities and challenges for all students to excel and develop their own passion for life.

Congratulations to the entire team of staff, students, past students and parents and caregivers who worked together to produce yet another wonderful show. **Burgertown** gave students the opportunity to shine on stage at least for a week. We recognized these students at the recent musical presentation assembly.

The talented Musical band:

Nick Elze on bass guitar
Tom Elze on guitar
Marcus Hall on drums

Ryan Hill on keyboard
 Caitlyn Hynes on piano
 Angela Luckman on alto sax
 Scott McKay on drums
 Thomas Triggell on piano
 Sedelle Wagner on trumpet

The cast of *Burgertown* who performed their roles with flair and panache were:

Rebecca Draheim	Mackenzie Jackson
Jarrad Easlea	Blake Johnstone
Sara Beth Fry	Ethan Jones
Mitchell Gatt	Matthew Schier
Olivia Hamlin	Craig Taylor Johns
James Heidke	Tiana Whisson
Kyan Higginson	Liam Wilson

Members of the Company:

Arabella Chambers	Amy Peterson
Sheree Crilly	Pooja Prasad
Cassandra Dimmick	Kaajal Prasad
Sam Dort	Charlotte Sait
Chantelle Eickenloff	Gemma Schuhmann
Tess-Anna Gilfedder	Samantha Stewart
Ashleigh Jeffers	Christmas Tuisamoa
Katrina Jennings	Rebekah Wilson
Sarah Luckman	



The fabulous Senior Dancers and Choreographers:

Hannah Clemett	Chanice Parker
Kristy Conserdyne	Chantelle Payne
Kyla Duffy	Taylor Perren
Emma-Lea Duggan	Shantelle Roberts
Melissa Green	Tamika Schier
Courtney Johnstone	Sarah Scott
Lauren Kallio	Briony Tyson
Brendan Knight	Christine Walters
Shannon Knight	Rebecca Ward
Vanessa Mercer Weir	Anna Window

The spectacular Junior Dancing Chorus:

Elizabeth Anderson	Hollie McKay
Jade Buckley-Jeffers	Tayla Mogg
Jaymee-Lee Budd	Ayla Parry
Ashleigh Chessell	Aleqsiah Pon
Rebecca Cummings	Dana Ramke
Stephanie Curtis	Rhiannon Richer
Alison Dunlop	Macey Robinson
Courtney Hamlin	Caitlin Schilling
Crystal Hemmings	Lauren Scott
Emma Kennedy	Kaitlyn Snowdon
Caitlin Knight	Karlee Spencer



Behind the Scenes:

Video Crew (Senior Film & TV):

Ruth Alder, Amie Roberts, Rashelle Sengstock, Valeria Shakirova

Sound & Lighting Crew:



Sound: Sam Boyd, Vanessa Cawdrey, Andrew Fielder, Douglas Webb

Lighting: Jake Cook, Emma Keong, Naomi Wilkie, Adam Hotene-Fuller, Ben Gilchrist

Backstage: Cassandra Greco, Christopher Henrich, Lachlan Kavanagh, Timothy O'Sullivan

The Construction Crew from the Year 12 Construc class under the direction of Mr Dave Elliott in Manual Arts:

Ethan Bailey	Jack Newell
Luke Bechard	Holden Phillips
Luke Bullock	Mitchell Riddell
Andrew Carr	Aaron Scott
Kevin Girard	Jacob Sharp
Timothy King	Nicholas Shaw
Robyn Loneragan	Christopher Talarak
Benjamin Nesterowich	Randall Tavete
	Jack White

Musical Thank You

Special thanks to PRIMA volunteers. Net profit from Musical Nights approx \$2,000 for purchase of new viola. Raffle Winner – Mrs B Burns (Bracken Ridge)



Amp'd Up '09 Battle of the Bands

Amp'd Up 2009 at the Lawnton Showgrounds saw our student talent put their act on the map! Great prizes and fantastic mentoring and professional development opportunities were open to young musicians. Past student band *Local Residents* made a big splash and generated enormous audience appeal. Anton Nauer (year 12) won the solo section with a photoshoot and \$250 prize while Baxter Bilsen (year 10) in the group *Beneath Darkness Lies* won best band with the prize of getting the group's very own gig in a professionally staged event. Amp'd Up is a youth arts festival that annually celebrates positive youth culture as an alcohol and drug free event.

Metropolitan North Regional Sport Trials – Procedures

All students at PRSHS have the opportunity to nominate to trial for Pine Rivers District and Metropolitan North Regional secondary sporting teams. Terms 1 and 2 in particular see a number of District Trials and Secondary Cluster Days being held within the region. Information regarding trial days is passed on to students via the daily notices, which are read to Prep classes each morning or alternatively via the year level assemblies. This information is also available from the Metropolitan North School Sport Board website.

Students can nominate to attend these trials through our School Sports Coordinator; however, there are a number of steps that must be followed before final approval will be given - this process is outlined below. Principal approval must be gained for a student to attend and participate in either a District or Regional sport trial.

The process by which students gain permission to trial for Pine Rivers District teams or for Metropolitan North Direct Nomination Trials is

- See Ms Jacobson (sports co-ordinator) in the Sportshall Staffroom
- Nominate intention to trial
- Receive all of the compulsory forms
 - Permission to Attend a Regional Trial
 - Student Personal Details
 - Parental Consent Form
 - Student Medical Details
 - Code of Conduct (Students, Parents and Spectators)
- Receive the information regarding the district trial if applicable and the Metropolitan North Regional trial
- Return all completed forms to Ms Jacobson – this step ensures that the nomination list can be adjusted in the event that some students do not follow through with the intention to trial
- All forms are then passed on to Administration for Deputy level checks of attendance and behaviour and then to the Principal for signing and then they receive the school stamp
- Student collects forms from Ms Jacobson prior to the trial day

The procedure, from the time that completed forms are handed back to Ms Jacobson and then signed by the Principal, can be quite time intensive in a large school. It is important that the deadline regarding the return of forms is adhered to to enable sufficient time for the process to occur – at least 3 days before the trial day.

Students are not permitted to trial without all of the relevant forms being made available from the sports co-ordinator (Ms Jacobson), completed and signed by parents and the student, then returned to be checked and signed by the Principal as the final step. Students attending a trial must have clearance from their school principal or principal's delegate. All forms (fully completed) must be presented on the day of the trial to be eligible to participate.

District and Regional Sport Trials Term 2 Calendar of Events 2009

Sport	District Trial Date	Regional Trial Date
Baseball 15	NA	May 19
Basketball 15 (girls & boys)	May 11	May 19
Basketball 18 (girls & boys)	May 11	May 19
Rugby Union 15	NA	May 19
Soccer 15	June 2	June 9
Orienteering	NA	June 16



Pine Rivers Show School Champion Award

Our school has the opportunity to nominate our School Champion for selection of one overall Pine Rivers Show School Champion in the Pine Rivers District. Students can nominate a category in which they have excelled from the following:

- community service
- education
- rural management
- sport
- or the Arts

Students wishing to be considered for selection as our school nominee must submit a written statement of 150 – 250 words outlining their achievements. They must also be available to attend a 10 – 15 minute interview on Saturday July 18 and attend a presentation ceremony during the Pine Rivers Show on Friday July 31. Expressions of interest with written statement are required by the principal by May 29.

The criteria for judging are as follows:

Personal Success

- Achievement
- Accomplishment

Personal Characteristics

- Presentation and Delivery Style
- Confidence
- Motivation, Aspirations and Goals

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News from the Maths

Department:

“Success is peace of mind attained only through self-satisfaction in knowing that you made the effort to do the best of which you are capable” – John Wooden

Maths Teams Tournament: The Main Roads Department is again sponsoring this exciting event. Students have in the past been very eager to participate in this event. Teams of five students are asked to answer questions of a problem solving nature. During the day there will be prizes and then at the end of the tournament medals, trophies and certificates of participation will be given. Students who nominate may do so as part of a team or together as a whole team. Nominations for team participants will close today Monday April 27.

This year all teams (last year we had 21 teams of students) will compete at Narangba Valley SHS. Any offers to provide transport and/or team supervision will be gratefully accepted.

This year there will be teams in the Year 8/9 division, Year 10/11 division and Year 12 division.

Maths-on-line: This maths tutoring program is available at <http://www.mathsonline.com.au> and all students at Pine Rivers have been enrolled and given logons and passwords. Any parent may also register at the website. I gave a review of this program in the previous newsletter.

Numeracy Requirement for QCE:

To qualify for a QCE (the replacement for the Senior Certificate) students must meet a minimum standard in numeracy (maths) and literacy (English). For numeracy this would be achieved by a student 'passing' maths. The Year 12 maths students have now had some assessment and there are a small but concerning number of students who it would seem will miss out on a QCE because they won't pass maths. What a waste of twelve years of schooling that would be. If your son or daughter is in this situation please contact the school immediately.

Maths Assignments: Maths assignments are extended learning experiences which take about 2-3 weeks to complete. Teachers spend class time setting the expectations of the task and getting all students started. Additional time is also spent in class when students work on their assignment under teacher supervision, and during which time assistance and direction from the teacher may also be given. Students are expected to spend their own time on the task in addition to the class time allotted.

Most of the maths assignments from semester one have either been given or are about to be given. Students who may have difficulty completing the task by the due date may apply for an extension of time to complete it. Where this difficulty has been shown to be beyond the student's control an extension is very likely to be approved upon completion of an *Application for Extension* form.

Mr Mal Hartwig, HOD, Mathematics

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How to get the career you want

Are you wondering what you can do now? Not sure where to start. Confused about what to do next?

An information evening will be held for Year 10, 11 and 12s on Wednesday May 20 at 6pm in the Assembly Hall to encourage the use of programs available for students at Pine Rivers SHS such as Work Experience, School Based Apprenticeships and TAFE in Schools and to help students gain an edge in securing the career of their choice.

The benefits of these programs include

- not being limited to experience in the one industry
- gaining an insight into a chosen career

- the possibility of progressing into a school based traineeship or apprenticeship or the opportunity to gain paid work
- gaining nationally recognised qualifications while still at school

Further information about this evening will be provided to parents and students in the coming weeks.

Mrs Lyn Avery, Work Placement Coordinator
Ph: 3881 4774



Year 8 Camping Program Dates

Please note the new camp dates. We regret the postponement and change of original venue to these camps, but once again, we know that your understanding that this is due to circumstances entirely beyond our control.

Camp	Date	Class	Prep Teacher	Venue
5	Tue 26/5 – 29/5	8.6 8.11	Mrs Joyce Ms Wolter	Maroon Dam
6	Tue 16/6 – 19/6	8.3	Mr Evans	Maroon Dam
7	Tue 28/7 – 31/7	8.8 8.2	Mr Gieskens Mr Walsh	Maroon Dam

If there are any concerns please do not hesitate to contact Mr Ian Roberts, HOD, Health and Physical Education on 3881 4790.



From the Guidance Officer: Worries and Anxieties: Helping Children to Cope

Children and Teenagers, like adults, have all sorts of strong feelings about what is happening to them. At times, the world can seem frightening or uncertain, which may create fearfulness, worry or anxiety.

Different Types of Anxiety

Fears and Phobias

These can be triggered by changes (moving home, separating from a parent), or particular things (spiders, snakes, heights etc). Fears like these range from minor to severe.

General Anxiety

Some teenagers feel anxious most of the time for no apparent reason – it may be their temperament or may be a pattern of behaviour that is shared by other members of the family.

School-Related Anxiety

School refusal can be caused by anxiety – separating from parents, fear of bullying, problems with friendships, trouble with school work or teachers are worth investigating

Home Related Anxiety

Family problems (money issues, squabbling, separation/divorce), death of a family member or friend, harsh discipline or a traumatic experience eg. burglary can be causes of anxiety (as well as depression).

What are the Signs

- Feeling sick – stomach aches, headaches. Not being able to stomach food.
- Feeling tense, fidgety.
- Feeling fearful or panicky, breathless, sweaty.
- Being irritable, tearful, clingy or having sleeping difficulties.

Anxiety can limit a person's experiences in life. It can contribute to lack of confidence, loneliness, health problems and learning difficulties. The emotional effects if not remedied can be long lasting.

What to do

- Talk to your child – show your child that you care and want to understand the reason for their anxiety.
- Give comfort, reassurance and practical help with how to cope eg. change thinking to be more positive.
- There are books to help with upsetting things like divorce, death (ask your guidance officer).

- Prepare your child for changes – talk to them about what might happen and why.
- Be aware of school or family situations that may be creating worries for your child.
- Be aware of your own anxiety and protect your child from taking on your woes.

If your child is so anxious that they can't cope, more **specialist help** may be needed.

NB: At these times a talk to your school's Guidance Officer, or your Doctor will be useful, or you could seek help through Child Youth Mental Health Services. Through the Medicare benefits scheme access to a psychologist may also be available.

Mr Deryck Anderson, Guidance Officer

Community Education Classes commence April 29, 2009

For more details Phone Ashley on 3889 1368 or Visit our Web Site www.pineriversshs.eq.edu.au



TUCKSHOP NEWS:

At the tuckshop we are looking forward to an exciting new term as we introduce items for the winter menu. If you have a little spare time on your hands each month why not volunteer at the tuckshop? It's a great way to get to know new people as well as meet with teachers and staff, and to contribute in a positive way to your student's school. Call Faye or Anne on 3881 4738.

Thank you to our regular volunteers for the next fortnight:
April

Tue 28	Wed 29	Thurs 30
Ros H, Julie Mc	Lyn B	Ursula Mc

May

Mon 4	Tue 5	Wed 6	Thu 7	Fri 8
Josie H	Melissa F Julie Mc	Lexie Mac David E	Ros H Ursula Mc	Jill D Julie Mc

Mon 10 Josie H

Thank you to David, Lexie and Julie for helping in the last week of term when sickness left us very short-handed.



P&C NEWS

At our March AGM the following executive office bearers were elected:

President: Jeff Lurie
V/President: Cameron McPherson, Brett Smith
Treasurer: Louise Carter
Secretary: Vacant.

Representing P&C in other areas:

School Council: Jeff Lurie, Shane King, Sharon Brown
Health Committee: Debbie Jones
Tuckshop committee: Jeff Lurie

Thank you to those who accepted positions for 2009 and to those who have retired – Joan Bell (final student-2008), Ashley Schier (2009 coordinator of Community Ed Classes) Col Brennan – your efforts have been appreciated.

With the retirement of a few long-serving members we are looking for some new people to fill roles in the following areas – **P&C Secretary, Behaviour Management and Chaplaincy representatives.** If you have an interest in any of these fields, or wish to know more, please contact the Principal or P&C members via the school office.

Dates to Remember

Tue 28	SRC Exec Meeting MMC 1 st break
Wed 29	SRC Meeting Dining Room M/Tea Senior External Examinations – closing date for Nominations from school students School Council meeting 6:30pm
Fri 1	Yr 12 CRC Northwest Island Camp (1 week)
MAY	
Mon 4	Labour Day – Public Holiday
Wed 6	Yr 11 TSL Excursion Student Leaders M/Tea

	Aquatics Club meeting AGM
Thu 7	Garden-a-thon Yr 8
Fri 8	Careers and Employment EXPO (Convention Centre) (Friday & Saturday)

