

Newsletter No. 7

Monday 11 May, 2009



New Local State Member for Pine Rivers Welcomed to Pine Rivers State High School

Our new local Member for Pine Rivers, Ms Carolyn Male, was officially welcomed to Pine Rivers State High School during a short visit to our school on Friday May 1. Ms Male is also Parliamentary Secretary for Education. Her area of work will be Education with a focus on the coordination of Federal Government Building Education Revolution work to upgrade school facilities and create employment. Ms Male is also a new Year 8 parent at our school and is seeing first hand an example of secondary schooling from a parent / client perspective.

School captains, Tamika Schier and Nick Elze, welcomed Ms Male to our school. Year 12 Hospitality students, Tahlia Alting-Carr and Tenielle Prowse provided Pine Rivers State High School hospitality while Ms Male was briefed by principal, Ms Janelle Deakin, of the highlights and challenges of our work with over 1400 students at this school.

Ms Male enjoyed meeting a number of staff and students during her visit. This included students working in our Behaviour Support Centre and the three adult volunteers who work with a group of our boys with model making in order to help them with their technical and social skills. We are indebted to Mr Lou Lucini whose efforts were acknowledged by our local member.



National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy

- Tuesday 12 May
- Wednesday 13 May
- Thursday 14 May

All Year 9 students to attend

As previously advised, all Year 9 students are required to sit for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests this week. These will be conducted on Tuesday May 12, Wednesday May 13 and Thursday May 14. Any students absent at the actual time of the test, will be required, where possible, to complete the test at a later date.

Parents and caregivers are asked to ensure their student has a water bottle to have at their desk during the test period. Students are also required to have the following specific equipment:

- 2B or HB pencils
- Eraser
- Pencil Sharpener
- Blue or black biros for Writing test
- Calculators for the Numeracy (calculator) test.

The tests will be conducted in accordance with the set conditions prescribed by the Federal Government.

The timetable for testing will be as follows:

Time	Tuesday 12 May	Wednesday 13 May	Thursday 14 May
Period 1	Language Conventions 45 mins	Reading 65 mins	Numeracy 40 mins (Calculator allowed test)
Period 2	Writing 40 mins		Numeracy 40 mins (Non-Calculator test)

MUSIC SUCCESS



Congratulations to Matthew Kachel (Year 11) who performed recently in the Australian National Band Championships held in Sydney.

Matthew achieved 4th place with a very high 83 point score (just behind third placegetter by one point) in a highly competitive field. Matthew has followed this fabulous effort with his selection into the MOST (Musically Outstanding Students) program as part of the Creative Generation excellence awards in instrumental music.

Well done Matthew!

Dance Captains 2009



Congratulations to Vanessa Mercer-Weir and Briony Tyson of Year 11 who have been selected as Dance Captains for 2009.



Three Students Selected Arafura Games

Congratulations to three of our students who have been honoured with selection to compete at an International Meet, the Arafura Games incorporating the Oceanic Paralympic Championships to be held this week in Darwin.

Brenden Hall OF Year 11 will swim in 10 Open pool events and a 5km Open Water Swim. Marcus Hall of Year 9 will compete in 10 pool events and the 5km Open Water swim. Keely Stewart of Year 9 will swim in 12 pool events and the 5km Open Water swim.



Pierre de Coubertin Award Nominee

Congratulations to Samantha Tesch of Year 12 who has been selected as our School nominee for the Pierre de Coubertin Award for 2009. The Award, named after the founder of the Modern Olympic Games, promotes the importance of participation in sport and physical activity.

Samantha has represented her school at regional, state and national level in track and field and cross country and in touch football at interschool, regional and state level. She was a silver medallist in the 2008 Australian U20 Road Racewalking

Championship completing a 10km walk. We believe that she suitably embodies the Olympic Spirit with her long term dedication to sport and impeccable sportsmanship. As House Captain and coach of junior school teams, she is also encouraging others to participate in sport at this school.



Pine Rivers Community Aquatics Club Trophy Presentation Night

The Pine Rivers Community Aquatics Club, which is a sub committee of our Parents' and Citizens' Association, conducted their Annual Trophy Presentation Night on Friday, April 24. Congratulations to all of our students from Pine Rivers State High School who were members of the club for the 2008-9 swim season who took out awards.

Age Champions:

Year 8: 13 year girls - Courtney Daniec
 Year 10: 15 year girls – Lauren Thomson
 Year 11: 16 year and over girls: Tiahn Welsh

Outstanding Achievement Award (Top 20 swimmers)

Year 8: 1st Courtney Daniec
 Year 9: 5th Keonie English and Brooke Sharp
 Year 10: 12th Lauren Thomson
 Year 12: 8th Dan Vickery

High Achievement Awards 12 years and over

Year 11: 1st Sam Boyd
 Year 10: 4th Lauren Smith, 5th Abby Clark

Distance Award 12 years and over

Year 8: 1st Courtney Daniec

Endurance Award 11 years and over

Year 12: 3rd Dan Vickery

Individual Medley Awards 14 and 15 years

Year 8: 1st Courtney Daniec

The Trophy Night was the culmination of a successful rebuilding season for the club with its members involved in the range of swim activities and competition. Congratulations to Head Coach, Ms Ebony Smith, a former graduate of Pine Rivers State High School and Learn-to-Swim coaches, Ms Robyn De Vlugt, Jasmin Tavella, Melissa Tavella and Daniel Vickery.

Thanks are also extended to the sponsors of the club for this season as follows:

GOLD SPONSORS: Jade Engineering, Swimart Lawnton, The Landscaping Yard Kallangur, Platypus Graphics.

SILVER SPONSORS: Club Pine Rivers, Linda Lavarch (Member for Kurwongbah)

BRONZE SPONSORS: Norths Leagues Club, Peter Dutton, Hip Pocket Lawnton, JR Screenprinting, Northside Windscreens, Bonny Barry, (Member for Aspley), Darren Williams Signs.

MARK GRIFFITHS MEET: Generous donations from Mayor Sutherland and Councillors Mick Gillam, David Dwyer, Julie Greer, James Houghton, Brian Battersby.

RAFFLE DONATIONS: Swimart Lawnton and the wonderful families within the Club.

Interhouse Cross Country Tuesday May 12

The 2009 Pine Rivers State High School Interhouse Cross Country will be conducted



on Tuesday May 12 at Pine Rivers Park (on the Bald Hills flat). This event is open to all students and will commence at 1:30pm.

Students who wish to take part are required to return their signed permission form with their receipt for bus travel payment to student payment window by today May 11.

Arrangements are as follows:

- Transport:** \$4 is required for bus travel to and from the venue, which must be paid at the office and the receipt returned with the permission form to the student payment window. The bus will leave the school at 1:05pm from Buckby Street and return in time for the end of school day.
- Dress:** Full sports uniform including appropriate footwear, must be worn to and from the venue.
- Race Length:** Year 8/9 girls and Year 8 boys 3km. All others 4km.
- Fitness:** Students should be capable of running this distance. Students should consult with their family doctor if there are any doubts re medical fitness.



How to Get the Career You Want

Career Information Evening Wednesday May 20 – 6pm

Pine Rivers State High School will be holding an information evening for parents and students on Wednesday May 20 at 6pm in the School Hall. The aim of the evening is to encourage students to utilise the programs on offer to help students gain an advantage in securing the career of their choice.

An information flyer was posted last Thursday to parents/caregivers of all Year 10, 11 and 12 students. Further information can be obtained from Ms Lyn Avery, Workplacement Coordinator on 3881 4774.



What is literacy?

This week our Year 9 students will be involved in the testing process for NAPLAN which involves the testing of literacy. Quite often people think that literacy is only taught in English but every teacher at Pine Rivers teaches literacy – even Maths teachers! Simply put: *Literacy is the use of words to communicate.*

Every lesson at Pine Rivers involves words and communication, therefore every teacher of every subject teaches literacy. Encouraging your child to improve their literacy basically means promoting their use of words to communicate.

The Literacy Committee (which is a group of staff from many faculties) would like to encourage both parents and students to find ways to improve student literacy. Here are a few ideas:

- Parents:** Encourage your children to extend their comprehension skills by reading a newspaper like *The Australian* (the weekend edition is available in the school library). Articles can be used as a starting point to look up the meaning of new words or to summarise the key facts of the story.

- **Students:** Try to develop your note-taking skills by jotting down notes and ideas as new lesson content is taught. You can then compare these notes with written information provided by your teacher or other resources like a textbook.

Look out for more literacy tips in upcoming newsletters!

From the Literacy Committee



CHOCOLATE DRIVE

As you would be aware, during Term 1 12.08 the Enterprise Committee, organised the 2009 Chocolate Drive. Approximately 400 students took and sold chocolates to raise funds for the school. Thank you to those students for participating and to everyone for buying and eating chocolate. Without you we would not be able to raise the money that we did. This is a whole school activity and we also thank our staff for their support of our drive.

To date we are looking at a profit of \$14,000. However, there are substantial funds still owing. Miss Guilfoyle will be contacting those students who still owe money individually within the next few weeks.

We now inform you of the prize winners who will need to collect their prizes from Miss Guilfoyle in T block staffroom. The following students sold 3 boxes of chocolates and won a movie voucher:

8.01	Lauren Nolan	8.12	Danielle Kelly
8.02	Libby Fell	9.04	Lauren Scott
8.02	Terri Kibblewhite	9.05	Joshua Benson
8.03	Courtney McNeven	9.05	Jessica Postawski
8.04	Kyle Cahill	9.06	Taylor Platt
8.04	Brock Hayward	10.05	Kirra-lee Robinson
8.06	James Ringholt	10.07	Bradley Smith
8.07	Madyson Jones		
8.10	Reed Kunde	11.06	Aidan Johnson

The following students sold 5 or more boxes and won a \$20 Voucher:

8.02	Benjamin Jacobs	9.11	Zoe Power
8.04	Kira Camilleri	10.01	Jacqueline Moore
8.09	Jacob Hayward	11.03	Anushma Kumar
9.04	Bianca Gray	11.09	Danielle Jones

The Year 12s are not eligible for these prizes as they will receive a \$4 discount for their formal ticket for every box they have sold.

Cadbury also donated an I-pod for the top 3 sellers. This was a hotly contested competition between 2 boys to see who would be victorious.

- o Third place with 10 boxes sold was Taleah Thompson of 8.09.
- o Second place with 19 boxes was Scott Friend of 10.08.
- o First place with 20 boxes was David Wilson of 11.06.

Congratulations to Taleah, Scott and David and thank you for your enthusiastic support of this year's Chocolate Drive.

This year's class prize was a hotly contested competition between two Year 8 classes, but out of the blue, a Year 12 class took over and won by

selling 34 boxes with only seven (7) members of the class participating. Congratulations go to 12.06 the Entertainment Committee. Those seven (7) students will each receive a \$30 gift voucher for their efforts.

Thankyou again to everyone who participated or supported this year's Chocolate Drive. The funds raised will go to good use in enhancing our facilities.

Miss Helen Guilfoyle, PREP Teacher
12.08 Enterprise Committee



Family Photo Day Fundraiser

Pine Rivers State High School is once again hosting a "Family Portraits Day" by **Advancedlife Photography** on Saturday June 13 to raise funds for the school. Your student will have received a letter and flyer last Tuesday advertising this upcoming event.

In order to be eligible for the special price of \$15 (all of which comes directly back to the school); the portrait must include two generations of family members, e.g. mother and child/ren. Each family participating may only get one fundraising portrait consisting of a studio quality 10" x 13" (253 x 320 mm) colour or black and white portrait, in a frame and a key ring. A number of poses will be taken during each sitting to allow families to order extra photographs directly from the photographer at an additional cost.

Please complete the Family Portrait Fundraising Voucher from the bottom of the flyer, which was sent home last week, and return it to the school office, with \$15 payment by Friday May 29. If your student did not bring these details home there are copies available in the school office. Sitting times will be allocated according to your detailed preferences, as permission slips are returned and you will be informed of your allocated sitting time by your son/daughter via their PREP teacher.

If you have any question or queries please contact Miss Helen Guilfoyle on 3881 4792 or hguil2@eq.edu.au for further clarification.



Community Water Grant

The Commonwealth Government provided funding at the beginning of 2008 for the school to install water tanks. The project has given us over 100,000 L of water storage on site, and thanks to the rain earlier this year we have almost reached that capacity. The water will be used primarily for the pool but also curriculum areas needing a reliable source of water. This project should reduce the water we pull from the grid by 5% to 10%. As we move out of drought it is important to remember that conservation of this precious resource is still essential as it will delay or prevent serious restrictions as the cycle inevitably returns to drought in the future.

This was a community project with large numbers of individuals involved. Special thanks need to go to the Manual Arts teachers and the Construction

students who completed most of the infrastructure for the project, including foundations, retaining walls and fencing. The Pine Rivers Aquatic Club also provided an immense amount of time and effort to bring this project to a successful conclusion.



Science on Saturday.

Pine Rivers SHS is once again hosting the CSIRO's "**Science on Saturday**". Science on Saturday is a fun, hands-on program for children aged 7 to 14 that runs for 6 weeks starting May 9. Each week there will be a new 1 ½ hour session of awesome science.

Topics are:

- **Scientists at Work** (09/05/09),
- **Our Environment** (16/05/09),
- **Health and Wellbeing** (23/05/09),
- **Whodunnit?** (30/05/09),
- **Geology Rocks!** (06/06/09)
- **Awesome Agriculture** (13/06/09)

Cost: \$6 per child per session if paying in advance (\$9 if paying on the day)

Times:

- 10:00-11:30am for 7-10 year olds (children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult)
- 12:30-2:00pm for 11-14 year olds

For more information and bookings: www.csiro.au/SOS Or call 1300 302 649 during business hours and quote your location, your child's name and age, and which activities you would like to book.



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.
- **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 Ms Joan Trueman, HOD Middle Schooling. Phone: 3881 4743



QCS TEST COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

The Queensland Studies Authority invites expressions of interest from members of the community to nominate for the position of Chief Community Representatives or Community Representatives for the QCS Test.

Chief Community Representatives may serve at the nominating school or one adjacent and their role is to report to the QSA on the conduct of the test.

Please collect an Application Form from the school office, complete and lodge by Friday May 15 with Ms Sue Alexander, Deputy Principal, Pine Rivers SHS.



UNI FORM SHOP:

Winter wear has now arrived. Thank you for your patience. There is still a good range of secondhand winter jackets and jumpers.



TUCKSHOP NEWS:

Congratulations to **Christie G** and **Julie Mc** for winning the movie ticket draw for March and April. If you would like a chance to **win** the **free movie ticket** all you have to do is **volunteer some time at the Tuckshop** and your name goes in the draw – **It's that easy** – so come on, drop in and volunteer some time or give us a call and arrange a day or time that suits you (phone 3881 4738). *Volunteering is one of the most rewarding things in life that a person can do.*

Please find attached the new menu for winter – it includes such things as Butter Chicken & Rice; Chicken & Vegetable Pasta Bake, Quiche, Pasta Bolognese (all made right here in the tuckshop) and lots more specials.

Keep an eye on the **DA Notices and the Special boards** outside the tuckshop for these and other specials during the term (e.g. Keppel Pups {Dagwood Dogs}).

Feedback is very welcome, so please make sure you let the tuckshop staff know if you particularly like something or something wasn't quite what you expected – too dry or whatever – as we aim to please – even if you have some menu ideas that we can try. A comments box will be placed at the tuckshop window so you can give us some much valued feedback.

Due to circumstances beyond our control the tuckshop has had to have a price increase effective April 21, 2009 (Term 2). Where possible we have tried to keep the prices to a minimum so that you are getting value for money. We thank you for your much valued support and look forward to your continued support of the tuckshop.

Don't forget you can place an order at the tuckshop before the first bell or during first break for second break if there is something in particular you would like and don't want to miss out on. A big thank you must also go to the students and staff of "The Events Committee" for their wonderful cooking that they do every Thursday afternoon.

The next fortnight's roster:

May

Tues 12	Lexie Mac, Julie Mc
Wed 13	Lexie Mac, HELP NEEDED
Thurs 14	Julie Mc, Jenny K
Fri 15	Julie Mc, HELP NEEDED
Mon 18	Josie H (am only), (MORE HELP NEEDED!)
Tues 19	Cazna S (am only), Jo A, Julie Mc
Wed 20	Lyn B, Lexie Mac, David E
Thurs 21	Julie Mc, HELP NEEDED
Fri 22	Raye Mac, Julie Mc

Mon 25 Josie H (am only),
MORE HELP NEEDED

Parents, if you are unable to help at the Tuckshop, another way you could help is to donate some items. These donations are gratefully accepted and will help keep prices reasonable while creating profit for our school.

Please consider the following items for donation:
Tomato Sauce, Paper Towels, Low Fat Mayonnaise, Tuna 95g, Tinned corn kernels, Tinned peas, Tinned sliced Beetroot, Tinned Pineapple Pieces, Croutons, Long Grain Rice, Pasta (elbows or bows), Tinned Apple, Ground Cinnamon, Mixed Spice, Keens Curry Powder, Tinned Crushed Tomatoes, Alfoil, Cling Wrap, Washing up Detergent, Washing up Gloves, Chux.



P&C NEWS

Vacancies still exist on P&C for the following – **P&C Secretary, Behaviour Management**

Representative, Chaplaincy Representative. 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.

Our next meeting is Wed May 27 at 7.30pm in the Staffroom in the main Admin building. All are welcome.



From the School Nurse:

Bowel Cancer Screening Saves Lives
Are you turning 50, 55 or 65
between 1 January 2008 and 30

December 2010?

If so, your invitation to participate in the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program will soon be sent to your current Medicare registered address.

Your invitation kit will include a free Faecal Occult Blood Test which can be completed in the privacy of your own home.

The test is quick and easy and involves taking two small faecal samples which is then sent to the contracted pathology laboratory for testing. Results will be mailed to both you and your GP directly.

DON'T IGNORE IT.

Bowel Cancer is the second highest cause of cancer related death in Australia but can be prevented if detected and treated early.

For further information please contact the Queensland Bowel Cancer Screening Program on **1300 766 927** or visit www.health.qld.gov.au/bowelcancer.

Ms Nerissa Baker, School Based Nurse

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Tue 12	Year 9 NAPLAN Language Conventions Writing Cross Country P4 SRC Executive meeting MMC 1 st break
Wed 13	Year 9 NAPLAN – Reading Year 12 VAP Excursion GOMA Year 12 SOS Excursion SRC meeting dining room Year 11 Drama Theatre Excursion 6:30pm
Thu 14	Year 9 NAPLAN – Numeracy
Fri 15	Senior / Junior Assembly
Tue 19	Maths Teams Tournament 8am – 1pm

	PRIMA Music Committee meeting 7:30pm
Wed 20	Careers Day Year 11 Physics Excursion (Dreamworld) Student Leaders M/Tea Career Information Evening 6pm
Fri 22	Senior/Junior Assembly Mid School Band Rehearsal QCST: Closing date for special consideration applications Queensland Arts Council
Mon 25	BLOOD BANK 9AM – 3PM – Make your appointment at the School Office. Drama Camp Beginner Primary School Instrumental Music Camp
Tue 26	Yr 8.6 and 8.11 Camp to Maroon Dam

COMMUNITY NEWS

KURWONGBAH STATE SCHOOL - FETE

Sunday 24 May

10.00am to 3.00pm

Eacham Street, Petrie

Huge Celebrity Auction, games, arts and craft, Trash and Treasure, books, cakes, sweets, jams and pickles and more.

RIDES galore – Miami Trip, Teacups, Supaslide, Laser Tag and Jumping Castles

Celebrity Auction commences at 1.00pm

Visit School website for more information –

www.kurwongbss.eq.edu.au



Looking for fun, adventure, friendships?

Want to go sailing, shooting, canoeing, power boating? If you're over 12 ½ years old then why not join the Navy Cadets at Shorncliffe.

We are part of the Australian Defence Force Cadet Scheme and our cadets also undertake sea voyages on Navy warships at little or no cost. We meet on Saturdays from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Don't miss the boat - Numbers are limited!

Call Robert Collins on 0409 070 454 for more details.

BLOOD BANK VAN

at

PINE RIVERS STATE HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY 25 MAY 2009

9AM – 3PM

Please phone 3881 4703 to make an appointment

