

# Newsletter No. 9

Monday 15 June, 2009



## School Annual Report 2008

Queensland schools are required to prepare and publish an annual report, which provides information about the school and its programs and data on school performance for the previous year. This is the School Annual Report 2008, which will be available at the end of term on our school website at [www.pineriversshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.pineriversshs.eq.edu.au) and will be issued to interested parents and caregivers on request as a hard copy. It has been prepared by the Principal and endorsed by the School Council at their June 1 meeting.

Our school has previously published the 2008 edition of Annual Highlights in Newsletter 6 of April 23, 2009. This information is also available on our school website.



## Annual EXPO Wednesday July 29

Our Annual EXPO at Pine Rivers State High School will take place in the third week of Term 3 on Wednesday July 29 from 4pm until 7pm. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to attend to help celebrate the diverse range of programs available at our school to assist students pursue achievement of excellence.

The theme for our EXPO is:

### Building Brighter Futures

We seek the assistance of our current parents and caregivers to promote our EXPO to prospective families. We are targeting Year 4 – 7 students in the local district and their families. The program will include information for prospective parents and caregivers about our school and enrolment procedures.



## Smart Moves – Smart Choices Event

Friday June 26

This year we have combined the Interhouse Athletics Carnival and the Health Expo in a way that we hope will generate extra enthusiasm and participation. Students will have the opportunity to participate in as many events as they can in the Athletics Carnival gaining points towards the House competition and potentially achieving an opportunity to represent the school later in the year. Once a student has participated in at least 2 events, they will have the chance to take part in the Health Expo activities described below. Students who can demonstrate that they have participated in 3 or 4 events will get a Head of Queue pass to the Expo. All other uniform standards apply.

The Athletics Carnival is an opportunity for genuine athletes to excel at their sport while still allowing all students to take part and have fun. All the usual

field events will be contested including Shot Put, Javelin, Discus, Triple Jump and Long Jump events. Track events will include sprints, middle distance and relays. This is a house competition and students are encouraged to wear their house colours, provided their shirts meet the sun safety standards.

The Health Expo set up in the Sports Hall, is focussed on safe and healthy lifestyle activities and will be available to students after they have participated in Athletic events. It will feature

- A jumping castle and bungee fun run (each by Gold Coin donation after event participation.)
- Apple slinkies sponsored by Lawnton Country Markets.
- Individual challenges using skipping ropes and hula hoops. Out skip and out Hula your friends.
- A skin care presentation sponsored by **Dermalogica** who will answer skin care questions students may have. The students may even get to test out some of the products.
- Representatives from Queensland Health who will be available to answer questions and provide demonstrations of the impact of drugs and alcohol on one's health.
- A representative from Population Health who will emphasize the importance of sun safety, even in winter.

It is important that students remember to bring hats, sunscreen, sunnies and water bottles on the day. The UV exposure remains moderate to high during winter in Brisbane, meaning you can get sunburnt even on a cloudy day, so **Slip, Slop, Slap**.

To add to the fun of the day, catering will be managed by various committees as well as the tuckshop, so a variety of food items and drinks will be available.

**Attendance on this day, as with any other school day, is compulsory** and an essential part of our whole school curriculum. More information regarding the day will be provided to the students prior to the event.

We strongly encourage all students to join in the events and are all looking forward to a fun-filled and exciting Athletics Day and Health Expo.



## Next P & C Meeting

Wednesday June 24

7:30pm

Staff Common Room  
Administration Block



## Arrangements for Schools Regarding Influenza H1N1 (Human Swine Flu)

Students were provided with a letter to take home to parents on May 26 to inform them of the national requirements for schools to contain the spread of the Influenza H1N2 (Human Swine Flu) virus.

One of the measures relates to students returning from overseas countries of Mexico, USA, Canada, Panama and Japan. This has been extended since to those returning from Victoria. If you have a child who has returned or is to return from one of the affected areas, please contact the school to advise us if you have not already done so and ensure that your child remains at home for seven days even if he or she does not have symptoms the seven days includes weekends. If your child becomes unwell, please seek immediate medical advice from your general medical practitioner.

In the event of a confirmed case of Influenza H1N1 (Human Swine Flu) in a student attending this school, the school will be closed for up to seven days. You will be informed about such an event as will the students.

Students are being encouraged to observe diligently standard good hygiene practices such as covering nose and mouth if sneezing or coughing and regular hand-washing. We remind parents and caregivers of the need to provide the school with current contact details including current address, telephone number, mobile number and email address. We also would appreciate parents contacting the school if they have any other information they consider relevant.

Queensland Health continues to monitor the situation and should it change, the school community will be advised immediately. Updates will be available on the Department of Education and Training website at [www.det.qld.gov.au](http://www.det.qld.gov.au) and our school website at [www.pineriversshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.pineriversshs.eq.edu.au)



### STRINGFEST 2009

Congratulations to all musicians who performed in last week's inaugural Stringfest – a feast of classic to contemporary musical entertainment and a collaboration with local

area schools, St Paul's School, their conductor Ms Bronwyn Gibbs and Narangba Valley High School String Ensembles. Our own String Ensemble conducted by Timo Jarvela impressed our visitors with their artistic repertoire of *Fiddler's Fantasy*, *Masque of Arne* and a *Fiddler on the Roof* piece.



The Combined Ensemble of all three schools performed together a fantastic and entertaining program to finish the night off with *Man From Snowy River* and

*Funkytown*. Well done students and a special thank you to Timo Jarvela for the organisation of the night and the PRIMA Committee for their support with supper.

### EXTENSION MUSIC CONCERT

#### *Warms Up the Night*

On a warm winter's night about a fortnight ago, the auditorium was the venue for a wide range of musicianship and musical excellence from students undertaking their Music Extension Studies. From original compositions to interpretative, contemporary to experimental, the diverse repertoire of musical arrangements and performances set the tone for an exciting evening of entertainment.



Congratulations to students - James Heidke on piano,

Arabella Chambers on vocals, Sam Boyd on violin, Anton Nauer on vocals, Ryan Hill on piano, Ben Jurrott and Grant Low on guitar. Special thanks to accompanists Mrs Delyth Boyd, Scott McKay, Sam Dort and to Mrs Vicki Stansfield for her efforts in preparing the Music Extension students to perform at such a high standard.



### The Jury is out at CINE SPARKS

Recently Senior Film and Television students participated in the Cinesparks Film Jury Competition by writing film reviews of the Japanese Anime film *The Girl Who Leapt Through Time*. Film Juries are important parts of international film festivals.

This year over 80 schools participated in the Jury Competition and the standard was very high. Congratulations to budding film critic, Mitchell Gatt, (Year 12) who has been selected as one of three senior students across Queensland to judge at film screenings and award a jury prize to one of the youth festival films viewed during the June/July holidays. He will also be in attendance at special media events during the festival. Cine Sparks is a youth moving image festival alongside the Brisbane International Film Festival (BIFF). Well done Mitchell and to fellow film students shortlisted in the semi finals – Year 11 Melissa Green, Chantelle Payne, Cara Huntley-Shipper, Year 12 Samantha Tesch, Tess-Anna Gilfedder.

### ALTITUDE DAY



**By Marcus Hall**

On Thursday May 21, 2009 a group of Year 8 and 9 students took part in a program called Altitude Day. The students were among four hundred other students from schools throughout

Brisbane. The main message at Altitude Day was to understand you had the potential to be a leader, and to learn about how to become a leader and help to make the world a better place.

Throughout the day the students learnt not only how to become a leader but a good leader. In order for them to see how achievable it really was, they were presented with two guest speakers, who shared their stories of how they made the world a better place.

The first guest speaker was a lady called Alyssa Phillips. Alyssa works as a full time volunteer with disabled people in a program she created called S.P.A.C.E. The speech she gave made everyone realise that if you "dream big you can achieve big too".

The second guest was Fred Masoe, whose speech showed a different kind of change which still helped to make the world a better place. Fred was the drum line leader at Mabel Park State High School, and through this program and other leadership steps he took he was able to help his school and the students. His goal was to be a good friend, and by supporting people and believing in them he was able to make a difference.



By the end of the day students who attended the program left knowing how easy it is to become a good leader, and by doing so you can really help other people. They are all now thinking of ways to take action to make the world they touch a better place.



**NAIDOC WEEK  
14 – 17 JULY**

Pine Rivers High School community will celebrate NAIDOC Week from July 14 –

17. The week will begin with a Welcome BBQ at 9am on Tuesday in the amphitheatre. Community Elders, Indigenous families and their students and staff are invited to attend to view our own Indigenous Dance Troupe and enjoy a scrumptious breakfast and a chat to "Honour Our Elders and Nurture our Youth". Other activities for the week include traditional painting, beading, basket weaving, Torres Strait islander Dance sessions and boomerang throwing. A touch football game is organised for the Wednesday lunch break and our concert will take place on the lower oval on Thursday with our Indigenous student performers from the local school communities.

Friday will see our senior Indigenous students attend a QUT / BNIT Indigenous Careers Day at the

Caboolture Campus. Students will experience campus life and learn more about their options post school. Students will share in many of these activities with their friends to celebrate NAIDOC Week.

**THANK YOU**

**Pacific Islander Liaison Officer**

**Rev James Matamua**

For the past four months we have been very pleased to have Rev James Matamua as our Pacific Islander Liaison Officer. James has interviewed many students about their learning needs, assisted with homework club and supported families.

Unfortunately, James' time with us will finish at the end of the semester. This is a great loss to our school and we sincerely thank him for the excellent work he did with our Pacific Islander students. We hope he can visit our school in future times and we wish him well.

**Motivational Media**

**Tuesday July 14**

All students will have the opportunity to experience a unique motivational event with the Motivational Media program to be conducted on the first day of Term 3, Tuesday July 14, in the hall.



The theme for the 2009 event is "Rebound" – *targeting resilience*. This will hopefully inspire our students as they return for second semester to persist with their goals to achieve, despite ongoing hurdles.

Students should pay their \$2 by Thursday June 25 to the payments counter in the office.



**Tabitha Foundation Asks Pine Rivers State High School for help in Economic Downturn**

When the school visited Cambodia last year we had the good fortune to visit Tabitha Headquarters in Phnom Penh, where we met a number of women, who had turned their lives around to become textile workers employed in Tabitha's Silk Cottage Industry.

Last month I received word from Tabitha Director, Janne Ritskes, that business had almost come to a halt, due to the massive drop in tourism caused by the economic downturn. This has left approximately 500 women and their children without an income.

Not a woman who is easily discouraged, Janne has come up with the idea of producing shopping bags made from silk organza as a way of Tabitha doing their bit for the environment and providing the women with an alternative income until things improve. Janne reports that silk organza is a natural product which is very biodegradable, but which is also strong and lightweight. For every 100 bags produced these 500 women would be provided with work.

Therefore, Janne is asking that we order and sell 100 bags to our friends and family at \$5 per bag. This would require me to take orders and have all bags prepaid prior to delivery. If you would like to help out those who do it tough and struggle to put

food on the table in the best of times, and don't mind parting with a bit of money upfront, then please contact Gayle Carr on 3881 4785 to place your order. Orders can also be forwarded to [gcarr5@eq.edu.au](mailto:gcarr5@eq.edu.au)

**Ms Gayle Carr, Teacher SEU**

## SPORT



### Three students Excel in Swimming at Arafura Games in Darwin

Three of our students recently competed in the International Sports Meet, the Arafura Games, involving twenty-seven sports and thirty countries in Darwin.

Keely Stewart in Year 9 made several swim finals and won bronze in the 400m freestyle for the Open girls event. Marcus Hall in Year 9 achieved eight personal bests in nine events, made reserve for two finals and was placed 9<sup>th</sup> overall in the 5km open water swim event.

Brenden Hall in Year 11 returned with 16 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze medals. He broke the Australian record for the 50m and the 100m breaststroke age event and came 5<sup>th</sup> overall in the 5km open water swim event.

A great achievement from all three students!

Brenden and Marcus Hall returned from Darwin to compete in the Noosa Blue the next weekend. The competition involved a 150m sprint and a 2km swim and fielded 532 participants. Marcus was 1<sup>st</sup> in his age group and Brenden 3<sup>rd</sup> in his age group and both were in the top 20 swimmers.



### Year 11 Student Performs Well in Queensland U16 Indigenous Rugby League Team.

Congratulations to Anthony Gadd in Year 11 who was a standout player in the Under 16 Queensland Indigenous Rugby League Team recently. The team beat the New South Wales Kouris in the curtain raiser match to the Test with a score of 22-10. Anthony kicked 4 out of 5 goals.



### Pine Rivers State High School Ten Pin Bowling Team Qualifies for State Finals

Last Sunday, our school Ten Pin Bowling team successfully qualified for the State Ten Pin Bowling Finals, which will be held in August.

Members of this team were:

Year 12: Josh Kemp

Year 11: Kristie-Lea Stewart

Year 10: Jarrod Ludlow, Charmaine Little, Sean Lonergan

Year 9: Zachary Kemp

The team had to bowl 5 games to achieve a team average that was good enough for the team to move forward as the representative for the Brisbane North Region at the State Finals.



### Interschool Sport Competition Success

The summer season of interschool sport culminated in District Finals recently. 15 of our 16 teams made finals games, with 4 of our teams earning the title of district Champions.

- Year 9 girls volleyball team won against Dakabin and have been undefeated throughout the season
- Year 8 and Year 9 boys volleyball teams won grand finals
- Girls futsal teams have been undefeated all season. The Year 9 team defeated their opposition for a win, but the Year 8 team were defeated by Genesis College
- Boys touch football teams were the Pine Rivers District Representatives in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of metropolitan finals, but unfortunately the Year 8 team lost to Northlakes finishing as runners-up. The Year 9 team were runners-up to Bray Park State High School.

Other results included:

Year 8 and 9 basketball teams finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place

Year 9 Cricket team finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place

Year 8 and 9 girls touch teams finished 3<sup>rd</sup>

Year 8 girls basketball team finished 4<sup>th</sup>

Year 9 girls basketball team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place



### Pine Rivers Students 'blow the whistle' with Local Primary Schools

Senior students enrolled in Certificate 2 Sport Coaching (Rugby League) have recently completed a Level 1 Modified League Refereeing Course. This certification allows the 22 students in Year 11 to referee Modified Rugby League games up to and including U12 games. As a part of their ongoing assessment, our student referees have been practising their craft, refereeing Primary School sport on Friday afternoons.

Representatives from Queensland Rugby League (QRL) pick up 4 students from school each week and transport them to the Primary School fixtures at Holy Spirit Junior Rugby League fields. Over the past month, the feedback from the QRL and Primary Schools has been very encouraging. Students have been conducting themselves in a very professional manner, doing a fantastic job at representing our school in the wider community. It is hoped that their involvement in the future will extend even further to refereeing at the club level on weekends where they can continue to improve their skills and get remunerated for their efforts. Well done students and Mr Phil Evans as Head of Rugby League in facilitating this process.



## Metropolitan North Regional Sport Representatives

The following students have recently represented Metropolitan North Secondary Sport Region in the 18 & U Rugby Union team competing at the recent State Championships held in Rockhampton –

**Bronson Murphy-Tibble**  
**Charlie Wanma**  
**Jesse Waharai**  
**Patrick Rasmussen**

Two other students have been successful in gaining selection for Metropolitan North by winning their respective age groups at the recent Regional Cross Country trial –

**Ben Tesch** 13 yr boys  
**Samantha Tesch** 18/19 yr girls

Both students won their races convincingly, Samantha winning her age group by over 7 minutes. They both will now compete at the State Cross Country Championships in Toowoomba.

**Matthew Goodall** has also been selected to compete at the State Basketball Championships in July as a member of the Metropolitan North 18 & U Basketball team.

**Congratulations students!**



### Gymnastics

Dom Spearman, Year 11, competed in May at the Regional Gymnastics competition and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall.

He qualified for the Queensland State team at the Australian Championships to be held from July 4 – 9 at Chandler. Dom made the State team picking up 4 medals: 2 gold, 2 silver. We wish him luck in his next competition. Well done Dom!

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### News from the Maths Department

“Motivation is momentary, but inspiration lasts a lifetime.”

**Maths Teams Tournament:** This event will now be held on Tuesday July 28 (i.e. the third Tuesday of Term 3). Students had already nominated themselves and teams determined before the event was postponed. We will assume that students who nominated earlier will still be available and want to stay in the same team. Unless told otherwise the school will make arrangements (e.g. transport) with these nominations.

We do, however, still require help with transport and/or team supervision to and from Narangba Valley SHS. Please let us know (3881 4747 or [mhart24@eq.edu.au](mailto:mhart24@eq.edu.au)) if you can help.

### Maths assignments and plagiarism:

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 to a level where each can satisfactorily complete the task.

While students may consult with one another and get teacher help with the assignment, the write-up of the task must be their own. Where the write-up is not the student's own work, it is likely to be considered to be plagiarism and will be treated according to the school's policy on plagiarism.

**Mr Mal Hartwig, HOD, Mathematics**

**SENIOR SCHOOLING**  
**38814714**

### Career Information Evening

Unfortunately due to the recent bad weather our Career Information Evening that was scheduled for the May 20 was postponed. The evening has now been rescheduled for the Wednesday July 29. Information will be provided to parents via letters sent home with students and through notices placed in the newsletter.

**Mrs Lyn Avery - Work Placement Coordinator**  
**– 3881 4774**

### Homework Club



On Thursdays afternoons we have a homework club for Indigenous and Pacific Islander students. Here we help the students with any homework and assignments they may have in C19. We are looking for any volunteers with a blue card to come to the school from 3.00pm - 4.00pm on a Thursday to assist students with their school work. If anyone is interested please call Ms Vicki Hunter or Ms Jo Pratt on 3881 4780.

## Pine Rivers State High School P & C

### ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Term 3

Commence on July 28, 2009

For more information

Call Ashley on 3886 1368 or visit our website

[www.pineriversshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.pineriversshs.eq.edu.au)



### P&C NEWS:

The next meeting is Wednesday 24 June at 7.30pm in the staff common room in the main Admin building. Everyone is welcome – come to have your voice heard and let us know any concerns you have.



### **TUCKSHOP NEWS:**

*Parents*, we realise not everyone can donate time to the tuckshop, so another way you could help is to donate some grocery items. Any of

the following donations will be gratefully accepted and could win your child an IPOD. Make sure they register their donation on a raffle ticket at the tuckshop for a chance to win. The winner will be announced at the end of Term 3.

Alfoil, Chux, Cling Wrap, Croutons, Ground Cinnamon, Keen's Curry Powder, Long Grain Rice, Low Fat Mayonnaise, Mixed Spice, Paper Towels, Pasta (elbows or bows), Tinned Apple, Tinned Corn Kernels, Tinned Peas, Tinned Pineapple Pieces, Tinned Sliced Beetroot, Tinned Tomatoes Crushed, Tomato Sauce, Tuna 95g, Washing up Detergent, Washing up Gloves.

The roster for the next fortnight as follows:

#### **June**

Tues 16 Cazna S (am), Jo A, Julie Mc

Wed 17 Lyn B, Lexie Mac, David E

Thurs 18 Julie Mc

Fri 19 Julie Mc

Mon 22 Josie H (am)

Tues 23 Ros H, Julie McM

Wed 24 *No volunteers – can you help?*

Thurs 25 Lexie Mac, Julie Mc

Fri 26 Raye Mac, Julie Mc

#### **And Back to school**

#### **July**

Tues 14 Lexie Mac, Julie Mc

Wed 15 Lyn B, Lexie Mac, David E

Thurs 16 Julie Mc

Fri 17 Julie Mc

Thank you to our monthly volunteers and those who just turn up as needed. If you are unable to make your day please contact one of the convenors on 3881 4738.

### **UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**



Plenty of winter stock is now available. End of year orders are to be placed by the end of June. If you have any special needs, please see the convenor as soon as possible.

Why not start a lay-by now, and have your uniforms paid off by the Christmas period. See the convenor.



### **LOST PROPERTY**

All lost property is handed into the school office, and after 2 weeks if it is not claimed, it is then stored at the Uniform Shop where claims can be made on Fridays. Currently at the Uniform shop there are numerous keys, items of jewellery, white joggers, hats, jumpers, items of *un-named* school uniform, and a pair of crutches. Non-school items will be donated to a charity at the end of this term and school items will be placed in the secondhand uniform shop.

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**



### **FOOD COLLECTION**

The Year 12 Social Justice Committee are asking for donations of food, cleaning and toiletry items for St Mary's Local Charity (through the School Chaplain). Donations can be dropped off at the "G" Block staffroom. Donations are gratefully received (non-perishable items only please). Thank You.

*Year 12 Social Justice Committee*

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Mon 15 – Tue 23	<b>Year 11 and 12 Assessment Block</b>
Tue 16	Year 8.3 Camp to Maroon Dam <b>7:30pm PRIMA Meeting</b>
Fri 19	Middle School Band Rehearsal
Tue 23	SRC Executive meeting MMC 1 <sup>st</sup> break 7:30pm Year 11 and 12 Drama Excursion ZenZenZo "The Tempest"
Wed 24	Intermediate Primary School Instrumental Music Camp SRC meeting D/room M/Tea REA Hub final <b>7:30pm P &amp; C Meeting</b>
Thu 25	Year 10/11 PREP Leadership Workshop <b>6:30pm School Council</b>
Fri 26	INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL and HEALTH EXPO Music Performance Middle School Band (Strathpine SS am) Year 12 Pathways Excursion
<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</b> <b>MON 29 JUNE – MONDAY 13 JULY</b>	
Mon 13	<b>Student Free Day</b>
Tue 14	<b>ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL</b> NAIDOC week Motivational Media Day

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**SHAFT (Super Holiday Activities for Teenagers) Years 8 – 12.** Skirmish, Go-Karting, Ten Pin Bowling, Rockclimbing, Putt Golf and much more – it's all part of a 10 day program presented by Moreton Bay Regional Council for teens looking for low cost, fun activities over the holidays.

SHAFT is open to school students in Years 8 to 12 living or attending school in the Moreton Bay Region.

the program will be held from June 29 to July 10. Bookings will only be taken between Friday 5 to 19 June. Book early to avoid disappointment. For more information visit:

[www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/shoolholidayfun](http://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/shoolholidayfun)



### **Pine Rivers Junior Tennis League**

Come and join in the fun and competition of the Pine Rivers Junior Tennis League. Open to all ages and standards, we have various grades and divisions to suit all players. Competition is commencing now. All enquiries 0422 940 132