REMINDER - INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC GALA NIGHT
TONIGHT - 6:30PM

The night is brisk and cool but the hall will be warmed up with the sound of music!
An invitation is extended to all.
Our annual GALA Night featuring our own Instrumental Music ensembles and selected primary schools will provide a wonderful night of entertainment tonight, Monday 22 August in the School Hall.
We are delighted to present the Barksdale Brass Band as the closing highlight performance.
Concert starts at 6:30pm with approx 80 mins program and interval.
Free entry.
Our parent support group PRIMA are running the refreshment bar.
We look forward to seeing you there!

WOMBAT WARRIORS THANK THEIR PARTNERS AND SPONSORS
Monday 15 August

It was a pleasure for the school to work with our 4x4inSchools World Champion Team, Wombat Warriors, to host an afternoon for the team's Partners and Sponsors, without whose help they would not have been able to compete on the world stage.
The afternoon was chaired by Brodie Crouch, Team Manager for 4x4inSchools Team Fair Dinkum, who had been mentored by the Wombat Warriors when both teams went to the Nationals earlier this year. The afternoon included videos of the team, congratulations from our principal, Mr Schuh, and Ms Coverdale, Assistant Regional Director Northcoast Region, Department of Education and Training. This was followed by a speech by the Wombat Warriors Team Manager, Lily Eiseman, on behalf of the team. The team then personally thanked their partners and sponsors, handing them a framed certificate of appreciation, signed by the team.
The catering was done by our School Tuckshop, with assistance from Home Economics Teachers, Ms Wickham and Mrs Mawston. The guests were served by Year 11 Hospitality students Monique Kirk and Gemma Weedon.
We were joined by the team's partners:- Moreton Bay Regional Council - Mike Charlton, Deputy Mayor; Jaguar Land Rover Australia - Mark Eedle, General Manager Brand Experience; University of Sunshine Coast - Executive Dean Professor John Bartlett and Professor Doug Maher.

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The team's sponsors who also joined us, included:- Ian Tite, Hip Pocket Lawnton (and FXD Clothing); Martin Bicknell and Hayley Knight - Fuji Xerox; Andrew Hopper - Toshiba; Thurid Cock - Queensland School Photography; James Petherbridge - MSP Photography; Bronwyn Fitzpatrick and Terry Ahern - Bendigo Bank; Pine Rivers State High School P&C Association President, Eavantha Smith, Naomi Thomas from Great Southland Tours, Greg Wagner representing Queensland Rail and Janelle Deakin who provided private sponsorship. The team's uniform was supplied and embroidered by Hip Pocket, Lawnton and FXD Clothing. The team's Akubra hats were donated by Greg Grant Saddlery, with their boots donated by Bunnings Carseldine.
We received apologies from the following businesses/sponsors who were unable to join us:- CPX Printing and Logistics (Peter Wood), About Tech, Nicki Boyd, State Member for Pine Rivers and Peter Dutton, Federal Member for Dickson. The team will officially be welcomed back by the students of Pine Rivers State High School at an assembly early in September. Finally thanks to those staff members, including our Cleaners, who assisted with the set-up of the Auditorium for the afternoon. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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Welcome Back 2016 World Champions
STEM 4x4 in SCHOOLS

WOMBAT WARRIORS
HIGH RESOLVES FOR YEAR 7 & 8

Over the past week classes have been participating in the High Resolves Program. The emphasis for these classes was focusing on Global Citizenship and actions for making a positive difference in the world. The Year 7s focused on Collective Identity and assisting students to realise that despite differences in people they all belong to the one human race. The Year 8s focused on Integrative Thinking and being able to seek out multiple viewpoints to make good decisions. Through games and group work students will learn to recognise divisive thinking and messaging and be encouraged to act in a more unifying and less divisive way at school, at home and in the community.

MYANMAR TRIVIA NIGHT

A big thank you to everyone who attended the evening and especially our Year 9 leaders who helped organise and run the event:- Natasha Lopez, Lucas Stephens, Paris Solman, Reilly Searle, Mikayla Simms, Breanna Tadman, Freya Morgan, Jayden Sheeran, James Tyson and Maddi Simpson. Thanks also to Chloe Newell, Year 11, and Mikayla Crouch, Year 7. Thank you to our Business sponsors who contributed prizes to the evening. These are:- Creations by Karen, Bunnings Lawnton, Lawnton Pool, Lawnton Country Fruit Market, Strathpine Hyperbowl, Snap Fitness Strathpine, Supercheap Lawnton, Lazerzone Lawnton, McDonalds Strathpine, Strathpine Cheesecake Shop, Zigabalis, Officeworks Strathpine, Jaycar Electronics, Strathpine Florist and Gifts, Woolworths Strathpine and Coffee Club Strathpine.

Thank you to our fantastic staff for their generous donations so far - Rod McIver, Jo Vinton, Wendy Lander, Susan Jackson, Joy Franz, Helen Milner. Thank you to our students and their families whose generous donations also helped immensely like Breanna Todmann, Freya Morgan and other Junior Secondary Leaders. Please be aware that further recognition of Sponsors will be mentioned in the next edition of the Newsletter as this list was current at time of print.

PLEASE CONTACT US

Please remember that if you have any concerns that you wish to discuss, please don’t hesitate to contact us either by phone or email.

HOD JUNIOR SECONDARY

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DWARF GUM TREE PLANTINGS TO HELP SAVE KOALAS

Over the past three Thursday afternoons students from the Year 10 and 11 Environment Committee have been part of a project to plant dwarf gum trees to help safeguard the Moreton Bay Region koala population. The 30 seedlings planted are ‘Mt Beerwah mallees’ (Eucalyptus kabiana) which have been propagated by a research team from the University of the Sunshine Coast led by Associate Professor of Plant Science, Stephen Trueman.

The trees (which have been provided free of charge by one of the parents of this school, Sue Laird, through the Pine Rivers Koala Care Association) will provide food for local koala populations, counter lost habitat and help provide corridors between existing koala habitats to steer koalas away from roads.

The Environment Committee students will tend the trees until they are established as part of their Thursday afternoon activities which also include weeding, hedge trimming, mulching, and general maintenance activities in the school grounds as well as community activities such as regular clean-ups of Four Mile Creek.

SCIENCE WEEK - BOTS DROIDS AND DRONES

I am sure you are all aware it was Science Week last week and this year’s theme was Bots, Droids and Drones. As part of the celebrations we participated in the Moreton Bay STEMfest last Wednesday afternoon which was a Lego Robotics competition.

Unfortunately because of a late date change a number of students could not make it so we could only enter 3 teams, one Year 7 team and two Year 8 teams. These students knew very little, if anything, about Lego robotics until eight weeks ago. With only one hour a week for 8 weeks to build a robot and program it to negotiate the Trash Trek course our students started slowly but did a fantastic job.

A number of QUT staff commented to me about the determination and enthusiasm shown by both our Year 8 teams. Our Year 7 team, Destructive Dynamite, came away with 2nd place in their division!! Congratulations to all students who participated, but especially to Jessica Allan, Brendan Mitchell and Hayden Boothor. Also a big thank you to Jack Bullen, Ethan Wade and Ethan Remphry who worked with them prior to the competition.

Carol-Ann Morel   HOD Science

YEAR 8 STUDENT EXCELS AT PINE RIVERS SHOW

Congratulations to Morgan Rojek, in Year 8, on her success at the recent Pine Rivers Show. Morgan is an exceptional up and coming young artist, who is developing art skills at a very high level. Her execution is beyond her years and her future looks very promising.
FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

PINE RIVERS STATE HIGH SCHOOL QTAC CLINICS
QTAC clinics enable students and their parents to have hands on support from teachers and staff to complete and submit their QTAC applications.

Date:-
Thursday 15 September 3-5pm in the school Library

Student will require:-
•   Lui number
•   2 preferred courses: the courses you really want to study
•   2 back up courses: less competitive courses that you would enjoy studying
•   2 pathway courses: courses that will help you upgrade to the course you want.

Email address

(Warning: Year 12 school email addresses become inactive after 18 November 2016)

Mobile phone number. *All students are encouraged to also include one parent / guardian contact – there are only 4 days to respond to an offer and the student may be celebrating schoolies.

Credit card, voucher or BPAY details

WARNING – your application will not be accepted if the payment is not processed before the applications closed date.

Useful Apps

**AusApp Pathways**
Australian Apprenticeship Pathways for Apple or Android. Apprenticeships and trainee pathways/careers

**QTAC App**
QTAC for Apple or Android (5.02 or higher): Tertiary study options, search for courses, develop shortlists.

Changing QTAC Preferences
Once you have submitted your QTAC applications you have 3 free changes to your application.

- **First Change** should be when you receive your OP
- **Second Change** should be when you have conditionally accepted/deferred an offer (an option available if you do not get your first choice)
- **Third Change** should be when the Semester 1 rounds have finished – this is when you include courses with Semester 2 start dates.

Every Day Counts!
Research suggests that poor school attendance is associated with lower levels of academic achievement, early school leaving, underemployment and a poorer quality of life. While parents and caregivers are responsible for ensuring children attend school, the Guidance Officer and Year Level Deputies are here to support students and families to deal with the barriers to school attendance.

For more information please phone the Guidance Office on phone 38814700.

P&C NEWS

The next General meeting of the P&C will be on Wednesday 24 August at 6:30pm in the Staff Common Room located in the Admin building. An important topic of discussion on the night will be around Independent Public Schools and what this might look like for the school if Pine Rivers State High School were to submit an application.

We welcome parents, carers and concerned citizens to attend the P&C meetings and look forward to seeing some new faces. The P&C meetings are a great way to hear first-hand about what’s going on around the school and what the P&C sub-committees are doing.

For those that may not be aware, the tuckshop, uniform shop, Pine Rivers Community Aquatics Club, and PRIMA all come under the umbrella of the P&C. Fundraising is an important role of the P&C as these funds get donated back to the school over time to pay for the purchase of items that benefit the students of Pine Rivers State High School. If you have any good ideas for fundraising, or would like more information on something happening within the school please come along to a P&C meeting and have a chat with us.

Most meetings are concluded within an hour.

**Change to Junior Secondary Sports shirt from 2017**

The P&C Association will be introducing a Junior Secondary Sports shirt in 2017. This will be compulsory for all incoming Year 7 students (2017), and optional for Year 8 and 9 students. By 2019 all Junior secondary students will be wearing this Sports shirt.
Are you able to Volunteer some of your time?
The P&C has received a letter from **Meals on Wheels Pine Rivers and District Inc.** requesting volunteers to assist in the delivery of meals.

As most people would be aware, Meals on Wheels play an important role in the community providing meals to over 650 clients, and have been operating in the Pine Rivers community for 40 years. Volunteers are the very backbone of them being able to provide this valuable service.

If you, or someone you know is able to spare a couple of hours per day, or per week or month and can use your own vehicle to deliver the meals, or act as an assistant in the delivery process please contact either Wendy Smith or Jan Smith at the Petrie kitchen on phone **3285 2532** or send an email to admin@mowpr.org

The frequency of volunteer hours is entirely up the individual.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

After years of faithful service producing many a delicious meal or sweet treat, the P&C has recently had to replace both commercial ovens in the tuckshop. The staff are very pleased with the new ovens and are looking forward to being able to bake without the uncertainty of the ovens failing.

A reminder that the tuckshop is open every morning before school for some type of breakfast. Bacon and egg muffins are available only on Tuesday and Thursday each week. Daily specials are advertised on the tuckshop blackboards.

Students are able to place orders for tuckshop before school and this will ensure they get what they want of the more popular items, like the ever-popular garlic bread! EFTPOS is also available for tuckshop purchases.

The tuckshop is needing more volunteers to help keep up with the demands of their very busy kitchen. If you are able to help out in any way, big or small, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the tuckshop Convenors on phone **3881 4738** or leave your details with the Admin staff and someone from the tuckshop will be in contact with you.

Please refer to the attached menu for current food options and prices.

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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

A reminder to all students and parents that the Uniform Shop is open Monday, Thursday and Friday, 8.15am - 11.45am all year round.

If you are wanting to know the price of a uniform item, log onto the school website and follow the links. **https://pineriversshs.eq.edu.au/Facilities/Uniformshop/Pages/Uniformshop.aspx**

**WINTER UNIFORM PRICES**

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**Please note that we have run out of size XXS spray pants and will not be getting any more until next season. We apologise for any inconvenience this might cause.**

**LOST PROPERTY**

Due to the colder weather there has been a lot of lost property much of which is unnamed. Would you please make sure all jumpers and hats are named so they can be easily identified by the owners and easily returned. Just putting your initials or first name isn’t good enough for staff to identify this item as belonging to you. The lost property basket is situated in the uniform shop. If you can’t find your item in the lost property basket, please come and see Mrs Saville in the uniform shop as it may be being held inside.

**SECOND HAND UNIFORMS**

- Winter has finally arrived. There is currently a good supply of second hand fleecy pullovers and spray jackets ranging in most sizes. Prices start from $10.
- If you have any second hand uniforms, in good condition, laying around that you would like to donate or try and sell on our second hand racks, please hand them in to the uniform shop as soon as possible so we can sort them and have them ready for end of year open days. This includes ties as we have regular enquiries from families seeking second hand ties.

Donations of second hand items are always welcome. Donations allow us to help families in our school community in need.

**PHONE PAYMENTS**

Please note that payments can be made over the phone however the uniform shop is extremely busy from 8:15am - 9:00am so you may not be able to get through. If you are wanting to pay over the phone please try to call between 9:00am - 10:30am and have your child collect the item at first break which is at 11:15am. The phone number for the uniform shop is **38814739**.

**PAYING BY CHEQUE**

If you wish to pay for uniform items by cheque, please ensure the cheque is made payable to “Pine Rivers State High School P & C”. On the back of the cheque please put your licence number, phone number and full name. Until next time.....

Lauren Saville Uniform Shop Convenor
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### STRATHPINE STATE SCHOOL 2017 PREP ENROLMENT INFORMATION

**PINE RIVERS STATE HIGH SCHOOL SNOW TRIP**

Planning for the 2017 Pine Rivers State High School annual snow trip is already underway. The trip departs for the Snowy Mountains during the second week of the July holidays (**Saturday 1 July to Saturday 8 July 2017**). We stay in Jindabyne and ski and snowboard at Perisher Resort.

The trip is open to students in **Years 10, 11 and 12 next year**. The trip is organised and supervised by Pine Rivers State High School staff who are all experienced skiers and snowboarders. Each day on the snow, qualified Perisher Snow Sports School instructors will teach students the skills required to ski or board safely. In the evenings after dinner, we meet up to tell stories of our day’s snow adventures.

Due to the nature of the trip, a behaviour check is completed to ensure students have a proven ability to comply with the expectations of our Behaviour Contract.

### PINE RIVERS COMMUNITY AQUATICS CLUB Sign On Day

**Saturday 27 August**  
**1pm – 4pm**  
**Pine Rivers High School Pool**  
537 Gympie Rd Strathpine  
Visit our website for more information  
www.pineriversaquatics.com.au  
Or  
Find us on Facebook  
Season commences Friday 7 October 2016  
Enquiries phone 3205 7682 or contact Scott Spencer on mobile 0417 339 511 or Donna Camac on mobile 0421 962 147 or email: prcaclub@gmail.com  

Parent and Student Information Evening  
The first of two information evenings will take place on **Tuesday 30 August**, starting at **6:00pm** in the School Auditorium on Gympie Rd. This brief presentation will
provide some details about the trip, allow parents and students to meet staff running the trip and answer any questions you may have. Everyone possibly interested in or planning to be on the snow trip is encouraged to attend.

Costs and Payments
Next year’s snow package is estimated to cost around $1700 and includes accommodation, breakfast and dinner each day, ski hire, full day lessons, ski lift access, coach travel from Brisbane to Jindabyne and back, and daily transit to and from Perisher. These costs have yet to be finalised as it depends on the number of students travelling, but total costs in the past have been below $1800.

As we need to secure accommodation and transport during this peak skiing time, a $400 deposit will be due at the office payments counter in early October. This money is sent on as a deposit so becomes non-refundable unless another suitable student can be found to take your place. Next year, a series of three, monthly payments of around $500 will be required to complete payments by the end of March.

Interested? Need more Information
If you are planning to join the snow trip and would like more information contact:

- **Ms Handfield** (Science staffroom) on phone 3881 4756 or ahand3@eq.edu.au, or
- **Mr Hammond** (Business, IT & Social Science staffroom, F Block) phone 3881 4770 or rhamm4@eq.edu.au

FINANCIAL LITERACY INFORMATION

**WHAT FINANCIAL TIPS DO YOU GIVE YOUR CHILDREN**

Everyone can come up with their own financial do’s and don’ts. Most of the time, these do’s and don’ts come from our learned experiences; often the mistakes we have made!

**If you were to give five tips to your teenagers at home what would they be?**

Melissa Meagher (Talking Money) is a financial coach. She has provided 5 tips for teens in the recent Teenfinca® student ezine. These tips are:

- Live within your means
- Don’t get caught up in lifestyle assets and the need to have it now
- Understand the risk and dangers of debt; in particular credit cards
- Understand the benefits of saving versus spending
- Get in the habit of learning financial skills

What would your tips be? Share and discuss them with your children regularly.

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