SCHOOL RETURN TERM 4

Just a reminder that Term 4 starts for all students tomorrow, Tuesday 4 October 2016. We expect all students to be in attendance from 8:35am, except those seniors who start earlier due to their early start class. This is a very busy term for all, so all students need to ensure that they are prepared for their lessons and are ready to learn from the moment they reach their class.

We trust that all our students, staff and their families have had a relaxing and enjoyable spring break.

MUSICAL 2017 ANNOUNCED

We are pleased to announce the audition details for The Little Mermaid, Pine Rivers State High School’s Musical for 2017. All students who will be attending Pine Rivers in 2017 are invited to attend the acting and / or singing auditions.

Please be aware that:

- All roles are allocated on the basis of capabilities demonstrated at the auditions, and student commitment to the rehearsal process.
- Attending auditions at the times listed below demonstrates a commitment to the production. If you cannot attend the dates outlined below, due to exceptional circumstances, please get in contact with a member of The Arts faculty to arrange an alternative audition time.
- Audition materials will be made available from week one of term four. While it is not essential to audition for both acting and singing, demonstrating a willingness to work outside of your comfort zone is viewed favourably.

Tuesday 18 October - Acting Auditions - J12 (Theatrette) - 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Thursday 20 October - Singing Auditions - M01 (Music Block) - 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Tuesday 25 October - Current Year 6 students who will be attending Pine Rivers State High School in 2017 - Acting and / or Singing Auditions - J12 (Theatrette) - Enter via Ash Court - 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 12 AND 10 DRAMA STUDENTS

It's been a big week of Drama performances at Pine Rivers! Congratulations to students in Year 10 and Year 12 Drama who have recently performed for assessment.

The Year 10 Drama students' performance, a whole class production in the style of Gothic Theatre, was warmly received by their public audience on Monday 12 September.

During block exams, students in Year 12 Drama were impressive with their final performances for high school, sharing a diverse series of one-person shows.

Well done, students! Many thanks to those who assisted with and supported these productions.

SENIOR FORMAL 2016

The Pine Rivers State High School Senior Formal 2016 will again take place at The Greek Club (Edmonstone Street, South Brisbane) on Friday 18 November, from 7:00pm until 11:30pm with arrivals from 6:00pm.

The process of eligibility to attend the Senior Formal has been explained to students in detail. Students need to follow up on any outstanding issues that may affect eligibility early. Personalised information will be provided to students through their FORM classes. Students must act efficiently in accordance with the stated deadlines.

The deadline for payment of tickets is Wednesday 9 November (COB). The school has to provide exact numbers prior to the function. It is important for students and their families to understand that if they are unable to comply with the deadlines, they may miss their opportunity to attend the Senior Formal, largely due to circumstances beyond the school’s control.
Student and parent tickets will be approximately $100 each. If parents/caregivers have any questions regarding this or the process, they are invited to contact me, on phone 3881 4729.

Ms Anne Bonaccorso (Year 12 Co-Ordinator)

SENIOR GRADUATION AWARDS 2016
Year 12 students should be aware of the criteria for major awards presented at the Senior Formal and Valedictory on Friday 18 November 2016.

FORMAL AWARDS

**ENGLISH TEACHERS’ AWARD**
Donated by English Department
The English Teachers’ Award is presented to a person who:
- has shown commitment to achieving excellence throughout the two year course, attaining a VHA standard at exit
- has shown enthusiasm for the subject as evidenced through participation in class activities and contributions to class discussions
- has demonstrated proficiency in both written and spoken genres in a range of contexts and under a variety of conditions
- displays a flair for, and an appreciation of, the English language when analysing, creating and presenting texts
- embodies the school’s code of respect, pride, effort and safety

**MORETON BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL MATHS BURSARY**
Donated by Moreton Bay Regional Council, Councillor Mick Gillam
The prize is awarded to the student showing the greatest proficiency in Senior Mathematics, including performances in enrichment activities. The student also receives a medallion donated by the Maths Department.

**PERPETUAL SCIENCE BURSARY**
Sponsored by Science Department
This prize is awarded to the student showing the greatest proficiency in Senior Science, using the latest and fullest information from any two of the three Sciences – Physics, Chemistry or Biology.

**PERPETUAL EXCELLENCE IN HOME ECONOMICS**
Sponsored by Home Economics Department
This prize is awarded to the student showing the greatest proficiency in Senior Home Economics, using the latest and fullest information from any two of the four Home Economics subjects – Home Economics, Hospitality Studies, Hospitality or Early Childhood.

**P&C ASSOCIATION SOCIAL SCIENCE BURSARY**
Donated by Pine Rivers State High School P&C Association
This prize is awarded to the student showing the greatest proficiency in Senior Social Science subjects, using the latest and fullest information available at that time from two of the five Social Science subjects - Modern History, Ancient History, Geography, Economics or Study of Society. This will be determined by a calculation of standardised scores in those two subjects.

**H TILTON VISUAL ARTS AWARD**
Donated by Harry Tilton
This award is given to a student who displays a firm indication of continuing their commitment to visual arts in the future or a student who has had a consistent positive development throughout their studies in visual arts at Pine Rivers State High School.

**INFORMATION AND LEARNING TECHNOLOGY BURSARY**
Donated by IT and LT Departments
This award is given to the student who has displayed outstanding achievements in his/her studies of Information Technology, has demonstrated that he/she has used ICTs as a tool for learning successfully in other subjects, and has made a contribution to the support and development of ICTs for learning within the school.

**BURSARY FOR MANUAL ARTS**
This award is given to the student who has displayed an outstanding work ethic in his/her studies in Industrial Technology. The student should demonstrate employability skills such as: reliability, presentation, attitude, work ethic and ability to use related technology in solving problems. The student should also have made a significant contribution to their school community.

**STEM AWARD**
The prize is awarded to the student showing the greatest proficiency in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), using the latest and fullest information from across at least three of these disciplines Technology. Students past involvement in STEM challenges and commitment to supporting STEM in the school will be considered when determining the recipient.

**CULTURAL AWARD**
Donated by "The Arts"
Awarded to a student who has displayed significant cultural achievement in representing the school in his/her respective cultural area of interest. The awardee is one who displays involvement, talent and representation of the Arts domain across the wider community.

**SPORTSMAN AND SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR**
Michelle Jacobson Perpetual Trophy sponsored by HPE Department
These awards are made in recognition of outstanding achievement in a number of sporting activities. The awardees should have displayed commendable application of the sports, able leadership, a commitment to the team and a high level of sportsmanship.

**ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SENIOR BURSARY**
This is awarded to the student/s who demonstrates ability to achieve in the academic, vocational,
sporting and/or cultural fields. The student also needs to have connected with the cultural events in the school community. The awardee is one who intends to undertake further education or work through an accredited education or training provider. The Bursary is to be used to assist in the pursuit of future career opportunities.

**ROUNDAWAY CIVIC SKILLS AWARD**
Donated by Rotary Club of Pine Rivers
This award goes to the student who has shown concern for fellow students and is an outstanding citizen of the school community.

**P&C’s VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**
Donated by Pine Rivers State High School P&C Association
The P&C Volunteer of the Year Award will be awarded to the Year 12 student who has demonstrated a strong willingness and capacity to offer his/her time towards school-related activities that serve to benefit the school community as a whole. School-related activities are defined as ones which occur directly within the school environment or in the community as a representative of the school.

Students may be nominated for this award in two ways: -
1. Self-nomination – a student can nominate his or herself for this award by submitting a letter to the P&C detailing the acts of volunteerism undertaken throughout Year 11/12. Students are encouraged to keep a log of activities undertaken with details on what, when, where and how much. Students are also encouraged to submit a letter of support from a sponsor who can verify the activities identified. A sponsor can be a teacher, school staff member or parent.
2. Nomination by a sponsor – a student can be nominated by another person (e.g. teacher, staff member, another student, parent). The sponsor is required to submit a letter detailing the acts of volunteerism undertaken by the nominated student and why they feel they should be considered for the award.

**PRINCIPAL’S BEST ALL-ROUNDER AWARD**
This Award recognises someone who fulfils the following criteria:-
- Academic - Scholastic achievement across a range of subjects
- Attitude - Willingness to assist others, makes selfless contributions and is committed to excellence
- Conduct - Outstanding at all times
- Leadership - A role model to other students
- Service - Participates in school and community activities
- Sport - Represents the school in sport

**VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD**
Awarded to the student who excelled in the area of VET. Vocational education and training (VET) provides accredited training in job related and technical skills. It covers a large number of careers and industries like trades and office work, retail, hospitality and technology. Student may have participated in a School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship, VET training with an external provider or training under the scope of Pine Rivers State High School as an Registered Training Organisation.

**State Parliamentarians’ Awards**
Donated by Member for Pine Rivers, Nikki Boyd
This is a perpetual award given to a student in each year level who has displayed outstanding application to his/her studies throughout the year. This awardee must have attained an exceptional level of scholastic achievement as for the School Dux. The award is presented twice yearly, with the recipient being able to receive the award once per year.

**SENIOR DUX**
The Dux will be the student with the highest aggregate of standardised scores taken over at least 20 but no more than 24 semester units of Authority subjects. Final school SAI figures will be standardised using the average of our school’s historical subject data for QCS. The following guidelines apply:-
1. The student must be full time and OP eligible.
2. All Authority subjects will be taken into consideration.
3. Where two or more students are in contention for the award, and at least one of them has fewer than 24 semester units, the award will be decided against the maximum common number of units possible.
4. A repeat student is NOT eligible to win the award.
5. A “mature age” student is NOT eligible to win the award.
TJ RYAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS/MEDALS NOMINEE

Our school nominee for the TJ Ryan Memorial Scholarships and Medals will be selected on the statewide established criteria. These are:

- Academic excellence based on OP level, field positions, the number of VHAs in Authority Subjects and QCS Test results
- Outstanding leadership qualities and occupation of a leadership position within the school or the community; and
- Intention to enrol in a recognised undergraduate degree course in an Australian University in 2017.

Students must apply to be considered for selection as the school nominee for these prestigious awards. The scholarship will earn a student an annual payment of $2000 which will be made each year for the minimum length of time necessary to complete an undergraduate degree course (to a maximum of 5 years) and includes combined degrees.

VALEDICTORY AWARDS

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AWARDS (decided by ‘The Arts’)

These awards are given in recognition of consistent contribution to attendance and performance in the School Instrumental Bands such as Music Fest, Fanfare, School Musical, Presentation Assemblies, public performances, music tours and camps.

PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS (decided by ‘The Arts’)

Awarded to students who have displayed a notable contribution to the promotion of the Performing Arts as well as a strong commitment to the school. Their co-operation and enthusiasm to undertake responsibility is reflected in the commitment to the school in extra-curricular activities such as concerts, presentation assemblies, performances and productions, arts festivals, special public events and at least two annual school musicals.

SERVICE AWARDS

These awards are made for outstanding service to the school this year, covering a wide range of activities within and outside of the committee system. Nominations are accepted from students and teachers who must provide evidence for making the recommendation taking into account the following criteria:

- Committee work in PREP and outside class time
- Participation in scheduled school events and other extra-curricular activities
- The nominee must have participated in any two of the Walkathon, Fundraising Activities or Committee activities, plus two further extra-curricular activities completed for the school, eg Anzac Day March, QIP, Peer Support, Reporting Ushers or Guides, Bands and Band Competitions, Musical Events, School Promotions, Competitions, Open Day/Expo, etc
- Adherence to school policy, e.g. uniform, respectful behaviour
- The nominee must have displayed consistent and extra-ordinary efforts towards service to the school throughout the whole year.

CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE

The awardee must have received a Very High Achievement or an A rating. The awardee should be recognised as one of the top students of the subject and will be chosen by the Head of Department and subject teachers. The awardee must be someone who embodies our school code of “Respect, Pride, Effort and Safety”. He or she demonstrates respect for self and others, and respect for school rules. The awardee consistently shows effort in class work, homework and assignments, and participates in school activities. He or she demonstrates pride in their uniform and brings credit to themselves and the school.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

The awardee should have demonstrated over the whole semester that he/she has worked consistently and industriously to his/her ability level. The nominee need not be the top student, but should be one whom the class recognises as having a strong work ethic. The awardee will be chosen by subject teachers. The awardee must be someone who embodies our school code of “Respect, Pride, Effort and Safety”. He or she demonstrates respect for self and others, and respect for school rules. The awardee consistently shows effort in class work, homework and assignments, and participates in school activities. He or she demonstrates pride in their uniform and brings credit to themselves and the school.

Achievement Award

The criteria is such that these students will have received at least 4 VHAs or As out of 6 subjects studied; or 6 VHAs or As out of 8 subjects. The awardee must be someone who embodies our school code of “Respect, Pride, Effort and Safety”. He or she demonstrates respect for self and others, and respect for school rules. The awardee consistently shows effort in class work, homework and assignments, and participates in school activities. He or she demonstrates pride in their uniform and brings credit to themselves and the school.

EUPHORIA DANCE NIGHT

Wednesday 12 October
YEAR 7 AND 8 CYBER SAFETY TALKS

As part of our ongoing commitment to the safety of our students, a Cyber Safety Information Seminar has been organised for our Year 7 and 8 students during Week 1 and Week 2 of Term 4. A number of important topics will be covered including:-

• Cyberbullying/harassment;
• Inappropriate content/material (including the “sexting” phenomena);
• Protection against predators online and safe use of communication devices.

Pine Rivers State High School believes it is crucial that this subject is openly discussed in order to provide accurate and factual information to students as education is the best form of protection.

Should you have any concerns regarding these sessions please contact Helen Beasley (HOD Junior Secondary) or Luke Ferdinands (Year 7 Deputy Principal) to discuss this further.

Helen Beasley  
HOD Junior Secondary

GUIDANCE OFFICER UPDATE

Cyber Safety

The Issue:-

• Finding a balance between monitoring student’s behaviour and allowing independent and age-appropriate negotiation of boundaries.

Research by the University of Western Sydney suggests caregivers can support the cybersafety of young people by:-

• Building a contextualised understanding of the importance of technology in children and young peoples' lives (Mishna, Cook et al., 2009), including contemporary online friendships and peer groups (Spears et al., 2008).
• Proactively and regularly accessing cybersafety resources designed for parents (see “Resources”), to help in becoming familiar with emerging technologies and online trends
• Encouraging young people aged less than 13 years old to abstain from using social networking sites.

For more information or to read the entire article: https://aifs.gov.au/cfca/publications/parental-involvement-preventing-and-responding-cyberbu/summary

Resources

Who’s Chatting to Your Kids

Selfies

Surf Safely

Thinkuknow
http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/

Cybersmart

Join the Dots

Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner

Facebook: Help Your Teens Stay Safe
https://www.facebook.com/safety/groups/parents/

Mothers, Grandmothers and Female Carers

Life's Journey is a friendship group for women who are parenting. You will be able to experience new and creative things, explore ideas, and meet new people. Each week there will be different hands-on interactive activities including painting, making stress balls and clay work. Some of the topics explored will include communication, self-esteem, stress management plus much more!!

• WHERE: Glenwood Community Centre, 43 Glasshouse Circuit, Kallangur
• WHEN : 24th October - 28th November 2016
  Monday mornings - 10am until 12.30pm
• COST: Gold coin donation each session.

For more information please contact Carole at Encircle on 38890063

CIRCLE OF SECURITY for Parents, Caregivers and Grandparents

Relationship based intervention designed to change children’s behaviour through changes in caregiver’s behaviour.

• Start date: 16/09/2016 (Friday)
  Duration: 8 weeks (weekly sessions)
• Time: 9:00am-10:00am
• Address: Morayfield Psychology Centre
  Unit 5, 5 Poinciana St, Caboolture South
• Cost: Free

Bookings are required.
Please contact us on 07 5495 6668 or Email admin@morayfieldpsychology.com

Leanne Harvey  
Guidance Officer

P&C NEWS

Next General Meeting  
Wednesday 26 October 2016  
6:30pm

ALL Parents/caregiver welcome

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

LOST PROPERTY

We have a large amount of lost property at the moment, 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

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.

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 3881 4739.

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

Orientation Day Year 7 (2017)

Monday 28 November
From this week, we will be taking appointments for (future) students and their parents to come in on the Orientation day, Monday 28 November, and try on uniforms and make purchases. Appointments will be taken from 8:30am to 2:00pm.

Please phone Lauren on 3881 4739, to make your appointment.

Parents are welcome to come into the Uniform shop during opening hours prior to this date.

YEAR 7 (2017) ENROLMENT AND ORIENTATION DAY

ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS
The enrolment process for Year 7 students beginning in 2017 is well underway. If parents/caregivers have not already done so, they should contact our Enrolment Officer, Mrs Bec Watson, phone 3881 4720, to make an appointment day and time. Mrs Watson is available 7:30am to 3:00pm each day.

ORIENTATION DAY
All Year 7 students beginning at Pine Rivers State High School are invited to attend an Orientation Day on Monday 28 November. This will be instead of their attending their current primary school. Further information will be sent home to parents closer to the time.

All Year 6s at tend an orientation at their chosen high school on this day. Our uniform shop will be open on orientation day. Please see Uniform shop article regarding making appointments.

IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 4

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Thank you to those parents and caregivers who attended the Information Evening. I hope we managed to answer all your questions. If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like further details, please feel free to contact me (details below).

Last term I started distributing letters outlining the payment of the $400 deposit for the trip, as well as the Consent and Behaviour Contracts and optional Insurance Forms. If you have not yet received these, please send your student to see me ASAP so we can include them in our numbers. To secure accommodation and transport during this peak skiing time, we must send a deposit to our suppliers before the end of the year. This means we need to collect these payments by early this term (Week 2, 14 October). This deposit becomes non-refundable unless another suitable student can be found to take that place.

**Current details of the trip are outlined below.**

**WHEN:** Saturday 1 July to Saturday 8 July 2017

**WHERE:** Snowy Mountains. We stay in Jindabyne and ski and snowboard at Perisher Resort.

**WHO:** students in Years 10, 11 and 12 next year (currently year 9, 10, 11) with a suitable behaviour record

past students who have attended the trip (as mentors, with the same expectations as the students)

teachers and their families

**STAFF:** Ms Handfield, Mr Hammond, Ms Beasley, Mr Manwaring (all experienced skiers)

**WHAT:** Each day, Perisher Snow Sports School instructors will teach students skiing/boarding skills.

At night, we meet up to tell stories of our day’s snow adventures.

**COST:** 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.

Next year, I will send reminders for a series of three, monthly payments of around $500 will be required to complete payments by the end of March. These are minimum payments; you can pay in instalments as long as we have the required total by the due dates. Also, as this is a non-curriculum trip, all outstanding payments must be settled by the final due date.

**Interested?**

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

- Ms Handfield (Science staffroom) on 3881 4756 or ahand3@eq.edu.au, or
- Mr Hammond (Library staffroom) 3881 4770 or rhamm4@eq.edu.au

**COMMUNITY NOTICE - PINE RIVERS STATE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2006**

We are welcoming all graduating students of ’06 along with teachers/staff members who wish to join.

**To be held at a Fortitude Valley venue on Saturday 22nd October from 6-10pm!!**

Tickets - $75 each include assorted platters served on the night and a 2 hour beverage package - house red, white and sparkling wine, all beers on tap in the bar and direct pour cocktails (we are needing a minimum 75 attendees! Otherwise monies will be refunded in full)Partners are more than welcome and are encouraged to attend to bring up the minimum numbers.

If you are interested please contact Bec through email - prshsreunion2016@gmail.com and we will get the ticket purchase details to you ASAP.