FROM THE PRINCIPAL - SCHOOL FEES

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Just a reminder that all school fees should now be paid. Payment schedules are expected to have been completed by the start of term 4.

I would like to sincerely thank those families who have honoured their undertaking to our School's Resource Scheme. The resources purchased through this scheme are available to families who have signed the agreement to participate in this voluntary scheme. Participation in this scheme greatly reduces the financial burden on parents.

The scheme is voluntary. If you do not wish to participate in the scheme we will supply you with the list of resources, including photocopying, text books, computer software, consumables, reference books, subsidised travel costs for excursions and sport and subject specific resources for your child's subject choices. I can assure you it will be significantly greater than the $230 per year in 2016.

It is not acceptable to sign an undertaking for the scheme, enjoy all of the resources from the scheme and then not meet your financial obligations. It is my responsibility to manage the scheme on behalf of the P & C Association and ensure equity amongst the families of our school.

There are a few families who are not only un-financial for 2016 but also have debt from previous years. Unfortunately enough is enough. Can I assure all families that the school takes into consideration any issues around financial hardship. We have a number of families who have sat down with us and mapped out a plan moving forward. Genuine families always meet their negotiated obligations.

What is not fair, are families who bring this up as an excuse when challenged to pay or see their own child miss out on opportunities because of their financial situation. In fact families who use the hardship explanation after being challenged are very hard to believe.
So my request is for families to pay immediately what is owed to the school. If you wish to discuss individual situations please make a face to face appointment with our Business Services Manager, Michael Sparks.

Unfortunately I will be faced in making some very hard choices in the near future on how we ensure all families pay what is needed to continue to provide the necessary resources for the school community.

John Schuh

VALEDICTORY CEREMONY AND SENIOR FORMAL 2016

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INFORMATION for PARENTS/CAREGIVERS of YEAR 12 STUDENTS

The Year 12 Valedictory & Senior Formal ceremonies are two important and exciting events that will take place on Friday 18 November 2016. We hope that you will be able to attend these events to be a part of the celebrations of the end of your student’s formal schooling. This letter outlines the details of these two events and the significant differences between them. Those less familiar with PRSHS culture and the traditions associated with these events can be assured that every effort is made to make them dignified and memorable occasions – staff, students and family celebrating together the memories and achievements of the 2016 Pine Rivers State High School Seniors.

VALEDICTORY CEREMONY

Date/Venue
Friday 18 November/ Pine Rivers State High School Assembly Hall

Time
Seated by 8.40 am, concluding approx 11:15 (Year 12 students leave after the ceremony)

Format
Formal presentation assembly led by 2016 Student Leaders to present all students with a Valedictory Certificate on stage. Excellence, Merit and Service Awards will be presented to individual students,

Student Leaders for 2017 will be announced.

Students
All Year 12 students are present in full formal uniform.

Invited Guests
Parents/caregivers and other family of Year 12 students. Due to seating constraints, we have had to limit the number of guests to the Valedictory. Unfortunately, due to workplace health and safety requirements, our assembly hall can only seat 950 people. We have approximately 195 Year 12 students.

We have had to limit guests to 4 per Year 12 student. Not all students will require their 4 tickets and these extra tickets will be returned for distribution to other families. Due to these restrictions, entry will only be permitted on the day with a ticket.
Siblings of Year 12 students who attend Pine Rivers State High School can attend as part of your 4 invited guests.

SENIOR FORMAL

**Date**
Friday 18 November 2016

**Time**
Arrival from 6:00pm, seated by 7:00pm, concludes at 11:30pm.

**Venue**
The Greek Club and Convention Centre, 29 Edmondstone St, South Brisbane

**Cost**
$100 per head (to be purchased by Friday 4 November, once an invitation is issued)

**Format**
This formal event is an opportunity to acknowledge students receiving Senior Graduation Awards, including Senior Dux and to celebrate the end of twelve years of education with dinner and dancing. Professional photographers will be present throughout the night for you to capture the memories. (Details of how to view and purchase photos will be provided on the night.)

**Students**
All eligible* (invited) Year 12 students in formal evening wear. (*see below for eligibility criteria)

**Invited Guests**
Due to space constraints, the invitation is only for your son/daughter and a maximum of two (2) parents/caregivers.

The details outlined in this note will continue to be discussed and advertised in FORM and Year Level Assemblies. Please also keep reminding your student of their responsibility to meet deadlines. Thank you for your support over the years and I look forward to seeing you at these exciting events. Please contact me if you have any queries or concerns.

Anne Bonaccorso
Year 12 Co-ordinator
Phone 3881 4729
abona15@eq.edu.au

SENIOR FORMAL ELIGIBILITY and DEADLINES

**Eligibility**
To be eligible to attend the formal, students will receive an invitation once all school commitments have been met. These commitments include:

- **Attendance** – in line with our attendance policy (absences are explained)
- **Class work** – all assessment completed, appropriate attendance and behaviour
- **Resources** – Bookshop (School resource scheme) and library resources returned
- **Community Service** - no outstanding community service (Year 12 YLC) or detentions
- **No unresolved issues** – determined by Principal, Year 12 Deputy, Year 12 YLC, HOD Student Welfare, etc

Students have been made aware of these requirements throughout the year during FORM and Year Level Assemblies. Students who are initially ineligible for the formal will be provided with specific information so they can work to resolve issues preventing them from attending and become eligible.

Important Deadlines
Deadlines below will be strictly adhered to as final numbers and seating allocation is required by the venue on 4 November. If your student fails to meet these deadlines, they will not be able to attend the formal.

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Meet our new SCHOOL NURSE
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My name is Lauren Dingle, I am the new School Based Youth Health Nurse at Pine Rivers State High School. My role at the school includes providing students with individual health consultations and participating in health education classes and health promotion activities.

I am at the school Monday to Thursday. If you have any queries or concerns about your child, you can contact me on the school number on these days.

Lauren Dingle Phone (07) 3881 4709

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CONGRATULATIONS TO SPEEDING MISSILE
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FinSCHOOLS STATE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our FinSchools Team, Speeding Missile, who took out the Queensland state championship in their class, Junior Professional, last week in Toowoomba. The competition was held at the University of Southern Queensland Toowoomba Campus. The team represented the school extremely well, as they were judged on various elements including Engineering, Team Marketing & Sponsorship, Verbal Presentation and race times.
The team includes:-

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<td>Rowan Eastwick</td>
<td>Technical Engineer</td>
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<td>Joshua Wilton</td>
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<td>Katrina Young</td>
<td>Manufacturing Engineer</td>
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<td>Jayden Sheeran</td>
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The team won the following awards:-

- Champion Team
- Grand Prix Race
- Knockout Champions
- Best Graphic Design
- Best Team Marketing
- Fastest lap
- Best Reaction time

The team wishes to thank, fellow student, Leah Slim, who travelled with the team as mentor and assisted them throughout the challenge.

Thanks also go to their Coaches/Teachers, Carmela Watts and Rod Cronin.

The team could not have been successful without their sponsors, whose support, allowed the team to travel and compete:-

- Bob Jane T-Mart
- Breakthrough Energy
- Adsignz
- Snap Printing

The team now have the opportunity to attend the *FinSchools* National Finals, to be held early in 2017.

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**IGNITE 2017 PROGRAM LAUNCH**

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Wednesday 19 October from 4:30pm
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PUBLISHED AUTHORS
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Congratulations to six of our Year 12 students who have become published authors in a short story anthology entitled “Redemption”.

This publication, sponsored by The Writers’ Anthology Group and Peter Campbell Realty, contains stories by accomplished authors inspired by the theme “Redemption”.

High school students in the region were invited to participate in the Literary Awards competition, with the winning students having their stories included in this anthology. All of our students received an award and were selected to become published authors. This is a wonderful achievement, with the editors making special mention of the outstanding quality of their writing.

Each of the students received a medal, a cash prize and a copy of last year’s anthology. They will also receive a copy “Redemption” when it is released in 2017. A copy will be acquired for the school library; you may purchase your own copy from ben@bananabooks@gmail.com

We thank Peter Campbell Realty and WAG for their continued support of writers and for presenting the awards at our Assembly.

Our authors are:

- Tyleigh Collins – Innovation Award
- Nick Thomas – Imagination Award
- Lucy Pilgrim – Encouragement Award
- Tylah Jackowski – Encouragement Award
YEAR 7 UNDERWATER WORLD EXCURSION
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In Week 5 the Year 7 Science classes will be travelling to Underwater World as part of their Ecology unit.

Details of the excursion are outlined below.

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Payments and permission slips were due at the end of last term but we have accepted payments up until the end of last week. If you missed this opportunity, please finalise payment of $32.50 to the Office Payments Counter as soon as possible. This can be done over the phone with a credit or Visa debit card. Other outstanding money will also need to be paid at this time. Excursion numbers need to be finalised with Underwater World this week so they can
Term 4 has started with a bang for Dance students! On Friday 7 October our Dance Squads represented the school at the annual Murrumba Dance Challenge held at Clontarf. The Senior students, under the guidance of Miss Grant, took to the stage with a spectacular contemporary piece entitled ‘Bitter Earth’ which showcased the absolute strength, amazing control, and beautiful style of our Year 10-12 students. The Junior Squad students, under the guidance of Mrs White, presented a more upbeat and playful contemporary work in ‘Geronimo’ which put a smile on many faces. The squad members represented the school with pride, and were recognised with Certificates of Excellence in many of the available categories.

This was then followed last Wednesday by the pinnacle of our Dance year – Euphoria Dance Night 2016. Dance Night is a showcase featuring performances of classroom work from throughout the year, the pieces created by and for our Junior and Senior Dance Squads, and student choreographed works across a number of genres. It also featured a past student piece which highlights the amazing connections formed within ‘The Pine’ Dance community.

A huge congratulations to all of our performers and choreographers. For a large group this was their first Dance Night and we hope that the experience has allowed them to develop their confidence, skills, and a love of the performance aspects of Dance. A special mention to our Year 12 students, who in their last Dance Night continued to amaze us with their passion and dedication, and whose impact will be felt for a long time to come. A special congratulations to our well-deserved Squad Members of the Year, Jayde Masters (Senior) and Rachel Barnes (Junior).

As usual, nights like this don’t happen without the support of our greater Pine community. The fabulous audience made up of friends, family, past students and teaching staff made every dancer feel appreciated. The creator of the beautiful advertising materials and videos, past student Jaidyn Griffin, certainly inspired the performers to rise to the challenge. The Sound and Lighting crew helped to bring the night to life, and as always the Performing Arts Staff and Practicum Teachers ensured support was available wherever needed. Finally, kudos and congratulations to Dance teachers, Tanya Grant and Amanda White. Dance Night is a result of tireless efforts throughout the year, and the high standard and wide range of work being produced certainly showcased this.

Congratulations all on a job well done!

Tanya Grant  
Dance Teacher
DON'T MISS THE EXCELSIOR BAND PERFORMING AT THE PINE
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Pine Rivers State High School presents...

Instrumental Music End of Year Concert 2016

Tuesday 25th October 6:30pm
Pine Auditorium

with special guests

eXcelsior Band

2016 National Australian Brass Brand Champions

YEAR 11 STUDENT TAJ REPRESENTS QUEENSLAND AT NATIONALS
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Congratulations Taj Gieskens on becoming an Australian National Champion for the second time in 2016
During the September school holidays, Taj and his U16 Queensland Football (the round one) Team travelled down to NSW to compete in the CFFA (Christian Football Federation Australia) annual championships and WON!

Taj won his place in this team as an attacking right back, being selected at the Queensland State Titles back in April, where his representative North Brisbane team also made the final against the Sunshine Coast North team. Taj normally plays centre back and is the team captain of the Rivers Baptist U16 Division 1 team playing in the Queensland Christian Soccer Association competition.

Many of the boys who play in this league also play in federation teams, train 4 times a week and play twice on the weekends. Taj having been in the World Championship winning Wombat Warriors 4x4 team, had to juggle his 4x4 commitments with his football training commitments, and Year 11 school assessment commitments. A significant amount of dedication and energy was required and the rewards certainly look like they have been worth it.

Taj as one of the experienced returning players from 2015 for this team, this year taking a leadership role in guiding the team to its first win in this age group in 4 years. Last year they painfully got knocked out of the finals despite being undefeated in the round robin stages.

The competition runs across 4 physically draining days that has the teams playing up to 3 or even 4 games a day. There are a number of divisions, U14 boys, U16 boys/ladies, U18 mens, U23 mens, Open Ladies/Men. Taj’s U16 team also looked to be going undefeated in 2016 again, beating – NSW City 2-1, South Australia 1-0, Victoria 2-0 and a draw against Coastal NSW 0-0. This set up a mouth-watering top of the table clash against a very big and physical New Zealand side.

The NZ team came out very fired up and with the support of all the other U16 teams across the competition they out chewed the QLD supporters and had a big 2-0 win. This had the NZ team finish the top of the table and our QLD boys heading back to their accommodation thinking hard on how they could bounce back in the Grand Final the following morning.

The boys according to Taj “had a few meetings, discussed what we needed to do and then went out and did it” – sounds simple really, but the on field display of soccer was very high, with pin point passes and fast running with our QLD boys going into the half time break 2-0 up. NZ fought back in the second half to come back to 2-1, but our boys held on in a nail biter of a finish to become National Champions and win the coveted “Jerry” trophy. Well done to Taj and his team.
Tertiary Preparation Pathway (2016) for Year 12 through University of Southern QLD

An alternative pathway for Year 12 students who are OP ineligible or concerned that their OP score may not grant them entrance into university.

The program runs over third semester and includes a two week on campus intensive (28 November – 9 December 2016 OR 9 January – 20 January 2017). Accommodation option is available at the Toowoomba campus. Examinations are in February 2017.

For more information call: 1800 803 781

University Scholarships

Applications for students commencing University study in 2017 close soon. Please check you’re your relevant tertiary institute for specific closing dates.

It is highly recommend you apply for as many scholarships as you can. QUT reports many scholarships are not presented because students do not apply.

Day for Daniel

The Youth Development Foundation is happy to announce that they will be holding a Morning Tea on ‘Day for Daniel’. There will be raffles, lucky door prizes and lots of other fun activities to help raise funds for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

WHEN: 9:30am Friday 28 October 2016

WHERE: Unit 10, 27 Southpine Road, Brendale

RSVP: Monday 24 October 2016

EMAIL: admin@ydf.org.au
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
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Year 7 Orientation Day is being held on Monday 28 November. The uniform shop will be open from 8:30am to 1:30pm. Appointments preferred.

**IMPORTANT**

As you may be aware, our Year 7 students have a new sport shirt which is compulsory. Year 8 and 9 students have the option to also purchase this shirt if they desire. Although it is preferred that all junior school wear the new sport shirt, it is only compulsory for our new Year 7 students. By 2019, all of our junior school students will be wearing this shirt. Senior school students will continue to wear the all green sport shirt.

The uniform shop will be open the last week of Term 4 for those really organised families wanting to purchase items for the new year. We will be open from Monday 5 December – Thursday 8 December. Hours will be 8:15am - 2:00pm. **Appointments preferred to avoid lengthy waiting times.**

We still have a large amount of lost property. See Mrs Saville during opening hours. Please also ensure that your school items are labelled clearly with your student’s first and last name. We won’t be able to get your lost property back to you with initials or first name only.

Please call the uniform shop on phone 3861 4793 should you have any questions.

Until next time........

Lauren Saville
Uniform Convenor

PINE RIVERS STATE HIGH SCHOOL SNOW TRIP, 2017
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DEPOSIT AND INITIAL PAPERWORK DUE NOW!
Thank you to those families who have already returned Consent and Behaviour Contract and paid the $400 deposit. **This was due last week.** If your son or daughter is planning to be a part of next year’s trip, please return the Consent and Behaviour Contract and pay the deposit to the office as soon as possible so he or she can be included in our numbers. I will need to secure our accommodation and transport during this term, so would appreciate this being settled promptly. If you cannot make the full payment straight away, please contact me to see if we can negotiate a viable alternative.

If you still have general questions or concerns, or have not received the information, please contact me via phone or email (detail below).

**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/snowboarders)

**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 more or less at a time, 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

FOR SALE - BY TENDER - TRACTOR
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Pine Rivers State High School has a 2009 Kubota T2080 Ride-On Mower, surplus to the school’s requirements, for sale by tender. The mower will need mechanical repairs and is sold as is.

Viewing time is Wednesday 19 October and Thursday 20 October 2016, by appointment.

Tender documents need to be submitted by Wednesday 26 October 2016.

For further information and to receive a tender document please contact the Business Services Manager on phone 3881 4750 or 3881 4700.

Michael Sparks Business Services Manager

Community Notice - Brighton Roosters Junior Rugby League Club Inc.
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Brighton Roosters Junior Rugby League Club Inc.
PO BOX 67, SANDGATE, QLD, 4017 • TELEPHONE: (07) 3269 1234 FAX (07) 3869 1098
GROUNDS: Corner STANLEY TERRACE & 10th AVENUE, BRIGHTON
ABN: 99 083 686 968
President: DESLIE STAINES 0448800430
EMAIL: roosters @bytesite.com.au
ATTENTION FAMILIES AND PLAYERS

- Brighton Roosters are looking for players for the season in 2017. Sign on Day is early February 2017.
- Brighton Roosters are a small family football club. We welcome existing players back and new players to join our team of all ages.
- We are looking for players for our under 15s team of 2017.
- Our Under 15 team is currently needing more players to come and join us so if you are 15 between January and December in 2017 and interested in playing football come along and have a chat to our Club president Desile. You do not need to have played football before so come and give it a go.
- We start pre season training in about November and we also have organize a meeting in mid October to meet some new talent and to answer any questions you all have about the upcoming season in 2017.
- If you are interested in attending the meeting please contact Cassandra white on 0415339793. The meeting is more for the Under 15 of 2017 but anyone can attend.
- Please feel free to contact me any time or the club president.
- Hope to see many new faces for the Season of 2017.

Cassandra White