WELCOME FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, JOHN SCHUH

A warm welcome to all of our returning students and their families for the start of the 2016 school year. A special welcome to all of the students and their families joining the Pine Rivers State High School community for the very first time. We are very confident you will find your experiences at our school very rewarding and very quickly recognise our quality school culture that nurtures pride and loyalty amongst all of our past and present students.

2015 was an outstanding year for student learning outcomes. Simply our students attained our best NAPLAN, OP, QCE, Vocational results in the school’s proud history. This year we have 243 Year 7 students within a total cohort of 1250 students.

My focus for our staff in 2016 is “Growth and Development through Collegiality”. Through a network of learning communities and feedback loops staff are encouraged to become the best teachers possible by embracing research and sharing best practice amongst their colleagues.

For students our focus is threefold:-

1. "Be Ready to Learn.”
   a. Always bring the right equipment and attitude to each and every class.

2. "Make Every Day Count”
   a. Consistent attendance ensures quality results. Greater than 90% attendance is our 2016 target for every student.

3. "Deeper Learning“
   a. Accept the challenge through persistence and resilience to solve problems that will require creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration with others.

In our 2016 commencement parades I have conveyed several important messages to our students. In summary:-

1. After the tragedies of coward punches during the Christmas break I reminded students that one punch can kill. Regardless how offended, frustrated or angry you may become with another human being it is never ok to punch them. Students who choose to physically assault another student will be dealt with swiftly and harshly. I encourage parents of students who may be subjected to a physical assault anytime during their lives, should press charges. If a young person faces consequences early it may avoid serious heartache later in life.

2. Students being bullied or harassed must tell a staff member. If you are not satisfied that anything was done then go and tell another staff member. If you are ever concerned on telling on someone approach the conversation as a person seeking advice to solve a problem. I often have students who approach me asking for advice about a relationship with another student.

3. The possessing, using or dealing in illegal drugs at any time will result in immediate police involvement and exclusion from Pine Rivers State High School.

4. Students are not to bring skateboards or scooters to school. Bike riders must wear helmets and secure their bikes in the bike racks.

5. Our uniform, jewellery, attendance and mobile phone policies will be enforced.

6. I will never tolerate my staff being abused or threatened by a student or a parent.

7. BYO computer devices are here to stay. Information is available on our website, https://pineriversshs.eq.edu.au/Calendarandnews/News/Pages/BYOD.aspx

8. Please encourage your families to attend information evenings. This ensures a child does not miss out on an activity or program.

9. Your behaviours are my problem to school, during school and on your way home. As ambassadors of our school be polite and respectful to everyone you meet. You never know one day that person may be sitting across a table contemplating giving you a job.

10. If you are not prepared to join our Resource Hire Scheme for 2016, (which involved clearing previous debt) please purchase your own resources quickly so you don’t fall behind in your classes.

At Pine Rivers State High School we all feel very privileged to be part of this community. We trust that by working together we can solve most problems that may impact on your child’s learning. By modelling respectful communications we can set the appropriate standards required for our students to become active and successful citizens.

John Schuh
PRINCIPAL
AN INTRODUCTION TO OUR NEW DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Leanne Matheson
I have always been delighted at the prospect of a new day, a fresh try, one more start, with perhaps a bit of magic waiting somewhere behind the morning. -J. B. Priestly
I would like to thank the Pine Rivers Community for welcoming me into the school with such positive and warm wishes. I have taken on the role of Deputy Principal Curriculum for 2016 and look forward to the challenges that the role offers.
Previously I was at North Lakes State College, working across the Prep to Year 12 in a variety of roles. Before that, I was at Brisbane State High School.
My reflections on the past week have been wonderful as I already feel part of the ‘furniture.’ The students have been welcoming and while out and about on Play Ground duty, they already great me with a smile. I do feel blessed to have been so warmly welcomed.
Often we get a little narrow in our thinking and it is reinvigorating to be exposed to such innovative and collegial learning that appears to be occurring at Pine Rivers. The staff have supported my transition to Pine Rivers State High School by sharing their knowledge with me.
I look forward to a rewarding 2016 with both the students and learning community of Pine Rivers so together we can find a little magic together.

Luke Ferdinands
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL, CURRICULUM
My name is Luke Ferdinands, one of your new Deputies for 2016. I am very much looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible in person over the coming semester, and am excited about continuing the great work that is already happening here at Pine Rivers State High School. I have had the opportunity to meet with a number of our staff and students over the last couple of weeks and everyone has made me feel very welcome. This is a great reflection of the positive sense of community that I have been told exists within this school and highlights the pride that I have already witnessed from staff and students.
My teaching career began in Chinchilla where I taught for five years before returning to Brisbane to work at Aspley State High School for another two. From there I moved to Ferny Grove State High School where I was the Head of Department - Design Technology for eight years. I have taught in the curriculum areas of Design Technology and Graphics and have been actively involved in developing junior and senior curriculum through my involvement with the QCAA. My key areas of interest are in the development of a STEAM focused curriculum and to ensure that all students are achieving to their full potential.
Last week saw the new crop of students beginning their journey at Pine Rivers. I have been lucky enough to meet many of our new students and they have told me positive stories about their first few days in our school. It is really encouraging to see students enjoying themselves and being genuinely excited about coming to school every day. I also met a number of our Junior Leaders and what an impressive group of students they are! I can already tell that they will make a big impact on this year for the rest of our junior secondary students.
It is a real honour and an exciting opportunity for me to be here as your Deputy Principal and I am looking forward to the great things that we will achieve together at Pine Rivers.

Luke Ferdinands
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL, JUNIOR SECONDARY

SENIOR INFORMATION NIGHT FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 10/11/12 STUDENTS

Parents of our Year 10, 11 and 12 students are invited to attend an information evening to find out about the various processes involved in the Senior Phase of Learning. The evening will address the following topics:-
- QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education)
- OP Overall Position (Getting the best results)
- The QCS (Queensland Core Skills) Test
- Vocational Education and Training
- ACCESS
- Senior Expectations and Responsibilities
- Post Schooling Pathways
  - University – ways into the system
  - TAFE
  - Apprenticeships and Traineeships
- GenR8 Program

Wednesday 17 February 2016
6:00pm – 7:30pm
Auditorium (entered via Gympie Road)
Pine Rivers State High School

For further information please contact, Carol Brodie, HOD Senior Schooling on phone 38814714 or email cbrod2@eq.edu.au.

2016 INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Inter-house Swimming Carnival for 2016 will again be conducted in two stages. The Senior Carnival took place today, Monday 8 February, during periods 2 to 4. The Junior Secondary Carnival will take place tomorrow, Tuesday 9 February, from period 2 to 4. In both instances swimmers will attend FORM class and period 1 classes on the day, prior to reporting to the Swimming Pool.

The House competition will be conducted between the 2 School Sport Houses PINE (Panthers) of House Colour Green and RIVERS (Rhinos) of House Colour Gold.

The carnival caters for everyone. Good swimmers have the opportunity to compete in 50m Championship Events. Average swimmers can participate in the 25m Participation Events. All swimmers will receive points for their house every time they swim. Everyone is encouraged to “Have a Go!”

The Junior Secondary Carnival will involve all Year 7 students with swimmers only from Year 8s and 9s. The Senior Carnival will involve Year 10, 11 and 12 swimmers only. It is a school day and attendance at school is compulsory. ALL students
not swimming will attend their normal classes. **ALL students will attend class in period 1.** Students MUST wear their sports uniform to school, and MUST leave the school to travel home in their sports uniform also. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours on the day and may change into appropriate colours at school. No clothing of any other colour is acceptable. If students do not have appropriate clothing of the correct colour, they are to wear their sports uniform only.

At this time of year, students are required to pay particular attention to their sun safety. Shade is provided on both sides of the pool, but it is important for all students to wear hats and shirts with sleeves (in house colours of course), apply sunscreen regularly and bring a water bottle. Food and cold drinks will be available for purchase from the stalls provided. Students will not be allowed to exit the pool area to access the tuckshop.

Long Distance Swimming Events will be notified in Student Daily Announcements. 200m (Girls) All ages and 200m (Boys) All Ages were held last Friday, 5 February. All students who qualify will be participating in the District Swimming Carnival which will be held Lawnton Swimming Pool on Wednesday 17 February. These students will receive a letter to take home to parents/caregivers in order to receive permission to participate.

**PINE RIVERS STATE HIGH SCHOOL SPORT 2016**

Here at Pine Rivers State High School students will have many opportunities to play sport.

- **Interschool sports** that are offered are:-
  - Futsal, Touch, Volleyball, Basketball, Netball, Rugby League
  - Trials will be running for each of these sports from weeks 1-3

- Our **swimming carnival** is on today for Seniors and tomorrow, Tuesday for Juniors
- Come dressed in your house colours. Surname A-L = Green for Pine, Surname M-Z = Yellow for Rivers and be a part of the carnival. You will have the opportunity to swim in championship (50m) and fun participation (25m) events.

**Bucket hats** are a compulsory part of our uniform and can be purchased from the uniform shop for $12. **Met North Trials** and information can found in the sports hall display window or on the website below:- www.pineriverssport.qld.edu.au/

**Year 7 Students Welcome BBQ**

**Venue:** Pool and Top Oval

**Drop off and Pick Up Point for all students:**

Gympie Rd, Pool Entrance

We invite all Year 7 students to attend the Welcome BBQ, where students will have the opportunity to get to know their QIP Leaders, teachers and class mates in a fun and relaxed afternoon of team building activities.

**Year 7 Parent Welcome Evening**

**Venue:** Assembly Hall

We invite all Parents and Care Givers of Year 7 students to attend our Welcome Evening where you will have the opportunity to meet your student’s Form and POD teachers. Additionally there will be staff to chat with you about concerns with BYOD, Guidance, Student Resource Hire and Student Support.

**YEAR LEVEL CO ORDINATORS**

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.

**Year 7**

- **Mr Carl Weller** Phone:- 3881 4701
  Email:- cweller10@eq.edu.au
- **Ms Trish Keenan** Phone:- 3881 4701
  Email:- tkeen5@eq.edu.au
- **Mr Charlie Rodger** Phone:- 3881 4759
  Email:- crodt32@eq.edu.au

**Head of Department Junior Secondary**

- **Ms Helen Beasley** Phone:- 3881 4793
  Email: hbeas1@eq.edu.au

**IMMUNISATIONS**

This year Moreton Bay Regional Council is providing **free vaccinations for all Year 7 and 8 students on 23 March, 8 June and 26 October** (a series of injections) as part of the Queensland Health’s annual School Based Vaccination Program. These students are being offered vaccinations to protect against Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination, Chicken Pox (Varicella), and diphtheria-tetanus-whooping cough (Boostrix).

A consent form for each vaccination offered was given to your child on Friday 29 January. Please read the information carefully, sign the consent form, noting consent or non-consent, and return the consent form to the office as soon as possible.

The vaccinations will be conducted by a team of specially trained Registered Nurses. Please encourage your child to have breakfast on the morning of the vaccinations and ensure that they bring adequate water to drink following. If there is concern regarding nervousness of your child prior to vaccination please ring the council on 3205 0555 and ask to speak to the Immunisation team. It can be arranged that they are vaccinated before the Immunisation clinic starts should this be suitable.

For more information about diseases, vaccines or the School Based Vaccination Program, visit:- https://www.health.qld.gov.au/public-health/schools/default.asp, or call Moreton Bay Regional Council on phone 3205 0555.
The School Based Youth Health Nurse Program
The Youth Health Nurse works with young people, school staff and parents to:
• Promote health and wellbeing
• Create a supportive, healthy school environment
• Connect people with other support services
The Youth Health Nurse can provide health and wellbeing information about:-
• Health concerns
• Relationships
• Sexual health
• Mental health
• Puberty
• Risk taking
• Healthy eating, exercise, weight and eating problems
• Or anything that affects health and wellbeing
Confidentiality
Young people have a right to confidentiality when accessing health services. As a health service provider, the Youth Health Nurse respects this, but there are some things which the nurse must refer, or act upon, such as information that puts a young person’s safety at risk.

Nerissa Baker
Youth Health Nurse – a member of the Support Services team at Pine Rivers State High School.

Available on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY

Queensland School Photography
“Putting a smile on every face”

Queensland Photography will be taking our school photographs Friday 12 February.

Students should wear their FORMAL school uniform.

To ensure a smooth running day, please note that all orders are pre-paid and they kindly ask that you hand your correct payment envelope to THE PHOTOGRAPHERS ON the day.

Follow these steps to order:-
1. Complete student details on the order envelope – one envelope for each student.
2. You may pay by cash, cheque, or online. If you have two or more children attending you may include the payment in one envelope. Please note clearly on the outside of all envelopes that you have paid in one envelope.
3. Online Orders – visit www.qldschoolphotography.com.au to order. Reference number must be recorded on envelope and handed to photographers.
4. Cheques are to be made payable to Queensland School Photography Pty Ltd with your name, address and phone number written on the back.
5. Tick the box for the package required.
6. Enclose the correct payment (change cannot be given)
7. Each student is to hand their individual envelope to the photographer.
8. Parents wanting to have their children photographed together please collect a family envelope from the school administration and bring the completed envelope along with your children to Auditorium from 11:15am till 11:45am (Morning Tea). Please note If you are ordering sibling photos online, Online sibling payments will be closed off at 4pm the day before photography.

If for any reason you are not satisfied with the photos taken of your child Queensland School Photography will provide a full refund.

Queensland School Photography will accept late orders for individual and group photographs, a late fee to cover postage and handling will apply.

If you have any questions, or wish to place a late group order please feel free to contact Queensland School Photography customer service department on 07 3216 6777.

Queensland School Photography Pty Ltd

FROM THE MATHS DEPARTMENT

Maths Tutoring
In 2016, the Maths department is again offering free after school tutoring for interested students. Currently we are offering the tutoring sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday’s. The sessions start at 3:00 pm in G06 and go until 4:00 pm. Interested students need only show up with their questions and a positive attitude.

Private Maths Tutors
We have a number of past students and current Senior students who offer private tutoring. The Maths department can organize these for students if interested, the cost is negotiated with the tutor and family.

G Block Locker Hire
Students interested in hiring a locker in G block need to see Ms Pap for an application form in the Maths Department staffroom.

Peter Jaunais
HOD Mathematics

PRIMA MEETING
Pine Rivers Instrumental Music Association (PRIMA)
Tuesday 16 February

A special welcome to our new parents. Parents of new and continuing Instrumental Music students are invited to join the school’s Parent Music Committee PRIMA. The objective of this group is to raise funds for musical instruments and related instrumental music activities, as well as providing support for students in the program, paying tribute in an end of year farewell dinner for graduating students. The contribution by parents is a highly valued one. Meetings are held each third Tuesday of the Month at 6:30pm usually off campus with the first meeting to be held in the School
Common Room (Admin Block). Our first meeting is on 16 February. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible in what is shaping up to be a most exciting year musically especially for our younger musicians. The following month March will be the AGM meeting. For further information, please contact Performing Arts on phone 3881 4764.

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CAMP OPENS THE YEAR ON A HIGH NOTE**

Instrumental Music students began the new school year with a music weekend camp. The focus of this camp was music making and teamwork. It was well attended and provided an excellent opportunity for the new students, our Year 7s to enter the music program and get to know other students. We welcome our new band conductor, Mr Sam Denning, to the school's instrumental music program following Mr Gott’s retirement. He is joined by Mr Bruce Hamlin in percussion and Ms Leanne Cahill on strings. We congratulate Music Captains Kasey Arkell, Emily Waltisbuhl and Henry Jarvela for their leadership during the day camps. Students performed a diverse repertoire designed to enhance the musicianship skills of our brass, woodwind and percussion sections in a Saturday Finale Concert. Congratulations students in making such a great start to the year in music. Strings will have their workshop on Tuesday 16 February periods 1-2.

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM**

All Instrumental Music students will now have their allocated timetable per term. Please keep these at home (eg side of fridge). The Instrumental Music program caters for brass, woodwind, strings and percussion. Music conductors Mr Denning, Mr Hamlin and Ms Cahill can be contacted on 38814761 in Music Block. We welcome Ms Rhonda Jago to the team as our 2016 Instrumental Music Coordinator on 38814764 in Performing Arts staffroom.

**BAND REHEARSAL**

- Percussion Ensemble: Monday 7.30am
- String Ensemble: 7.30am Tuesday
- Concert Band: 7.30am Wednesday
- Stage Band: to begin term 2

Student music timetables on a rostered basis have now be distributed, as well as Music Handbooks, Email Contact Lists and Calendar of Events for parents. If more copies are desired, these can be obtained from the Perf Arts Department or Music Block.

**PINE RIVERS STATE HIGH SCHOOL presents**

**THE MUSICAL SPECTACULAR FOR 2016**

April 27, 29, 30
Graham Sprott Assembly Hall

*Little Shop of Horrors* promises to belt out a show stopping production. Auditions and rehearsals have begun, so make a date on your calendar. First all day Sunday rehearsal is 28 February 10am-4pm.

**School Enquiries** – Performing Arts Dept Phone 38814764

**LIVE PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY - ALL STUDENTS**

Students in all year levels have the opportunity to see a live performance - Romeo and Juliet Vs The World! Suitable for students in Years 7 to 12, Grin and Tonic’s fun and modern interpretation is based on the classic text. Attendance is only $8. Friday 26 February - Period 3 - in the Auditorium, T Block. Students can collect a permission note from their Form roll, or from outside the Performing Arts staffroom, J Block.

**Ms Doyle**

**The Arts**

**2015 PRISM MAGAZINE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM SCHOOL CASHIER**

Due to a high demand for more than one copy of the School magazine, PRISM will be available for sale, only after all overdue Library and Textbooks have been returned, and all finances/payments owing to the school have been made. The cost will be $10 per book and is payable to the school payments counter.
The Senior Jersey is a non-compulsory uniform item that Year 12 students have the option of purchasing after agreeing to abide by specific P & C regulations. In summary, the senior jersey:

- can only be worn with the school sports uniform, that is, as a jumper over the school sports polo shirt.
- is not to be worn with the formal uniform, meaning it cannot be worn as part of the school uniform on Fridays.
- will bear the first or last name only (spelt as these names appear on the official school roll) across the upper back of the jersey – no nicknames are allowed.

The jersey supplier and design of the 2016 jersey were both decided upon by the students last year, the minimum number for additional orders (eg 10 jerseys) were agreed to. It is most likely that there will be a second order placed at the end of term one but often a surcharge may apply.

Please feel free to contact me for any further clarification.

Ms Anne Bonaccorso   Year 12 Co-ordinator
Phone 3881 4729

REPORT FROM SCHOOL BASED POLICE OFFICER

It was good to see everyone return to Pine Rivers State High School safely last week and welcome to those families whose children have just started. For those of you who don’t know me I have been the School Based Police Officer here since October 2009. It’s my job to give advice to students, teachers and parents, take reports and to patrol the school grounds and surrounding areas before, during and after school.

You may see me out in my patrol car, bicycle or just walking around the school. Don’t be afraid to come and say hello. If you pick up your child from school in the afternoon please park on Spitfire Ave, Buckby St or Gympie Rd. Please do not drive into the staff carpark from Ash Ct. There are a lot of students exiting the school via Ash Ct and I would hate to see someone’s child running into a car and getting injured. Keep safe and have a great year. If you need to report a crime that is not urgent think POLICELINK 131444.

Senior Constable Warren Forbes  
School Based Police Officer (SBPO)

P&C NEWS

The P&C would like to say a hearty, ‘Welcome back’ to our families, students and staff. To new families, we hope that you find ‘The Pine’ a great place for your child to learn and grow at. The Pine is a wonderful school and offers a wide range of activities and opportunities that the students can become involved in. The school truly embraces its motto, ‘By different ways to excellence’.

At our AGM on 23 March, the Executive positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary will become open.

If you’re interested in supporting your child in a practical way, and finding out about what is happening in the school, then involvement in the P&C, or one of its sub-committees, is a way to do that.

What does the P&C do?

- Most importantly, the P&C runs the Tuckshop and Uniform Shop and without an Executive these facilities would not exist. The proceeds from these facilities go back into the school to help the students.
- The P&C oversees the running of the school and focusses on providing ways to make the school a better place for the students and staff.
- Issues brought up by parents are also discussed and considered.

Our next P&C Meeting will be on Wednesday 24 February, at 7:00pm in the Admin building Common Room. If you are interested in finding out more about the P&C, please come along.

To contact the P&C, email us at pandc@pineriversshs.eq.edu.au

The P&C Sub-Committees

The P&C has two sub-committees: The Pine Rivers Community Aquatics Club and PRIMA (Pine Rivers Instrumental Music Assoc.). Both groups will be requiring members and support in 2016.

PRCAC: The Aquatics Club meets at our pool. We offer learn to swim and club nights. For more information contact Juanita Remphrey on mobile 0407 671 071. PRIMA’s goal is to support and fundraise for the instrumental music students. The next meeting is 16 February at 6.30pm, and the AGM is 17 March. Contact Sue Tomsett on mobile 0412 403 495 for more details.

DATE CLAIMERS

NEXT P&C MEETING - 24 FEBRUARY – 7:00pm
ADMIN BUILDING COMMON ROOM

P&C AGM – 23 MARCH – 7:00pm
ADMIN BUILDING COMMON ROOM

All parents and friends welcome!

Jenny Woolsey   P&C Secretary
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Back to school sales have been busy and hopefully we have managed to satisfy everyone. Thank you to the ladies who assisted in the Uniform shop in the week prior to school starting, especially to Faye and Jan for volunteering their time. Thank you to the families who made appointments and to those who waited patiently in line.

We do have a good supply of 2nd hand uniforms (formal and sports) for families wishing to have an extra set or two. There are also 2nd hand V-neck jumpers & jackets for those who want to get in early for Winter.

The order for new Winter wear will be placed with our supplier soon, for delivery early in Term 2.

Opening hours for Term 1 are:-
Monday, Thursday, Friday: 8:15am – 11:45am
Lost Property is handed in to, and can be claimed from the School Office. Where possible all named items are returned to owners, and then after a couple of weeks all other items are stored in the Uniform Shop where further claims can be made during opening times. It is important that you name all clothing & other items you wear/bring to school. Over the Christmas break approximately 2 dozen jumpers from Lost Property were taken home, washed and are now in 2nd hand sales.

SNOW TRIP 2016

Welcome back to a new school year. Planning for the Pine Rivers SHS annual snow trip is well underway with students already paying deposits to secure their spots on the trip. It is not too late to join the fun. I have managed to extend the previous payment deadline until the beginning of March. If you are interested in finding out more, please come to our Parent and Student information evening next week (see details below) and/or see Ms Handfield in Science for more information.

Trip Details
The trip will depart for Jindabyne in southern NSW during the second week of the July holidays (Saturday 2 July to Saturday 9 July) and we will ski and snowboard at Perisher Resort in the Snowy Mountains. 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, we meet up to tell stories of our day’s snow adventures.

The trip is organised and supervised by Pine Rivers SHS staff who are all experienced skiers or boarders and is open to students in Years 11 and 12 with an acceptable behaviour record. To ensure student safety, a behaviour check is completed to ensure students wanting to attend have a proven ability to comply with the expectations of our Behaviour Contract.

Parent and Student Information Evening
The first of two information evenings this year will take place tomorrow evening, Tuesday 9 February, starting at 6:00pm in the School Auditorium on Gympie Rd. This brief presentation will provide some details about the trip; allow you to meet some of the staff running the trip; and answer any questions. Everyone possibly interested in or planning to be on the snow trip is encouraged to attend, unless they attended one of the meetings at the end of last year.

Costs and Payments
The snow package is estimated to cost around $1650 and includes accommodation, breakfast and dinner each day, ski hire, full day lessons, ski lift ticket, coach travel from Brisbane to Jindabyne, and daily transit to and from Perisher Resort. 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 $1700. There are also optional, low additional costs for hiring clothing, etc. Full details of these will be given once prices have been finalised by suppliers.

As we need to secure accommodation and transport during this peak skiing time, a $400 deposit will be due at the office payments counter by Friday 2 March. This money is sent to suppliers as a deposit so becomes non-refundable unless another suitable student can be found to take your place. A series of three, monthly payments of around $450 will be required to complete payments by the end of April.

Interested?
If you are planning to join the snow trip and would like more information contact one of the following:-

• Ms Handfield (Science staffroom) on 3881 4756 or ahand3@eq.edu.au
• Mr Hammond (Business, IT & Social Science staffroom, F Block) 3881 4742 or rhamm4@eq.edu.au
• Mr Manwaring (HPE staffroom, Sports Hall) 3881 4759 or kmanw1@eq.edu.au

POSITION VACANT
LITERACY TEACHER AIDE

The position:-
Working with students in the junior school to develop and improve their literacy skills (reading, comprehension, writing). This involves working in classes and with small groups of students in tutorials. Casual part-time 2-3 days per week (currently Tuesday – Thursday) with the opportunity for full-time during some periods of the year

Requirements:
• Excellent literacy and communication skills (written and verbal)
• A good understanding of strategies to improve students’ literacy skills
• Administration skills
• Proficiency in computer skills and an ability to learn new programs

Preferred experience:
• Possession of a university degree or working towards a university degree
• Recent experience in an educational setting (school or university)

Please email detailed resume including your experiences in working with adolescents to:-
Joan Trueman (jtrue2@eq.edu.au)
Applications close:- 4:00pm, 19 February
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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### RIVERS BAPTIST SOCCER CLUB

**SOCcer SIgN ON**

- Registration fees ($185)
- FREE socks and shorts (For all new players)
- Under 6s to Over 40s

**DATES**

- Fri 29th Jan 6-9pm
- Sat 30th Jan 8am-1pm
- Fri 5th Feb 6-9pm
- Sat 6th Feb 8am-1pm

**90 Francis Road, Lawnton**

**Website:** [www.soccer.riversbaptist.com](http://www.soccer.riversbaptist.com)

*All welcome, church membership not required.*

### LAWNTON GUIDES

Do you like having fun, having adventures, challenging yourself, developing leadership skills, doing arts & crafts, enjoying the great outdoors but above all having fun with friends in a safe environment, then Girl Guides is the place for you. We have units with vacancies for girls aged from 5 through to 17, and if you are over 18 you may like to take on a leadership role. We meet at the Lawnton Girl Guide Hut Nightingale Drive Lawnton, so if you are interested or would like more details contact Debbie Lawrence 0422878073 or [debnsteve22@bigpond.com](mailto:debnsteve22@bigpond.com) for more details.

### INDIGENOUS STUDENT WELCOME BBQ

**Time:** 3:00pm – 4:30pm  
**Date:** 11 February 2016  
**Place:** Hall Foyer

To celebrate the beginning of school, meet our new Indigenous Education Officer and acknowledge our QATSIF recipients, we invite all indigenous students and their families to come along to yarn and eat.

**R.S.V.P.**  
Laura  
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