REA STUDENTS DO US PROUD AT NATIONALS IN SYDNEY

From our Principal, John Schuh
Join me in congratulating our three successful REA teams at this year's National titles held this week in Penrith.

The Wombat Warriors 4x4inSchools team have successfully defended their National title and will return to this year's World titles in Coventry, England, to improve on their 2015 3rd place.

Our F1inSchools team, Sonic Snitch, three brilliant Year 9 girls, came 3rd in a very competitive division of the competition. For their first National championship they were simply incredible.

Our rookie 4x4inSchools team, Fair Dinkum, consisting of 6 of our brightest junior students took out 3 of the 6 categories against the professional division teams, which included the Wombat Warriors.

Of course none of this is possible without the passion and experience of Corey (Gieskens) and the support he received from Carmela (Watts) and Rod (Cronin) in preparing these teams. Many, many sacrificed hours during the holidays and weekends. To watch Corey at these titles was a privilege. He is held in such esteem by his peers across all schools. Teams hold Pine Rivers State High School as the benchmark for REA performance. What an achievement!

We should all be very proud of their achievements.

John Schuh PRINCIPAL

Some of our Fantastic Supporters
We couldn't have done it without them. Please support these local businesses.

Wombat Warriors
Lily Eiseman
Taj Gieskens
Marcus Solman
Grayson Lamprecht

4x4inSchools
Team Manager
Graphic Designer
Manufacturing
Programming

Fair Dinkum
Brodie Crouch
Lucas Stephens
Jackson Poole
Paris Solman
Gemma Arkell
Reilly Searle

4x4inSchools
Team Manager
Design Engineer
Graphic Designer
Programming
Manufacturing

Teachers
Corey Gieskens
Carmela Watts
Rod Cronin

LILY EISEMAN, TEAM MANAGER OF 4X4inSchools WOMBAT WARRIORS GUEST AT JUNIOR SECONDARY INDUCTION

Friday 19 February, saw the induction of our Junior Secondary Leaders. Guest speaker was Year 11 student, Lily Eiseman, who is Team Manager of the 4x4inSchools Wombat Warriors team, who represented the school at the World titles in London last year.

Lily spoke to the students about leadership within the school, and the fact that you did not have to be one of the Captains to be a leader. She spoke about the fact that all students were leaders and could chose how they wished to lead. The students thanked Lily and wished her, and her team, well at the Nationals which occurred in the last week.

The Junior Secondary Leaders for 2016 are:-

Junior Secondary Captains
Natarsja Lopez
Lucas Stephens

Junior Secondary Vice-Captains
Paris Solman
Reilly Searle

Student Representative Council
President
Mikayla Simms

Members
Breanna Tadman
Freya Morgan
Jayden Sheeran
James Tyson

The Teams
Sonic Snitch
Leah Slim
Paris Solman
Natarsja Lopez

F1inSchools
Team Manager
Design Engineer
Marketing
Mr Luke Ferdinands

FROM DEPUTY PRINCIPAL, JUNIOR SECONDARY,

PAST SCHOOL CAPTAIN GUEST AT SENIOR
INDUCTION CEREMONY
On Friday 26 February, we were joined by School Captain 2012, Alexandria Bell. Alexandria, or Ally as she prefers to be called, is currently studying a Bachelor of Science - Genetics and Microbiology at UQ. Ally spoke to the students about enjoying their final year of schooling, about ‘doing what you love and never having to work a day in your life’ and ‘life after school’ informing them that it was OK and offered new challenges and experiences.

Senior Leaders for 2016 are:-

Captains
- Max Miller
- Georgia Tomsett

Vice-Captains
- Malachi Baxter
- Rachel Hooper

Student Representative Council
- President - Amber-Rose Fall
- Vice President – Megan Jennings
- Secretary – Jessica McAllister

House Captains
Pine “Panthers”
- Captains – Jamie Brocket-Mitchell and Brittney Boucher
- Vice-Captains – Kasey Arkell and Shayla Johnston

Rivers “Rhinos”
- Captains – Mitchell Poole and Tahlia Stockley
- Vice-Captains – Gracie Wasson and Emily Waltisbuhl

Music Captains
- Bands – Emily Waltisbuhl
- Strings – Henry Jarvela

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS (AGM)

PRIMAAGM
followed by General Meeting
Tuesday 15 March
6:30pm
Administration Building Common Room, entry via Ash Court

P&C AGM
followed by General Meeting
Wednesday 23 March
7:00pm
Administration Building Common Room, entry via Ash Court

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS (AGM)

Junior Secondary News

It has been a busy few weeks with many activities in the Junior School.

JUNIOR SECONDARY INDUCTION
Congratulations to all our Junior Secondary student leaders who were inducted for 2016 on Friday 19 March. The ceremony was inspiring and demonstrated the importance of leadership as an integral part of our school culture. A special thank you must go to our Year 12 Leaders, who supported the Year 9s and Lily Eiseman (Year 11) who was an outstanding guest speaker for our event.

AROUND THE RIDGES
What were your first impressions of High School?

7.01 - “It’s Awesome! It’s easy to get lost so we are sometimes late for class.”
8:01 - “Its great not to be the babies anymore. We have more friends and have made new ones”.

it is clear to see that students really enjoy this part of their week.
This week our Year 7 and 8 POD teachers are reviewing the progress of all students to ensure they are achieving to the best of their abilities. Some of the benefits to students from these meetings will be seen through the consistent application of classroom processes and procedures; and more importantly a greater knowledge of the individual needs of each student. Teachers have already begun modifying tasks to extend those students who have demonstrated strong abilities in a range of classroom activities. They have also been able to share specific information to activate student learning which in the past may not have been known by all teachers. It will be exciting to see how these meetings develop across the year and continue to benefit our students.

Attendance Update
Research clearly highlights a strong link between attendance and the educational outcomes of students. While some absences are unavoidable and understandable due to illness or unavoidable circumstances, many are not.

A poor attendance rate can be linked to a number of adverse outcomes for students including lower academic outcomes; early school leaving; substance use; poverty; unemployment and negative health outcomes. A student’s regular absence from school may be an indicator of disengagement which leads directly to some of these adverse outcomes. Poor attendance, particularly when a large number of these are unexplained absences, are warning signs for potential long-term negative outcomes. Our school target for student attendance this year is 90%. This equates to 20 days off per student during the year, which is still a significant number of absences for any one person to be having.

So how are we travelling in 2016? Each month I will place our official attendance rate in our newsletter so that we can all monitor our progress towards this target. Our current school attendance rate is 92.3%. Well done Pine Rivers! But which year level is currently leading the way? Year 7 – 93.7%, Year 8 – 93.3%, Year 9 – 91.5%, Year 10 92.9%, Year 11 – 90.2%, Year 12 – 92.3%.

It is early days yet but hopefully my Year 7’s can maintain this lead throughout the year!

Mr Ferdinands
Deputy Principal
9:01 – "We are enjoying Year 9 and being the leaders, though we have too much homework!"
7.01 - "They are nice; fantastic and different."
8.01 – "The teachers are better this year."
What are you looking forward to?
7.01- "We really want to do sport and more fun stuff like the BBQ."
8.01 – "We are looking forward to swimming!"
9.01 – "We are looking forward to sport and the walkathon".

PAT TESTING – Week 7
In order to gain a better understanding of student’s abilities, the Year 7 cohort will be completing PAT Testing (Reading Comprehension, Science and Maths) during Week 7.

Year 7 TEAM BUILDING - FRIDAY MARCH 4
Following on from our "Welcome BBQ", the Year 7 cohort will have an opportunity to develop their problem solving and communication skills through team building activities during periods 2 and 3 on Friday, 4th March. The activities are a part of our transition to high school program and aim to encourage positive relationships, cooperation and communication.

PLEASE CONTACT US
Please remember that if you have any concerns that you wish to discuss please don’t hesitate to contact them either by phone or email.

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YEAR LEVEL CO-ORDINATORS
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Email:- cwell110@eq.edu.au

Year 8
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Email:- tkeen5@eq.edu.au

Year 9
Mr Charlie Rodger phone 3881 4759
Email:- crodg32@eq.edu.au

THE MUSICAL SPECTACULAR FOR 2016 PINE RIVERS STATE HIGH SCHOOL presents

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS
27, 29, 30 April

A new breed of musical theatre is about to sprout at "the Pine" in April. A cult classic all over the world, LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS will thrill you and chill you. When Seymour stumbles across a peculiar plant species he names after his colleague Audrey, the sinister plant seems like his ticket to fame. At least that’s what he thinks, until the plant begins to GROW....!!! The music is electric, combining 1960s rock n’ roll with a little bit of soul.

Little Shop of Horrors promises to belt out a show stopping production.

Rehearsals are well underway, so make a date on your calendar. Next all day Sunday rehearsal is 20 March 10:00am – 4:00pm.

School Enquiries – Performing Arts Dept Phone 38814764

PRIMA (Pine Rivers Instrumental Music Association) PRIMA AGM MEETING Tuesday 15 March 6:30pm

A special welcome to our new parents. 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. The contribution by parents is a highly valued one. Meetings are held each third Tuesday of the Month at 6:30pm. The next meeting is the AGM to be held in the School Common Room (Admin Block). While office bearing positions are on offer, parents are more than welcome to attend as interested participants only. Parents of new and continuing Instrumental Music students are invited to join the school’s Parent Music Committee PRIMA. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible in what is shaping up to be a most exciting year.

For further information, please contact Performing Arts on phone 3881 4764 or Instrumental Music on phone 3881 4761.

DON’T MISS THE BIGGEST THEATRICAL EVENT OF THE YEAR!
HAIRSPRAY including Year 8 student Mina Aanat

HAIRSPRAY comes to life like you’ve never seen it before at the Brisbane Convention Centre in this record breaking arena spectacular!

Starring Simon Burke, Christine Anu, Tim Campbell, Wayne Scott Kermond and Lauren McKenna as Tracy Turnblad alongside a cast of over 800 performers, including Pine River State High School student Mina Aanat.

Don’t miss the largest production of HAIRSPRAY ever staged in the world.

With explosive choreography and stunning sets and costumes this will be a journey back to the 60’s you won’t forget when Harvest Rain presents this big fat arena production of everyone’s favourite musical, HAIRSPRAY!

So get in quick as the season is limited and selling out fast! HAIRSPRAY plays for five performances only from 8 - 10 April at the Brisbane Convention Centre. To book now visit www.ticketek.com.au or www.hairspryarenashow.com

P&C NEWS

The P&C had a great and productive first meeting. It was lovely to see some new faces and we’re hoping to see more new faces at our next meeting, the AGM and general meeting, on Wednesday 23 March.

Some of the highlights from the first meeting were:-
•Hearing from Mr Schuh how the facility upgrades around the school are progressing, and the partnership The Pine has established with the University of the Sunshine Coast and the exciting things that will bring.
•Discussing the new Smart Choices Tuckshop regulations and how they will affect our Tuckshop staff and the menu due to the constraints of the Tuckshop facilities. We are working on the garlic bread which is now classified as a Red food!
•Discussing the heaviens of some students’ bags and what the reasons are for them, and supporting the Junior Secondary students, particularly the Year 7s with getting their devices working so they can leave their textbooks at home.
•Discussing how the sizes of the new uniforms are different to the old sizes, which seems to have been a manufacturer error.
The P&C approved:
• All excursions for the year
• Support for the Wombat Warriors, 4x4inSchools and F1inSchools
• College grey shorts for the boys' formal uniform (very exciting news!)
• The purchase of blankets and a chlorine tank for the pool
• The purchase of a new cash register for the Tuckshop.

We are looking forward to the AGM. We are in need of a President and a Treasurer as these positions will be vacant. If you are interested, or know of someone who would be interested, please tell them to come along. If they want to know more beforehand the P&C can be contacted via pandc@pineriversshs.eq.edu.au

Being on a high school P&C isn’t as much work as a primary school, as the students do the fundraising. It’s a great way to find out what’s happening in the school and to have an input. We’re a friendly group of parents and citizens and we welcome all members and visitors.

Jenny Woolsey P&C Secretary

DATE CLAIMER - AGM
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) followed by General Meeting
Wednesday 23 March
7:00pm
Administration Building Common Room

PRIMA MEETING
PRIMA stands for Pine Rivers Instrumental Music Association. It is a sub-committee of the P&C and aims to support and raise funds to support the instrumental music students with musical instruments, concerts, trips etc.
The meeting to select the President, Treasurer and Secretary will be held on Tuesday 15 March, at 6:30pm in the Admin Building Common Room. This will be followed by a General Meeting.
All interested parents and citizens are welcome.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
My name is Lauren Saville and I am the new Uniform Shop Convenor. I am looking forward to working with parents, staff and students to ensure that our students’ uniform requirements are met.

It’s with much excitement that I announce the arrival of formal boys shorts….. No more sweating it out in the summer months wearing our long formal grey pants. The shorts will look just as smart and can be worn with short grey socks. Sizes range from size 6 – 18 in boys and 72 – 107 in mens. Price for both boys and mens is $38. Please visit the uniform shop during opening hours.

Monday, Thursday & Friday 8:15am – 11:45am

LOST PROPERTY!
Uniform shop has received quite a bit of lost property in the past two weeks. We have swimming gear, sports uniforms, lunch boxes and pencil cases. Please come to uniform shop to claim.

Lauren Saville P&C Uniform Convenor

POSITIONS VACANT - TEACHER AIDE (Indigenous Education Worker And Community Education Counsellor)
Temporary Teacher Aide

Indigenous Education Worker and Community Education Counsellor
11 April 2016 – 09 December 2016
Applicants are invited to apply for the above position at Pine Rivers State High School. The position is up to 25 hours per week during school hours and there is the possibility that it will be extended into 2017. Please send a detailed resume including your educational experiences with Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander youth to:-
Laura Hollis
Pine Rivers State High School
535 Gympie Road
STRATHPINE QLD 4500
Closing Date for applications will be 4:00pm Friday 18 March 2016
Applications will remain current for 12 months. A non smoking policy applies to all Queensland Government sites.
The successful applicant will be required to obtain a working with Children Card (Blue Card).

IMPORTANT DATES

| Mon 7 to Fri 11 | Year 11 & 12 Female students Flight Camp |
| Thu 10 | World Science Festival 2016 |
| Fri 11 | Anti-Bully Day Promotion Assemblies |
| Sun 13 to Mon 14 | Year 12 Drama Retreat |
| Sun 13 to Fri 18 | Year 11 Surf Lifesaving 6 day Camp |
| Mon 14 to Wed 16 | Year 11 Pool Lifesaving 3 day Camp |
| Tue 15 | PRIMA AGM meeting 6:30pm |
| Thu 17 | National Close the Gap Day – 10th Anniversary |
| Thu 17 to Fri 18 | GRIP Leadership Day – Year 12 & 9 Leaders (only) |
| Fri 18 | Year 12 Biology Camp |
| Fri 18 | National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence |
| Sun 20 | Musical Rehearsal 10:00am to 4:00pm |
| Mon 21 | Harmony Day |
| Tue 22 | Cross Country – School Event |
| Wed 23 | P&C AGM 7:00pm |
| Thu 24 | Musical – All day Rehearsals |
| Fri 25 | Good Friday |
| APRIL | Easter Vacation |
| Mon 11 | 1st day back for Term 2 |
| Wed 13 | Musical – All day Rehearsals |
Low Numbers - more Skiers and Snowboarders needed

Congratulations to the students who have chosen to join us on the Snow Trip this year – a great adventure awaits you. At this point you should have paid a minimum $400 and returned your Contract/Consent Form. If you would like to take out insurance, this form also needs to be completed and returned to Ms Handfield in the Science staffroom. No extra payment is required as the $29 cost will be taken from your deposit. Please see Ms Handfield in the Science staffroom for spare forms.

Unfortunately, we have had fewer students sign up than in previous years, so have had to investigate some alternative options to ensure we can still run a trip. One of these options is to share the bus costs with another school. This means we are currently unable to inform you of the overall package cost. We will send home a note via your son/daughter when this information is available from our suppliers. Our best chance of increasing trip numbers is by students talking to their friends about coming on the trip and encouraging them to join them. If you haven’t signed up, it is still not too late to join us. Details are outlined below but if you would like further information, please call or email Alison Handfield on 3881 4756 or ahand3@eq.edu.au.

**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 State High School staff who are all experienced skiers or boarders and is open to students in Years 10, 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.

**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. 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.

Payments are regularly sent to suppliers to reserve services 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:-

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

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

HEALTHY AND ACTIVE MORETON LADIES

Pirates Netball - looking for players

Padua College's 60th Anniversary