SORRY DAY - OUR NATIONAL DAY OF HEALING

Sorry Day is also referred to as the National Day of Healing. It provides all Australians with an avenue to reflect and remember our shared history and work towards a positive shared future.

On Thursday 26 May, Indigenous students from Pine Rivers State High School attended the Teralba Park Sorry Day Ceremony to commemorate the Stolen Generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in Australia.

Our students demonstrated outstanding respect towards the elders and community members. Without instruction from their teacher, students helped to set up the ceremony, handed out programs to visitors, participated in dance and song and the placing of roses on the memorial garden.

Students were silent and attentive during the presentation by members of the Stolen Generation, some of whose stories were distressing for several students. These students later spoke about their own relatives. The whole experience was a great time for reflection for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

I would like to thank our students for their comradeship and allowing me this opportunity to be part of this healing process.

Mrs Kylie Brown  Indigenous Support Teacher

RECONCILIATION WEEK AT THE PINE
Welcomed Auntie Honor (OAM)

We were privileged to have Indigenous elder Auntie Honor (OAM) as our guest presenter. Auntie Honor is nationally recognised for her contributions towards early childhood education and the wider society. Auntie Honour was invited to open proceedings with her Welcome to Country and then closed assembly by outlining the importance of education and showing respect.

IGNITE Programs At Pine Rivers State High School

We are excited to announce to our community the establishment of the Pine Rivers State High School IGNITE Programs; Igniting students passion for learning and expanding their futures. These programs will provide innovative, academically challenging and inspiring learning pathways for those students who excel academically. The curriculum of these programs is designed to be more academically challenging, with a focus on creative thinking, problem solving and higher order thinking skills. This
will enable students to develop deep understandings while working collaboratively to explore authentic problems using an inquiry based approach to learning. Students in these programs will be assessed through the New Pedagogies for Deeper Learning (NPDL) Global Partnership strands of Collaboration and Communication. The NPDL global partnership is an initiative between 1000 schools in 10 countries. Pine Rivers State High School is one of only six schools involved in Queensland. These NPLD partner schools work as clusters and networks to build knowledge and practices that develop deep learning. [http://npdl.global/](http://npdl.global/)

Within the IGNITE-STEM class, the school motto of *By Different Ways to Excellence* will be at the forefront of student learning. As a result of this, IGNITE graduates will have developed:-

- the skills to think critically
- be able to explore the world around them through inquiry from being challenged by the big ideas of life
- have developed the capacity to create deeper understandings and more meaningful links between the curriculum and the wider world
- to work collaboratively in teams
- to work independently as a result of being fostered to be self-motivated.

Our first IGNITE program will commence in Semester 2, 2016 and will be our IGNITE-STEM program. The IGNITE-STEM Program will be limited to one class in Semester 2 and will be a ‘vertical’ class made up of students from Year 8, 9 and 10 who excel, specifically in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). We have seen evidence of our students reaching excellence in such groupings on multiple occasions within our existing REA program.

In 2017 the students from Year 9 and 10 will transition further into the senior school and have the same opportunities as other senior students at Pine Rivers State High School. As the development of the new University of the Sunshine Coast campus at Petrie progresses we anticipate the formation of multiple pathways from IGNITE programs into the senior school and beyond; creating distinct pathways for students to transition seamlessly from Year 7 to University. The Year 8 students will continue in the IGNITE-STEM program in 2017 and will be joined by a new group of students from our current Year 7 cohort. In the longer term, the IGNITE programs will be made up of students from Years 8 and 9 and retain this vertical structure.

Students who wish to participate in this program are required to submit a written application. These applications will be assessed against the following criteria where students are:-

- Involved in REA challenges and/or committed to competing in future regional and national REA competitions
- Achieving a minimum ‘B’ level in Science, Maths or Technology subjects and their Effort and Behaviour grades on their most recent report.
- Demonstrating a commitment to utilising a laptop in their learning
- Achieving results in the upper three bands on NAPLAN
- PAT-Reading result in line with chronological age
- Prepared to drop an existing elective in order to participate in the IGNITE-STEM subject
- Maintaining attendance rates above 90%

Applications are available on the school website and due by 3:30pm Friday 17 June

A parent information session will be held on Tuesday 14 June at 6:00pm in the school library. If you wish to find out more information, or have any questions prior to this evening, please contact Mr Luke Ferdinands, Deputy Principal - Junior Secondary.

**YEAR 11 TEAM BUILDING AND LEADERSHIP CAMP**
*(Wednesday 22 - Friday 24 June)*

Camp is only a few weeks away. Information for students attending and unable to attend camp has been passed onto students through Form classes and at Year 11 Assemblies. I have tried to summarise this information below.

**Students attending camp**

Thank you to everyone who has already returned notes and paid the full $235 cost. This payment is now overdue, so if necessary could you please arrange payment as soon as possible or make an arrangement with the payments counter (3881 4704).

A Consent and Medical form was distributed to your son or daughter a few weeks ago. Please complete all details and return the form as soon as possible, so this information can be collated before camp. *(If you are searching for it in a school bag, the note is fluorescent yellow.) They should also have received a “What to Bring” form during this time. Spare forms are available through Form teachers or the Year 11 coordinator (Ms Handfield) in the Science staffroom.*

**Students not attending camp**

Most students who have indicated that they are not attending camp have already collected a
Non-Attendee Contract. Thank you to those who have already returned these.
A reminder that students not attending the camp are required to participate in a school approved activity for the days of camp.

School approved activities available to students include:
- assisting teachers or other staff, in or out of classes
- organising their own unpaid work experience (subject to behaviour record)
- completing an organised leadership course in a class

Paid work or working on subject areas do not fit these requirements. A medical certificate is required if your son or daughter is absent due to illness. Any unexplained absences will need to be "made up" through community service.

If you have not yet signed a Non-Attendee Contract for your son or daughter, could you please remind them that all students not attending camp are required to return a contract to their Form teacher as soon as possible. Spare forms are available through Form teachers or the Year 11 coordinator (Ms Handfield) in the Science staffroom.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Year 11 Co-ordinator, Alison Handfield on phone 3881 4756 or via email on ahand3@eq.edu.au.

**JUNIOR SECONDARY UPDATE**

It has been a very busy couple of weeks with lots of activities and functions happening. Over the next fortnight there will be plenty of assessment and exams to complete as we approach the end of Semester 1.

**YEAR 7 TEAM BUILDING DAY**

Friday 13 and 20 May saw all Year 7 students engage in their second Team Building Day. The program was run by the Bray Park PCYC staff who offered engaging activities to develop communication and teamwork. Form teachers assisted in ensuring that the program was a huge success. Recognition should also be given to the QIP’s and pre service teachers as they supported their classes and gave encouragement to everyone. The days were well attended by our students. Many thanks goes to Mr Weller (YLC) and the PCYC Staff for their hard work.

**UPCOMING INTERVIEWS FOR YEAR 7 ENROLMENT 2017**

Pine Rivers State High School is proud of its commitment to cater for the full range of student ability and talent. Our enrolment process has been designed to make sure that this commitment is maintained, hence we are holding the Year 7 (2017) Enrolment Interviews on Wednesday 8 June 3:00pm – 6:00pm and invite you and your enrolling child/children to attend. At this time all students, both in and out of the catchment area, are guaranteed placements following their interview.

We have already booked over 70 appointments for the afternoon and availability of interview times is becoming more limited. To book your 30 minute interview, we ask that you phone our Enrolments Officer, Georgina Malone, on phone 3881 4720 ASAP.

If you have friends, family or associates who are interested in attending Pine Rivers State High School for Year 7 in 2017 and they have not yet enrolled, it would be appreciated if you could let them know that the enrolment packages are available from your primary school or Pine Rivers State High School and that interviews are taking place.

We look forward to meeting with you and your child/children so that we can best cater for them in their transition to high school.

**YEAR 8 LEADERSHIP DAY**

Some Year 8 students had the opportunity to attend the yLead Day held on Wednesday 25 May. It is the belief of the yLead Association that if young people are protected, nurtured and empowered they will and can do remarkable things. Providing this kind of community to young people enables them to have the capacity to solve problems and create things beyond our imagination.

Guest speakers at this function were NicMarchesi and Lucas Patchett, Barnaby Howarth and RowieMcevoy. These guest speakers told their stories and shared valuable stories along the way to their success.

**SUPPORT INTERVIEWS YEAR 8 & 9**

A follow up round of interviews will be held in the last weeks of Semester 1. These are to check on those students who were identified as needing support to gain a pass in all their subjects.

**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.

**HOD JUNIOR SECONDARY**

Helen Beasley phone 38814793 Email:- hbeas1@eq.edu.au

**YEAR LEVEL CO ORDINATORS**

Year 7 Mr Carl Weller phone 38814701 Email:- cwell110@eq.edu.au

Year 8 Ms Trish Keenan phone 3881 4701 Email:- tkeen5@eq.edu.au

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

**STUDENTS SUCCESS WITH STUDENT-DEVISED PERFORMANCE**

Congratulations to the Year 12 Drama students who performed their student-devised production, based on the Ancient Greek tragedy of Oedipus Rex, this week.
The students attended an overnight Drama Retreat in March, and worked with Lynne Bradley, one of the founders of internationally-recognised Physical Theatre company, Zen Zen Zo, to refine their performance and devising skills. They collaborated to research, design, and polish the production, working creatively and thinking critically to develop their intended dramatic meaning. All those involved showed impressive commitment to their work and the ensemble, and we would like to thank those who attended and supported the show.

SIGN UP FOR LA BOITE'S YOUNG ACTORS COMPANY WORKSHOPS - TERM THREE

La Boite Young Actors Company is here again in term three! The actors’ ensemble will work to hone their craft as performers and theatre-makers, as well as develop their skills, learn from theatre professionals, devise and create original work and perform. If you are a young person aged 12-18 years and are excited about the idea of developing your acting and stage craft skills, working as part of an ensemble and making theatre then the La Boite Young Actors Company is for you. Being a Young Actors Company artist will help you develop your creative capacity, deepen your understanding of acting as a professional practice and push you to create and develop new work. You will need a sense of play, imagination, intelligence, and a passion for theatre. Prior experience is desirable but not essential; however a disciplined commitment to the training is a must.


PASIFIKA VIBES FESTIVAL

On 3 May 2016, our Pine Rivers State High School Poly group were privileged to take the stage at Pasifika Vibes Festival which took place at Lawnton Showgrounds. Pasifika Vibes Festival comes around once a year and is hosted by our talented speakers from local areas as well as participating artist from New Zealand Sara Jane Auva’a and famous dance group Delicious Dance Crew. With a group of eleven amazing girls, we were able to please the crowd with two traditional dances. Not only did these girls put on a great show but they also showed absolute pride in their culture. Well done to these ladies for not only representing their school in such an honourable manner but also taking a step out and showing locals that our school is culturally diverse and are very proud of it. Huge thanks to the families of these beautiful young ladies for all the support shown towards their child’s willingness to learn and embrace their culture. This group wouldn’t be made possible without the commitment and considerable attitude from your child. It turned out to be an awesome sunny day and we enjoyed many performances from other local groups and schools. You all should be very proud of yourselves!

Fedora Va’avale  Pacific Island Liaison

NATIONALLY COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

Dear Parents/Caregivers
Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability. All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability. All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection. The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you. While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

Vicki Hunter  HOSES Inclusive Ed
INTRODUCTION TO NEW INDIGENOUS SUPPORT WORKER

Hi
My name is Nicole Simone. I am the new Community Education Counsellor/Indigenous Education Worker for Pine Rivers State High School. I am a descendant of the Bundjalung people (Cooper family) from Northern NSW and identify as a proud Aboriginal woman. My husband and our children are Guumilaroi people, south-west Queensland.

I am really excited to be working at this school with the Indigenous students. I have been spending time in many of the classrooms for Years 7-9 and I am extremely passionate about supporting students to attend, engage and enjoy their education. My role also includes supporting the wider community in learning more about Indigenous peoples and cultures. Recently, on Thursdays, some of our Junior students have been participating in the Deadly Choices program with Aboriginal Health. This program runs for 8 weeks and when completed, the students will have the opportunity to attend a week long Leadership Camp. As part of the Deadly Choices program, some students have attended the Health van for a routine health check and have received a Deadly Choices shirt.

The Senior Aboriginal students were invited to attend a health presentation by Pine Rivers Community Health for Murri Heart Week. They learnt about the dangers of smoking, the importance of good nutrition and physical activity. Some students volunteered for a mini ultrasound and many enjoyed an active and entertaining Zumba session.

Last Thursday, 14 students attended the Sorry Day Ceremony and on Friday, the school took part in a Reconciliation Week Assembly. Our Aboriginal Dance Group performed and we hosted special guests for Morning Tea.

Looking forward to meeting more of the Murri students and their families in person so please come down to Auntie Bethyl’s old room (N Block) for a yarn. You are always welcome!

Nicole Simone

SUPPORT OUR WOMBAT WARRIORS TEAM
Support our 4x4inSchools Team WOMBAT WARRIORS in getting to London!

With only 3 1/2 weeks to go until they travel to London, our 4x4inSchools Wombat Warriors Team appreciate all the support they are receiving.

If you haven't already done so, help them to achieve their goal by purchasing the 2016/2017 Entertainment Book, only $65. $13 from the sale of the book goes towards their fundraising. Purchase online by clicking here:-
or purchase and collect your copy from our School Cashier.

Help us, help them, in their bid to become World Champions!

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, or phone the Uniform Shop on phone 3881 4739.

WINTER UNIFORM PRICES
Fleecy V-neck $35
Spray jacket $82
Spray track pants $48

LOST PROPERTY
We have a huge amount of lost property at the moment, especially fleecy pullovers. If your child(ren) have lost theirs, please come and see the Uniform Shop during opening hours.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS
With the winter season almost here, you may be needing a new jumper. There is currently a good supply of second-hand fleecy pullovers ranging in most sizes. Prices start from $10.
# Important Dates - June/July

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| Wed 8 | Year 7 & 8 Immunisation Vaccinations – HPV2 and Varicella  
Junior Secondary STEMfest Excursion QUT  
Science Visit to Strathpine State School  
Year 7 (2017) Student/Parent Interviews 3:00pm to 6:00pm |
| Fri 10 | Summer Sports Presentation Assembly |
| Mon 13 to Tue 21 | Year 12 & 11 Exam Block and Winter School |
| Tue 14 | PRIMA meeting 6:30pm |
| Tue 21 | P&C Meeting 6:30pm |
| Wed 22 | Fundamentals Year 10 Explore Uni Day |
| Wed 22 to Fri 24 | Year 11 Leadership Camp |
| Thu 23 | Year 10 High Resolves - periods 1 and 2 |
| Fri 24 | Year 12 Explore Uni Day @ QUT Kelvin Grove Campus Last day term 2  
Winter Vacation |

# Financial Literacy Information

**Triple P Podcast Pocket Money**

All parents consider giving their children pocket money. It is a consideration that has many variables and potential consequences. Parents will consider:

- How much should parents give?
- What should children do to receive the pocket money?
- Is there a part-payment strategy if pocket money relates to chores and not all chores are done?
- At what age should pocket money be introduced?
- Should a pocket money discussion be a shared discussion with the child? Should negotiation be encouraged?

These are just a few of the questions parents will ask themselves. The link below is to a podcast presented by Dr Aline Morawska from the Positive Parenting Program at the University of Queensland. Parents who are considering the use of pocket money may wish to listen to the podcast before making final decisions.

Podcast: [http://www.abc.net.au/local/audio/2012/05/01/3492937.htm](http://www.abc.net.au/local/audio/2012/05/01/3492937.htm)

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## Community Notices

**Mercy COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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## Teen Holiday Workshops

**Teen Holiday Workshops at Your Local Library (Year 7 to 12)**

You’re sure to find workshops to suit you at Moreton Bay Region Libraries these school holidays. The best bit is they’re FREE! There are workshops on:

- Clay Sculptures
- Making Explosions
- Resin Art
- Suminagashi (Paper Marbling)
- DIY Robots
- Remix 2.0
- Paint a Tote Bag
- Mini-Macrame Plant Hanger
- Sphero Coding

PLUS Gaming Tournaments – enter for the chance to win EB Games vouchers!

Online bookings open 10:00am, Tuesday 7 June.