Year 12 Graduation

Our Year 12 students attend school for the last time this Friday. It is a bittersweet time when we farewell students who have made a wonderful contribution to our school community over the last five years. We will miss them! However, it is an exciting time as these fine young people step into the future; a future filled with opportunity and promise. Our best wishes go with each and every student of the graduating class of 2012.

Kind regards
Valerie Hadgelias - Principal

2012 Annual Awards - Special Awards Recipients

Congratulations to all students who have received an award in our 2012 Annual, Music and Sports Awards Presentations.

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last week was truly one of celebration for our school community. On Wednesday night 7 November we held the Sports Awards Evening, a terrific opportunity to celebrate the athletic talents of our students. This was followed on the Thursday night by the Instrumental Music Awards, which showcased the outstanding achievements of the highly successful Music Program. On Saturday 10 November we had “Dance Night”, a new event in our calendar signalling the resurgence of Dance in our curriculum. It was a night full of energy and entertainment.

On Monday 12 November we held the very successful Annual Academic Awards Ceremony. We were fortunate to have Mr Bob Atkinson, recently retired Police Commissioner, as our guest speaker. I’m sure his words resonated with our young people. We were also fortunate to have local politicians, Federal Member for Forde, Mr Bert Van Manen and Councillor Laurie Smith, Logan City Council, with us. Unfortunately, our state member, Mr Michael Pucci, was unable to attend due to other commitments. We appreciate their ongoing strong support for our school. We were also pleased to have representatives from our partner universities and industry involved in our ceremony. We have many outstanding students who excel in their academic studies; they really are laying the foundations for great success in their future lives.

Each of these very successful functions was an opportunity to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students. I would like to acknowledge the excellent work of our teachers, office staff and students in ensuring these ceremonies run smoothly. A great deal of organisational work happens in preparation and it really is a team effort. Congratulations to everyone involved!

On Tuesday 13 November the Year 12 Formal was held at The Landing at Dockside. It was great to see our lovely young ladies and handsome young men resplendent in their finery! It was a terrific night and I would like to thank Mr Ian Clapham, Year 12 Co-ordinator and his team for all the work that went into organising such a successful event.
School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Park Ridge SHS trainees and apprentices swoop GOLD!

Earlier this month the 2012 Regional School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships Awards were held at Movie World on the Gold Coast.

Our school can stand proud as we had five finalists;

- Danica Clancy - Hairdressing
- Justine Fallon - Hairdressing
- Nellie Fitzpatrick - Business
- Jemena Martinov - Business
- Tony Norio - Automotive

In the presence of the Minister for Education and Training, Mr JP Langbroek, we were ecstatic to be announced winners in three categories:

- Winner Automotive - Tony Norio, All Trades Queensland
- Winner Hairdressing - Danica Clancy, Heights Hair
- Winner Business - Nellie Fitzpatrick, All Trades Queensland

Nellie Fitzpatrick was chosen as Regional Trainee of the Year.

No other school had three winners let alone four.

Congratulations to our students, their parents and teachers and of course their employers.

School-based apprenticeships and traineeships only work with team effort and hard work and commitment. We are very proud!

Sports Awards Evening

Last Wednesday, 7 November, the Health and Physical Education Department hosted the Annual Park Ridge Sport Awards evening at Logan West Community Centre.

The night was a great success and we were very pleased to have guest speaker Jeff Horn attend the awards evening. Jeff boxed at the 2012 London Olympic Games and he is the most successful boxer since the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games. Jeff spoke about his Olympic experience and what it took to achieve his goals and dream of fighting at an Olympic Games.

Congratulations to our sportsmen and sportswomen of the year. This year’s nominees were:

Senior Male
- Jakob Doolan
- Tye Gray
- Sam Vaafusuaga
- Daniel Evans

Junior Male
- Madison Warrington-Smart
- Kyle Somerville
- Jonah Martin
- Kendal Newton-Smith

Senior Female
- Taia Stowers
- Mikala Roberts
- Jaimee Newton-Smith
- Codie-Lee Page
- Bronte Snowdon

Junior Female
- Courtney Bromage
- Storm Law
- Tiarna Stehr

The 2012 winners are:

- Senior Male – Tye Gray
- Senior Female – Jaimee Newton-Smith
- Junior Male – Jonah Martin
- Junior Female – Courtney Bromage

Congratulations to Sport Leaders for 2013

- Sport Captains – Daniel Evans & Renee King
- Sport Ambassador – Codie-Lee Page
Staff dressed up and enjoyed the Melbourne Cup lunch presented by the students.

Year 12 Hospitality students have completed their final assessment for the year. One class catered for the Annual Sports Awards Ceremony and presented food for 300 participants. The students chose the dishes they would prepare and organised food requisitions, flow plans and completed the presentation. The food looked fantastic and is a credit to their efforts.

Beautifullly presented platters of food at the Speacker's Cup.

The other Hospitality class catered for a Morning Tea held last Friday to celebrate the work of the students in the leadership program and offer parents an opportunity to give feedback and suggestions for improvement. The food was again selected and organised by the students and looked fantastic.

The students worked hard to produce the food for these events. **Congratulations** go to their teachers as well – Mrs Maxwell, Mrs Rai and Ms York.

Kay York – HOD Home Economics and Business

Playgroup News

Park Ridge SHS Playful Rascals Playgroup has only one more week to run for this year. We will be up and running again next year from about the third week of the first term. The students have worked all year on Wednesday and then Friday mornings to run this community playgroup for parents and their children. The facilities we have are second to none and provide a safe and educational play space for small children up to age 5. Watch this space if you would like to join with us next year. The starting dates and times will be advertised in the newsletter.

Early Childhood Studies students spend “learning through playing” time with children.
From The Arts

Park Ridge SHS Arts faculty focus on extending learning through opportunities which foster a school culture in which creativity and excellence are celebrated.

Park Ridge SHS Arts faculty has been very busy lately with the Instrumental Music Night on Thursday 8 November and our first ever Dance Night on Saturday 10 November. Both nights were an amazing success with a supportive turn out. The Arts are alive and well at Park Ridge with a combined audience of more than 500 people. The Instrumental Music program has had much success recently with four ensembles receiving awards at the Music Fest competition. The Strings Ensemble, Junior Concert Band and Senior Stage Band received Silver awards and the Senior Concert Band taking home Gold, narrowly missing the Platinum accolade. The Music night was the perfect opportunity for the students to display their ability and it was easy to see why these were bestowed on them.

The Dance Troupe at Park Ridge SHS has been an explosion of development, largely due to the dedicated students and teachers (Mrs Doherty and Mr Hicks) that are involved in this school based extra-curricular activity. They have competed at eisteddfods and undertaken various workshops to develop their skills, one being with the famous dance crew “The Jabberwockies”. The Dance Night provided the perfect vehicle to showcase the progress and development of Park Ridge’s talented students in front of supportive friends, family and the community.

Isha Bou performs as a member of the Dance Troupe.

We were happy to showcase the talent that we have at Park Ridge State High School and appreciate the fabulous support “The Arts” receives from the wider community.

Rob Emblen - HOD The ARTS

AFL News

There has been plenty happening this month within the AFL Excellence Academy here at Park Ridge SHS. On Monday’s we have our Year 8 class and Year 9/10 girls class heading over to the local primary school for swimming as part of their fitness training regime. Many students have been participating with all students representing the school and the academy well while walking to and from the school. Also coming up is the beach fitness day which all Year 9 and 10 students will be involved in. This will be taking place at Palm Beach, Currumbin.

The Year 9 and 10 boys have been put through their paces with a heavy running and weights training schedule and their response and efforts have been terrific. No doubt this will pay off once the fitness day begins. The Jonathan Brown Cup is also currently taking place with many Year 8 students not only participating on carnival days but giving up their own time at lunch breaks and after school to train. This has been good to see and we are all proud of their efforts.

Looking to the coming weeks the academy will finish with an ‘intra-squad’ match between the Year 9 and 10 boys which will be interesting, to say the least. Finally it has been terrific to see many students not currently in the academy applying and gaining entry for 2013. Well done!

Derek Berry – AFL Academy / HPE Teacher

Thanks, to our sponsors and partners

We wish to acknowledge our sponsors and partners of the school. We thank them for their ongoing support of our school community.

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Community News

CAROLS IN THE CARPARK

The Community Carols in the car park will be held on Wednesday 5th December at the Elizabeth Street Shopping Centre car park off Beaudesert Road, Acacia Ridge from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

There will be live performances from local schools and local artists. It is a free event with giveaways, rides, face painting, magic show, prizes to be raffled and food and drinks for sale.

Special guest appearance from Santa with photo opportunities!!

The event is sponsored by Brisbane City Council Lord Mayor’s Suburban Initiative fund, IGA Acacia Ridge and Bendigo Bank.

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