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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

22-24 May	SCIM Camp
23 May	Rugby League Gala Day
28 May	Regional Cross Country
3 – 8 June	Assessment Week - All year levels
6 – 8 June	Senior Block Exams
10 June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
17 – 18 June	QCS Practice Test
17 – 21 June	Work Experience Week (Year 11 & 12)
18 June	P&C Meeting
20 June	Semester Reports Posted
21 June	LAST DAY Term 2

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

A Minor Amendment to our Responsible Behaviour Plan for students.

Our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students is designed to facilitate high standards of behaviour so that the learning and teaching in our school can be effective and students can participate positively within our school community.

The Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students is intended to ensure that parents, teachers and students are aware of the expectations and responsibilities of all members of the school community. PRSHS initially developed this plan in collaboration with our school community.

Our Responsible Behaviour Plan outlines our system for facilitating positive behaviours, preventing problem behaviour and responding to unacceptable behaviours. Through our school plan shared expectations for student behaviour are plain to everyone, assisting PRSHS to create and maintain a positive and productive learning and teaching environment.

Shared beliefs underpinning our Responsible Behaviour Plan:

- Social and academic learning outcomes are maximised for all through quality practices in curriculum, interpersonal relationships and school organisation.
- All members of our school community are responsible for their own actions and they should resolve differences in constructive, non-violent and peaceful ways.
- It is reasonable and fair that young people are expected to be accountable for their behaviour.
- Proactive and collaborative processes can assist students to make positive choices re behaviour and learning
- An orderly and cooperative classroom environment is necessary for effective learning and teaching.
- Effective learning happens best when students, teachers and parents work together.
- Parents have a joint responsibility to encourage students to be accountable for their behaviour and to actively participate in learning.

To foster a healthy and productive environment for every member of our community a Code of Conduct (*Learning Together Framework*) has been collaboratively designed to focus on the key expectations:

- We are here to learn
- We are here to do what is right
- We are here to work together.

The recent amendment is the inclusion of a small section (**Appendix 7**) regarding the **Confiscation of Property**. It states:

Property may be temporarily removed from a student if the staff member is reasonably satisfied that the removal is necessary to:

- preserve the caring, safe, supportive and productive learning environment of the school
- maintain and foster mutual respect among staff and students at the school
- encourage all students to take responsibility for their own behaviour and the consequences of their actions
- provide for the effective administration of matters about the students of the school

- ensure compliance with the school's *Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students* or any other directive, guideline or policy.
- If the property is illegal to possess, likely to threaten the safety or wellbeing of students or staff, or is reasonably suspected to have been used to commit a crime, the Principal should retain the property for handing to the police.

The *Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students* is available on our website and is included in our enrolment package. A hard copy can be requested from the school office at any time.

The Southern Cluster Instrumental Music Camp (SCIM) is underway with students from local partner schools coming together at PRSHS to undertake 3 days of intensive workshops. The standard of musicianship is extremely high and the culminating concert on Friday night promises to be a fantastic event. Music teachers from all of the schools are involved in providing tuition and it's a great example of the close and productive cooperation of the schools in our cluster.

Energy Drinks to be banned

At the P&C meeting this week I brought up my concerns about so-called energy drinks. Research indicates that they can have serious deleterious effects on the health of young people, especially when taken in excessive amounts. We therefore agreed that these drinks would be banned and students will not be able to bring them into our school. As you would know, our school adheres to the Healthy School Guidelines about what can be sold at our canteen and vending machines dispensing Coca-Cola were removed quite a few years ago. The ban will come into effect at the beginning of Term 3.

Reference: <https://www.mja.com.au/journal/2012/196/1/energy-drinks-health-risks-and-toxicity>

Kind Regards

Valerie Hadgelias - PRINCIPAL

Career Expo



Friday and Saturday 24 – 25 May 2013
Brisbane Convention Centre

The National Careers & Employment Expo is on again at the Brisbane Convention Centre 24 - 25 May 2013. Opening times for both days are Friday 9.00am – 4.00pm and Saturday 10.00am – 4.00pm.

This a great event for you as parents to take your Year 10, 11, 12 student /s to have the opportunity to get career advice, discuss study options with leading Universities, TAFE and private education providers, source information on industries of interest and speak directly with employers about employment opportunities within their organisations.

This is also the ideal platform to find out more about apprenticeships, traineeships, cadetships, jobs and education and training in these areas. It is a worthwhile day out that can make a big difference to where your student /s are going in their studies and what they want to do after they finish school.

Mrs Shvetsoff - HOD Senior Schooling

A Work Experience Adventure

From the 29 April to 1 May, I went to an Army Adventure Camp. It was one of the best things I have ever experienced. The one thing that I loved was talking to the girls in the army about their experiences and seeing how strong and independent they are; how proud they are to be serving our country and how much they love their jobs.

There were so many exciting things I got to experience along with 19 other girls. I got to ride in a black hawk helicopter which was amazing. I used a simulator then got to shoot a F88 Austeyr Rifle. I tried the over water obstacle course. I got to see the spy planes they use in war and heaps more.

The food was amazing - you could never go starving there. Seeing all the different trades in the army was good. I think by the end of the week most of us changed our minds on what to do 1000 times. One of the negatives in this experience was learning about deployments and how sad it was for these young people to leave their family behind to go fight for us. Some of the stories nearly brought me to tears. It reminds me of how lucky we are to have the army people. We wouldn't be here if it wasn't for our people that served our country.

I can't wait till the day that I can wear the army uniform with pride. When I leave school to join, I want to become a Marine Specialist.



Brooke Devlin - Year 12 student

AFL News

It was a big week for the AFL Excellence Academy at Park Ridge. For the first time ever we had three teams playing at the same venue. The open girls' team got the day off to a terrific start with a close two-point win. It was a great way for the girls to gain some full-ground game experience. There were many terrific performances from the girls; **Taia Stowers, Bridie Andriskie, Natasha Valentine and Steph Le**. Close games seemed to be the theme of the day as the junior boys just went down by 3 points - a terrific effort. The final quarter seemed

like a grand final with the support from our students getting louder by the minute. **Ben Smith, Nic Stiffel, Greg Bunney and Daniel Martinez** along with many others were inspirational in trying to get their team over the line.

It was a special day for our open boys' side who took the field after an original Park Ridge chant followed by a tunnel made from the girls and junior boys teams. That was a fantastic show of support! It was a physical contest from the first bounce and our boys came out firing early with some exciting play. Unfortunately, we didn't capitalise on our opportunities and went in at the break leading by only a couple of points. From there it was an intense battle for the rest of the game with the lead changing multiple times. After being down by nearly two goals during the fourth, the team regained the lead through some fantastic ball movement, effort and desire to never give up. The feeling around the ground was electric! Despite our best efforts and fantastic support the boys lost the lead late in the game and were unable to get it back, going down by just 7 points. There were too many terrific performances to name individuals with so many players standing up.

All in all it was a very special day to be a part of. The support shown by all students and the efforts given out on the field is something that everyone associated with Park Ridge SHS should be extremely proud of. I know the teachers and students certainly are. Well done!

Derek Berry – AFL Academy/HPE Teacher

Visiting Japanese Students



URGENTLY REQUIRED HOST FAMILIES FOR JAPANESE STUDENTS

Ginga Gakuin High School 15-17 year olds

ARRIVAL DATE: Monday 22 July 2013

DEPARTURE DATE: Saturday 3 August 2013

ATTENDING SCHOOL: Park Ridge SHS

HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS:

- No other Japanese staying in family
- Three meals per day
- Own bed, but can share a room with host child
- Over 18's must hold Blue Card or willing to apply
- Safe travel to and from school

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We thank you again for your support and look forward to again gaining some awesome educational resources for our school.