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30 November 2012

10 -14 December	UNIFORM SHOP OPEN (8-10 am daily, Thurs 1-4pm)
10-14 December	Australian Volleyball Cup
13 December	Year 7 Orientation Day
14 December	LAST DAY ALL STUDENTS
29 January 2013 (Tues)	FIRST DAY-Year's 8 and 11
30 January 2013 (Weds)	FIRST DAY -Year's 9, 10 and 12

- expansion of innovative use of computer technology in learning
- a strong focus on sharing good practice among staff through systematic coaching and mentoring.

While the timetable is presently being prepared it may be necessary to make some small changes depending on our final enrolment numbers on Day 8. Our staffing allocation is dependent on our total enrolment on that day so it is very important that our numbers are accurate. **If your student's return to school is delayed for any reason please ensure that you contact the school to explain the circumstances so your child can be included in our enrolment numbers.**

Thanks to our P&C Association

I would like to thank the members of the P&C Association for their continuing commitment throughout 2012. The P&C has donated a total of \$26000 in 2012 and this money has been used to improve the resources in the school. A special thanks to **Belinda Whalen and Sheryl Cooper who work in the canteen.** They provide quality food to our hungry students and staff and are always friendly and welcoming. We also appreciate the work of **Chris Chelsom in the uniform shop.** She remains cheerful, calm and collected even at the busiest times.

The P&C is always hoping for new members so please consider coming along in 2013. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. The first meeting, including the AGM, is scheduled for 6 pm on 19 February 2013.

Season's Greetings

As this is our last newsletter for 2012 I would like to extend my best wishes for the holiday season. I hope you have a happy and safe family celebration over Christmas and New Year.

Kind regards
Valerie Hadgelias - Principal

Immunisation Catch-up Date

Throughout the year some of our Year 8 students missed out on having the correct dose of immunisation. The Logan City Council Health Department have offered to visit our school again to offer this service to our students. If you are aware that your child has missed one of their vaccinations please ensure that your child attends school on Wednesday 5 December when they have the opportunity to catch up on their immunisation.

Final End-of-Year Clean Up

With the last day of school for 2012 fast approaching, I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents/caregivers and students to finalise their accounts and return all resources including books and laptops. Students who have any resources and accounts outstanding may not be permitted to participate in the Shared Resources Hiring Scheme or the take home One-to-One Laptop Scheme in 2013. **The school magazine which will be issued to Year 10 and 11 students on Thursday 29 November and the Year 8 and 9 students on Friday 7 December will also be withheld until accounts are finalised and all resources are returned to the school.**

From the Principal

Dear parents/carers

Student Reports

Student reports will be posted home in the week beginning **Monday 10 December.** If you have any concerns about your student's report please don't hesitate to contact the school office. (Ph.: 3380 4111)

Year 8 and Year 9 program in the last two weeks of the year

Students will continue to be engaged in timetabled learning activities. For the first two periods each day we have organized a Literacy Block and a Numeracy Block which will be taught by the English and Maths Teachers. This is a great opportunity to concentrate on crucial skill development over an extended period. During the other two lessons each day, students will carry on with learning in other curriculum areas in line with their normal timetable.

There may be some change to your child's teachers as our contract teachers all finish this week once the students in Year's 10 to 12 have completed their program for 2012. However, while some class reorganization is required to make the necessary timetable adjustments, you can be assured that targeted and useful curriculum learning will continue right up until Wednesday 12 December. On Thursday 13 December our prospective students for Year 8 in 2013 will visit for an orientation day. An alternative program will be arranged for Year 8 and 9 students on 13 and 14 December.

Planning for 2013

Planning for the new school year is well underway and we are looking forward to a successful start of term. Staff have been busy organizing curriculum programs and resources. HOD's have drafted their Faculty Action Plans in line with our whole school improvement agenda. Key focus areas include:

- high levels of student engagement in learning,
- improved attendance rates
- quality teaching and learning every lesson

Students have been issued with a letter detailing what resources and accounts are outstanding. The cash collection window is open from Monday to Friday 8.00am to 12.00pm until Friday 7 December, 2012. **NO PAYMENTS CAN BE RECEIVED OR PROCESSED AFTER THIS DATE.** Payments may be made by the following options:

PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING: Direct Payment into School Bank Account (Please arrange this with your bank with the following details)

- School's Bank Account Name is **PARK RIDGE STATE HIGH SCHOOL GENERAL A/C**
- BSB Number is **064-159** (Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Acacia Ridge)
- Account Number is **1000 0178**
- Please record **STUDENT'S NAME** in the details section so that your payment can be recorded correctly

PAYING BY PHONE: Payment by Credit Card Only

- Call the School on **33804111**, Monday, to Friday between the hours of 8:00am and 12.00 pm
- Please have this account and your credit card details with you when you call
- Accepted cards are VISA, Bankcard, Mastercard

PAYING BY MAIL: Payment by Credit Card Only

- Credit Card details completed on Payment Section
- Post to **PARK RIDGE STATE HIGH SCHOOL, PO Box 893, PARK RIDGE Q 4125**

PAYING IN PERSON: Payment by Credit Card, Debit Card, Cash only

- Payment can be made at the School Office, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday between the hours of 8:00am and 12.00pm
- **EFT POS facilities are available**
- Credit Cards, Debit Cards (EFT POS) and Cash are accepted

Cheryl Clegg – Business Services Manager

End-of-Year return of One2One laptops, Data security and Back-ups

As the end of the year approaches, it is important that students and parents understand the process for the return of take home one2one laptops. **All** laptops must be returned as soon as the student has completed any assessment that requires the laptop. This is to allow for auditing and so that any damage can be repaired.

The final dates for the device to be returned are:

- Year 10 & 11 - 28 November 2012
- Year 9 - 5 December 2012

It is important to note that no student is being asked to return their device before they have completed their assessment. If a clash arises between the dates above and student assessment, students are asked to see Mr Thompson in O block staffroom (or he can be reached via email on jthom814@eq.edu.au or phone 3380 4111), so that we can determine an alternate time to return the device.

Additionally, in the event that any repairs need to be carried out, the contents of the device may need to be deleted and the storage media reformatted. Therefore, it is important for students to ensure that their device has been backed up before it is returned.

Data security and back ups

The student is responsible for the backup of all data. While at school, students are able to save data to the school's network which is safeguarded by a scheduled backup solution. They are also able to save data locally to the device for use away from the school network. The backup of this data is the responsibility of the student

and should be backed-up on an external device, such as external hard drive or USB stick.

How to back up your device



The easiest way to back up your device is by using a portable HDD. This can be as easy as copying and pasting the desired file or folder onto the HDD. Students should do this regularly to ensure that files remain up to date. Alternatively, a more efficient solution for backing up student data is to use a program such as SyncToy. This requires a little more knowledge on the part of the user but offers greater protection.

For more information on how to back up your one to one device, go to: <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-AU/windows7/products/features/backup-and-restore>

For more information on SyncToy, go to: <http://www.microsoft.com/en-au/download/details.aspx?id=15155>

John Thompson – ICT Teacher/One2One Project Manager

Logan Enable Project

Four student leaders were involved in the Logan Enable Project this year which concluded at the start of this month. The students were given the challenge of implementing a \$500 grant for improving their school. **Mikala Roberts, Renee King, Ashley Retter and Harley-John Cooper** were successful in reaching their goal and presented their project about recycling to the rest of the leaders of Logan. Well done!



Andrew Conwell – Leadership Teacher

AFL News

It has been a big few weeks within the AFL Academy. Firstly our Year 9 and 10 students enjoyed their beach fitness day at Palm Beach Currumbin and also the Runaway Bay sports complex. Firstly they were put to the test with a running exercise that many went well with. After a lunch break they were taken to the world class multi-sport complex and participated in a core/recovery session.



All students throughout the excursion behaved extremely well and did the school and the academy proud. We also had the second day of the Jonathan Brown Cup happening for the Year 8 boys. It was a terrific day with Team 1 beating Sandgate State High School for the first time in a long time in back to back games! Team 2 also experienced success in a nail biter against Mount Creek. Both teams finished in 5th place and played and behaved extremely well. The attitude and effort of the boys towards training certainly paid off with many schools commenting on the vast improvement of our

players. The final event for the academy this year is the Year 9 vs. 10 boys' game this Thursday. The game will run in to lunch time so make sure you head down after class and have a look!

Derek Berry - AFL Academy/ HPE Teacher

Health News



Congratulations to the Year 10 students who created the art work during our LoveBites Healthy Relationship program in Term 3.

The posters demonstrated that our students understand the importance of respect in relationships and want to share that message with others. Feedback from students on the program was overwhelmingly positive, and the facilitators who worked with our students on the day were very complimentary on the maturity and values of the young people they worked with.

Below are the posters that will be on display over the break at Logan City Council Library at Browns Plains, 69 Grand Plaza Drive.



Posters display will be rotated through vacation weeks. Check with the library if you want to confirm that Park Ridge SHS posters are on display when you plan to visit. Opening times and contact numbers link is http://www.libraries.slq.qld.gov.au/home/services/logan/logan_west_library

Gabrielle Nolan - Youth Health Nurse

COMMUNITY NEWS

Junior Touch Competition, Season 1 2013

(Fully Affiliated and Insured with Touch Football Australia)

Interested in playing Touch Footy!?! Great! Come on down to Logan Metro Touch Fields.

Register your team or find a team to play in – don't miss out! Season is for 14 rounds plus finals.

Sign-On: Early bird special available 2nd & 7th Dec 2012 only

1st & 8th Feb from 5.30pm to 7pm

Competition Starts: 15 Feb 2013

GRAND FINALS: June 21 2013

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL \$80 if paid by 8th Dec 2012

Full Fees \$90.00 includes Playing Shirt

(Covers Registration, Insurance & Game fees)

DIVISIONS: Under 8, 10, 12, 14 & 16s (Boys & Girls)

(Subject to nominations)

Nomination forms are available on the website:

www.loganmetro.mytouchfooty.com