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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

3 – 8 June	Assessment Week - All year levels
6 – 8 June	Senior Block Exams
10 June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
11 June	Year 8 & 10 Immunisations
14 June	Instrumental Music Combined Concert
17 – 18 June	QCS Practice Test
17 – 21 June	Work Experience Week (Year 11 & 12)
20 June	Semester 1 Reports Posted
21 June	LAST DAY Term 2

From the Principal

Dear Parents and carers,

A Productive Learning Climate

As I walk around the school and go into classes it is great to see the positive, productive teaching and learning that is occurring. In subjects right across the curriculum, teachers and students are focused on the learning and some great work is happening. While we often celebrate student achievement in the diverse activities and extra-curricular programs that our students participate in and excel in, it's important for us all to remember that teaching and learning is our core business.

It is what happens every day, in every lesson, that forms the backbone of our school. We are constantly looking for ways to improve student achievement and develop our young peoples' skills as lifelong, independent learners.

I congratulate our teachers, teacher aides and students on the great job they are doing!

We have now begun the end of semester assessment cycle and **reports** will be mailed home in the last week of term. I urge parents to talk to their student(s) about both the ratings and the comments from teachers. It is important that students own the results of their endeavours. Parents are very welcome to contact the school to arrange to speak to individual teachers and a **Parent-Teacher evening** will be held on 24 July. Please pencil the date into your diary as these evenings provide an invaluable opportunity for parents to get to know their child's

teachers and to mutually establish some goals for the remainder of the year.

Parent Email Addresses

We are trying to get our email contacts for parents as accurate as possible. Please let us know if you have changed your email address. Email provides another opportunity for us to be in contact with parents and is particularly useful if there is a bulk email message that can be emailed informing parents of information relevant to a particular year level or class.

Congratulations on Audit Result

The school recently underwent an extensive audit of its financial management and a broad range of other policies and processes. I am pleased to report that we came through the audit with flying colours. This result is in no small part due to the hard work of our Business Services Manager, Mrs Cheryl Clegg and her highly competent team. It was good to see the audit findings recognise their ongoing commitment and effort!

Our New Chaplain

We have been fortunate to have our Chaplain, Sean Fortescue in the school two days a week this term. He has settled in really well and has quickly become a very valued member of our community. Next term, Sean will be joined by a second Chaplain, Ms Rebecca Cordingley, who will also work two days per week. We look forward to Rebecca joining our team.

Kind Regards

Valerie Hadgelias - PRINCIPAL

Year 8 and 10 Immunisations

Phase Three of the immunisation program is scheduled for **Tuesday 11th June** beginning at 9.00am.

Year 8 students, both boys and girls, will receive the first dose of Chickenpox and the second dose of HPV (protection against cervical cancer).

Year 10 boys will receive the second dose of HPV and both boys and girls will be provided with the opportunity to receive a catch up dose of Boostrix if they missed receiving it in February.

While only those students whose parents have given permission will be allowed to be vaccinated, it is important that ALL forms are returned to the school.

If you have any questions about the immunisation process please contact the Logan City Council's Immunisation Team on (07) 34125397 for advice.

Sandra Malmstedt - Deputy Principal

QCS Practice Tests

Practice Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test 2 Monday 17 June and Tuesday 18 June 2013

Throughout Term 2 our Year 12 QCS students have been preparing for their second Practice QCS Test on **Monday 17 June and Tuesday 18 June 2013**. All QCS Students will be issued with the Special Instructions for the second Prac QCS early next week. All Year 12 students who are eligible for an OP must sit the practice QCS test. A number of OP ineligible Year 12 students have also elected to sit the test.

Normal classes will be running for all Year 12 students **NOT** sitting the QCS will be required to come to school during the 2 Prac QCS days as well as the rest of the last week of Term 2. The Prac QCS Test will be conducted over 2 days and will consist of 4 papers. Students will only have one lunch break each day.

Lunch – for the QCS group

Reminder - One break only; Students should order lunch at the tuckshop before school on the days of the practice QCS.

What do I do if I am sick on the QCS days?

You must make every effort to do the practice QCS at the scheduled time. If you are sick on the day(s) of the test, you will need to get a doctor's certificate and bring it to school on your return. If you think a significant event/development which occurs during or shortly before the test will make it extremely difficult/impossible for you to sit the practice QCS Test you need to contact the school.

STRUCTURED WORKPLACE LEARNING PLACEMENTS (WORK EXPERIENCE) Years 11/12 – 17 to 21 June 2013 (last week term 2)

Structured Workplace Learning is an important component of the Senior Curriculum at Park Ridge State High School. Approximately 100 students in Years 11 and 12 students will be participating in the program during the 17 to 21 June 2013. All students in Years 11 and 12 not attending the Structured Workplace Learning Program **will be expected to attend school that week.**

Structured Workplace Learning Placement for Year 11/12 students is designed to give the opportunity to:

- Find out more about a career
- Develop skills in the work place
- Experience aspects of work including teamwork, problem solving and management, accepting responsibility in the work place, following Workplace Health and Safety practices
- Add valuable experience in the workplace to their resume.

Parents and students please note that Structured Workplace Learning is a great opportunity for students. However, it is employers who make it possible. It is important to respect the employers who provide these opportunities by being committed to your Structured Workplace Learning placement, dressing

correctly for the workplace, being punctual; doing what is required for that position. This will leave a good impression of Park Ridge SHS students for future Structured Workplace Learning placements and valuable recognition for your employment portfolio.

Further opportunities for Workplace learning

If you have missed out on the opportunity to attend the Structured Workplace Learning Program in the last week of this term you can apply now to go out in EKKA week in August and the last week of Term 3. You will need to pick up application forms from R block or the Student window in Admin. Applications are due no later than 26 July 2013 for students to participate in the Term 3 Structured Workplace Learning. If you require further information about Structured Workplace Learning Placements call Wendy Howard, Work Transition Officer or Gena Shvetsoff HOD Senior Schooling on 33804111.

Gena Shvetsoff - H.O.D. Senior Schooling

Year 11 Biology Camp

On Thursday 16 and Friday 17 May, the Year 11 biology students went on an overnight camp to the Jacob's Well Environmental Education Centre. On this camp the students experienced many different activities such as mammal trapping, trawling, investigating mangroves and looking at plankton and a fresh-water pond investigation. This was a great camp that not only extended the students learning experience, but also left the students with high school memories that will be treasured for the rest of their lives.



Christina Draguceanu – Science Teacher

Sports News

The new rotation of winter sport has got off to a flying start with Park Ridge playing Stretton College last week and this week we played Macgregor SHS in some tightly contested matches.

This year Park Ridge has 22 teams entered into the Karawatha competition. We will be represented in Volleyball, Netball, Soccer, Basketball and AFL.

Students need to have returned their permission note and make payment for their sport to be able to continue their involvement in interschool sport.

The athletics field events got underway last week and have continued this week. **Congratulations** to the winners and place-getters so far.

The results below are up to and including Monday 3rd June.

1500 Metres

- 13 Year Girl – 1st Camryn Newton-Smith; 2nd Cherayn Cranson
- 14 Year Girl – 1st Courtney Bromage
- 15 Year Girl – 1st Natasha Valentine
- 16 Year Girl – 1st Peta-Louise Beardsley; 2nd Stephanie Le; 3rd Tahlia McFarlane; 4th Tiarna Stehr
- 17 Year Girl – Bridie Andriske
- 13 Year Boy – 1st Aidan Duncan; 2nd Lachlan Swain; 3rd Jaikob Downie; 4th Ethan Fletcher; 5th Clayton Mann
- 14 Year Boy – 1st Nic Stiffel; 2nd Obadiah Pewee; 3rd Caden Campbell
- 15 Year Boy – Jonah Martin; 2nd Gabriel Martin; 3rd Joshua James
- 16 Year Boy – 1st Blake Rhodes; 2nd Ben Refeld; 3rd Jordyn Pearce; 4th Trent Thorburn; 5th Justin Beckhouse
- 17 Year Boy – 1st Ben Roberts; 2nd Daniel Evans; 3rd Braedon Griffiths; 4th Taylor Alapaki and Jordan Stockman

High Jump

- **13 Year Girl – 1st Camryn Newton-Smith (record 1.55 metres);** 2nd Cherayn Cranson and Olivia White; 4th Paige O'Dwyer

Discuss

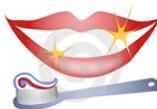
- 14 Year Girl – 1st Janessa Kasipale; 2nd Tayla Reid
- 15 Year Girl – 1st Storm Law; 2nd Natasha Valentine; 3rd Sia Lefi
- 14 Year Boy – 1st Cody Brown-Te Huia; 2nd Jordan Bonney; 3rd Angus Chalmers
- 15 Year Boy – 1st Zakk Gibson; 2nd Liam Heaton; 3rd Dylan Hautapu

Congratulations to Camryn Newton-Smith on breaking the first athletics record for the year in the 13-year girl's High Jump. Camryn broke the record by 6cm, jumping 1.55 metres. Well done Camryn!

Kirsty Caddy - Sports Coordinator

Logan-Beaudesert Area Oral Health Program

Free dental care is offered to all Queensland resident children from four years of age to the end of Grade 10, through Metro South Health's Child & Adolescent Oral Health Program. Students who are in Year 11 & 12 are eligible if they are dependants of current concession care holders or hold a current concession card themselves.



The Dental Van will not be based at Park Ridge High School this year. Alternatively dental examinations and consequent dental treatment is currently being offered at

Park Ridge Primary School located at 3776 Mt Lindesay Highway Park Ridge 4125.

If you wish your child/children to access this service, please **contact the Dental Van (0412096656)**. The hours of operations for the Dental Van are 7:30am to 4pm Monday – Friday

PLEASE NOTE:

- *If you wish your child to attend the School Oral Health Program for a dental examination and treatment you must contact the Dental Van by phone or in person.can commence.*
- *Consent Forms will need to be completed by parent/guardian before treatment*
- *Teen Dental Vouchers issued by the Commonwealth Government to eligible students are accepted by the School Dental Van. If you have a voucher please bring it along to your first visit.*

As part of the Oral Health Program, Queensland Health has implemented safety steps for the School Dental Service and your child's oral health. This procedure ensures that your child's dental treatment is performed in accordance with the following safety steps: identification of patient, informed consent, identification of site and side of procedure and the final team check. For further information regarding these safety steps please contact Dental Van staff or refer to this website: www.health.qld.gov.au/psq/patients.asp

Queensland Health supports the rights and responsibilities of our patients, consumers, carers and families. For further information please contact Dental Van staff or visit this website: www.safetyandquality.gov.au

Oral Health Staff can be contacted on phone number 0412 096 656

German Trip Fundraiser

Photos with Finesse by Cathy Smith

Help us fundraise for the 2013 German trip

Where: Park Ridge State High School - Music Block (M06)

Date: Saturday 20th July

Time: 9am – 5pm

Cost: \$70

1 X A3 portrait print, and a 7"x5" print with 2 wallet sized prints
\$10 booking fee + \$60 on the day (normally valued at \$150)
\$10 to be paid to the cash collection window at PRSHS (cash only)

A booking time to be made at cash collection window
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We thank you again for your support and look forward to again gaining some awesome educational resources for our school.

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 students 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 be willing to apply

Able to provide safe travel to and from school

***Single Placement, Remuneration Provided**

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