24 February 2014

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

We Are Here To Learn

“We are here to learn” is one of our underlying principles and remains our primary focus. For our learning goal to be realised students must come prepared for classes.

Students need to be well organised for their learning. Parents can help out by reinforcing the need to bring all learning materials each day and by checking yourself on the status of your child’s stationery, texts and homework diary.

Some students, especially those in the younger year levels, have trouble organising their workbooks. Workbooks should provide a useful record of their learning and a useful tool to assist with revision for exams. Parents are urged to regularly peruse student’s notebooks to ensure they are on track.

It is absolutely imperative that students are able to access the appropriate textbooks. If parents have opted to be part of the Shared Resource Hire Scheme, please ensure you have entered into a payment plan so texts and other resources can be distributed to your child. If parents have chosen not to be part of the scheme, the full resource list will need to be purchased.

Please join us at our Parent Forums:

Parents are cordially invited to come to a range of Parent Forums over the coming months. They will be held in the Library at 6:30 pm-8:00 pm on a number of evenings. The purpose of the forums is twofold:

- To gain your comments and feedback on policies and procedures, curriculum offerings and learning frameworks that form part of our school improvement agenda. We also want to hear from you about how we can work together to maximize our student outcomes.

- We are also keen to run some parent workshops about how parents can assist students at home in regards their learning but we want to make sure that we design workshops that will meet your needs. We really value your input and hope you will be able to join us.

Our first forum will be held on Tuesday 4 March and all parents are welcome. The Forum will focus on the following topics:

- Changes to our Responsible Behaviour Plan for students
- Assessment Processes and the My Learning Profile

P&C Association News

The Annual General Meeting was held last Tuesday evening. I am pleased to announce our executive for 2014:

President - Mr Chris Finch
Vice President - Mr Aaron Symes
Treasurer - Ms Karen Baccon

The secretary position has yet to be filled. We would certainly welcome any parent who was willing to take on this role. It is an excellent opportunity to get involved in the life of the school.

My thanks to our new executive for being willing to step up and take on these roles and I look forward to working together throughout 2014.

Students Taking Medication at School

From time to time students need to take medication at school. There are strict Education Queensland guidelines around the procedures that must be put in place to accommodate this. These guidelines for the administration of medication to students are outlined in the School Organiser on Page 13. If you have any concerns or questions around this issue, please contact the school office ph. 3380 4111.
Insurance cover for students undertaking physical activities

Physical activity and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury.

Parents are advised that the Department of Education Training and the Arts does not have Personal Accident Insurance cover for students. Education Queensland has public liability cover for all approved school activities and provides compensation for students injured at school only when the Department is negligent. If this is not the case, then all costs associated with the injury are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver. It is a personal decision for parents as to the type and level of private insurance they may arrange to cover students for any accidental injury that may occur.

Kind Regards,

Valerie Hadgelias
PRINCIPAL

Playful Rascals Playgroup

The first Playful Rascals session of 2014 was a huge success with the Year 12 Early Childhood students and playgroup children both having a fun morning together. The students organised Valentine’s Day themed collages, pink and red playdough and outdoor activities, finishing off the morning with storytelling and songs. The students are looking forward to next week’s theme, dinosaurs, which should be a roaring success.

Are you a parent or carer who is looking to spend some fun and educational time with your child on Friday mornings? Come along and enjoy loads of exciting activities such as playdough, painting, craft, storytelling and music between 9:10am and 11:30am. All activities will be organised by the Year 12 Early Childhood students at a cost of $3.00 each week. Our playgroup is affiliated with Playgroup Queensland. Come along and share this time with us. We have our own building which is resourced with all the indoor and outdoor equipment you could imagine. A favourite is the outdoor play area with shade cover, sand pit and rubberised play surface, complete with a bike track!

If this sounds like something you and your child would enjoy, please contact Alyssa Norman (Teacher) on 3380 4111.

Shared Resources Hiring Scheme 2014

By now all families should have made their first payment for the Shared Resources Hiring Scheme for 2014. If you have not made your payment, please do so as soon as possible so that your students may receive the benefits of the scheme for their chosen course of study. Please note that if your account is in arrears from previous years, that these arrears must be paid first.

Students who are in programs that provide the take-home laptops or the AFL program should also have made their payments. Failure to meet these obligations may result in the laptop being returned to the school and students being removed from the AFL program.

Year 12 and 11 students must have all school accounts paid in full before they can make payment for the school formal or Senior Jersey at the end of the year.

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

- Phone the school on 3380 4111 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday between 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 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday between the hours of 8:00am and 12.00pm
- EFTPOS facilities are available
- Credit Cards, Debit Cards (EFTPOS) and Cash are accepted

Statements will be sent out early next week. If you have difficulty in making your payments, please contact the Business Services Manager, Mrs Cheryl Clegg to arrange a payment plan. Unfortunately only in exceptional cases only can school fees be
waived or reduced and this would be at the discretion of the principal.

**Ignite News**

On Wednesday, a permission note for students invited to IGNITE mentoring program was in the process of being sent home. The identified students had a letter placed into their morning form roll. The notes can be returned to the student window, or after Friday, to Mr. Thompson directly.

Queries about the mentor program can be directed to John Thompson via phone 3380 4111 or via email jthom814@eq.edu.au.

**Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to all students who participated in the annual school swimming carnival, it was another successful school event.

Well-done to “Eucalyptus” for the winning house in the swimming carnival.

A great effort was made by the following students for age group Champions.

Males: 13 years Jack James and Lachlan James, 14 years Aiden Duncan, 15 years Alex Sauer, 16 Jonah Martin, 17 years Kendall Newton-Smith.

Females: 13 years Dana Edwards, 14 years Camryn Newton-Smith, 15 years Charlotte Holt, 16 years Ebony Gunstone, 17 years Natalie Hartness.

A huge congratulations also goes to the students who represented Park Ridge High School at the District Swimming Carnival at Chandler Aquatic Centre on Wednesday 19 February. A special mention to Jonah Martin who won the 16 year boys district age champion.

Well done to all swimmers!

**2014 District Swimming Team**

Julie McCarthy
Health and Physical Education Teacher

**News from the English Department**

Welcome to 2014. As we approach the middle of Term 1, students should be well underway with their first major assessment piece. Please check with your student how they are going with their homework and assessment tasks.

The following information will give you an idea about what your students should be working on:

(More details are available on the school’s website, or by contacting your student’s English teacher.)

**Year 8**

Unit 1: Representations in Media

Assessment 1: SPOKEN TASK

Students have been analysing textual and language features of a media text (newspaper or online news article) to see how the writer positions the audience to view the representations of the subject of the text. They will then demonstrate this knowledge and understanding by presenting an analysis of a chosen text to an audience of their peers.

DRAFT SPEECH (with poster or power point) due: end of week 4/beginning week 5

PRESENTATIONS due: middle of week 5 onwards

**Year 9**

Unit 1: Representations of Australia

Assessment 1: SPOKEN & WRITTEN TASK

Students have been analysing verbal and non-verbal persuasive devices, used in various representations of Australia, to discover how these can position an audience towards a certain perspective. They will then apply what they have learned by presenting a pitch (in written and oral modes) of what they think is the best representation of Australia.

DRAFT SPEECH (written and visual component) due: end of week 5
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<td>Students have been analysing and deconstructing the satirical techniques used by writers to position audiences towards a certain perspective. They have been practicing this in class and will have to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of how successfully a writer has used language and visual devices to position an audience. This will be presented as an analytical essay.</td>
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<td>Students have been working on drafting an original creative piece, after watching an Australian film as stimulus for their story. They have been looking at how language features can be used to position readers and evoke the relevant emotions need to connect a reader to their story.</td>
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<td>Students have been working on drafting an original creative piece, based on one of the chosen Australian poems. They have been looking at how language features can be used to position readers and evoke the relevant emotions need to connect a reader to their story, which must clearly connect to their chosen stimulus poem.</td>
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**Year 11 and 12 Students’ Career Options**

University of Queensland are running a special FREE Career That Shape the World Day for high school students on Wednesday 23 April at the St Lucia Campus.

UQ looks forward to welcoming students to their beautiful campus, and to delivering an event which will provide countless opportunities for students to learn discover and engage.

If you are interested in going to this day as an individual (there is no school group going), register online at uq.edu.au/shapeyourworld. Complimentary morning and afternoon tea will be provided but you need to take your own lunch or buy it there.

Registrations close Friday 18 April, but places are limited so book early. If you have any questions about the day, email shapeyourworld@uq.edu.au

**Community News**

**Head in the clouds?**

Why not fly something there too? The Australian Air League is a youth organisation for boys and girls of 8 years and over who are interested in aviation and associated subjects. Parade nights are held weekly and include marching, physical activities, aviation, meteorology, and aircraft building. Cadets regularly fly RC aircraft more their size through the skies, and inspect airfields, hangars and more on day outings, along with travelling further a field on overnight camps with other Squadrons. Specialist training and leadership courses are also available.

For more information about the Australian Air League Inc. and Forest Lake Squadron contact:-

Chris Chandler
0421 578 641
oc.forestlake@airleague.com.au
www.airleague.com.au

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  - Engineering
  - Gliding & Scoring
  - Meteorology
- Flight Experiences
- Community Service
- Aviation Careers Expo
- Flight Simulators
- Ceremonial Drill
- First Aid
- Camp Craft
- Team Building
- Gliding Camps
- Model Aircraft
- Leadership Training

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For information about your local Squadron:

Sign lt. Chris Chandler
M: 0421 578 641
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W: www.airleague.com.au

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Let’s Get Singing

Looking for something safe and fun to do after school?

When: Wednesday afternoons
Time: 4.00pm—5.00pm
Cost: $4.00 per session
Where: Logan East Community Neighbourhood Centre Cnr Cinderella Drive & Vanessa Blvd Springwood

Who: From 5 years to 18 years
Delivered By Alyssa Maughan
Parental involvement encouraged

Alyssa Maughan is a community cultural development worker and professional vocalist/performing artist. Alyssa has conducted many choirs and provided vocal coaching for several musical theatre productions.
No experience necessary. No audition required

Please bring a water bottle, a sense of adventure and a song you might like to learn.

To make a booking please call Logan East Community Neighbourhood Centre on 3006 4529