3 April 2014

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

Gearing up for Junior Secondary in 2015

As you are no doubt aware Year 7 will transfer to high school in 2015. We have been planning for this move, in partnership with our local primary schools, for many months. Recently we have been meeting with parents in our partner schools to explain what Year 7 will look like in our setting. These meetings will continue early in term 2. We will also begin our enrolment processes for both year 7 and 8, 2014 after the holidays. Further information outlining the relevant dates is attached to this newsletter. Please don’t hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions or would like further information. You can keep up with our Junior Secondary news on our website.

Instrumental Music Performance

Last Friday evening I had the pleasure of attending the first Instrumental Music presentation for the year. It was an outstanding evening and I’m sure that the many family members who came along had a wonderful evening. Congratulations to all of the students and the teachers involved in the presentation. The excellent standard of musicianship certainly augurs well for the future.

Parent-Teacher Evening

We always encourage as many parents as possible to come along to meet with teachers because it so important for parents to understand just how their child is going in their studies, to be aware of what will be studied over the new term and how best to support students at home. Information about the Parent-Teacher evening is being sent home with the Interim Reports this week. Parents will be able to book appointments on line. If this is not possible for you, please contact the school office. Our office staff will be happy to assist you in making appointments.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call School Watch on 13 17 88.

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education, Training and Employment, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy—13 17 88—and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

Kind Regards
Valerie Hadgelias - PRINCIPAL

2015 Enrolments

We are now holding Parent Information Sessions over the next 4 weeks for students in Year 6 or 7 students wanting to enrol for 2015 at Park Ridge State High. Please click the link below for additional information and dates. Hope to see you there!

National Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools will participate and all schools will be collect data from
2015. Our school will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data from this year.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact Kylie Scutt directly on 3380 4154.

Kylie Scutt
Head of Special Education Services

Senior Legal Studies Excursion

On Thursday the 13th of March, the legal studies students from Years 10, 11 and 12 travelled to the city on an excursion to visit the Brisbane Magistrates’ Court, the Arrest Courts and the Queensland Police Museum. At the arrival to the Magistrates’ Court a registrar toured us through the building into an unoccupied court room. At each entry and exit of the court room everyone was informed to bow towards the golden crest located above the Magistrate’s seat. This crest represents the equality of all persons who enter the court room, as well as being a symbol of justice. After our brief tour, we made our way to the Arrest Courts on Roma Street, next to the Police Museum. A Court Security guard welcomed us sternly, warning us of the seriousness involved inside of the Courts. In an orderly fashion we entered the building and made our way to court room number 1, where cases were being heard continuously throughout the day. We bowed to the crest and sat through many minor cases including drug evasions, public nuisance, sexual assault and public transport fare evasions. The experience of the real life court cases helped our group to learn about the seriousness and proper ways of the Queensland Legal System.

Whilst in the Courts, the verdict of the Daniel Morecombe case was being held in the Supreme Court, however we were unable to attend due to the severity of the case. After our 2 hour long session watching several cases, we travelled to the Police Museum. We were greeted by a worker in the Museum who presented us with a closed murder case of the year 2001 to be studied. With a real life case like “The Suitcase Murder”, we were able to obtain further knowledge on criminal law and the processes of specific parts that make up the legal system. After the presentation, we were dismissed and given the privilege to roam around the museum where there were demonstrations of murders scenes, historical police equipment and information on how our legal system has evolved.

Overall, it was an enjoyable experience that allowed our group of Senior Legal students to gain knowledge of the real life processes and a sense of real events that have occurred. Thanks to Mrs Perera and Mrs Sawtell for giving us this opportunity as well as the Brisbane Magistrates’ Court, the Arrest Courts and the Police Museum for having us.

Tamara Arlet and Rebecca Skews
Year 11 Legal Study Students

Home Economic News

In the Home Economics department this term, Year 10 Early Childhood students have been working on a number of projects, one of which was the construction of their own toy, made from recycled materials. These toys needed to be appropriate for a 6 month old baby and be safe for children. Many students in year 10 received an A grade for this assignment and should be congratulated on their efforts.
In Year 10 Food Studies, students participated in an Easter cookery demonstration, where they decorated strawberry cupcakes into the shape of Easter Bunnies. This was a steep learning curve for some, and we look forward to seeing more creative cake decorating later in the year.

Jonathan Brown Cup State Champions

I am pleased to say that our junior Year 8 boys took out the Jonathan Brown Cup final in emphatic fashion last Friday. Playing Palm Beach Currumbin defending champions in the final our boys showed no nerves to kick 6 goals to one in the opening quarter. From there we were never challenged running out winners 14: 8 = 92 to 2: 4 = 16.

Mitchel Fitzpatrick received best on ground in the final and his efforts were closely followed by Lachlan James and Jack James who both dominated the tournament with their towering marks and accuracy for goal. Captain Riley Green accepted the trophy and the medals were presented by AFLQLD Chief Executive Officer Michael O’Connor.

This competition involves the 8 schools of Excellence from the Gold Coast all the way up to the Sunshine Coast. This competition represents an opportunity for PRSHS school students to play against the best school football teams in the state. The schools involved are PBC (Palm Beach Currumbin SHS), Helensvale SHS, Benowa SHS (Gold Coast), Park Ridge SHS, Victoria Point SHS (Brisbane), and Narangba SHS, Sandgate SHS, and Mountain Creek SHS (Sunshine Coast). To go through this tournament undefeated and beat the other schools the way we did represents a great achievement and the future of the AFL program and this squad of players looks bright.

Well done to all involved and thank you to the parents that supported the boys on the day. It was a great effort.

The squad consisted of the following: Frederick Ashdown, Jesse Ballard, Xaden Berryman, Matthew Casey, Joe Durrant, Tyson Elies, Lachlan Fearns, Trent Fisher, Mitchell Fitzpatrick, Hayden Forbes, Cooper Forrester, Riley Greene (Captain), Luke Hedges, Jack James, Lachlan James, Andrew Jarrett, T.K Kennedy, Tom Mansfield, Dylan Schoemaker, Deegan Simpson, Nichols Swain, Jake Taylor, Logan Walters-Gray, Layton Reid, Harrison Gregorovic.

Craig McBrien - Coach
HOD Physical Education

National Equestrian Champion

One of Park Ridge State High School’s Year 11 students, Morgan Spary, competed at the National Vaulting Championships in South Australia, where she finished first overall and has qualified for the World Championships in Paris. Morgan says that she was nervous going into the competition.

“Training up to qualifying day was full on. I trained more than normal putting 120% effort into it knowing that I might not get this chance again. The feeling of going into the ring and giving it my all is the most overpowering feeling. Hoping to qualify and doing my very best is all that goes through my head at the time. As I wait for the final score to come up, I began to feel extremely nervous hoping that we have made the qualifying score.”
“As I look past the heads at the score sheets, I try not to be disappointed if our score wasn’t good enough. Reading our score and adding it up was so nerve wracking and I almost wanted to turn away. After a few short moments, we see our score and realise that we have qualified.”

“Qualifying for Worlds in Paris was the most amazing feeling. I know that from now on I must train even harder but no matter what outcome I get, this will be an experience of a life time.”

We wish Morgan luck for her competition.

Jonah Martin and Moana Taukamo
Sport Captains

FROM THE ARTS

Our instrumental music evening and talent quest were both a huge success. The audience enjoyed the performances and shared in a fabulous night’s entertainment presented by our talented performing arts students. The place getters will be featured in the next newsletter, with a little story about their experiences.

Our Musical has progressed to the stage of full number runs for act 1 and the lead characters are beginning to get their lines down. I would like to thank all the cast members for the tireless effort that everyone is putting in to the major production for 2014.

A special thanks to our sponsors: TRIDENT MINING AND MARINE SERVICES – specializing in mineral exploration and marking consultants and SYSTENET MANAGED SERVICES – networking and technology infrastructure consultants. Their support has helped to produce the costuming, sets and props for our musical.

Community News

Rugby League Players Wanted!! - Browns Plains Rugby League Football Club

We need boys and girls who are turning 11 or 12 this year to join. You will require your Birth Certificate or Passport to sign up. Please contact Beverley Welch on 0406 746 191 if you’re interested.

A big thank you to our sponsors of the AFL Academy

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