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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

16 May	NAPLAN Catch-up
20 May	P&C Meeting– 6:00pm
22 May	Brisbane Rock Eisteddfod
23 May	Dream It Up Performance
27 May	Met West Cross Country
9 June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
11-13 June	Senior Block Exams
13 June	Musical “43rd STREET”
17 June	P&C Meeting
16-20 June	Junior Assessment
20 June	2nd Dose Immunisations – all Year 8 and Year 10 Boys
20 June	Instrumental Music Concert
23-27 June	Senior Students Work Experience

Important update about the Schoolkids Bonus

The Australian Government has committed to abolishing the Schoolkids Bonus.

Parliament did not pass the *Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2013*, which included legislation to abolish the Schoolkids Bonus.

Payment of the July 2014 instalment of the Schoolkids Bonus will depend on whether or not legislation to abolish the payment is re-introduced and passed by Parliament by 30 June 2014.

Any updates and news will be published on the Department of Social Services website and the Australian Families Facebook page.

Child and Adolescent Dental Health Scheme

Under the Commonwealth Government's Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) which commenced on 1 January 2014, children aged from 2 to 17 years, whose families receive Family Tax Benefit A, will qualify for dental services up to the value of \$1000 per child per two years. The CDBS requires a parent/legal guardian to attend all dental appointments with their children and sign the necessary forms.

Metro South Health appreciates that we will need to make family attendance at our clinics as flexible as possible so parents can more easily attend appointments with their children at a time and a location most convenient.

From 22 April, all dental examination and emergency appointments will be made by calling our Oral Health Hub (the Hub) on 1300 300 850. Families can make appointments at any of our school dental clinics or other clinics in Metro South Health, by calling this central number.

Metro South Health provides services at a number of school sites. Students who do not attend a school with a dental clinic on site can receive care at an alternative school location. These arrangements will continue under the CDBS. Under the requirements of the scheme, parents will also need to attend with their child.

To allow the Hub to assist clients in accessing services, we plan to extend the number of days most of our clinics will open to allow them to provide from Monday to Friday.

Metro South Oral Health

Work Experience

Year 11 student, **Suzy Shakeshaft** was keen to know what **cake decorating** was like. Annie Stonehouse, owner of **The Cupcake Parlour** at West End was more than happy to provide the opportunity for her to try it out. Last week saw Suzy do everything from folding boxes to clearing tables, washing up and of course piping and decorating cupcakes. She thoroughly enjoyed her work experience.



Wendy Howard – Work Education Transition Officer

Playful Rascals

The time has come for our Year 12 Early Childhood students to say goodbye to playgroup. They have worked hard over the last year running activities and getting involved with the children at playgroup. Our Year 12's will be sad to say their goodbyes at their last playgroup on May 16th, but they know that playgroup will be in good hands. Our Year 11 students have been busy preparing and planning for the exciting times ahead, by learning the importance of creativity and the kinds of activities that our playgroup children love.

With the change of classes, our playgroup day and time is also changing. **Playgroup will be held on Wednesday's from 10.05 am to 12.25pm, starting Wednesday, May 21 2014.**

We would like to thank our parents for their continued support at Playgroup and to our Early Childhood students.

Ami-Lee Tully – Early Childhood Teacher

2014 School Cross Country

The school Cross Country was held on Thursday 24 April at school. This was a whole school event and it was great to see so many students participating, whether they were serious competitors or just walking the course. Everyone was actively involved and contributed to a terrific day. This year all competitors covered a distance of 3.5 km and we had some great individual results.

With so many students competing, the top ten positions in each age group were hotly contested, as all of these students would get to participate at the district Cross Country.

This year the **House** positions were:

1st - Waratah	2nd - Eucalyptus	3rd - Grevillia	4th - Banksia
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Age champions were:

U13 Boys	Mitchell Fitzpatrick	U13 Girls	Alysha Torr
U14 Boys	Aidan Duncan	U14 Girls	Cherayn Cranson
U15 Boys	Marcus Balint	U15 Girls	Charlotte Holt
U16 Boys	Jonah Martin	U16 Girls	Emma Thompson
U17 Boys	Tianna Stehr	U 17 Girls	Jordyn Pearce

Thanks to all staff that assisted on the day and a special thank you to the HPE Department for their tireless work around making these carnivals such a success. The Cross Country continues to be a wonderful day which is always fun, and it is always a celebration of all participation and effort. We all look forward to the 2015 Park Ridge SHS Cross Country.



District Cross Country

On Tuesday 6 May, approximately sixty students set off to represent our school at the District Cross Country held at Waterford Rugby League Club. Everybody tried their hardest and represented our school with pride. Overall our school placed sixth with the girls placing sixth and the boys placing sixth out of all the other schools. There were a number of students who made the top ten and will now represent the Karawatha District at Regional Cross Country in Ipswich on Monday 26 May. **Congratulations to Aidan Duncan and Jonah Martin who were Age Champions.** All students gave their absolute best and represented the school in the best light. Thank you to Mr Brown, Mrs Larcombe, Miss Brentnall and Mr Boon, as well as the sport leaders who helped out on the day. Good luck to all of the runners competing at regionals. Some of our students placing's were:

13 Year Boys	Mitchell Fitzpatrick	4th
	Dylan Schoemaker	8th
13 Year Girls	Alysha Torr	8th
	Dana Edwards	11th
15 Year Boys	Aidan Duncan	1st
16 Year Boys	Jonah Martin	1st
17 Year Boys	Blake Rhodes	8th

Rob Brown and Adam Boon – HPE and Sport teachers

AFL News

There has been plenty happening for the girls in AFL Academy. Recently the Met West girls Under-16 trials were held at Kenmore AFC. We had a terrific turn out with many of our girl's trialling for a spot and gaining some extra match practice for the season ahead. Overall, there were five girls selected from Park Ridge SHS in the final 23-player squad: **Emily Beardsley, Vanessa Boyd, Charlotte Holt, Camryn Newton-Smith and Sarah Shuttlewood**. Well done girls!

The State championships were held at Maroochydore AFC and by all reports the girls played an outstanding brand of football and finished second overall for the carnival. An Under-16 girl's state squad is selected from the championships and Park Ridge's own **Sarah Shuttlewood** was selected. This is an outstanding achievement and a credit to the hard work and dedication she has shown so far in the program.



Met West Under-16 representatives Camryn Newton-Smith, Charlotte Holt, Emily Beardsley, Vanessa Boyd and Sarah Shuttlewood.

The AFL Academy thanks their sponsors, Super IGA Regents Park and Bendigo Bank Westpoint Branch Browns Plains for their ongoing support.

Derek Berry – Director AFL Academy

TAFE programs Semester 2

We are pleased to announce that we are currently taking expressions of interest for the following programs to commence in Semester 2, 2014! This is a great opportunity for students that are currently enrolled in Year 11 and who are not already participating in a VET in School program.

To be considered for one of these programs, student must be currently enrolled in Year 11. This is an EOI process and we will confirm placements and programs have been successful once minimum numbers have been achieved.

Please note that there will be a workshop held for these programs on June 25th 2014, all students that are successful in gaining placement in one of these programs must be enrolled and attend this workshop to ensure funding at the current price.

Program	Campus	Duration	Cost
Certificate II in Applied Fashion Design and Technology	Mt Gravatt, Bracken Ridge	18 months	\$380.00

Program	Campus	Duration	Cost
Certificate III in Info, Digital Media and Technology (Networking and programming)	Mt Gravatt, Bracken Ridge	18 months	\$146.00
Certificate III in Info, Digital Media and Technology (Web App and Games)	Mt Gravatt, Bracken Ridge	18 months	\$146.00

To express interest for one of these programs, forms must be completed and forwarded to MSIT.Partnershipwithschools@tafe.qld.gov.au **by no later than COB 19 May 2014**. Please note that both forms must be received for a student to be considered for a placement. See me at the office if you are interested.

Wendy Howard – Work Education Transition Officer

Community News

WEP Student Exchange – Memores and Skills for Life!



Choose from over 20 countries around the world to attend school, live with a welcoming host family and have the time of your life. Whether you wish to learn another language or choose English-speaking destinations like the USA, Canada or Ireland, students return with memories and skills for life.

Early Bird Special – Save \$500

WEP is offering students in years 9 to 12* a \$500 discount off the 2014/15 program fee towards a semester or year program to any of the following countries departing in January - March 2015: Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Thailand or the USA. Early Bird applications close **30 May '14**.

*Offer not available to year 12 students in Victoria or in conjunction with any other offer or scholarship.

Interested in Hosting an Exchange Student?

Travel from the comfort of your armchair by extending your family with an overseas host brother, sister, son or daughter. Hosting an exchange student is fun and can result in lifelong friendships. Our students are due to arrive in July for a semester and year and can't wait to hear about the family they can call their own.

"Wonderful - joyous - heartfelt. An absolutely wonderful idea and so beneficial for all involved, from Family to school friends. We truly feel Enrico is another member of our family."

- Marie - host mother of Enrico (Italy)

Find Out More

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- Attend one of WEP's information sessions or open days

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- Call 1300 884 733 / 03 9598 4733

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