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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

11-13 June	Senior Block Exams
16-20 June	Junior Assessment
17 June	P&C Meeting
20 June	Musical "43rd STREET"
20 June	2nd Dose Immunisations – All Year 8 and Boys Year 10
23-27 June	Senior Students Work Experience
27 June	LAST DAY TERM 2
14 July	FIRST DAY TERM 3
17 July	Enrolment Morning 9am – 11am, Year 7 & 8 2015

### Spray Deodorants Are Prohibited at School

We need parents and students to understand that spray deodorants are not permitted at school. Most people are unaware of how serious this issue can be for some members of the community. It is possible to be highly allergic to substances such as spray deodorants and individuals can be highly at risk when exposed to this material. Staff members and students with respiratory illness can also be adversely affected.

Therefore, our school has a policy of not allowing spray deodorants to be used at school. Roll-on deodorants however, are permitted.

### From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

#### A Productive Learning Climate

As I walk around the school and go in 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 gaining the best outcomes for students; some wonderful 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.

#### End of Semester Assessment

As we move into exams week and culminating assessment deadlines some students may feel under pressure. Please talk to your students about their assessment deadlines. All students should be regularly completing some work each night. They may have assignments due or they may need to be studying for exams.

Students achieve better outcomes when parents take an active interest in their learning. Some words or encouragement, some assistance with time management or help in organizing themselves can really benefit your student.

I know that parents want the best for their children. Our staff also wants each of our students to achieve the best possible outcomes. It is imperative that we all work in partnership to assist our students to succeed.

#### Reports

Reports will be posted home to families during the last week of term. The Semester One reports provide students and families with the opportunity to assess progress and make any necessary adjustments for Semester Two.

I urge parents to talk to their student about both the ratings and the comments from teachers. It is important that students own the results of their efforts. If parents or carers have any concerns about their child's progress please don't hesitate to contact the school to clarify any issues.

Absences are also an important area where we can make a significant impact on student learning and you will notice

that the total absences (both explained and unexplained) are included in the semester report.

No student should have any unexplained absences and this is certainly an element of the report card that is noted by prospective employers.

I urge parents to contact the school office to clear up any unexplained absences as soon as possible.

### Correct Uniform required for the winter months

Park Ridge State High School is a uniform school and we do have high expectations of our students in regard to the pride they display through the uniform. The winter weather has finally arrived and families are reminded that students are expected to keep themselves warm in the correct uniform items.

Jumpers are readily available at the uniform shop and there should be no need for extraneous items to make an appearance. If financial stress is a concern, please contact the office and we will make every effort to provide the needed uniform item on loan for the term.

#### Kind Regards

**Valerie Hadgelias - PRINCIPAL**

### Uniform Shop Hours - Please note!

On Thursday 19 June, 2014, the Uniform Shop will close at 4.00 pm instead of 4.30pm.

It will also be closed Tuesday 24 June, Wednesday 25 June and Thursday 26 June (last week of Term 2).

For the week beginning Monday 14 July (first week of Term 3), the Uniform Shop will be open every day except Friday 18 July. We apologise for any inconvenience these changes may cause.

**Chris Chelsom – Uniform Shop Convener**

### Practice Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test

#### Monday and Tuesday 23 – 24 June 2014

Throughout Term 2 our Year 12 QCS students have been preparing for their second Practice QCS Test on **Monday and Tuesday 23 – 24 June 2014**. All QCS Students will be issued with the Special Instructions early next week. The Prac QCS Test will consist of 4 papers. 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 or doing Work Experience and these students will be required to come to school during the Prac QCS days as well as the rest of the last week of Term 2.

#### Lunch – for the QCS group

**Reminder** - Students will only have one lunch break each day. Order your 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 prac QCS

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.

### Prac QCS Program for each day:

Students are required to stay in the SAC for the full period of each part of the QCS Test.

TIMES	Monday/Tuesday
8.45am	Students assemble outside SAC – follow instructions given in ENT & on assembly, check gear
9.00am	Students enter SAC
9.05am	Start instructions for Writing Task / Short Response
9.20am	Start perusal
9.30am	Start test
11.30am	Finish test and collect papers
<b>11.35am – 12.15pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
12.15pm	Students assemble outside SAC - follow instructions given in ENT on assembly, check gear
12.25pm	Students enter SAC
12.30pm	Start instructions for MCQ I or MCQ II paper
12.40pm	Start perusal
12.50pm	Start test
2.20pm	Finish test and collection of papers
2.25pm	End of session activities

### Equipment List for Prac QCS Test

You need to get this gear and get it organised so that you only bring in the equipment permitted for the scheduled test. **You are not permitted to borrow or lend equipment during the test.**

#### (am) Equipment for Writing Task

- Pens (black ink)
- Pencil
- Sharpener
- Eraser
- Correcting fluid/tape
- transparent container for equipment

## (pm) Equipment for MCQ I and II test

- 2B pencils
- sharpener
- eraser (white gum)
- calculator (approved)
- fluorescent marker
- transparent container for equipment

## (am) Equipment for SRI test

### Essential

- pens (black ink)
- pencil
- protractor
- drawing compass
- eraser
- coloured pencils
- ruler
- calculator (approved)
- transparent container for equipment

### Optional

- fluorescent marker
- set square
- correcting fluid/tape
- template
- sharpener

## ***Gena Shvetsoff - HOD Senior Schooling***

## **Structured Workplace Learning Placements (Work Experience)**

### **Years 11/12 – 23 to 27 June 2014 (last week Term 2)**

Structured Workplace Learning is an important component of the Senior Curriculum at Park Ridge State High School. Currently only 40 students in Years 11 and 12 students will be participating in the program during the week. All students in Years 11 and 12 **not** attending the Structured Workplace Learning Program that week **will be expected to attend school**.

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; getting along with fellow employees and management, accepting responsibility in the work place, practicing punctuality, Workplace Health and Safety
- be responsible for finding transport to and from the work place, dress appropriately

- 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.

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 during EKKA week in August or the last week of Term 3. You will need to pick up application forms from the Student window in Admin and hand them in no later than 25 July 2014. If you would like further information about Structured Workplace Learning Placements call Wendy Howard, Work Transition Officer or Gena Shvetsoff HOD Senior Schooling on 33804111.

## ***Gena Shvetsoff – HOD Senior Schooling***

## **The Arts News**

### **DANCE TROUPE PERFORMANCE**

The Brisbane Dance Eisteddfod is the premiere dance competition in Queensland. On Friday 23 May, students from the Park Ridge SHS dance troupe performed several routines ranging from contemporary to musical theatre. This highly competitive event attracts the most talented dancers from around the state. Our students performed very well, picking up a Highly Commended award for their hip-hop routine. All the energy and effort put into the many hours of rehearsals paid off with a flawless display. The students represented the school with passion and pride and all students benefited from this valuable learning experience.

The students would like to thank both Miss Doherty and Mrs Davis-Davenport for their expertise, guidance and the support they have given to the troupe this year. The troupe is fast growing in numbers. They will be performing some of the numbers as guest acts at our future performing arts evenings this year.

### **SCIMS WORKSHOP**

We recently had three days of quality instrumental music workshops offered to our local primary feeder schools. These workshops were run by the instrumental music teachers from around the district and culminated in a fabulous night's entertainment, which highlighted the material that the students worked on over the three days. Many of our own senior instrumental music students were used as tutors and mentors for the young musicians. This is another example of how our dynamic music precinct is gaining momentum as a leading light in the Logan district.

## 2014 MUSICAL 43rd STREET

We are now in the final stages of preparation for our school musical. The students have worked tirelessly and are now thinking about 'opening-night nerves'. The Arts department would like to thank the school P and C committee for the donation that has paid for a brand new front of house curtain. The performing arts precinct has also been refurbished in preparation for the musical. We urge the Park Ridge community to come along for a great night's entertainment. Tickets will go quickly; we suggest you pre-pay for your ticket from the student payment window to avoid disappointment.

**Show details are listed below:**

**COST -** \$10 per head and \$30 for a family of 4.

**TIMES -** Friday 20th – 7.00pm

Saturday 21st – 2.00pm

Saturday 21st – 7.00pm

Food and drink will be available for sale in the foyer area pre-show and at interval, supplied by our Instrumental Music Parents Group.



*The Arts Department wish to acknowledge and thank their sponsors for their support of the musical "43rd STREET" - Trident Mining and Marine Services and Systemet Management Systems.*

**Rob Emblen - HOD The Arts**

## Year 11 Biology - Jacob's Well Field Trip

In the current Year 11 Biology unit, the students' task was to conduct a field study to determine the status of the biodiversity and viability of the marine and mangrove ecosystem within Jacob's Well.

The field work undertaken by the students involved them sampling the environment using quadrats in order to more closely study the biotic and abiotic features of the mangrove ecosystem. They also boarded the **Educat** and conducted a beam trawl so as to sample the marine animals in a section of the Jacob's Well passage.



Now that the field study is complete the students will need to present their information and data in an Environmental Impact Statement (i.e. a report). This document will also outline the students' recommendations to the government to assist in their

decision to approve or decline a proposed CLT for southern Moreton Bay.

**Ross Bradford - HOD Science**

## Skills Tech Open Day

**Skills Tech** is run by TAFE Queensland and delivers courses in most trades to high school and adult students. On Wednesday 4 June, thirty Year 10 students visited the Skills Tech open day at their Acacia Ridge Campus. Students had the opportunity to talk to trainers and tradesmen, who willingly shared their knowledge and expertise about the various industries. These included automotive, engineering, electrical, plumbing, painting, and the building industry. Students gained valuable knowledge and hands-on experience from these people. Next year, these students will have the opportunity to apply to do a certificate course at Skills Tech in an industry they are interested in, while still attending school.

I am pleased to say our students represented the school with pride. It didn't go unnoticed as staff at Skills Tech commented, "that student must be from Park Ridge, white shirt and all".

Well done boys and girls, you represented your school and parents proudly.



**The success of a partnership between student and employer – Suzy Shakeshaft Year 11**



- Suzy completes 4-week work placement.
- After 4 weeks of learning how to clear tables, fold boxes, make milk shakes and coffee. Suzy looks quite the part at the Cup Cake Parlour.
- Annie, the owner provided a shirt and Suzy provided the smile.
- Suzy has enjoyed learning the art of cake decorating, coffee and milk shake making.
- Suzy is keen to extend her placement and move on to Customer Service and more cake decorating.

When asked what she most enjoyed Suzy replies with a big smile "Everything, but decorating my own cakes and taking them home is great!"

We must also acknowledge Dad and Mum who do the big drive to West End each week to get Suzy to the Cupcake Parlour.

**Wendy Howard – Work Education Transition Officer**

## TLC – Teachers Love Coffee – PRSHS own new coffee club!

This term, students in the SSS Year 10 Workplace Practices class have started a small business enterprise called TLC Coffee Club – TLC stands for Teachers Love Coffee and we thought of many other ideas as well!

Our business involves us making fresh hot coffees and hot chocolates with our new coffee pod machine and delivering them to teachers and school staff with complimentary biscuits. It has been very popular and we love seeing the teachers' smiles when we arrive with our trays of goodies at the classroom or staffroom door. We have learnt about how to take orders, process them, deliver and evaluate how we are going. The business is going so well we have ALMOST covered our cost for the initial purchase of all the equipment.

Other aspects of the business we have worked on include designing posters, order forms and loyalty cards. We also like having a go at 'balancing the books' as we experience what it is like to account for the purchases made for the things we need to run our coffee club; like paper cups, stirrers, trays, sugar sachets and milk.

Special thanks must go to Tyler Smith's Mum, who regularly donates the biscuits we provide free of charge with all deliveries. We would also like to thank Mr Gordon-Smith who has helped us by making a 'safety deposit box' which we painted bright green and put in the staff common room, for teachers to securely leave their orders and payments.

Feedback from our customers has been very good so far, with some trying different flavours and strengths each week. We look forward to watching our business grow and to making many more customers happy with our acts of TLC hot-drink happiness!



Written by the Year 10 SSS students including Allistair Torr, Sarmad Ahmed & Joshua Bray

## Tertiary Studies & Careers Expo (TSXPO)

This is a friendly reminder about the 33rd annual Tertiary Studies & Careers Expo (TSXPO). The Expo is a great opportunity for students to collect information they need to make a decision regarding their future career path and subject selection.

- WHEN:** Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th July 2014, 10am - 4pm both days
- WHERE:** Exhibition Building, Brisbane Showgrounds, Gregory Terrace, Brisbane
- COST:** Admission is free!

Check the website for more information  
[www.careerseven.com](http://www.careerseven.com)

## UQ Engineering and IT Study 2015

### Engineering and IT as a career!!

Senior students (and their parents) interested in studying Engineering or Information Technology at University of Queensland in 2015 – important dates to remember

- **UQ Women in Engineering – Engineering Futures Evening – Thursday 26 June.** Year 10, 11 and 12 female students will hear inspirational talk from a leading female engineer. Interactive sessions will also be held where guests can network with UQ staff, current engineering student, and see practical demonstrations bringing engineering to life.
- **Women in Engineering - Explore Engineering Day - Thursday 17 July** - Year 12 female students are encouraged to visit UQ for the day to take part in an event that is designed to excite and inspire young women, through interactive and hands-on activities, to consider engineering as a career
- **Engineering and Technology Career Evening – Wednesday 23 July** – Year 10, 11 and 12 students

and their parents will hear from recent Engineering and IT graduates about their studies and their careers so far.

For more detailed information about these events please contact UQ at [schools@eait.uq.edu.au](mailto:schools@eait.uq.edu.au)

## Community News

### Logan West Community ArtShare Alliance Inc June / July Holiday Activities



#### ART & POTTERY STUDIOS

Orr Court, HILLCREST

(under the Wineglass Water Tower)

#### WORKSHOPS FOR THREE DIFFERENT GROUPS

- Krank Workshops for 13 to 17 year olds
- Krank Workshops for Young People with a Disability
- CASA Workshops open to all ages

Clay Hand Building, Wheel Turning, Hebel Sculpture, Beading Drawing/Painting, Felting, Printmaking, Glass Jewellery, Leather Craft

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION AND BOOKING ENQUIRIES:

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### Exercise your Creativity & Imagination

**BOOK EARLY to avoid disappointment - LIMITS ON CLASS SIZES**

#### Do your kids like:

- camping, sailing, hiking, caving, abseiling or rock climbing?
- orienteering, construction or knot tying?
- learning first aid skills or geocaching?
- open fire cooking, kayaking or learning about conservation?
- learning survival skills, astronomy or learning bush skills?
- learning about aircraft or tackling obstacle courses?
- making new friends and experiencing new challenges?
- earning badges to wear on their uniform?



#### Contact: Jimboomba Scout Group!

1-75 Edelsten Road, Jimboomba

Interested in joining our Group or becoming a leader!!!

Call Co-Group Leader Peter on 0418744184 or email [peteang7172@bigpond.com](mailto:peteang7172@bigpond.com) [www.scoutsqld.com.au](http://www.scoutsqld.com.au)

## HOST FAMILIES

### URGENTLY REQUIRED for JAPANESE STUDENTS

Foreign Educational Visit Group (14-17 years old)

ARRIVAL DATE: Friday 1 August 2014

DEPARTURE DATE: Wednesday 13 August 2014

ATTENDING SCHOOL: Park Ridge SHS

#### HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS:

- No other Japanese person staying with the family
- Provide three meals per day
- Own bed, but can share a room with a host child
- Over 18's hold a Blue Card or willing to apply through us
- Safe travel to and from school

Families with children in ANY GRADES are welcome to host

\*Single Placement, Remuneration Provided - Friendly Bilingual Support Available (24hr/7d)

AUSTRALIA JAPAN STUDY PROGRAMME (AJSP)

Email: [ajspmari@gmail.com](mailto:ajspmari@gmail.com) Ph: 0432 219 811 (Mari)

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## The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register



The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register is hosted by the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children and is supported by Vision Australia and Guide Dogs. It is the first national register of children in Australia with vision impairment. The Register has been collecting data since 2009, and this data is providing important information about the types of eye disease and vision disorders children have and the support they need. The data is also used by service providers and researchers. Data is stored securely and no child can be identified in any way when the data is released.

Families are invited to register their child (aged 0-18 years) if they have vision impairment in both eyes which has been diagnosed by an eye specialist or ophthalmologist. Registration can be completed by contacting Register staff on (02) 9872 0303, or by visiting the VI Family Network website at: [vifamilynetwork.org.au](http://vifamilynetwork.org.au). The website also provides information on eyes and vision; family support; education and related issues; braille and low vision aids; technology supporting vision impairment; newsletters from Australian low vision agencies and support groups, useful websites; and news and events that might interest families across Australia.

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