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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

23-27 June	Senior Students Work Experience
27 June	LAST DAY TERM 2
14 July	FIRST DAY TERM 3
15 July	Year 10 Careers Expo
17 July	Enrolment Morning 9am – 11am, Year 7 & 8 2015
17 July	Athletics Carnival
22 July	P&C Meeting
22 July	PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

### The Musical Was a Great Success!

I had the great pleasure of attending the opening night of our Musical production, **43rd Street** on Friday evening. It was a fantastic production and a great credit to everyone involved. It was a big, breezy show full of laughter and creative energy. It was also an opportunity to see the quality work that our staff and students can produce. The weeks of work in the lead-up to the event were certainly worth it. Rob Emblen, Head of The Arts, should feel very proud. I certainly feel proud of Park Ridge State High. Bravo!

### Reports

Semester Reports are presently being finalised and will be posted home soon. It is important that the report is discussed with your student in detail and any issues quickly addressed. Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns. Parent/Teacher meetings will be held on 22 July and appointments can be made online.

You will notice that the percentage attendance rate is included in the report as well as the number of days absent and the number of unexplained absence. Our school goal for attendance is 92%. Many students achieve even better attendance rates and so far this year over 500 students have reached an attendance rate of 100%.

### Cybersafety

The Federal government has a Cyber-smart website which has valuable information for parents about keeping children cyber-safe. It is sobering to consider some recent survey results about cyber safety:

- 91% of 12 to 17 year olds consider the web to be important in their lives.
- 94% of 14 to 15 year olds have a social network profile.
- **61% of 12 to 17 year olds are likely to accept a friend request from strangers.**

There are very real issues around the possible downsides of the internet. Issues around cyber-bullying, digital reputation, privacy, sexting, grooming and hacking should not be discounted.

If you want to find out more you can visit the government website [www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au)

### Parent Forums

Thank you to all of the parents who have been involved in parent forums this semester. We really value hearing your views as we refine our curriculum and teaching frameworks. We also appreciate your input into decision making around various policies and processes. I understand that many parents simply can't get to the parent forums due to other commitments and we intend to make greater use of online surveys to garner parent opinion in the future. However, you don't have to wait for a forum or survey - your feedback is always welcome.

**Kind Regards**

**Valerie Hadgelias - PRINCIPAL**

## Uniform Shop Hours - Please note!

For the week beginning Monday 14 July (first week of Term 3), the Uniform Shop will be open every day except Friday 18 July. Happy Holidays.

**Chris Chelsom – Uniform Shop Convener**

## The ConocoPhillips Science Experience

### An Invitation to all 2014 Year 9 and 10 students to attend The ConocoPhillips Science Experience

- **Enjoy** three or four days in which you will be introduced to some of the wonders of science and technology
- **Perform** interesting experiments in a university laboratory
- **Hear** leaders in science, technology and engineering
- **Learn** about careers in science and technology

Each program is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work.

The program takes place in over thirty-seven universities and tertiary institutions, within many different laboratories and lecture theatres. Participants perform experiments in the laboratories, meet and hear senior lecturers in the lecture theatres, attend site visits and walk around and experience what it is like to be on the campus of a university or tertiary institution. More than 63,000 students have taken this rare opportunity, up to date.

The program also provides information about further studies in science, technology and engineering. It highlights the wide range of careers that allow students to pursue their interest and abilities in the sciences.

One aspect of the programs often commented on by participants is the opportunity to meet and share ideas with students from different schools. Each program includes a BBQ or other social activity.

**Cost** is \$115 (inc. GST) for 3 days and \$150 for 4 days of science activities for Year 9 and 10 students in 2014.

For more information see the website – [www.scienceexperience.com.au](http://www.scienceexperience.com.au)

**Ross Bradford – HOD Science**

## FROM THE ARTS

We have turned the lights off and removed the grease paint. The costumes have been put away and the sets returned to their resting place till next time. 43rd STREET was a fabulous experience for the staff and students of the cast; it is something that we will keep close to our hearts with many fond memories. On behalf of all involved I would like to thank the Park Ridge Community for their fabulous support in attending the performances. The students definitely soaked up the appreciation you showed. **There is no greater learning**

**opportunity for an Arts Student than to be involved as a team in such a large venture.** Special thanks needs to go to all involved.

CAST AND CREW OF 43RD STREET	
CHARACTER NAME	PLAYED BY
<b>LEADS</b>	
JESSICA (JESSIE) - Older sister	Rachel Nordstrand
JULIUS MARLOW – Private Detective	Kendall Newton-Smith
THE KID – Homeless Child	Taylor Meerwald
RUBY – Night Club Performer	Madi Swift
AMBER – Young Dancer	Ilisha Bou
DW – Owner of the club	Maddi Jordinson
ALEXIS (ALEX) – Younger sister	Skye Sully
HENCHMAN 1 – Tommy Two Thumbs	Luke Rackham
HENCHMAN 2 – Frankie the Fist	Nabeel Mohammad
HENCHMAN 3 – Clarence	Quill Williams
FAT TONY – Mafia Gangster	Sonia Braico
SEYMOUR – Fat Tony's right hand man	Kelsea Hall
CRONIE 1 – Happy / Maxwell	Aaron Quill
CRONIE 2 – Lonely Louie	Dylan Oliver
<b>ENSEMBLE</b>	
BARTENDER + MC	Sam Taylor
<b>BACK-UP VOCALISTS</b>	
Tiffany Jansen, Katie Jordinson, Casey Wood, Maddi Jordinson,	
<b>CABARET GIRLS</b>	
Paige Williams, Bec Durrant, Zowie Mallory, Kate McDonald, Tammy Nguyen, Chantelle Brady, Megan Wise, Danica Clancy, Mia Dyson, Sarah McGill, Courtney Pearce	
<b>CHORUS</b>	
Sam Taylor, Taylah Karpowicz, Rachelle Reibelt, Taylah Lynden, Carly Burton, Timea Tucker, Kita Bou, Bryce Taylor, Sam Nguyen, Hannah Reilly, Grace Yuile	
<b>CREW</b>	
Kim Taylor, Josh Braiser, Storm Law, Ben Refeld, Sarah Parkin, Tayem Renton	

BAND	
Luke Allport, Aaron Jordin, Jake Johnson, Jasmin Hardie, Carly Burton, Sebastian Buciu, Mitchell brown, Liam Brown, Kendal Newton-Smith	
PRODUCTION CREW	
WRITERS	Rob Emblen, Natalie Swanson, Rob Neale
DIRECTOR	Rob Emblen
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	Neil Davenport
MUSICAL DIRECTOR	Michael Purtle
CHOREOGRAPHY	Naomi Doherty and Kylie Davis-Davenport
COSTUMES	Sheryl Cooper
SCENIC DESIGN	June Greenwood, Tracy Aisbett, Liz Horrigan
SOUND	Evan Jankins

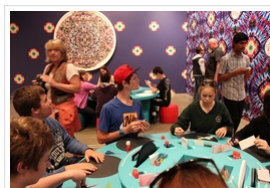


**Rob Emblen – HOD The Arts**

## Student Support Services Excursion

A group of 50 students from across the school attended a Student Support Services, SSS, excursion on Friday 13 June. Staff and students travelled via bus to Southbank where students visited the Gallery of Modern Art, GOMA. GOMA hosted an interactive display “Jemima Wyman Pattern Bandits” where everyone enjoyed making bandannas, spinners, mosaic patterns and interacting with digital kaleidoscopes and dancing displays. This was a fantastic interactive experience and everyone bought a piece of their personally designed patterns back to school. We then visited “Creative Generation Excellence Awards 2014” exhibition that showcased the outstanding achievements of senior visual art students from schools throughout Queensland. It was a real experience to see some of the amazing artworks made by students and provided some great inspiration for our own talented students. After GOMA, we all walked to Southbank Parklands where we set up for some relaxation and lunch. We had some wonderful volunteers that cooked sausages and onions for lunch, while others just took advantage of the perfect winter day.

Students and teachers visited some of the local food shops, soaked up the sunshine and some even braved the freezing Southbank water. The student’s behaviour was outstanding and we look forward to repeating this experience in the future. A fantastic day was had by all, even the staff.



**Tracy Hall – SSS Teacher**

## 2014 Early School Leavers Survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual state-wide survey of students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 in 2013. The *Early School Leavers* survey is a brief, confidential survey that provides a picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school leavers in the year after they left school to understand why young people leave school early and to help early school leavers make positive career choices.

Between July and August, our students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Early School Leavers survey in 2014.

For more information visit [www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/) or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

## Community News



**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)

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