On a slightly related topic I would like to remind families of the situation in regards to students frequenting Park Ridge shopping centre on the eastern side of the highway.

Since the introduction of the Healthy Schools Program for school canteens there has been an increase in students buying food at various fast food outlets and shops prior to school. This is not always a healthy practice and is not condoned by the school.

Our canteen is open before school and it provides healthy breakfast options for students.

Please be aware that when students travel to school, whether by bus, bicycle or by walking, we expect them to come directly from home to school.

Students who travel to school by bus should move immediately into the school grounds when they alight from the bus. Once in the school grounds students are expected to stay inside the school boundaries.

We do not give permission for students to leave the school to go to the shops at any time during the day, including before and after school. The school’s policy on this issue is made very clear to students on year level assemblies and through student notices.

Kind Regards
Valerie Hadgelias – Principal

Uniform Shop Hours

Next Thursday 6 November, the school Uniform Shop opening hours will be 1pm – 3.30pm. Closing time will be 3.30pm instead of the normal time of 4.30pm. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Position Vacant -Park Ridge SHS Uniform Shop Convenor

- Casual
- 10 hours minimum per week
- Park Ridge Location

Park Ridge State High School seeks a proactive Uniform Shop Convenor. Retail experience with POS system knowledge would be an advantage. As you will be working with school age children, a Blue Card will be required but can be applied for if successfully appointed. More information can be sought from...
the school office at Lancewood St Park ridge or on request by emailing prshspandc@outlook.com.au

Applications close Friday 7 November 2014. Successful applicants will be contacted for interviews from Thursday, 13 November 2014.

Enrolments for 2015

Parents and Carers of Year 6 and 7 students who still wish to enrol their child at Park Ridge State High School for 2015, are asked to contact the school office on 3380 4111 as soon as possible to arrange an appointment for an enrolment interview. Interviews will be held on Wednesday 5 November 2014, from 2:00pm - 5:30pm.

Enrolment packages are available from the school office. Please ensure that all forms are completed and signed prior to the enrolment interview. Parents and Carers are also asked to bring their students and all the following relevant documentation to the appointment:

- Birth certificate
- Copies of most recent report cards
- Any specialised medical / legal / educational reports

We look forward to seeing all enrolled students at our Orientation Day on Thursday 11 December, 8.45am – 3.00pm.

Orientation Day 2014

On Thursday, 11 December 2014 we are inviting all Year 7 & 8 students who have been enrolled for 2015, to attend an Orientation Day here at school. On this day students will start at our Student Activity Centre at 9:00am and stay until 3:00pm. The purpose of the Orientation Day is to introduce our new students to their teachers and class mates and give them a basic introduction to high school.

Further information will be released through the primary schools as the date approaches.

Your Child’s Enrolment for 2015

Staffing allocations are provided to schools based on their effective enrolment numbers on the 8th day of Term 1, 2015. In 2015, this date is 5 February. To assist us in determining effective enrolment numbers, you can notify us if your child is not intending to start or continue to attend Park Ridge State High School. Read and complete the document in the link if:

1. Your child is not returning to Park Ridge SHS in 2015; or
2. Your child will be returning after the first week of Term 1 2015

Congratulations Joshua Taylor

Congratulations to Year 12 student Josh Taylor who has won the Logan City Council, Trainee of the Year Award. Logan City Council and Maxima have been very impressed with Josh’s commitment to his automotive traineeship. While completing his Year 12 studies, Josh has been able to commit to his traineeship and work at a part-time job as well as help his Mum at home with family responsibilities while his Dad is away. Josh is also one of our busiest student leaders in the leadership team. Well done, Joshua!

Josh with his proud mum and Debbie from Maxima

Wendy Howard - Work Education Transition Officer

Park Ridge State High School
24th Annual Awards Presentation Evening
will be held
on
Thursday 20 November 2014 at 6.30 pm
In
the Student Activity Centre
Parents, carers and students are welcome to attend this evening to celebrate our students’ successes

Queensland Secondary Schools Athletics Championships

Angela Roberts, Kendal and Camryn Newton-Smith recently competed at the Queensland Secondary Schools Athletics Championships. They all did extremely well!

Approximately 2,500 athletes from all over Queensland took part. Most events attracted between 25-30 competitors who have progressed through school, district and regional levels to compete at State Championships. Camryn won the 14 years girl’s 90m hurdles and was less than .3 sec off the state record. This followed three second places in the 14 years girl’s javelin, and the 13-15 years girl’s, 200m hurdles and 13-15 years pole vault.

Kendal placed third in the 17 years pole vault following his 4th place in the 17 years javelin and 6th place in the long jump.

Angela just missed out on the final (top 8) of the 14 years javelin with a throw of over 30m.

Huge congratulations to Angela, Kendal and Camryn on their amazing efforts! You have done the school proud.
Year 9 Ignite English: Community Connections Project

Last week, Mrs Munro’s Ignite English class went across to Park Ridge State School to work with the Preps in a literacy-based activity program. Our class’s goal was to teach the students how to understand the plot, setting and characters of a particular story.

The high school students were divided into four groups and were assigned a group of Preps to work with. Some of the activities we designed for our groups were: reading books; question sheets such as multiple choice, with images and text; puzzles to complete of images online, as well as activities involving gluing images in the correct sequence. These were all created in class and each worksheet was approved by the Prep teacher before we arrived. We also assigned different roles, so that some of the class were reporters, observers and assistants, so we had a lot of fun conducting interviews, helping students who were a little distracted and assisting with reading.

The afternoon ran really smoothly and our class had a great time making friends with the Preps and getting to know one another. Students from the English class said they enjoyed teaching the Preps new English skills and looked forward to going back to the primary school in a few weeks to repeat the process with the Year 1 students.

Overall, it was great knowing that we were teaching these students skills that would help them in later school. Mrs Munro’s class will be heading back again next week to work with the Year 1’s on reading and demonstrating understanding of instructional texts (i.e. recipes and rules to a fun game).

Jacob Bykersma – Year 9 student

Miracle Makers

One in seven Queenslanders are born at Mater Mother’s hospital making it the busiest maternity hospital in Australia. While at Mater Children’s Hospital, specialist staff provide round-the-clock care to seriously ill children. Our Year 10 Business class set a task to raise almost $500 and donate money to this cause on behalf of Park Ridge State High School students.

The first group; Heavenleigh Ayaad, Morgan Fletcher, Emily Beardsley, Tiahlee Roberts and Son Tran, managed to successfully raise $324.27. They did this by selling raffle tickets with great prizes such as a Family Pass to Brisbane Lions vs Gold Coast Suns, a Woolworth’s voucher worth $30 and two Vmax Movie tickets.

The second group were Ashleigh Martin, Abigail Schultz, Marina Mihaere, Cara Black, Dylan Davis and Breanna Connor who raised money by holding a car wash for the school staff. Their group managed to raise $120. Well done!

And last but not least, Paige Williams, Katie Tranchida-Brunne and Rhys Coxall held a raffle with prizes of a limited edition State of Origin poster for first prize and a signed Darren Lockyer photo card for second. They chose this particular venture as “it was fun and we thought it was a good way to raise money.” By raising just under $80, they have done their best and raised much needed funds for the Mater Little Miracles foundation.

We asked the group leaders how they have felt about their task and some of their comments were;

- “It makes us feel proud that we raised money to go towards such a well-deserving charity.”
- “My team and I feel extremely grateful and honoured to be given this opportunity to give back to our community
- On a personal level, I am tremendously proud of my team and the hard work they have devoted to this project
- On behalf of my team, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to all those who have helped us in raising funds for charity

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Business project. Every little bit counts!
FROM THE ARTS

Recently, 10 of our talented instrumental students had the opportunity to go on a tour to China with a community based performance group called LYME (Logan Youth Music Exchange).

The students that went were Carly Burton, Jake Johnson, Liam Brown, Mitchell Brown, Kendal Newton-Smith, Catie Jordinson, Hannah Smyth, Luke Stanley, Sebastian Buciu and Jasmine Hardy. Two of our talented instrumental music teachers accompanied them on the trip Mr Michael Purtle and Miss Peta Ritson.

They travelled as a group of 40 youths representing Logan and showcasing their music abilities. They visited Yuyao, Shanghai and lastly, Logan’s sister city, Suzhou with a performance in every city. The young musicians tried new foods, stayed with host families, went sightseeing, learnt some Chinese and some of them even learnt to eat with chopsticks for the first time. The students are very proud to say that they had the opportunity of travelling to China to not only perform but experience the culture on the other side of the world.

Overall it was an enjoyable day for all. The boys unanimously agreed on what a great day it was. The only part they struggled to agree on was which car they should take home to mark the occasion.

Mr Rob Embleen – HOD The Arts

SSS Visits Gold Coast 600

The Gold Coast 600 was the place to be for a handful of our fortunate SSS students recently. Nine students had to be dragged away from their school work to check out the racing cars and practice their social skills in real life contexts, including travel training and interpersonal skills. It was a tough decision taking the boys… but someone had to do it!

One of the highlights of the day was that four lucky students had the opportunity to check out Pit Lane. Kyle Daley, Natus Bared, Zac Kemp, and Patrick Macdonald thoroughly enjoyed the overall experience of checking out the cars at such close range. Seeing the mechanical workings gave us a better understanding of what needs to be done to the cars to reach those excessive speeds.

Kyle, Natus, Zac, and Patrick were shown there is more to a race car than just a very powerful engine. They learnt that having the right tyres and a good strong suspension is needed to negotiate sharp corners and is a necessary factor concerning safety in any weather conditions. The boys watched intently and with ‘silent’ awe as the pit crew worked together with speed and accuracy to have the cars ready for the following race.

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Rod Gordon-Smith and Kylie Scott - Student Support Services Department

Crime Club Court

On Thursday, 23 October Joshua Taylor and I were invited to attend the Crime Club Court Hearing at the Brisbane Supreme Court, where students from the Queensland University of Technology participated in a mooting competition. We were included in the jury panel for the case presented and gained an insight into the proceedings of criminal law. As both Joshua and I hope to pursue a career in law it was a great experience for us to be involved in this competition.

I would like to thank Mrs Sawtell for giving us this opportunity.
Horticulture News

As the year draws to a close for seniors, our Year 12 Horticulture students created bonsai trees as part of their “Pruning Small Trees and Shrubs” unit. I would like to congratulate the class on their efforts and very good behaviour and attitude over the past two years and wish them all the best in the years to come.

Ms Kylie Young - Horticulture Teacher

Bareibun Banam (Dream Brother)

Bareibun Banam is Yugumbeh language for Dream Brother. This is an 8-week aspirational program designed to engage our JS@PR Indigenous boys. Through working with one of our ex-students and world champion boxer, Clay Waterman, the students have been completing a training regime, participating in team building activities, learning some of the techniques of boxing and most of all learning how to set goals and work hard to achieve them. It has been a pleasure to watch the boys develop a sense of pride and of respect, not only of themselves, but of their culture and of each other. Each week they grow that little more confident and develop a little more understanding of what it is to push themselves.

Two weeks ago, they were rewarded with a special visit from NRL legend and boxing champion, Anthony “Choc” Mundine. Anthony has been training with Clay in the lead up to significant boxing matches for both of them. We are especially grateful that he took time out from his rigorous training schedule to drive up from the Gold Coast and have a chat with our Indigenous boys in Year 8, 9 and 10. Anthony spoke from the heart of his experiences and the passion that drives him to still be an elite boxer at the age of 39. He inspired our students when he discussed how he knew that he was going to be an NRL player AND a champion boxer at the age of 5. He also talked of the good choices he made when his friends were making dubious ones for themselves, resisting the peer pressure that often affects our young people. It’s safe to say that all the boys were stoked and have come back to the group with a renewed energy and focus for what they want to achieve.

I would like to extend many thanks to our Indigenous Teacher Aide, Ms Anita Harrison for her tireless effort in arranging for Anthony to come to the school. I would also like to thank the efforts of Clay Waterman for kindly volunteering to take time out of his own gruelling training schedule to work with the boys week after week. He is giving back to the very community that gave to him and it is the most wonderful example to set for not only for all students, Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike.

Ms Karina Cole - Acting HOD Junior Secondary and Indigenous Coordinator

ATTENTION YEAR 12 SCHOOL LEAVERS

Do you want to earn tax-free income, gain valuable life skills, have new mates, be physically fit and have a new outlook on life?
The Australian Army’s 11th Brigade in South-East Queensland has a unique offer to Year 12 school leavers, to work as a Rifleman from mid-February until the end of June 2015 with the Army Reserve.

MAAP

Inspire Success. Be a Mentor!

Park Ridge State High School is partnering with VET network Australia to deliver the Mentoring Australia’s Apprentices Project [MAAP] and we would like you to consider getting involved as a MAAP mentor.

MAAP is being offered to all School Based Apprentices and Trainees at Park Ridge State High School. MAAP is voluntary to those students who want to get an edge over their peers and gain confidence in their personal and professional life. Community mentors are being sought as MAAP Mentors to expand the Students professional contacts and support network and work with them to be successful in the early stages of their career.

Who are MAAP Mentors?

Mentors will be sought for their life and work experience (trade related or otherwise), attitude towards young people and personal approach to mentoring. All Mentors will receive free training and support from VETnetwork Australia and will be required to undertake a police clearance/Working with Children – Blue Card check before being introduced to a Mentee. Mentors receive ongoing support from the MAAP Project Coordinator for the duration of the mentoring match.

How to get involved

If you would like to know more about how you can support a young School Based Apprentice / Trainee just starting out in their career, register your interest at maap.vetnetwork.org.au or email Karen Kercselics as the MAAP Project Coordinator email: karen.kercselics@vetnetwork.org.au School based Students wanting to register for a Mentor can also go to maap.vetnetwork.org.au to register or let Wendy Howard - Work Education Transition Officer at school know that you are interested.

Be part of the change you want to see in your community.

MAAP is funded by the Department of Industry through the Australian Apprenticeships Mentoring Package.