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17 March 2015

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

16-17 March	Japanese School Visit
16 – 20 March	Assessment Week
24 March	Year 10 Information Evening
2 April	Last Day of Term 1

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Careers

This term we have continued with our strong focus on the learning climate, with a very structured approach to attendance, dressing for the professional school day, eradicating unnecessary lateness to class and being prepared with all necessary tools to learn. I would like to thank the students, staff and families who have supported us in this journey; we are already seeing the benefits of this focus in our school community.

92-100% Attendance Every Day Counts: Every Lesson Counts.

Learning Together

Many of our students are doing amazing things in and out of class. Through Learning Together we celebrate the achievement of our students in terms of effort and behaviour. This year we have extended our rewards process and included postcards home to families. Every staffroom has a month in the year where they will focus on reporting on the good things happening in their classrooms by sending a positive postcard home to families and students, outlining the great things that student is doing at school. This is supported by our merit point system where students can get points for 'doing the right thing'.

This Term:

- **20** students will receive Bronze Certificates for behaviour and Effort with the chance of being invited to a celebratory breakfast with their parents at the end of the term,
- **604** students have received a postcard home signed by the principal for attaining 20 merit points or more,

- **40** personalised post-cards have gone home from individual teachers to students to celebrate their success.

Our school is a good school and our students are doing great things!

Badge Ceremony

It was exciting on Friday to celebrate the Induction of our Office Bearers for 2015. With a team of 43 Senior Leaders, led by our school captaincy team, Jonah Martin, Jazmin Hardie, Sebastian Buciu and Samantha Taylor, the morning was a great success. It was also a time to welcome our Year 9 captains, Riley Greene, Dana McNeil, Hayden Forbes and Brianne Byer. It was certainly an emotional moment to see our captains have their badges pinned by parents and loved ones. The calibre of the leadership team for 2015 is exceptional. Every student is committed to a common philosophy that leadership is about service, hard work and a clear vision for how focused change can improve our community for the better.

Our Leaders are currently involved in rotational activities, at lunch time, in the Year 7 & 8 precinct. This provides them with an opportunity to build relationships and support our new students to transition comfortably into our school community. The leaders also design actions plans around specialty curriculum areas, our environment and fundraise for communities in need. Currently our leaders are developing an initiative to run homework clinics and provide peer support for identified learners.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cath Armstrong, Derek Berry, Rob Emblen and the Performing Arts team for their work in making the Badge Ceremony a memorable one. I would also like to thank David Ilalio-Tonato who sang "I believe I can Fly", providing an inspirational backdrop to the leaders commitment to leadership this year.

Representing Our School

I am very proud of the many opportunities that our students have taken to represent our school. On the weekend our Instrumental Music Students participated in a 'Playathon', where 110 musicians rehearsed day and night to raise money for the program and to build their repertoire in readiness for the competition season. The AFL Academy played Victoria Point on Tuesday and all three teams, Junior Boys, Open Girls and Open Boys, won their respective games. Our school has also been

treated to some culinary delights with the Home Economics Department developing our student's business prowess through small business projects. Also we have currently 20 students involved in school based traineeships or apprenticeships. These students are developing excellent skills through work placements to ensure a strong pathway when they leave our school.

Parents and Citizen Association

The Parents and Citizen Association would like to thank Chris Finch for his many years of service at Park Ridge SHS in the role of President of the P&C. Chris has worked tirelessly to support both students and staff in this role, along with his many responsibilities in our Instrumental Music Program. Chris will be greatly missed by us all.

It is also a great pleasure to announce our new President of the P&C Mr Aaron Symes, who we know will do a great job for our school in the coming years.

The P&C will be meeting on Tuesday March 17 and we will be having a small function at the school before the P&C meeting. On behalf of the P&C I would like to welcome parents/guardians and community members to join with us to discuss the direction of our school in 2015.

Kind Regards

Sharon Amos
Principal

At Park Ridge SHS we celebrate learning, integrity and teamwork!

Positive Behaviour

Park Ridge SHS is proud to be a Positive Behaviour Learning school. The link between classroom behaviour and learning is very clear; better behaviour, better learning. It is with great pride that Park Ridge SHS counts itself amongst the hundreds of Queensland schools committed to Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL). PBL involves setting high expectations for behaviour, acknowledging those students who meet these high standards and correcting those students whose behaviour may, at times, fall short of those high expectations.

In all classes at Park Ridge SHS, clear expectations about what good, productive learning behaviour looks and sounds like are established. When a student meets those high standards consistently or when a genuine 'turn-around' with student behaviour has occurred, teachers have a number of ways of formally acknowledging this;

- **Merit points** – our 'fast and frequent' acknowledgement system that is linked to rewards when certain milestones are reached over the course of the year (see below)
- **Positive note home** – a note in the student organiser to take home outlining their positive behaviour
- **Positive call home** – a quick call home outlining their positive behaviour

- **Post Card** – Once a student reaches 20 merit points a post card is sent home. Post Cards will also be sent home by individual teachers for recognising one of our three key values "We are here to work together", "We are here to learn" and "We are here to do what is right"

Ask your student this afternoon whether they have received any merit points so far this year. Let them know how proud you will be when the Postie delivers a positive postcard to your door. Keep your eye on future newsletters to see if your student has reached a special milestone. Together, we can support Park Ridge students to continue meeting the high standards of behaviour that the community demands of them.

Merit Award Recognition Process

White Level: 20 Points – Post Card Sent Home

Bronze Level: 50 Points – Bronze Certificate – Presented on year level assembly

Silver Level: 200 Points Silver Certificate – Presented on Whole School Assembly – Parents Invited

Gold Level: 400 Points Gold Certificate – Presented at a breakfast with parents and teachers who have been recognised for their efforts.

Mr Craig Mc Brian – Deputy Principal

Senior Students

Increasingly our senior students are obtaining their driver's licence and have access to private vehicles to drive to and from school.

I provide the following information for clarification of school policy:

- Students, with parental authority, may drive private vehicles to and from school.
- The vehicles are to be parked in the Crest Rd car park. They may not be brought into the school grounds.
- Students are not to access vehicles in school hours without the approval of the Administration.
- Students are not to loiter in the car park on arrival or departure.
- BEFORE driving a private vehicle to and from school students must complete a **student driver registration application form** attached below or from either the Senior Student Handbook or Student Foyer in Administration. **Return the completed form to Mrs Shvetsoff – HOD Senior Schooling in Resource Centre with the student's driver's licence.**
- Students are NOT permitted to use their vehicles for transport to sport, excursions or other activities (including going to the shops) in school hours other than in exceptional circumstances authorised by the Administration.
- Student drivers are NOT permitted to carry student passengers in their vehicles without written permission from their parent and the parent of the

passenger as well as the authority of the school Administration.

- Students who drive in an irresponsible, dangerous or unlawful manner endangering the safety of any person will incur the consequence of suspension / exclusion. Such incidents will also be reported to the police.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Gena Shvetsoff – HOD Senior Schooling

Year 10 Parent Information Night



Date: Tuesday 24 March 2015

Time: 6.30 – 8.00pm

Location: Resource Centre

You are invited to an information night where you will have the opportunity to:

- Find out about senior expectations
- Investigate what senior subjects would be most suitable for your child as they move into the senior school
- Explore options of school based traineeships and apprenticeships

This is an opportunity to guide our students as they move towards the senior phase of learning. We look forward to meeting our parents and students to explore senior options.

It is imperative that you come along, if you have a child selecting subjects for the senior school for 2016.

Mr Craig Mc Brian – Deputy Principal

Mrs Gena Shvetsoff – HOD Senior Schooling

News from the Science Department

Year 11 Biology students have had quite a bit of fun studying classification and taxonomy this term. This enables them to learn how living things are grouped according to their characteristics. Here, students are dissecting prawns to learn about the physical traits of crustaceans.



Ms Kylie Young – Senior Science/Horticulture Teacher

Year 12 Horticulture Excursion

This month the Year 12 Amenity Horticulture Certificate II class went to the Mount Cootha Botanic Gardens. The students examined the many different types and plants, both native and exotic. The Japanese gardens were a favourite along with the Bonsai house.



The tropical dome was popular with its heat loving plants, and water lilies



We had lunch at the Roma Street station



Students also went to the Roma Street Parklands to study garden layout and design, and to conduct a visual inspection of the parklands



Students cooled off in front of one of the many water features at the Roma Street Parklands

Thanks to Tanneia King and Tia Sirvio for their photography!

Ms Kylie Young – Senior Science/Horticulture Teacher

Community News

YAP Workshops
Open for ALL AGES
4 years to teenagers to adults
(6 & under to be accompanied by Adult)
All Classes are held in Mornings 10.00am to 12.00pm
**** PLEASE REFER BELOW FOR WORKSHOP FEES ****

Wed 08 April 15	MARBLID COLLAGE	Create a marbled background and use collected leaves to imprint designs onto art paper.
Thu 09 April 15	BEADED TREE OF LIFE	Using thin wire with colourful glass beads create a jewelled tree of life inside a circle that can be a necklace or mobile.
Fri 14 April 15	WHIMSICAL BIRD	Using mixed media (beads, acrylics, feathers etc) paint a colourful bird on canvas and adorn it with attachments.
Wed 15 April 15	BATTY CREATION	Handbuild in clay your own hanging flying fox.
Thu 16 April 15	BIRD MOBILE	Handpaint elegant birds and string from hanger with beads to create your own colourful mobile.

Workshops for 13 Yr old & Under YAP's (Young Artist Program Youth) are subsidized by Logan City Council Community Services Grant. Over 13 year old (Open Ages) are welcome to participate in all Classes

Costs of workshops including all materials are \$10.00 for 13 years & Under Refreshments Provided
BOOKINGS 0420 985 527



Logan West
Open Workshops
Other Mediums
All Ages
All Classes are held in Mornings 10.00am to 12.00pm

Fri 10 April 15	WHEEL TURNING	Session 1 - The potters will be introduced to wheel turning techniques and clay preparation processes, while producing a shallow vase and a simple form to use as a test clay.
Mon 13 April 15	WHEEL TURNING	Session 2 - Continue learning the fundamentals of wheel throwing and how to centre your pot. Finish off the bases of your 11cm vessels 1.
Fri 17 April 15	PAINTING	Some of the techniques shown will be on the creating a beautiful free blowing artwork, so bring on your imagination and creativity.

Costs for Over 13 year old Participants for ALL Classes are \$15.00.

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\$15.00 each session

Please ring STEVEN WATSON to Book in 0420 985 527 With NAME, AGE, ADDRESS, CONTACT DETAILS (Phone & Email) and CHOSEN WORKSHOPS Payment Details on back page.
ALL CLASSES HAVE LIMITS ON STUDENT NUMBERS SO BOOK EARLY

COME AND SELL or COME AND BUY

CAR BOOT SALE

Sat. March 21st.

8am – 12pm

at

31 Green Road, Park Ridge

For safety please use off street parking provided.

Enquiries

Phone: 3800 3663 or

email: lightacandle@bigpond.com

Morning tea or hot dogs provided.

An opportunity provided by

Browns Plains Baptist Church