4 May 2015

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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Message from the Principal...

On Friday afternoon during our whole-school assembly, we celebrated the success of our students achieving an ‘A’ in effort and behaviour for their Term 1 report. These students have demonstrated, in action our values of:

We are here to:
Learn!
Do What is Right!
Work together!


This year we have focused on extending the learning day across a range of learning areas in our school. Partnering with Mighty Minds, we are currently running hour-long after school sessions for our Junior Secondary school. The focus has been to extend learning in thinking skills, literacy and numeracy. Over 40 students have been regularly attending the sessions and I must thank all the staff that have made these sessions possible. Similarly there have been extended classes for senior students building on their skills in test readiness.

Term 2 is an important term for students to re-focus on their learning goals and ensure they are accessing support to improve their learning outcomes. All students should have completed a My Learning Profile in Term 1 and should be updating that profile this term. The profile allows students to track their own progress through their subjects, to set tangible goals for improvement and to decide on specific strategies that will help them to get there. Our teaching staff will support them to set specific goals and strategies based on individual student learning patterns.

YEAR 10: Wise Choices

The beginning of Year 10 is an important time for students to start to think about what pathway they would like to move into when they leave school. It is also a time when they need to
be working hard to achieve the best possible grades toward that end. In Year 10 students need to consider wisely, choose well and commit to their choices. This will give them the best opportunities to open up doorways to their future.

This term students will consolidate their choices for elective subjects and begin to explore possible traineeships and apprenticeships for Semester 2 of Year 10. There will be a Parent Information Evening on the 16 June 2015 at 6.00 pm, to give parents and guardians important information in relation to the requirements of the senior school and the important attainment of the Queensland Certificate of Education. Many universities and job path organisations will be available on the night to answer specific questions that you may have. There will also be workshops available on the importance of the Set Plan (Senior Education Plan), which will be completed by all Year 10 students.

If parents or guardians would like more information about this important phase of decision making or about what is on offer for Year 10 students in relation to apprenticeships and traineeships, please do not hesitate to contact the office and we will organise for an interview.

ANZAC Day

Our Anzac day ceremony was a very moving tribute to our Australian and New Zealand forces that have fought valiantly in conflict areas over the past 100 years. I must say a very big thank you to staff, students and our very special guest Mr Brian Berry, who worked together to make the service so special. I am continuously proud of the sensitivity with which our students conduct themselves at the Anzac Day ceremony and this year was no exception.

I would also like to take this opportunity to celebrate the achievement of two of our fine young artists Shania Lloyd and Kyle Brady, who won the Logan Art prize for their representation of three compelling war scenes in memory of the Anzac’s. The pieces were beautifully crafted and hauntingly poignant using subtle grey pallets, offset by hints of red in their depiction of the Anzac poppy.

Cross Country

It was great to see a large number of our students competing in the cross country this year. Many students completed the course in record time. We must thank the HPE department for organising the day and to our entire school community for their support.

Park Ridge Has Got Talent

Due to extreme weather conditions last Friday night, our annual Arts event was postponed until this Friday night. I look forward to seeing the range of talent on offer in our school again this year and hope to see many of our community members at the event to be held in our Performing Arts Centre.

Winter Uniform

With the colder weather fast approaching, many of our students are rugging up for the school day. It is important that our students are adhering to our school jumper and jacket uniform requirements. Only the school jumper or jacket must be worn. No other style or colour jumper is permitted and ‘hoodies’ are also not acceptable items of clothing. Please refer to our uniform policy on our website and in our student organiser for further clarification. I appreciate your support in honouring the uniform policy set down in our enrolment agreement and by our P&C.

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

Anzac Day Ceremony

Our Anzac Day ceremony last Friday was a solemn, respectful and reflective occasion. The Student Activity Centre was filled to capacity with the student body, staff, and a particularly strong representation of family members.

Guest Speaker Mr Brian Berry is currently Vice-President and a past President of the Greenbank Naval Association. He served with the Royal Australian Navy as a communicator. He went straight to sea from Signal School in a Tribal Class Destroyer, HMAS Bataan. Mr Berry’s first experience was a deployment in that ship to Japan as part of the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces prior to the outbreak of the war in Korea. His address provided first-hand acknowledgement of the values and ideals that have become hallmarks of Australia’s military personnel.

Staging this event involved a large number of staff and students right across the school. Horticulture students, for instance, had been tending rosemary plantings throughout the year and in the lead-up to Anzac Day, harvested and then distributed it to classes so that students and staff could wear rosemary for remembrance on their lapels. Home Economics students' once again baked Anzac biscuits for a week, in order for every attendee to be able to take one at the ceremony’s close. School leaders spent hours setting up the seating and stage, and more hours, assisted by students from many year levels, in packing everything away. Others were involved in the sound, photography, ushering, and serving refreshments to guests.

The end result was a very collaborative event. All aspects worked together to allow us once again to suitably honour Australia’s servicemen and women from this past century.
Business Excursion – ABC Studios and Snap Fresh

Business students from Years 10-12 ventured out to ABC Studios and Snap Fresh on Tuesday 21 April to see the real world of business. They toured the two very different workplaces to see how businesses operate, the importance of Workplace Health and Safety, operations management and human resources.

At ABC Studios students were given access to radio studios and the ABC News TV studio. They were provided with insights around coordination of activities, open office setups and the growth of online news and content. At Snap Fresh, students were given access to low-risk areas of the factory floor to see how the company produce frozen meals for their clients, including QANTAS. They were also given access to the Research and Development and Quality Assurance laboratory areas. Due to the nature of the business, everybody was required to ‘suit up’ in some very attractive protective clothing including hair nets, coats and shoe covers (see picture). The trip concluded with lunch – a meal of mini hotdogs produced by Snap Fresh and currently being served as a refreshment snack by one of their airline clients. The trip was a great opportunity to see theory from the classroom applied to real businesses.

Ms Susan Gilchrist – HOD eLearning/ Year 12 Coordinator

Greenbank RSL ANZAC Mural Competition

On Monday 20 April students, Shania Lloyd and Kyle Brady attended a morning tea at the Greenbank RSL to celebrate the mural initiative started last year by the RSL club. Schools were asked to participate in a centenary competition in which the club provided all the materials and the schools, for their part, created a mural commemorating the ANZAC spirit. We were fortunate to win the competition with a prize of $1500.

Ms June Greenwood – Art Teacher

2015 Park Ridge SHS Cross Country

The school’s annual Cross Country was held on Thursday 23 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 2.5 km and we had some great individual results.

With so many students competing, the top 10 positions in each age group were hotly contested to qualify for districts, which will be held at Waterford Rugby League Club on Tuesday 5 May.

The House positions this year for the Park Ridge SHS were as follows:

1st Waratah
2nd Banksia
3rd Eucalyptus
4th Grevillia

The Results of the age champions for the Park Ridge SHS Cross Country were as follows:

U12 Boys: Andrew Lindsay
U12 Girls: Zoe Edwards
U13 Boys: John Baker
U13 Girls: Crystal Patterson
U14 Boys: Mitchell Fitzpatrick
U14 Girls: Alysha Torr
U15 Boys: Aidan Duncan
U15 Girls: Nader Mohammed
U16 Boys: Marcus Balint
U16 Girls: Sharna Milligan
U17 Boys: Jonah Martin
17 Girls: Emma Thompson
Thank you to all staff who 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 2016 Park Ridge SHS Cross Country.

Miss Megan Harley, Mr Rob Brown and Mrs Robyn Larcombe - Cross Country Co-Ordinators

Playful Rascals Playgroup – New day and time

The Year 12 Early Childhood class have done an amazing job over the past year organising exciting and educational activities for the children at Playful Rascals Playgroup. Sadly, the time has come to say goodbye to the Year 12 Early Childhood class and to welcome the new enthusiastic and energetic Year 11 class.

Due to the class change, the Playful Rascal’s day will also change. Starting on the 22nd of May, Playgroup will be held on a Friday morning from 9:15 – 11:20.

We always love to welcome new families to playgroup. If you would like more information about Playful Rascals Playgroup, please contact Alyssa Thompson (Early Childhood Teacher) on 3380 4111 or e-mail anorm41@eq.edu.au.

Parliament and QUT Excursion

On Thursday the 26 February, many of the Park Ridge Legal Studies students from Year 10 onwards went away on an excursion to the Queensland Parliament House and QUT (Queensland University of Technology). At the beginning of the trip, students were taken on a tour around Parliament House where they learnt parliamentary procedures in the chamber and some of Queensland’s historical information within the Government. Afterwards, students learnt about Australia’s voting system that is in place. After students had morning tea, Linus Power, who is the local member for our area, came and spoke to us about what his role in parliament is and also about some plans he has for the future of our area.

Following the tour, students then moved on to eat lunch at QUT, experiencing the independence of a university student. Park Ridge students then took part in a legal Class where they learnt what studying Law or Justice is like from current university students. Students also participated in a criminology activity where they had to solve an actual crime that took place within the QUT campus. They examined real pieces of evidence such as the victim’s cell phone.

The trip helped students decide on what they would like to study and have a job in. The excursion was beneficial in the long run as it made the students experience what life would be like if they had a career in law and justice.

Luke Retter and Thanh Nguyen – Year 10 Students

Community News:

Logan Brothers Rugby League Club

Do you love to watch Rugby League? Think you can step, pass and tackle or have always wondered what playing Rugby League would be like?

Did you know that Logan Brothers is currently building teams for the 2015 League season! We have girls signed up already from Logan Schools and are seeking more to make our teams complete.

We are looking for players for U13 (Born in Year 2003 or 2002), U15 (Born in Year 2001 or 2000) and U18 (Born in Year 1999, 1998 or 1997), so that means no more having to settle for Touch Football or not playing Rugby League at all, you can come try out at a sport that is growing around the world.

We train Mondays and Wednesday’s @ 6.30pm at the Logan brothers grounds, so why not come on down and see what we are all about, come and join the Female Rugby League family.

Coaching Team:
- Manager: Kristin - 0413 392 414
- Coach: Glenn (OZ) - 0478 095 250
- Assistant Coach: Viv - 0408 224 741

Like to know more?
- Civic Park
  - 170 Wembley Road
  - Logan Central Qld 4114
  - Phone: (07) 3808 1481

Logan’s Annual Domestic Violence Candle Lighting Ceremony

You are invited with special guest, Kristal West (from ZK, The Voice)

5-6pm, Wednesday 6th May

Logan City Saints Rugby Union Clubhouse, 200 Queens Road, Slacks Creek

Free event - Candles provided.

The Working Against Violence Support Service (WAVSS) in partnership with the Logan City Saints Rugby Union Club have joined together to host Logan’s 2015 Annual Candle Lighting Remembrance Ceremony.

“The Voice” Finalist, Kristal West (ZK) will perform several songs at the memorial event held annually on Australia’s National Day...
of Remembrance to commemorate lives lost to Domestic and Family Violence.

“Logan’s Candle Lighting Ceremony is a time to acknowledge how devastating these deaths are and to honour each life lost, said Linda-Ann Northey, General Manager, WAVSS.

“Importantly, these are tragedies that we believe can be prevented with the right support, increased awareness and early intervention, something that we are deeply committed to in this community. We encourage everyone who cares about this issue to join us in lighting candles to respect and remember lives lost, and as a symbol of hope in the darkness”, she said.

Information and RSVP to WAVSS Logan, E: reception@wavss.org, Ph: 3808 5566.