Focus on Learning

As a school we are rigorously exploring our achievement results from last term. All teachers are looking closely at what strategies they can put in place to support students toward a strong end of semester result. We are very focused on ensuring that students are being able to access the curriculum at an appropriate level for their current skills set and knowledge. Students will be re-working their “My Learning Profile”, with the support of their teachers, to identify what they are doing well in, and what they are struggling in. The purpose of the profile is to help students set targets and identify clear strategies that will help them improve. If you have any concerns or would like to ask any questions about your child’s work, contact the school and make an appointment. We are committed to partnering with our parents in improving our student’s outcomes.

Focus on high expectations

We have been very clear about setting very high expectations in our school community and in our learning environments this year. Part of our reasoning for this has been to ensure that our wider community, and potential employers for our students when they leave school, are confident that our students are well prepared for the rigors of the workforce. As a result we have had some great feedback from our local businesses and partners, with many new employers coming on board to offer traineeships and apprenticeships.

We will maintain a strong focus on attendance, dressing for the professional school day, being well organised and arriving to class on time with all the tools necessary for learning. We are also focusing very deliberately on a safe and supportive environment with assemblies, our Life Skills and Enterprise programs exploring the nature of respect for ourselves and others. Our dedicated behavioural team are working to ensure we support all of our students. If you have any concerns about your child in relation to their wellbeing, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Kirsty Morris, Head of Behaviour, to discuss your concerns with her.

P&C

Our Parents and Citizens Association is meeting next Tuesday 19 May. This is a great opportunity for parents to be a part of the decision making process in our school. I would like to extend an invitation to all parents and guardians to join our P&C. Our meeting begins at 6:00pm in the administration block.

Congratulations

I would like to take some time to congratulate a number of students and staff who have represented our school with pride and respect over the past few weeks.

Last Thursday the AFL school of excellence hosted an AFL match day. Park Ridge SHS versed Benowa SHS in the junior and open sections. A great day was had by all and I would like to congratulate the hard work of the AFL Excellence Academy staff for their ongoing dedication to providing great opportunities for our students to achieve.

A number of our students have excelled in their sport of choice and we are proud of their achievements.

Josh Boyton is the BMX National Champion

Jonah Martin is our District Cross Country Age Champion

Camryn Newton-Smith has been accepted into the Under 16 Queensland AFL Team

It has been a wonderful week for our Arts department with “Park Ridge Has Got Talent”, showcasing a range of talent from our dance and music departments. It was encouraging to see the variety of dance performances on show during the night. The award for third place went to a very interesting dance exploration of cultural themes. The music students also performed, with David Ilalio-Tonata coming in second with a compelling version of Hallelujah and Sebastian Buciu taking out the first place with his original piano composition.
Mr Rob Emblen was outstanding as the MC and the whole Arts department are to be congratulated for their hard work in supporting our budding young talent.

The instrumental music department were also working hard again on the weekend and hosted trivia night in support of the program. Thank you to Mr Michael Purtle, Mr Evan Jenkins and our Music Parent Support team for their work on the night.

I would also like to thank the hard work of our Junior Secondary Team and all the teachers who have worked so hard to support our Year 7 and 9 students for NAPLAN. The work of Mr Stuart Douglas, Ms Karina Cole and Ms Cath Armstrong was exceptional in ensuring a supportive approach to the process.

Finally I would like to thank the families who continuously support our school in providing quality educational experiences for our students.

Kind Regards

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

District Cross Country

On Tuesday 5 May, Park Ridge State High School students represented the school at the Karawatha District Cross Country at Waterford Rugby League Club at Meadowbrook. We took a strong field of 75 students to participate in the 3km, 4km and 6km courses depending on age groups. It was great to see so many of our students working hard to finish the course in a good time. Overall, our school finished 5th in the district, which is a fantastic effort.

We also had some outstanding individual results with Jonah Martin blitzing the field in the 17yrs boys division and taking out Age Champion. Other Park Ridge students who made the top 10 and gained selection in the district team were Crystal Patterson, Alysha Torr, Dana Edwards, Theresa Torrent, Aidan Duncan, Corey Rossouw, Taylor Dowling, Sharna Milligan, Bailey Forge and Brad Hodkinson. Congratulations and good luck at regionals.

A big thank you to Mr Brown and Miss Brentnall for assisting on the day, along with the prac students that attended.

Megan Harley – HPE Teacher

Youth Girls Cup

On the 28 April the junior and open girls competed in the Youth Girls Cup. Park Ridge State High entered the competition with 4 teams more than any other school that played on the day. This outstanding participation led the open girls to victory, taking out all 4 games. The open girls were led by Sarah Shuttlewood and Emma Thompson, a very proud day for the senior girls. Good luck to the senior girls progressing.

The junior girls worked really hard winning their first game; unfortunately they came had a draw in their final game. Due to the fact the other team had a better percentage they were unable to progress through. They were well lead by junior captains Phoebe Refeld and Tori Kelley. There were many outstanding performances on the day for both teams. For the seniors Tamica Jackson with her great ruck work and Laura Marsh with her determination to win the ball on the day. For the juniors, Ngatal Alapaki and Jada Campbell were instrumental in winning the ball out of the middle and getting it to the forward line.

Great work every one!!

Sarah Shuttlewood and Emma Thompson- AFL Academy Captains

The Conoco Phillips Science Experience

An Invitation to all 2015 Year 9 and 10 students to attend The Conoco Phillips Science Experience

Enjoy 3 or 4 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 $120 (inc GST) for 3 days and $160 for 4 days of science activities for Year 9 and 10 students in 2015.

For more information see the website – http://www.scienceexperience.com.au/

Ross Bradford – HOD Science

Park Ridge Has Got Talent

Due to the inclement weather we had to postpone our annual talent quest, the show went up last Friday 8 May and once again it was a huge success and showcased some of the talent that we have at Park Ridge.

The Park Ridge SHS Arts Department would like to thank the general community for the encouraging support that was given to the talented students. All this year’s contestants did a fabulous job. For some students it was their first time on stage, others were clearly seasoned professionals who gave a polished performance.

1st - Our winning item for the night was Sebastian Buciu who played an original piece composed on keyboard.

2nd - Second was David Ilalio-Tonata who wowed the audience with his silky smooth voice.

3rd - Third was a group dance who named themselves the “Peace Keepers”, they performed a hip hop dance piece.

Highly commended - Was awarded to a young magician named Aiden Scofield.

All the profits from this night will be used by the Arts precinct to buy more resourcing for the performing arts students.

Sebastian’s original piece, as yet unnamed was used as a competition idea for the audience who attended on the night. The winning title is called “CHASING VISIONS”. Would Codi please come to collect your box of chocolates from E Block staffroom?

Rob Emblen – HOD The Arts

From the Science Department

On Monday, 11 May Year 11 Biology went on an excursion with the Jacobs Well Environmental Education Centre. Students conducted a trawl of a stretch of the bay to examine the creatures living on the bottom (the Benthic community).

The second part of the day was devoted to a study of the Mangrove Ecosystem. Using these data students will write a report about the suitability of a Cruise Liner Terminal for Moreton Bay. It was a fantastic success. We would like to thank the Jacobs Well EEC staff Carl and Sue who instructed the students.

It was a beautiful day on Moreton Bay

Sia and Jaimie sort through the catch, identifying and tallying the different species caught
Angela and Breanna sort fish

Angela discovers a banana prawn, we caught 62

Catie, Zara and Sia on board the Educat.

The blue spotted sting ray

P&C Association Meeting

ALL WELCOME

TUESDAY, 19 May 2015 at 6.00 pm
Administration Block, Common Room

Park Ridge State High School P&C Association encourages the participation of all members of the school community and welcomes your attendance at our monthly meetings.

Playful Rascals Playgroup

Community News

URGENTLY REQUIRED
HOST FAMILIES
FOR
JAPANESE STUDENTS

From
ACOSTA FEV group (14-17 year old)
Arrival: Friday 31 July
Departure: Tuesday 11 August
***One student per family***

Attending PARK RIDGE SHS on weekdays
Free to spend the weekend and afternoons with the family

Host Family Requirements:

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

$430 will be paid to Host Families to cover the cost
Friendly Bilingual Support Available (24h/7d)

Please contact your school or the organising company for further information

Australia Japan Study Programme (AJSP)
Email: ajsp.mika@gmail.com
Phone: 0421 438 662 (Mika Okada)

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Playful Rascals Playgroup

Come and join in the fun at Playful Rascals Playgroup. Held at Park Ridge State High School, the Playgroup is run by the year 12 Early Childhood class as part of their practical classwork. The students organise crafts, outdoor play, singing and storytelling for the children to enjoy.

Day: Friday mornings (during the school term only)
Time: 9:15am – 11:20am
Address: Playgroup Room
Park Ridge State High School
Lancewood Street
Park Ridge
Cost: $3.00 per week and annual Playgroup QLD membership fee
Contact: Alyssa Thompson 07 3380 4111 or
admin41@eq.edu.au