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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

3 June	Year 7 2016, Enrolment & Information Session 3pm
8 June	QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
10 – 12 June	Senior Block Exams
15 – 19 June	Year 7 – 10 Assessment Week
16 June	P&C Meeting 6pm
16 June	Year 10 Wise Choices 6:00pm - 8:00pm
18 – 19 June	QCS Prac Test (Year 12)
24 June	Semester 1 reports mailed
26 June	Last Day Term 2

Message from the Principal.....

Excellence in all we do.....

At Park Ridge SHS we believe that excellence is not about an outcome but an attitude. We believe in the ability of every one of our students to achieve and reach their full potential. It is in this belief and the persistence together to raise expectations that we will see our students move from strength to strength.

Year 10

Our Year 10 students are entering into a very important phase of their educational journey. Over the past two terms they have been engaged in very explicit conversations about their pathway choices once they leave high school. Part of these conversations have been focused on helping them to make good subject choices for Year 11 and 12 to ensure a strong foundation for entry into university, TAFE or the workforce.

During this time we have had many conversations with our Year 10 students about the importance of them doing their very best, this semester, to allow them to enter the subjects in Year 11 that will work for them, a message we reinforced at our Year 10 parent information session in Term 1. Once a student

enters Year 11 it is important that they are able to cope with their subjects and that there is as little subject movement as possible to support them achieving their Queensland Certificate of Education. All Year 10 students should have completed their "My Learning Profile" this year and have a clear understanding of what they need to do in the next couple of weeks to improve their results.

Our school is hosting a second parent information session this Term on June 16, starting at 6:00pm in the Resource Centre. This is an opportunity for our parents and guardians to understand the rigor of the senior school in preparing their child for graduation and to gain an understanding of the multiple pathways on offer. There will be a number of industry specialists and university and TAFE representatives available on the night for parents and students to access. Our Senior Deputy Principal will outline the requirements for seniors and a number of our staff will also be available to discuss faculty specific requirements. I encourage you to come along as this is an excellent opportunity to have any of your questions answered.

Enrolments for 2016

Our school will be visiting our local primary schools in the next few weeks to outline the opportunities that exist for students here at Park Ridge SHS. **There will also be an evening information session held for parents and families this Wednesday June 3 in the Resource Centre from 3pm - 5.30pm.** You can also find important information about our school on our website, including up to date information on enrolments for 2016.

Great things happening in our school.....

I want to take the opportunity to thank the staff and students who have represented us with great pride over the past two weeks.

SCIM CAMP

The SCIM Camp was a wonderful opportunity for our talented instrumental students to work closely with our primary schools for three days. Over 150 primary musicians attended and worked closely with 7 instrumental music teachers from our district. The concert held on the final day demonstrated the amazing musical talent we have in our area and the dedication of our music specialists. I would also like to thank Peter James, Principal of Park Ridge State School for his energy in organising the event.

Primary Leadership Day

Our school was also treated to a plethora of leadership talent during our primary leadership day. Sixty students from our neighbouring primary schools partnered with our senior leadership team to develop and grow their understanding of the importance of student's leadership in our schools. I was very proud of our senior leaders who ran workshops and built networks with these keen young students. The staff that supported this event must also be congratulated for their outstanding effort.

Our hospitality student visit TAFE Queensland

Last week, 47 - Year 11 hospitality students visited TAFE Queensland. They were involved in workshops and demonstrations, accessing a variety of the curriculum on offer through the TAFE. The director commented that our students were the best he had seen and congratulated our staff on the way that our students represented our school.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Sharon Amos - Acting Principal

Year 7, 2016 Enrolment and Information Session

Wednesday 3rd June 2015 3:00-5:30pm - Information Session at 3.30pm

We will be holding an Enrolment & Information Session in the Resource Centre for students and parents of Year 7, 2016. Appointments are not necessary, however, to assist us, pick up an enrolment pack from the office beforehand or go to our school website <https://parkridgeshs.eq.edu.au/Enrolments/> to download the enrolment forms. Please bring with you the student's birth certificate to comply with State Legislation.

Uniform Shop News

Winter uniform stock is now in.

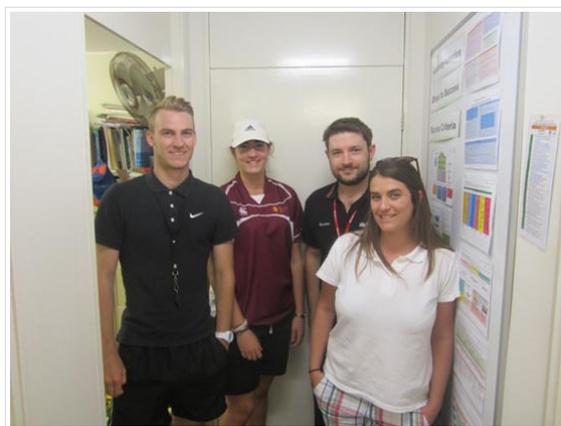
- Track pants Size 8 – 5XL - \$35.00
- Jumpers Size 10 – 2XL - \$25.00

The Uniform Shop will be closed on Thursday 18 June 2015. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Jacque Mills - Uniform Shop Convenor

University Practical Student Teachers

During the last three to four weeks a number of university students have been completing their teaching experience in the Health and Physical Education department at Park Ridge SHS. They have been committed to the HPE program teaching students from Year 7 – 12. Their enthusiasm has been infectious with the staff. They have integrated well in all aspects of the school such as involvement with interschool sport, attending staff and facility meetings and involvement in lunch-time activities for students organising tournaments and supervising the weights room. The HPE department appreciates the energy that the practical students have brought to Park Ridge SHS and we would like to thank them for their efforts.



Student teachers Niall Stockwell, Lauren Neuendorf, Dane Ponting and Hannah Turner

Rob Brown - Acting Head of Department HPE

Year 12 Biology Lone Pine Excursion

“Are zoo captive breeding programs effective in conserving biodiversity?”

This is the question Year 12 Biology students' are trying to answer as part of their current biology study. On Tuesday 12 May, the Year 12 Biology students ventured to the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary to learn about the sanctuary's cutting-edge koala breeding program and to investigate the challenges faced by zoos trying to breed endangered animals. During the excursion students were also given the opportunity to study other Australian native animals and enjoy many of the sanctuary's entertaining and informative shows.



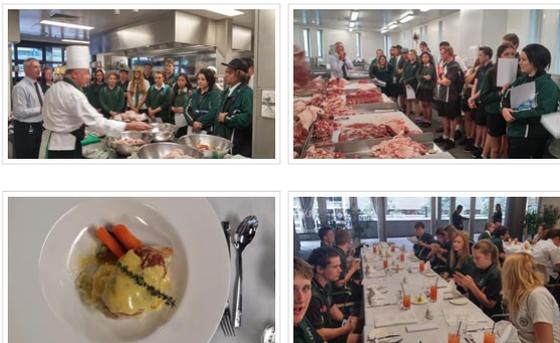
Ross Bradford - HOD Science

TAFE Excursion

On Tuesday 19 May, forty-seven Year 11 Hospitality students went on an excursion to TAFE Queensland, Southbank campus. The excursion was designed to give students some insight into the different Hospitality courses available, and what they could expect if they chose a course at TAFE Queensland. We were fortunate enough to speak to experts in bakery, patisserie, butchery and confectionery, as well as enjoy a

2-course gourmet meal prepared by the second year diploma students.

Overall the day was a huge success. Congratulations to both Year 11 Hospitality classes for their excellent behaviour on the day.



Bernadette Maxwell – Acting HOD Home Economics and Business

The Arts News: PROUD

My normal Friday is spent assisting Belinda in the canteen at school. On Friday 22 May, I was very fortunate to be able to accompany the dance group to the **Brisbane Eisteddfod**, a showcase of talent from across Brisbane.

Our day began impressively with no late students at 6:15am. Hair was done, make up was on and the air was electric. We were set for a full day with eight dances entered from contemporary to hip hop. The students got off the bus, picked up their own gear as well as an extra box, bag or bucket and we ventured off behind Miss Doherty - a teacher that I really get the feeling that these students have a deep respect for. We got to our dressing room which we shared with three other schools and set up our makeup stations, change room and hung the costumes neatly.

I spent most of the day in the dressing room helping with costumes and then diving up to the auditorium to see the students perform. All the students helped each other in the dressing room and made sure there was not a bow out of place and no-one missed their curtain call. **Zara Berry** was a great asset with fab organisational skills. The day went so fast.

Miss Doherty kept a watchful eye on the students and sat proudly in the auditorium as they danced their hearts out. After each section Miss Doherty came down to the dressing room. The students all huddled around to hear her read out the adjudicator's comments and scores (which were all **over 80** out of 100)

It was about 8:30pm, everyone was slowing down, but we had one more to go. The last dance that was performed by Park Ridge SHS students was a trio (I believe the smallest group of the day). It was a Hip Hop number. **Sam, Dylan** and **Mia** took to the stage, the dance began, and the crowd erupted. Throughout the dance the crowd moved, surged, clapped and cheered. When the song ended I would estimate around 110 to 120 school students from other schools took to their feet in a standing ovation for our Park Ridge Dance Students.

I am **SO PROUD**.

I left that auditorium with tears running down my cheeks and a smile that I am still wearing. I would encourage any parent or staff member that can afford the time to be part of these wonderful events.



Sheryl Cooper – Performing Arts Volunteer/Canteen Assistant

AFL News

Two weeks ago on Thursday 7 May, the junior and senior boys played against Benowa State High School here at school.

The junior boys started off the day strongly against Benowa. They had a commanding lead by half time due to some dominating play in the midfield and forward line. They came out in the second half staying focused and maintaining the lead. The junior boys worked very well as a team and made the game look easy with their defence and attack during the whole game. Special mentions go to **Trent Fisher** and **Layton Reid** for working hard all day. The junior boys were well led by their Captain **Riley Greene**, showing good leadership and determination.

Second up were the senior boys who started well against Benowa SHS and played a tough game, considering they were missing a few players. The team gave 100% effort all game, and put up a great fight going in first for the ball and always applying pressure. The seniors had good run of play for the majority of the game going forward in attack and out of the back line. They showed determination to win the ball and came together as a team. A special mention to **Jack Sully** for his first senior game. He played very well and didn't back down from a contest.

A big thank you goes to all the supporters' staff, students and parents for the encouragement they gave to our junior and senior boys and for cheering them on.

Written by Joshua James and Jarrod Fenton - AFL Academy Senior Captains

Last week the annual under-15 school boy's state AFL championship was played in Mackay. The championship involves students from ten different regions that play against each other with the aim of trying to make the state under-15 AFL team. Four players from Park Ridge SHS were lucky enough to be involved in the tournament. They were **Aidan Duncan, Mitchell Fitzpatrick, Lachlan James and Jack James**. The boys all represented the Academy with pride and played some outstanding footy. Conditions at the carnival were trying with a heavy breeze disrupting play and hot temperatures. It was wonderful to see the boys have the right attitude and commitment towards every game and every contest despite the tough conditions.

One of our first year players **Mitchell Fitzpatrick** played so well that he was selected in the **Queensland under-15 school boys' team**. An outstanding effort by Mitchell as he is still in

the under-14 boys' team and will still be eligible next year. We would like to wish him luck at the national carnival in July!

Well done boys!

Derek Berry - Director of AFL