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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

15-19 June	Year 7 – 10 Assessment Week
16 June	P&C Meeting 6pm
16 June	Year 10 Subject Information Night 6.30pm – 8.00pm
18-19 June	QCS Practice Test (Year 12)
16 June	Year 10 Subject Selection Information Night
26 June	Last Day Term
13 July	Term 3 commences

From the Principal

I am constantly reminded of the exciting talent we have in our school community through the achievements of our students and staff. It gives me great pleasure to recognise the wonderful contribution made by so many different people in so many different areas within the school community.

Our culture of striving for “**Excellence in All We Do**” is the result of what can be achieved by working together, doing what is right, and focusing on learning. We know our students will achieve when we continuously assess their skills and knowledge and collaboratively target and adapt learning opportunities to meet those needs.

Our job as educators is not to test knowledge but to know our students learning needs and encourage and develop the attainment of their knowledge and skills. Students learn best when they are given the opportunity to own their learning, understand the purpose of their learning and are given explicit and continual opportunities to see where they are in the learning and what they need to do to improve.

With this in mind we are fast approaching the end of the term and students are busy finalising assessments and studying for exams. This represents a great opportunity to really demonstrate the hard work and effort both students and teachers put into learning in the classroom. As parents this is the time to find out what your child is doing in each subject by

asking to see assignments and assessments and encouraging them to put the effort into doing their best.

Recently at our whole year level assembly we recognised students who have been doing what is right in the classroom. Our positive rewards program allows teachers to reinforce positive behaviour by awarding merit points to students. Students are recognised and rewarded through the language of learning together. These key words are “We are here to learn”, “We are here to work together”, and “We are here to do what is right”.

Students can track their merit point totals through their year coordinators. We have 94% of our students with over 20 merit points and parents would have received a post card home recognising your child’s success. I am pleased to say that we have a number of students over 100 merit points and we just had our first student Morgan Fletcher reach 200 merit points. Morgan will receive a silver award on our whole school assembly.

Last week I had the pleasure of attending our student restaurant for a 3-course meal prepared by students. Both the food and service were amazing. With the support of the Home Economics department these students have been able to create a real life experience that I am sure will give them a new appreciation for the hard work that goes into planning a menu, cooking food and preparing a restaurant. Well done to all involved.

A special thank you to the efforts and support of our whole school community including students, parents, and teaching staff. We look forward to working with our students toward excellent outcomes in second semester.

Sharon Amos- ACTING PRINCIPAL

Finance News

Paying School Accounts by Direct Deposit

Thank you to the many families who have chosen to pay their school accounts by direct deposit into our school bank account. However, it is extremely important when making a direct deposit that you enter your student’s name in the details section so we know whose account to credit. With over 1100 students it is extremely difficult to track down the correct student and I am sure that you would like to have your account credited correctly and not to someone else’s! For those who

would like to use this service and do not have the details please contact the school and we will send out the necessary details to you.

Outstanding Textbooks

As part of the Shared Resources Hiring Scheme conditions, students who have textbooks and resources outstanding from previous years are not permitted to borrow textbooks and resources until the outstanding books and resources have been returned or restitution has been made if the items have been lost or damaged. A letter is sent out at the end of each school year to advise parents and students of all outstanding items. If you have paid your school fees and your student still does not have his/her textbooks please ask him/her if they have spoken with Mrs Topping or Mrs Nichols in the Resource Centre. The sooner they do this, the sooner they can receive their textbooks.

Year 12 Formal and Year 11 Senior Jersey

As we move into Semester 2, students in Years 11 and 12 are offered non-compulsory, non-curriculum events and purchases such as the Year 12 formal and the Senior Jersey. School policy is that students with accounts outstanding will not be permitted to attend such events or purchase such items until the school accounts are paid to date. If your student's account is falling behind, please contact the school so that a payment plan can be agreed upon to ensure that your accounts are paid in a timely manner. Year 12 graduation folders will have the contents that form part of the Shared Resources Hiring Scheme withheld until such fees are paid.

Schoolkids Bonus

Schoolkids Bonus helps with education costs and is automatically paid in January and July to eligible families and students. There is no need to make a claim.

Schoolkids Bonus will be paid automatically to you from 2 to 16 July 2015 if you are eligible.

You will get an instalment of up to:

\$211 for each child who is a primary student
\$421 for each child who is a secondary student

Payments will show in your Centrelink online account from the day it is paid to you.

Schoolkids Bonus is subject to an income test and you will get the payment if you have an adjusted taxable income of \$100,000 or less. We will determine your eligibility using the income information you have provided to us. It is important to give us the most accurate family income estimate you can.

You will get a top up payment of Schoolkids Bonus if:

- you do not receive Schoolkids Bonus in July 2015
- your adjusted taxable income ends up being \$100,000 or less at the end of the financial year, and
- you meet all other eligibility criteria

If you have not received a payment and think you are eligible, the first step is to check and, if necessary, update your child's study details. The easiest way is through you or your child's

Centrelink online account, which you can access through myGov.

If the details are correct, please wait until after 16 July 2015 to contact us.

While logged into myGov, you can also check your bank account details.

Uniform Shop News

Winter uniform stock is now in!

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

Jacque Mills – Uniform Shop Convenor

Year 10 Subject Selection Information Evening Invitation

Date: Tuesday 16 June 2015

Time: 6pm to 7.30pm

Location: Resource Centre (RC)

Address: 14-30 Lancewood Street, Park Ridge

Come see the wide variety of senior pathways and subject choices on offer for students entering senior school at Park Ridge SHS.

- Authority subjects, Authority Registered subjects, Vocational courses
- Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)
- On and off Campus TAFE courses and Early Start University
- School based Apprenticeships / Traineeships and 3 year senior study programs

Meet with major industry employers, university representatives, TAFE, Defence Force and our expert staff to answer your questions and advise you and your student's senior pathway choices.

Music News

Recently some of the Park Ridge SHS music students were offered the opportunity to audition for an orchestra which will perform as part of the Queensland Music Festival's Logan performance.

We would like to congratulate the following students who successfully gained positions in this orchestra:

Bryce Taylor, Milly Yip, Thomas Stone, Henry Stone, Annika Grieve, Jasmin Hardie, Jayden Hardie, Jack Wiley, Kaileb Freeman, Sebastien Buciu, Logan Martinovic, Rhys Doolan, Luke Stanley and Nikita Noon.

These talented students will now be given the opportunity to perform with not only other musicians throughout Logan city but also with James Morrison who is the Artist Director of the Queensland Music Festival.

The students now have a rigorous rehearsal schedule before show casing their talents at the "Under the Sky" concert to be

held at Logan Brothers Football club on the 1st and 2nd of August.

Once again the hard work and dedication of the Music Staff and students of Park Ridge High School has afforded these students a very memorable and rewarding experience.

Visiting Authors

Last week we were fortunate to have two authors of Young Adult fiction visit our school. William Kostakis (author of *Loathing Lola*, *Sean* and *The first third*) and Sara Farizan (author of *If you could be mine* and *Tell me again how a crush should feel*) addressed the Year 12 students. They shared their experiences with regard to getting writing ideas, what inspired them to write and their pathways to becoming published authors.

Will and Sara's talks inspired an excellent question time at the end of the session and students also enjoyed chatting with them afterwards. We send a big 'thank you' to William and Sara for their time and energy as well as to Danny Peel (State Library of Queensland) and Emma (State Library of Victoria) for organising the visit as a part of the Reading Matters touring program, one of Australia's biggest celebrations of Young Adult literature.

Young Adult fiction is written for, published for and marketed to adolescents aged (roughly) between 13 and 21. It frequently portrays an adolescent as the protagonist and subject matter and story lines are usually aligned with the age and experience of the main character. Themes often focus on the challenges of youth.

Students may be interested in this website <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on/awards/ywa> which provides information about the Young Writers Award 2015. Entries close 17th July 2015.

Copies of Sara and William's books are all available for loan from the PRSHS library.



Kerryn Shaw - Librarian

Rugby League Gala Day

On Friday 29 May the Park Ridge SHS open and intermediate Rugby League teams travelled to South Sunnybank Rugby League Club to compete in the district rugby league competition. The trials were held two weeks before the day. Both teams had a great turn out and a big thank you must go to all students who made the effort to participate. To prepare

for the carnival both teams trained at lunch time to get ready for the big day.

When looking at the draw we realised we were up against some tough competition from other schools. To their credit our boys gave their absolute all and competed right to the very end. The intermediate team was coached by Mr Brown. He was well supported with courageous efforts from many players and the team was well lead by **Mitchell Lindsay** and **Ethan Fletcher** who ran hard and did not stop trying all day. The opens team was coached by Mr Boon. While many players did very well on the day, **Hemi Harris** starred with solid attacking runs and grit in defence. Both sides finished in overall fourth position on the ladder. Well done to all players on their efforts. We now look forward to the Year 7/8 gala day which will be played early next term. Good luck to the junior team!

Mr Adam Boon - Rugby Opens Coach

2015 Open Cricket

This year was an exceptional year for open cricket. The year started with the interschool sport competition. The boys were tested regularly through the season with three games won on the last ball. In all three games the boys were chasing the total and it is certainly where some heroic acts took place, whether it was a desperate shot or stealing a quick run (exciting for the boys, stressful for the coach). The boys were always very good in the field and had some excellent bowlers such as **Bailey Forge** and **Rhys Coxall**. The batting required consistency from **Jordan Bonney**, **Layton Reid** and **Josh Commons**. These players certainly laid the foundations for a successful season. Congratulations to the rest of the boys for a terrific effort as you all played your part.

From this success the boys then played Metropolitan Finals (Quarter Finals) and Coca Cola Cup where they fought gallantly but were edged out by Boonah SHS and Rochdale SHS. The Open and Junior teams are very enthusiastic and committed to the future success of cricket at Park Ridge SHS. It is this very reason why 2016 will be another cracker for cricket at Park Ridge SHS and we are all excited for the next Summer Season. Well done to the Open Cricket Boys and congratulations as they have achieved a Bronze Award at Park Ridge SHS Sports awards night in November 2015.



Mr Rob Brown -Cricket Coordinator

Physical Activity

As you all know every Wednesday afternoon we have plenty happening here at the school. Some students are getting ready

for interschool sport, some are going to electives and some will be doing physical activity. This program happens every week on the top oval and courts. There is a large group of Year 7s and 8s working hard in their own athletic competition. The program is for juniors who are not playing on an interschool sport team or in a physical education class. Its purpose is to promote a healthy lifestyle through sport. The students participate in a house against house competition in 3 sports, basketball, touch and soccer.

The houses of Waratah, Eucalyptus, Grevillia and Banksia have been competing for the last 8 weeks and all remain very much in contention for to take out the competition. The current standings are Banksia and Waratah on top with an overall record of 9 wins and 7 losses with Grevillia and Eucalyptus trailing with overall records of 7 wins and 9 losses. With 3 weeks of matches remaining there is still a great chance for each house to come out on top.

In order to facilitate these games there has been a lot of effort put in by the teachers whom help make PAC successful. Mr Ramnath, Mrs Kurittu, Ms Mitchell and Mrs. Qicatabua have all been instrumental in the administration of the class through taking roll and also refereeing and in some cases jumping in and participating in the game. The senior leaders have also been a huge help in setting up and taking down the fields, as well as keeping the games running smoothly.

Overall the participation, effort and behaviour of the students involved has been outstanding. Each house has been doing their best but there have been a few students who have stood out in the matches and deserve to be recognized. From Banksia **Zarli Archer** and **Reef Castella** have done a great job each and every week. In Eucalyptus **Charmaine Etio** and **Braydon Freche** are doing everything to help their house. **Olivia Schulz** and **Alexander Stewart** have been excellent leading Grevillia. Waratah has been inspired by **Scott Parlane** and **Skye Nicholls**.

Mr Thomas Corwin - PAC Coordinator

POSITIONS VACANT

Applications are invited for two positions of Special Education Teacher Aide, one being for 26.25 hours and the other 21 hours per week.

The position description and work profile are available to be collected from the school office at Park Ridge State High School, Lancewood Street, Park Ridge Q 4125.

All applications must address the key selection criteria of the position description and be forwarded to the HOSES (Head of Student Support Services), Park Ridge State High School, Qld 4125 marked "Private & Confidential".

The closing date for receipt of applications is 3pm Friday 19th June 2015.

The Commission for Children and Young People Act 2000 requires the preferred applicant to be subject to a Working with Children Check.

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