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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

26 June	LAST DAY TERM 2
13 July	FIRST DAY TERM 3
13-17 July	NAIDOC Week celebrations
14 July	Athletics Carnival
21 July	P&C Meeting 6pm
28-29 July	Logan City Career Expo
29 July	Year 7, 2016 Enrolments 3pm - 5.30pm
31 July-11 August	Japanese students visit

### Message from the Principal...

It has been an exciting 1st Semester for Park Ridge SHS. Students have engaged in exams and finalising assessments, teachers have been busy marking assessment and providing feedback to students around progress. The end of the term is a good time for students to sit down and reflect on their progress and identify areas for improvement. Students will be completing their "My Learning Profiles" to examine what they have achieved in their course of study and set learning goals for term 3.

### Reports

Over the holidays reports will be posted out to families. I encourage you to sit down with your child and discuss their results. I always encourage parents to look at the effort and behaviour grade as well as achievement as this will give a clearer picture of their progress. If you have any questions, please contact the office and we can organise a meeting.

### Literacy

We have a vibrant learning community. I have to congratulate our literacy team who have been working hard to improve our overall school results. They have embedded some wonderful initiatives into classrooms to support individual students; the team of Cath Armstrong, Karina Cole, Ryan Donavon, Deb

Pillay and Ros Munro are well supported by every teacher as we focus on improving the literacy levels of all students.

### Dance Troupe & AFL

I have to congratulate Naomi Doherty and her Dance Troupe on performing this Friday in a special workshop to develop focus skills. The AFL junior and senior squads are also to be congratulated on making the semi-finals of their respective competitions.

### Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival is on Tuesday July 14. All students need to be present on the day and we encourage students to participate in events. Students are expected to attend school in uniform or a t-shirt the colour of their house. Many students have been participating in lead-up events at break times in readiness for the day, well done!

I hope everyone has a well-deserved holiday break and I look forward to seeing you all in the new semester.

Regards

### Year 7, 2016 Enrolments

**When: Wednesday 29 July 2015**

**Time: 3.00pm – 5.30pm**

**Where: Resource Centre, Park Ridge SHS**

*No appointment necessary.*

Please bring:

- Student
- Completed enrolment forms
- Birth certificate (state legislation requirement)
- Recent report card
- Any legal/court orders or custody papers

### News from Student Support Services

#### Year 10 Excursion

As part of the Year 10 Short Course Literacy, nine students and two teachers went on an excursion to Grand Plaza Shopping Centre, Browns Plains on Friday 12 June. The students were involved in all aspects of planning this excursion as well as organising the SSS Big Day Out.

Students examined public transport timetables and cinema session times to plan an event that met the timeframes of the school day. This fitted in with our learning experience of itineraries and sequencing, allowing us to look at time allocated and time available as well as getting some experience with real life practical planning. At 9am we walked to Park Ridge Bus Stop where we caught a bus to Grand Plaza. Students told the bus driver where we were going and used their own money or GO Card to pay for the tickets. On arrival at the Plaza we bought movie tickets to Jurassic World and then purchased some delicious snacks at Woolworths. We then paid for our own lunches from the food court before entering the cinema. There were quite a lot of people at the movies but we all enjoyed the Dinosaur experience. Some of us even jumped a little at the scary bits! After the movie we caught the bus back to school where we wrote a Jurassic World movie review. If you want our opinion, it's worth seeing on the big screen.

## SSS Big Day Out

Once again the students and staff of the SSS had the opportunity to attend an end of semester celebration - the SSS Big Day Out. This semester's event was organised by the Year 10 Short Course Literacy class. The Year 10 students even went shopping for all of our excursion food, writing shopping lists and walking to Park Ridge Woolworths to buy sausages and other essential BDO supplies. On Thursday 18 June - a lovely sunny day after 3 days of overcast weather and rain, we boarded a Park Ridge Transit Bus at school to travel to Southbank. Once at Southbank we walked to the beach area where other SSS staff were waiting for us. Some students took advantage of the pool, hopping straight into the water under the watchful eyes of the staff and lifeguards, while other students went with the staff to buy things at the shop or just lazed about in the sun. Mrs Bassingthwaighte and Ms Hall cooked a sausage sizzle and everyone had a fantastic feast! The afternoon was spent relaxing in the sun, swimming and snacking before we boarded the bus to go back to school. The students were beautifully behaved and we all had a wonderful day out.

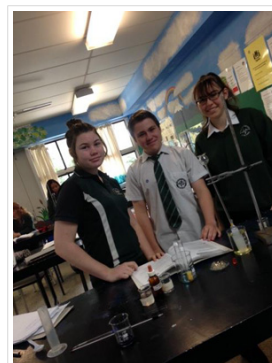


**Tracy Hall – SSS Teacher**

## Science News

This week in Year 11 Biology, students were studying osmosis and diffusion. They experimented with gummy bears and discovered that gummy bears could expand more than 10 times their weight when placed in water. The process of water

moving into the gummy bear across a membrane is called osmosis. Here **Nikita Noon, Kaleb Yuile and Kiarra Kelly** have weighed their gummy bears; they can be seen in the foreground. The one on the right was not placed in water; the one on the left had been placed in water for three days.



## Hospitality News

This term, as part of their assessment, Year 12 Hospitality students ran a restaurant for teachers and staff at Park Ridge State High School. Throughout the term, students researched, planned, prepared and cooked a 3 course sit down or take away meal. Mrs Rai's class designed an 'Aussie' themed restaurant, while Mrs Maxwell's class had a Mexican/Italian fusion restaurant called Casa Maxwell. Both restaurants received high praise from the staff who attended. Congratulations to all students who were involved, and a big thank you to those staff members who come along to support the Hospitality department and our students by buying lunch.



**Mrs Maxwell – Head of Department Home Economics**

## Year 6 Leadership Day

Last Tuesday the Senior Leadership team were privileged enough to plan and construct a day for the Year 6 primary leadership students. The programs were a success with the senior leaders planning each of their individual workshops and games that highlighted the key responsibilities and skills as school leaders of today. With the help of Ms Amos, Mr McBrien and Mr Emblen running their distinct workshops about the

morals and qualities of a leadership team, we were able to successfully help the younger leaders excel in their own leadership skills. Leadership teams ran rotations of fun workshops that focused on teamwork and communication skills, and encouraged the younger leaders to form new relationships. One activity involved the younger leaders linking hands and moving the entire team through a hula hoop, which developed communication and problem solving strategies.

These activities included:

- Hula hoop
- Scenario
- Dance
- Obstacle bin Ball
- Tail Tiggy
- Futsal
- Kick tennis
- Leaders workshops:
- Communication and risk taking
- Teamwork
- Blind fold trust game
- Respect- roll play
- Human scavenger hunt
- Interactive power point

## Field Athletics 2015

The last three weeks of term 2 and ongoing until the first week of term 3 the students have participated in various field events, 800m and 1500m at first break every day. All students in HPE have also been participating in classes for the athletic events of athletics to improve their skills. Some athletic results are as follows:

### Girls 2015 Results

Name	Year	Event	Position	Distance/ height	House
Emily Bonney	13	Javelin	1st	10.95m	Banksia
Alysha Torr	14	High Jump	1st	1.28m	Grevillea
Emily Wise	16	Javelin / High Jump	1st	20.70m / 1.15	Grevillea
Sia Lefi	Open	Javelin	1st	24.08	Banksia
Storm Law	Open	High Jump	1st	1.23	Eucalyptus
Cameron Newton Smith	15	High Jump/ Javelin/ Discuss	1st	1.55m / 30m /25 m	Warratah
Phoebe Redfield	14	Discuss	1st	17.15	Warratah

### Boys 2015 Results

Name	Year	Event	Position	Distance/ height	House
Mitchell Fitzpatrick	14	High Jump	1st	1.52m	Eucalyptus
Elijah Morgan	Open	High Jump	1st	1.55m	Waratah
Patrick Galo	15	Discuss	1st	23.32	Eucalyptus
Bailey Forge	16	Discuss/ High Jump	1st	26.95m / 1.53m	Eucalyptus
Patrick Galo	14	Discuss	1st	29.5m	Eucalyptus
Callam Curtis	13	Discuss	1st	20.29m	Banksia
Alex Sauer	16	Javelin	1st	34.30	Waratah
Hemi Harris	Open	Discuss	1st	25,62	Eucalyptus

**Note:** A number of events are still to be completed for girls and boys.

### Athletic Carnival 2015

This year the 2015 Athletics Carnival will be another exciting event for the Park Ridge SHS students, staff and parents (Note - All parents are invited to the Athletic Carnival to cheer on the competitors). The date of the Carnival will be Tuesday 14 July (Week 1 Term 3) at the bottom field of Park Ridge SHS. The HPE Department are looking forward to seeing everyone at this exciting day on the Park Ridge SHS Calendar.



**Rob Brown - Acting Head of Department HPE**

## Community News: Visiting Japanese Students

### URGENTLY REQUIRED

Host Families Wanted for Japanese Students from **ACOSTA FEV group (14-17 year old)**  
**Arrival: Friday 31 July**

**Departure: Tuesday 11 August**

**\*\*\*One student per family\*\*\***

They will be 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
  - Safe travel to and from school

***\$430 will be paid to Host Families to cover the cost***

***Friendly Bilingual Support Available (24h/7d)***

***For more information please contact Pak Agus or Mrs  
Dalle 3380 4142***

## **Asthma? Allergies? Ask the Experts!**

Asthma Foundation Queensland are hosting an 'Ask the Expert' session for parents of children with asthma or allergies.

The session will provide parents with the invaluable opportunity to learn more about their child's asthma or allergies, and to have their questions answered by experts in the field.

Details for the session are below:

**DATE:** Wednesday 29 July 2015

**TIME:** 6:30pm-8:00pm

**VENUE:** Meeting Room

Carina Leagues Club  
1390 Creek Road Carina, Qld 4152

**COST:** Free

Registrations can be made online at [asthmaaustralia.org.au](http://asthmaaustralia.org.au) or by phoning 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462). Registration includes a 'goodie' bag and light refreshments