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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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...

This year has been about continuing our journey of raising expectations. I am very proud of the work of our students, our staff and our families in supporting our school to improve student outcomes. Our strong focus on **uniform, attendance and being prepared for every class** has seen a strong improvement in student outcomes across the board from term 1 to the end of the semester. Our tough stance on presentation and commitment to study has seen our employer and community partners articulate a renewed confidence that our students are prepared for the work force when they leave our school.

It is important that we maintain this focus into semester 2. Attendance remains a high priority. If our students are not at school they cannot access the learning environment. It is imperative that our student's maintain a **92% and above attendance level** and capitalise on learning opportunities. Year 12 students have only a short window available to them to ensure the best possible outcome for the end of the year. A complete focus on attaining the Queensland Certificate of Education is a priority for every senior student.

**"Excellence in All We Do!"** is about believing in ourselves and our potential. Supporting our students to understand the significance of developing strong routines now and pushing them to reach their full potential is a responsibility that we as a whole community must take seriously. Ensuring our young people have the best possible chance of success now and into the future remains our core priority.

### Trade Training Centre

The official opening of our Trade Training Centre took place last Wednesday July 22. It was a great opportunity to invite a range

of community partners into the school to see the wonderful things happening in the area of science. The Centre is part of the Logan Scenic Rim Trade Training Centre partnership that includes three centres across three high schools in our area.

At Park Ridge we are focusing on Science and delivering a **Certificate 11 in Sampling and Measurement**. The course provides student with entry skills in laboratory operations. Our two year goal is to build our science program to focus on forensic science and host an annual science fair. Flagstone Community College offers electronics and Beaudesert SHS mechanics. It was lovely to have the principals of both high schools, Jude Fox and Alan Smith, join us for our celebrations.

Mr Bert Van Manen, Federal Member for Forde, opened our centre and was joined by Linus Power State Member for Logan. There were many Education Queensland representatives and local businesses that provide their support to both our school and community. I have to say a very special thank you to Ross Bradford and Colin King who have been working on the science focus in our school, to Tony Hillas, Gena Shvetsoff and our substantive principal Valerie Hadgelias for the work they invested last year to ensure the centre was operational and to the Home Economics department who delivered a sumptuous lunch that was certainly one of the highlights of the day.

### UQ Workshops

On July 23 and 24, a number of our senior students visited UQ to gain valuable skills leading up to the QCS test. Four of our staff took workshops at the university focusing on analysing and thinking skills, inference and justification skills. I would like to recognise the efforts of Mrs Deb Pillay, Mrs Ros Munro, Mr Theo Christensen and Mrs Kerry Shaw in developing and delivering these workshops that are so invaluable in the preparation of all the students who attended the sessions.

### Community Concert

Park Ridge SHS held an Instrumental Music Concert last Friday night July 24. The night showcased the amazing talents of our students from Year 7-12 and delighted audiences with a wide range of compositions. Windsor Brass joined the celebration and demonstrated their skilled musicianship. It was also a delight to see the Yugumbir Alumni Band played for the first time.

Some of our guests included Cr Laurie Smith and State Member for Logan Linus Power. Our HOD of the Arts Rob

Emblen enthralled audiences with his tap dancing routine to “Singing in the Rain” and continued his history of providing us with energetic repartee in his role as MC. A very big congratulations must go to Mr Michael Purtle, Mr Evan Jenkins, Mr Frank Fodor and Miss Petah Ritson for their tireless energy in driving a program of excellence in music that is producing outstanding results for our students. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the Instrumental Music Parent Support Group who continuously work hard at concerts, specialty events, camps and fundraisers. Chris Finch, a very important member of the team was recognised for his many years of service on the night.

## School Opinion Survey

We have sent home forms with our students to provide our parents, guardians and families with an opportunity to give us feedback. There is an web address and code to access the address on the paperwork provided. The survey only takes 10 minutes to complete and we value your perspective.

## Celebrating Success

This week we will be again celebrating the success of our students. Valuing great results in effort and behaviour and upholding our school expectations of “We are here to learn, do what is right and work together”.

I look forward to continuing to working this semester with the staff, families and students of our school.

Kind Regards

**Sharon Amos- PRINCIPAL**

**At Park Ridge SHS we celebrate learning, integrity and teamwork!**

## Student Absences

When a student is absent, or plans to be absent for more than 10 consecutive school days for any reason, the parent/caregiver must comply with their obligations in respect to compulsory schooling or compulsory participation by either:

- seeking an exemption from their obligation, or
- negotiating with the principal to make an alteration to a student's educational program; or
- seeking to arrange a flexible arrangement for the student

Please contact the school for further information and assistance if you think that your child may be absent for ten days or more.

## BPoint Payments

Parents will notice a change to the way they can pay school invoices. The new payment method of BPoint is now available as an online payment system.

BPoint can be accessed via **ANY** Computer or Smart Phone. Payments are accepted via Mastercard or VISA and is a secure payment method.

Parents can log into: [www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete](http://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete) . Once you have logged in you will need the information from the school invoice to complete the BPOINT payment page. To ensure your payments are receipted correctly please do not

“lump” multiple invoices in the one payment. These need to be paid individually. Attached is information on how to make a BPoint payment, which can also be found on the school website.

## 2015 Athletics Carnival

In the first week of term 3 we held our annual Athletics Carnival. The day was extremely successful, with lots of energy and house spirit from both the staff and the students. Participation was excellent and it was fantastic to see so many staff and students in their house colours!

Preparation from sports leaders and staff was remarkable making sure everything was ready to go. On the day of the Athletics Carnival all of the sports leaders were at school early, eager to help set up and prepare. Special mention to the grounds keepers **Mr Jeff Littlejohn** and **Mr David Mann** for assisting with the setup of equipment and marking out of the tracks, chaplains **Sean** and **Angie** for organising and preparing the sausage sizzle, **Hilary** the school nurse who organised with store manager **Peter Jessop** from **Park Ridge Woolworths** to donate of over 700 pieces of fruit and 200 bottles of water. We would also like to thank **Ms Maxwell** and the **Home Economics** department for all of their hard work on the day. The **Music** department did a terrific job playing fun music all day to keep us entertained and motivated.

At the end of the day, a group of students were gathered to participate in the combined relays. Students from each house and each age group ran the relay to earn extra points to contribute to their houses. The relays 1st prize was taken out by **Waratah**. The tug-of-war also took place at the end of the day with junior, senior and teacher against leader competitions. It was great to see so many people making the effort to win points for their house.

The scores on the day were very close but the house taking out 1st was **Eucalyptus**, ending the year with a convincing win. Their team spirit and participation was incredible. Coming in a close second place was **Grevillea**. Coming in third place by a short margin was **Banksia** and slightly behind in fourth place was **Waratah**. All teams put in a great amount of effort and had amazing team spirit on the day.

On behalf of the entire student body we would like to thank the sports department, home economics department, all student leaders and all staff for their tremendous hard work on the day. Without these people our Athletics Carnival would be impossible to run.



### ***Nic Stiffel and Bailey Hanna Sports Captains***

## **AFL Academy New**

### **Senior Boys Report**

On Thursday 16 July, the senior AFL boys travelled to Burpengary AFL Precinct to play in the State Semi-final against the 3 time defending champions, Palm Beach Currumbin State High School. With only one new player to the line-up, all eyes were on **Rhys Coxall**, who played very well and lived up to the AFL academy slogan 'Attitude and Commitment'. Several of the senior boys stepped up to lead the team from the front.

Palm Beach came out firing in the first quarter, scoring 6 goals in quick succession, giving the boys an indicator of how hard the game ahead would become. With the opposition ahead by quite a margin, the backline really dug deep to try and keep the opposition from scoring with our forwards doing their part with their 100% kicking accuracy on goal.

Our contested ball was strong with not a single player backing out of a contest. Our pressure in the marking contest was outstanding, with **Bailey Forge** holding Palm Beach's 200cm+ Full Forward to only 3 goals. **Josh James** and **Jarrod Fenton** once again led from the front showing remarkable determination and heart. **Zac Manners** also did well in the backline, never being silenced no matter what the score margin. One of his key statements for the day 'It's not about the scoreboard, it's about the way you play.'

Throughout the game, with the help of our loyal supporters, **Ms Amos, Mr McBrien, and Mr Brown**, all of the team never gave up hope, even though margin was getting larger and all of our players growing more tiresome by the minute. In the end, even after going down to Palm Beach by a large margin we knew at the end of the game we had given our all for our teammates, our academy and our school.

### ***Zac Manners - AFL Open Boys Vice Captain***

## **Girls Semi Final- Star Cup**

On Thursday 16 July the senior girls AFL team played two games; the first against Nerangba State High School and the second against Mountain Creek SHS.

Our first game we played against Nerangba and won 25 – 8. Throughout the game we worked well as a team and went in strong from the start. We put pressure on the other team by smashing in hard as well as going in first for the ball and being hard on the attacking side. We were consistent in carrying out our game plan and putting in 100% effort. Stand out players who stood out in the game and displayed commitment and hard work were **Sarah Shuttlewood, Jess Livsey** and **Emily Beardsley**.

Our second game against Mountain creek wasn't as successful and we didn't come away with a win. Even though we may not have won we still played a tough game and didn't give up. We were solid down in the defensive end and never slacked off. Our standout players during this game were **Emily Lipsett** and **Camryn Newton-Smith**. Both put in an enormous effort and played to their absolute best. We kept our heads up and never gave up. We pushed and continued to do our best as we fought back the best we could.

We are determined to train hard over the next few weeks to beat Helensvale SHS in our next game in week 6 which will then hopefully give us another chance to play against Mountain Creek SHS in the finals. All the girls put in 100% and played hard. A big thanks to our team captains **Emma Thompson, Sarah Shuttlewood**, and our coach **Mr Derek Berry**. Well done girls!!!

### ***Morgan Spary, Tiahlee Roberts and Sia Leifi - Sports Leaders***

## **Celebrating Pacifika in Australia**

Introduction to Kapa Haka/Action song and dance is about celebrating culture and incorporating it into Australian way of life.

There are specific outcomes and each participant will learn:

- Confidence building (stepping out of your comfort zone, learning new things)
- Team work (Learning to work with others, working in unison to achieve a common goal as well as individual goals)
- Respect for self and others (treating others how you want to be treated, respect for other peoples values and beliefs)
- Discipline (how to follow instruction and the importance of this)
- Language (learn a new language taught through song and dance)
- Recognising different learning styles and how each individual learns best – visual, auditory, tactile/ hands on
- Recognising individual strengths

- Supporting others and encouraging positive interaction
- Learn how to uplift others not put them down (constructive feedback)

I am confident that each participant will achieve these outcomes. This is what I am focussing on for Kapa Haka.

Hopefully it will enhance our student's skills, lives and attitudes. This opportunity is open to all students.

If you have any queries regarding this please contact me on 33804113 or 0455 066 019

**Laverne Te Huia – Youth Support Coordinator**

## From the Nurse...

Hi Park Ridge State High School,

My name is Hilary and I am the new School Based Youth Health Nurse here every Tuesday and alternating Wednesdays and Thursdays in U08.

A quick rundown of things I can help you with: feeling unhappy or stressed, relationship problems, sexual health, personal or family problems, smoking, alcohol or other drug abuse etc. If you feel like you want to come in and have a chat about any problems you're having then I can help you in a confidential manner.

Secondly thank you awesome school for allowing me to be involved in the recent athletics carnival!! We were lucky enough to have our very own local Woollies provide just over 700 pieces of fruit for you to share. It was great to get to know so many students in one day and share a healthy snack.

And lastly we are coming up to a big flu season. Remember if you are sick please wash your hands regularly, dispose of used tissues appropriately (in the bin) and cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze to prevent your germs infecting everyone around you.

Thank you Park Ridge for your warm welcome and I look forward to spending more time getting to know you all.

**Hilary Wilson- School Based Youth Health Nurse**

## P&C Treasurer position

The P&C Association is a group of volunteers who offer their services to support our school. They are a vital part of our school community and contribute both to the welfare of students and the educational services provided at school. Our P&C Association manages the Canteen and the Uniform shop. Conveners are employed for the day-to-day operations but the P&C oversees all policies and procedures. The P&C Treasurer plays a vital role in managing the accounts, however, the P&C employ a bookkeeper to do the daily financial operations and the Treasurer's role is more of an overseeing responsibility. Training and support will be provided. Please contact **Aaron Symes P&C President Phone 0402 263 493** for more information.

## Get Started Vouchers

Get Started Vouchers is one of the funding programs that comprise the Queensland Government's Get in the Game initiative to support sport and active recreation at the grassroots level.

Get Started Vouchers assists children and young people who can least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or active recreation club. Eligible children and young people can apply for a voucher valued up to \$150, which can be redeemed at a sport or recreation club that is registered for Get Started Vouchers. For more information click on the link below

## 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**

### BROWNS PLAINS LITTLE ATHLETICS

**SIGN ON – 2015/2016 SEASON  
ATTENTION BOYS AND GIRLS 5-16 YEARS  
(Tiny Tots 3-4 Year Old)**

The current Athletics season is about to start and what a better way to spend your Saturday mornings.

- Making friends and having fun
- Learning new skills
- Improving speed and agility
- Generally keeping fit

Athletics meetings are conducted by experienced and qualified parents and events including sprints, hurdles, middle distance, shot put, discus, high jump, long jump, triple jump and javelin (older age groups).

**WHEN:** Saturday 29th August 8am – 1pm

**WHERE:** Corner Bennett Drive & Vansittart Road, Regents Park

## Southern Stars Baseball Club

*Is your child interested in joining a local baseball team? Southern Stars Baseball Club are now signing up members for 2015.*

*For more information click on the links below or contact [president@southernstarsbaseballclub.org](mailto:president@southernstarsbaseballclub.org) or visit our Facebook page*

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthernStarsBaseballClub>