Message from the Principal…. Last week our school was privileged to host 50 Japanese students from various parts of the country. The visit provided our students with an excellent opportunity to engage in diverse cultural dialogues and to develop a greater awareness of educational systems in Japan. I would like to thank Inga Dalle, Argus Timotius and Deb Pillay for organising the event.

Our Instrumental Music students went on Music Camp last week and spent some valuable time together preparing for the busy music festival season. Michael Purtle, Evan Jenkins, Frank Fodor and Petah Ritson did a fabulous job in supporting the students and preparing them well for performance.

Literacy
This week we begin a focused approach to reading and writing for Year 7-9 students on a Wednesday afternoon. Providing effective and individualised opportunities for our students to develop strong literacy skills remains a clear focus for us as a school. Providing students with silent reading moments and opportunities to read aloud ensures that we can diagnose needs and build on strengths.

20 August 2015
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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Vision: Learning for Success
Expectations: We are here to learn, do what is right and work together!
Mantra: Excellence in all we do!
Attendance Target: 92-100%

In Term 4 we would like to provide our parents with workshops to help their students develop strong literacy and numeracy skills. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are interested in this type of support. Please also check our web page for information on supporting your student to learn at home.

Thank you for your continued support.
Sharon Amos – Acting Principal

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. Convener is 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.

Recognise Support Staff and Teacher Aides, 31 August – 4 September
School Support Staff Recognition Week will be celebrated in the first week of September (31 August – 4 September) and is a great opportunity to celebrate the wonderful work of support staff in our schools. Teacher Aide Day will end the week on Friday 4 September. This day gives the school community a chance to recognise the skills, abilities and flexibility that teacher aides contribute to the daily life of the school.

Year 9 Coordinator’s Report
This term we have begun with some new incentives to get the Year 9 cohort up and running in a positive direction. Currently we are sitting 3rd behind the Year 7 and Year 8 cohorts in attendance, so our newest challenge is to keep battling through
the cold and flu season with renewed commitment to our whole school attendance target of 92% for every student.

The Year 9 cohort has been issued attendance challenges and have competed against the rest of the school to top the leadership board with merit points. We have had a solid increase in our merit points over the term, but have recently dropped down, with the illnesses, excursions and other extra-curricular commitments beyond the classroom, so I have begun a new incentive to recognise every student, every day. These GOTCHA nominations are submitted by any teacher who teaches or knows of Year 9 students, via email, to me once a week. They recognise one or many students in their subject area who have shown a commitment to our Learning Together philosophy at school: We are Here to Learn, Here to Do What is Right and Here to Work Together. This is a weekly award, handed out in our regular year level assembly to celebrate the fact that a student has been recognised by their teacher for their effort, attitude or action across their subjects. Over 40 students have been given an award over the past two weeks alone! Please ask your child if they have received a GOTCHA nomination from their teacher this week and celebrate this with them, or even have the conversation with them about how they can do the simple things, under the Learning Together philosophy, to be recognised by their teachers.

Below is a list of the award recipients for the last two weeks:

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It’s Maths Moments Like These...

Opportunities to improve your child’s maths skills are available every day. “It’s Maths Moments Like These…” provides simple, real world maths activities that you as parents can do with your child, regardless of their year level, that will help improve their basic maths skills.

Year 7 students have just finished a “Best Buys” unit in maths and it was evident that students are unfamiliar with the processes for getting value for money when doing the weekly grocery shopping.

Take your child or children grocery shopping and show them how to select the “Best Buy”. Woolworths, Coles and Aldi all provide unit prices on their shelf tickets for most, if not all of their products. Explain, demonstrate and challenge your child to select the “Best Buy”.

For example: Usually it is cheaper to buy items in bulk quantities. Currently Woolworths has Kraft Peanut Butter at the following prices; 200g jar for $3.05 ($1.53/100g) and the 500g jar for $5.68 ($1.14/100g). If your family eats a lot of Peanut Butter, than the 500g jar is the “Best Buy”. However, they also have 375g jar for $3.00 ($0.80/100g). In this case a “Best Buy” option could be purchasing 2x 300g to get 600g of Peanut Butter for only $6.00. This means you will buy an extra 100g of Peanut Butter for only 32c extra.

*Ian Clapham - Maths Teacher*

Mooting competition

On Thursday 30 July, I was a member of a student legal team participating in a mooting competition that took place in the Beenleigh court. A moot is a mock trial for law students to act as a legal team for either the defence or prosecution and take on the role that a barrister would take on. The purpose of the moot is to give law students the opportunity to experience what it is like in a trial and how the court proceedings work. I
participated in the moot along with three of my classmates. We were allocated the role of the defence. It was very interesting working on the case and it was fun and exciting to actually engage in the trial, we rebutted arguments and made points to defend our client. It made me feel like I was a part of a real defence team. In preparation for this, I had to prepare questions to ask the witness for cross-examination and assisting me prepare questions with this case was my classmate Sia. I think I can speak for everyone involved that we had a grand time and had a very worthwhile experience. For me the moot was a really intriguing and fun experience. It made me want to pursue my career in law a lot more. I wish I could do it again.

All in all, they had a wonderful experience and will have many stories of beautiful Australia to share on their return home to Japan. Thank you to all the teachers and students who helped and supported the program. Your efforts are commendable!

ACOSTA FEV Japanese Students visit

Park Ridge SHS had the pleasure of hosting a group of 20 Japanese students from 3 – 11 August 2015. They came from high schools all over Japan to spend a week with us in sunny Brisbane.

During the week they participated in English classes and some practical classes. They made banana bread and vegetable fritters in Hospitality, they played AFL on the oval with our AFL excellence academy students. They performed some hip hop/tap dancing and participated in a Biology class. They watched the drama students perform a skit and had an art class where they created a collage of puzzle pieces that they could take with them.

On the final afternoon, we were presented with a lovely lunch provided by Mrs Rai and the Year 12 Hospitality students. We were served mocktails, Japanese curry with rice and salad and for dessert we had a choice of apple crumble and custard or chocolate pudding with ice cream. We all thoroughly enjoyed the lunch.

After lunch we presented the Japanese students with a certificate and a plush Koala to take home with them to Japan. The Japanese students then showed the Park Ridge buddies some cultural aspects of their country; Calligraphy, costumes and Origami. Our students really enjoyed the experience of trying on the typical Japanese outfits. Then it was time to say goodbye and there were a few tears.

Homestay Parents - Key Family

I had the pleasure of hosting a Japanese student during his stay in Brisbane. It was great for both Sota Kaneko and our family to share this experience. Sota Kaneko aged 14, explained to us that he adores Park Ridge State High School and is very grateful for having the opportunity to spend some time here. Sota was very excited to go home to share his experience with his family and would love to come back someday. Thank you to Agus Timotius and Inga Dalle for making this happen for the kids. This is an awesome opportunity for teachers to get involved with the programme and to share their cultural experience.
Mrs Key – SSS Teacher

The Arts

Park Ridge SHS Arts faculty focus on extending learning through opportunities which foster a school culture in which creativity and excellence are celebrated.

The imagination and talent of Park Ridge SHS students has been nurtured this year through:

- Instrumental Music Competitions and Camp to Mt Tamborine
- Dance Workshops and Competitions
- Short Arts Immersion Courses
- Visual Arts Displays and Competitions

Park Ridge SHS’s dedicated instrumental music ensembles and dance troupe put high level performance skills into action, clearly linking the classroom and the real world.

Our instrumental music students travelled to Mt Tamborine to participate in a weeklong camp aimed at honing their already considerable music skills in preparation for the upcoming Music Festival competitions. The students used the week to bond and polish the pieces that will be performed at the competitions.

The dance troupe at Park Ridge SHS is fast growing in popularity, largely due to the dedicated students and teachers who are involved in this school based extra-curricular activity. They are experiencing new found success at the local Eisteddfods. For Year 7 and 8 students, this year’s auditions will be held later this term for next year’s troupe. Watch the notices for dates and times of auditions.

Our Visual Arts department is always looking to provide new and challenging experiences for the students; some of their work has been chosen to be displayed in the Art Waves presentation open to the general public at the Logan Art Gallery. The exhibition runs from 18 September – 24 October 2015. Names and piece follow. Pictures of the art work will feature in the next newsletter.

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We look forward to continuing to showcase the talent that we have at Park Ridge State High School and appreciate the fabulous support “The Arts” receives from the wider community.

Rob Emblen – HOD The Arts

Park Ridge High School Music Camp 2015

The music students attended the 2015 annual music camp at the Mt Tamborine QCCC training facility. For the duration of the camp students participated in many ensembles and tutorial sessions led by specialists in their field. The main function of the camp was to prepare us for the upcoming state competitions by developing and improving our musical technique and introducing us to some new repertoire. There were many hours of rehearsal in which the ensembles needed to remain focused and work together.
As part of the key to a tight ensemble, students interacted with many different age groups through coming together to experience team problem-solving and physical activities such as: lookout explorations and team kick tennis. Part of the key role of the senior students was to run these activities. Some of my favourite experiences were a trivia games night and a junior and senior movie night.

Many pranks were pulled on the conductors. One of these consisted of the entire ensemble gradually building harmonics into the music until the whole ensemble was humming.

I can vouch for all the students in saying that there have been many fond memories created from the week spent together. Overall, the 2015 music camp was a great experience; students will take what we have learnt and apply it to our everyday lives.

By Dana McNeill (Year 9 Instrumental Music Student)

Off Campus News

Where are they now?

At the recent Logan City Council Career Expo our school attended, it was pleasing to catch up with several former students who are now employed by Logan City Council in full-time traineeships. These students successfully applied for positions at council, through Maxima, at the end of Year 12 last year.

Brooke Smith is in the office of the water department; Jasmine Hallam has been looking after the office in the automotive department; Meg Hall is enjoying reading to the little ones and arranging special events at the Logan West Library in Browns Plains.

It is always a proud moment for me to have former students come up and share their great experiences in the work force. Well done girls!

Wendy Howard – Work Education Transition Officer

Book week, 22–28 August

This year we will celebrate the 70th anniversary of The Children’s Book Council of Australia. Help celebrate books and Australian authors and illustrators during Book week. The 2015 Children’s Book of the Year Awards will be announced on Friday 28 August.

Community News

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Once again our school is participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn campaign. We would appreciate it if you could collect all your Woolworths stickers and place them in the Earn & Learn Box located in the office. Thank you for supporting our school.

Welcome to the 2015 Aviation Careers Expo

The 2015 Aviation Careers Expo is back for its 15th year, offering aspiring aviation professionals the chance to get one step closer to their dream career in the sky! This year Aviation Australia are partnering with Defence Force Recruiting to host the event.

With over 2000 attendees last year, this year’s expo will offer non-stop action, with a unique experience offered to the general public to experience the adrenaline-fuelled world of aviation, including training demonstrations, seminars and a world class static aircraft display.

Aviation enthusiasts will be indulged in a rare and unique opportunity to get up close and personal with some of the most iconic aircraft in both the defence and aviation industries, with over 25 expected to be showcased on the tarmac. For aspiring pilots the sky is the limit, with two 737 simulators operating on the day and ready for take off to a destination of their choice.

With something for everyone, the Aviation Careers Expo is an event not to be missed. Click on the link to register your attendance http://www.aviationaustralia.aero/expo/