Message from the Principal....

It was great to see our senior AFL boys win their match with Benowa SHS on Tuesday afternoon. This places our team third in the state for the Brisbane Lions Cup. It was also nice to spend some time with our families and staff who attended the Instrumental Music Trivia Night on Saturday. As a school we are very fortunate to have a very active Instrumental Support Parent Group that works tirelessly to build this program in our school.

Our Vet audit went very well last week, ensuring that we are delivering strong Nationally Accredited Certificate Courses to our senior students. Our senior students, regardless of pathway, are working diligently to ensure a strong finish to the year. It is important that they are at school every day and well prepared throughout Term 4.

Year 10 students would have chosen their subject areas for next year. If you feel that your Year 10 student needs more support or is concerned about their choices, please contact the office and we can organise an interview.

I wish you all a very relaxing holiday and look forward to working with you in the new term. Thank you for all your support this term.

Sharon Amos – Acting Principal

Students’ Lost Property

We have collected quite a number of items (mainly jumpers) over the winter months in lost property. If your student has lost items, can I please ask that you encourage them to go the Student Window in Admin and check the lost property box? Items not claimed will be given to charity.

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.

Enrolments for Year 7, 2016

Parents and Guardians of current Year 6 students, who wish to enrol their child/ren at Park Ridge State High School for 2016, are advised that information/enrolment afternoons are being held on the following dates:

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Enrolment packages are available from the school office and should be collected and completed before your enrolment interview. Please assist us by also bringing the following items to the enrolment interview:

- Student to be enrolled
- Completed and signed enrolment forms
- Student’s birth certificate
- Copy of most recent report card
- Any relevant specialised medical / legal / educational documents or reports.
## School-based Traineeships and Apprenticeships
### Positions available at Logan City Council for 2016

**Full time Traineeships (for current Year 12 students)**

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Most of these positions will start in January 2016; however, some may start at the end of Year 12. Students must be prepared to start as soon as they graduate. So far we have received three applications for these vacancies, which is very disappointing. Year 12 students have only eight weeks until the end of their schooling and until they hit the real world. It would be wise for parents and carers to chat with their student to ensure they have plans in place for the end of Year 12. There are not many employment opportunities for school leavers right now, so it is a concern that students are not looking a little more seriously at these opportunities. Interviews for these positions will be held during Week 1 of Term 4. Students must bring an up-to-date resume to Mrs Howard at the office.

**School-based Traineeships (for current Year 10 students)**

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These vacancies are to commence in 2016. All interested students must have had work experience and understand that this is a two-year commitment to completing their traineeship with the pathway to gaining a full-time apprenticeship when they complete Year 12. Interviews for these positions will be held during Week 1 of Term 4. Students must bring an up-to-date resume to Mrs Howard at the office.

### Stefans Hairdressing

Full-time apprenticeships are available for current Year 12 students to commence at the end of Year 12.

**Interviewing NOW**

Please take the time to talk to your child about what they think their career pathway may be. It is important for students to also understand that what they might choose to do when they leave school, such as become a mechanic or a hairdresser, might not necessarily be what they will be doing in 10-20 years’ time. However, it is a stepping-stone and it gives them a qualification that they can fall back on. Studying at TAFE is also an option; however serious thought should be given to this before making an informed decision.

**EMPLOYMENT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AT THE MOMENT AND HAS BEEN FOR THE PAST 3 YEARS. PLEASE HELP US TO HELP YOUR CHILD HAVE A POSITIVE AND PURPOSEFUL EXIT FROM SCHOOL.**

If you have any concerns or queries, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

**Wendy Howard – Work Education Transition Officer**

### ANZAC Memorial Garden

This year VAH111A Horticulture, Certificate II in Parks and Gardens decided to plant a rose garden to commemorate the 100th year of Gallipoli. Treloar Roses produced a beautiful rose to commemorate the centenary of Gallipoli. A part purchase and part donation allowed us to fill the garden with a mass planting of the ANZAC Centenary Memorial Rose.

Horticulture students spent weeks preparing the garden by: carrying in soil; carrying in compost; setting up an irrigation system suitable for roses; and then finally planting out the bare root roses when they arrived in July.

The roses arrived as stalks, and the students followed strict planting instructions as provided by Treloar Nurseries. First we soaked them for 24 hours then planted them on mounds in the holes that were dug.
Some students were a bit cynical as to whether or not the roses would grow.

We were not disappointed! The roses are deep watered twice a week at the roots and sprayed by students with non-toxic sprays on a regular basis. When you walk past them, you can actually smell the scent!

The herb, Rosemary will be companion planted with the roses. Rosemary is a native plant of Gallipoli and it seemed fitting to companion plant the rosemary and the roses together to recognise the sacrifice of ANZAC soldiers.

The official plaque will be erected in coming months and opened by local members of the RSL.

I would like to thank all of those involved in this project; especially my Year 12 students for completing the irrigation and initially clearing the space; and my Year 11 students for barrowing all the soil and secret ingredients from the top of the school!

Kylie Young - Horticulture Teacher

AFL Final - Open Boys vs Benowa

On Tuesday, 15 September, the Open Boys played their last game against Benowa State High School. Three new players were on debut; Mitch Fitzpatrick, Jack and Lachlan James all made a massive impact in their first time up in the top team. Co-captain Jarrod Fenton kicked the first goal to start off on a positive and get the boys up and going. Benowa then quickly fired back with 4 goals in the first quarter. In the second quarter, the boys held off Benowa’s attack to bring the game back within 5 points at half time. The third quarter was all Ridge, with an attack that Benowa could not handle. Liam Heaton and brand new inclusion’s the James’ boys, Jack and Lachie putting us back in the game. The fourth quarter brought an unstoppable attack led from the midfield, with Jarrod Fenton, Mitch Fitzpatrick, Alex Sauer and Caden Campbell all providing a great contest in the midfield and feeding out to the forwards, with the other co-captain Joshua James kicking 2 consecutive goals to secure the lead. However, the game was not won yet. With a strong counterattack from Benowa late in the fourth quarter, the backline held strong, with brilliant performances by Brody Davidson, Elijah Morgan, Mason Allam and Ben Smith. They all provided excellent contests and stoppages, preventing easy goals. Aidan Duncan and Jordan Bonney both created excellent run off of the back flanks to help deliver the ball to the forward line and keep the score line in our favour. The game was a great way to end the year and the senior players final game with the end score being 74 – 40 Park Ridge’s way. We would like to give a big thank you to Miss Amos, Mr McBrien and Mr Brown for coming down to support us. Thank you to all teachers and students for your support throughout the entire year. Last but certainly not least, all of the senior boys would like to thank Mr Berry, Mr Ashenden and Mr Boon for all your guidance and sacrifice throughout the whole year to help provide us with a very successful year.

RIDGE ALL DAY!!

Written by - Jarrod Fenton & Zac Manners

AFL Leaders

FUN RUN!

This year the fundraising committee have been organising a school fun run for Saturday 24 October. The day will be dress up themed, so participants can come dressed as their favourite fictional character. On the day, there will be: food provided by the Chaplain and Home Economics department, various market stalls and multiple forms of entertainment.

Students, who have collected sponsorship forms from their teachers and have received their sponsors, will get the chance
to run their funded laps around the school oval. Every student who raises over $10 will be able to choose a prize from a corresponding category of rewards, and will also be in the draw for a chance to win a family trip to Disneyland!

Even if you are not participating in the fun run itself, you are more than welcome to arrive on the day to support friends and family and have a good time!

Written by - Fundraising Committee

Community News

Southern Stars Baseball Club Inc.

Regency Park 62-82 Regency Drive Regents Park QLD 4118
Ph 3809 2443 www.southernstarsbaseballclub.org

Training days and times – U8, 10 & 12 Tuesday from 5.30pm to 7.00pm; U14, 16 & 20 Wednesday from 5.30pm to 7.30pm; Seniors Thursday from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. It is not too late to sign up to play this season. Come along on one of our training nights; meet the players and coaches. Hope to meet you at the club. For more information contact: Karen 0421 773 768 or Kevin 0439 796 386