



Park Ridge State High School Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

19 & 20 February	Play-a-thon Performing Arts
24 February	Regional Swimming
24 February	SCHOOL PHOTOS
25 February	SCHOOL PHOTOS Catch-up day
4 March	School Leaders Badge Ceremony
18 March	Instrumental Music Evening
23 March	Year 7 & 8 Immunisations

Message from the Principal....



Vision: **Learning for Success** -
Expectations: **We are here to learn! Do what is right! Work together!**

Swimming Carnival

There has been a lot to celebrate in our community over the past two weeks. Our Annual Swimming Carnival went very well. The day was a wonderful way to support, as a school, the impressive endeavours of our swimmers, with many of them heading to the district swimming competition as a result of their fine efforts. The students who attended were all well behaved and demonstrated the Park Ridge spirit of "Excellence in all we do!" I would also like to congratulate the hard work of the HPE Team and staff for their efforts in supporting the event both at the pool and at school.

Senior Leadership Camp

The Senior Leadership Camp was an exciting time for our team of 60 plus senior leaders to gather together and bond as a group moving into their important role in the school for 2016. The leaders worked hard to develop strong plans and establish their core values and ways of working. The first Student Council meeting for the year occurred at the camp, establishing the system for decision making and ensuring a student voice in the running of the school. The team is very committed to working with students around the important issue of reading and are very keen to begin work with the Year 7 and 8 students through rotational activities at lunchtime. Again, I would like to thank the hard work of Cath Armstrong and Derek Berry for organising the camp and to Rob Emblen and Michael Purtle who gave up their time to support the event.

Play-a-thon

The Instrumental Music Team had a sleepless weekend as they embarked on their first Play-a-thon for the year. Students worked tirelessly on developing the musical numbers for the year and concreting the make-up of the various bands that support the program. Michael Purtle and Evan Jenkins along with the Instrumental Music Team worked tirelessly to build the strength of the bands and forge a strong foundation for the concert work this year. A number of students and staff were at both the Play-a-thon and the Leadership Camp, making for a very long two weeks of committed work.

I would also like to thank the Instrumental Music Parent Support Team who also worked hard to make the Play-a-thon a success.

Regional Reading Team Visit

We had our first regional team visit for the year. The focus was to examine our reading agenda and provide support for our school. The team were very impressed with our schools

Great state. Great opportunity.



focused approach in supporting students to develop as strong readers. Many classroom visits and conversations with both staff and students revealed a real commitment and understanding of the importance of reading to enhance student learning.

Our school is setting reading goals for each of our students this year and I would encourage all families to support our focus by encouraging at least 15 minutes of reading after school.

Directed Reading and Thinking Activity is our focus and our students will be learning the five points of effective reading analysis through this method.

Thank you for your support

PRSHS Mantra: "Excellence in all we do!"
Sharon Amos - Acting Principal

School Photos

Silver Rose Portrait Photography will be attending school on **Wednesday 24 February** and Thursday 25 February to take our 2016 school photos. Students have been issued during Form class, with an order form to bring home to parents and carers. Students **MUST** return this order form with correct money on the day of the photos for collection by Silver Rose.

There are a number of different products and prices which are all explained on the order form.

- Year Level Photo - \$23.00
- Traditional Pack - \$34.00
- Just Photos Pack - \$32.00

Silver Rose also takes credit card payment. If using this method please make sure you place the details on the order form.

No money is collected by the school - Silver Rose is the direct contact around the ordering of photos. Wednesday 24 February all students will have their photo taken. Thursday 25 February is **catch-up day** for any students that were away on Wednesday.

If you have any questions you can call Silver Rose directly at:

43 Sandgate Road
Albion, Brisbane. QLD
07 3262 5788 and 07 3262 1244
Craig McBrien - Deputy Principal

Homework and After School Tutorials

The Maths staff would like to welcome junior maths students to Room C03 every Tuesday and Thursday at first break to use the computers to work on Maths homework tasks. If you are a senior student and need some help with your maths you are also welcome to come and get one-to-one time.

Maths tutoring has begun in the Resource Centre from 3pm to 4pm every Thursday. This is a great opportunity to get help with any class work you have found difficult or assignments you may need help understanding what to do. Remember, assessment tasks will soon be upon you, especially block exams for seniors in week 8 & 9 and approximately weeks 5 & 9 for juniors. Make

sure you check your assessment dates with your teachers. If you are unable to attend tutoring and you need assistance then please come and speak with Ms Eley, HOD Maths.

English tutorials are back, every Thursday from 3pm to 4pm in Room U02. They are free and available to all students. Tutorials are great if you need extra time to complete homework, get help with assignments or if you just want to target certain skills. If you want to attend, then simply put your name down on the sign-on sheet on the notice board outside W Block Staffroom.

Off Campus News

Work Experience

The Work Experience program has many benefits for students who participate in the program. By experiencing the work situation first hand, students become aware of what is required when entering the workforce on a full time basis, after completion of studies. They will be better equipped to make career decisions based on their experience in the workplace. Participation in a Work Experience Program also demonstrates the relevance of various areas of school-based learning. Students may view the remainder of school life as being more beneficial. Work Experience assists the personal development of students. At work students must meet and work with a group of people outside usual friendship groupings.

During the first week of Term 2, all Year 12 students' who choose to participate in the program will be off campus. Students' have been given the Work Experience Agreement form to take home and complete. They must think about an industry they think they would like to work in at the end of the year and then find an employer to take them on. It is important that students let the employer know that the school will cover the insurance. Parents are asked to talk with their student about this program and encourage them to use this time well.

The Aim of Work Experience

Our aim is to have students' making informed choices about their future career when approaching Semester 2. Unfortunately, employers tend NOT to interview students for positions, if they don't have relevant work experience on their resume. Many students think they know what work they want to do, but have never really known what the work involved. We have had many cases over the years of students wanting to work in a certain field only to find during work experience that they don't cope well with certain aspects of the job.

IT'S JUST AS IMPORTANT FOR A STUDENT TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY DON'T WANT TO DO, AS MUCH AS IT IS TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY DO WANT TO DO!

A lot of employers contact us in Semester 2 of Year 12, looking for apprentices and trainees.

We need to have our students in the best position to be eligible to apply:

- Checklist
- Work Experience
- Resume
- Good Grades

- Appropriate interview clothes
- Enthusiasm and Passion
- **REPORT CARDS** - I can't express enough the importance of students aiming for the best report card ever in Year 12. What employers look at in a school report card:
 - Teacher's comments
 - Absences
 - Grades

Many students have missed out due to their absences and/or teacher comments. Employers will also look for commitment, work ethic, a student who has passion and not someone who is just there to collect a pay packet.

Can I ask for your assistance to help us to help your child have the best chance to exit school with an exciting pathway that they have chosen? That starts now with the Work Experience Program!

The Work Experience Agreement forms MUST to be back to me by March 2, as all legal processes need to be finalised before the end of term so students are ready to start work experience on Day 1, Term 2. If you have any concerns please feel free to contact me via e-mail: whowa7@eq.edu.au or in the school on 3380 4106 or mobile 0421 959 476.

SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIP

Certificate II in Business Administration position available

Emmaus College, Jimboomba requires a school based Administration Trainee to work in the Vocational Education Office with the Vocational Team. A Certificate II is being offered to Year 11 students.

See Mrs Howard for more information.

Wendy Howard – Work Education Transition Officer

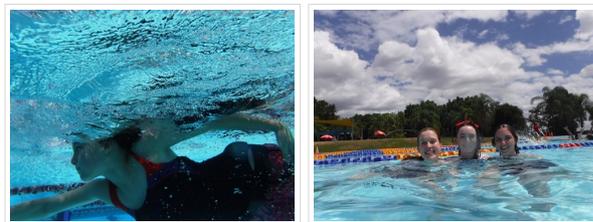
Swimming Carnival

Last Wednesday saw the annual Park Ridge SHS swimming carnival take place at the Springwood Aquatic Centre. It was an absolutely fantastic day with well over 500 students participating on the day. There was some fierce competition and tight swimming races all day. We had some excellent individual performers and congratulations must go to the following students for winning age champion;

Age Group	Boys	Girls
12 years	Declan Winfield	Kasey Landers
13 years	Reuben Bykersma	Zoe Edwards
14 years	Mason Russell	Isabelle Foote and Jasmin Gilchrist
15 years	Jack and Lachlan James	Dana Edwards and Brooke Aldridge

Age Group	Boys	Girls
16 years	Riley Gilchrist	Camryn Newton-Smith
17 years	Angus Chalmers	Emily Wise

Congratulations also to all the students who competed and Eucalyptus for taking out the winning house. We wish all the students who will represent the school at district swimming carnival at Chandler Aquatic Centre, the best of luck!



Alyce Brown – HPE/Sport Teacher

Student's Athletics Achievement

At the Queensland Junior State Athletics Championships (U14-U20 years) held last weekend, Year 11 student **Camryn Newton-Smith** finished with three gold medals, one silver and one bronze.

She won the U17 long jump with a personal best jump of 5.64m, the pole vault with a PB 3.10m and the 400m hurdles with a PB 65.02, She placed second in the U17 100m hurdles with 14.7 (into a 3m headwind) and 3rd in the javelin with 39.89m.

She has now been selected in the Queensland Heat team to compete at the nationals in Perth next month in those events.

In January, Cam also won the Queensland U17 heptathlon championships (100m hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200m, long jump, javelin, 800m) and will go to Sydney for the Australian open and combined events championships in April.

Congratulations and well done Camryn! We wish you even more success in your upcoming events.

Park Ridge Transit (PRT) School Route Changes Effective 29 February 2016

Park Ridge Transit has revised their school services and a number of changes have been made. These changes have been a necessity to improve service reliability, area coverage and running times.

Refer to our website at www.busqld.com.au for further details for the updated changes. These changes will take effect from the 29th of February 2016. If you require any further information please call Park Ridge Transit on 07 3802 1233 or visit our website at

<http://www.busqld.com.au/>

PARK RIDGE TRANSIT CHANGES

Effectuated Schools	Effectuated Runs (AM)	Effectuated Runs (PM)
Beaudesert State High School	6001, 6004, 6006, 6011, 6012, 6022, 6032	6101, 6112, 6122
Beaudesert State Primary School	6001, 6004, 6006, 6011, 6012, 6032 - (Extended to add school)	6101, 6112,
Boronia Heights State School	6027	6127, 6148 - (Cancelled service)
Calamvale Community College	6037, 6046, 6066	6146, 6130 - (Midday Trip - Cancelled)
Carole Park Primary School		6167 - (New Service)
Clairvaux Mackillop College	6046	6146
Emmaus College	6004, 6006, 6009, 6022, 6034, 6041	6109, 6122, 6134, 6141
Flagstone State Community College	6006, 6009, 6027, 6034, 6061	6109, 6127, 6134
Flagstone State Primary School	6006, 6009, 6027, 6034, 6061	6109, 6127, 6134
Forest Lake State High School		6167 - (New service)
Gleneagle State Primary School	6001, 6004, 6006, 6011, 6012, 6022, 6032	6101, 6112, 6122
Greenbank State Primary School	6062	6162
Hills College	6009, 6034, 6041 (AM Cancelled (Hills only) Alternative 6034)	6109, 6134, 6141
Jimboomba State Primary School	6001, 6006, 6009, 6034, 6041, 6061,	6101, 6109, 6134, 6141

PARK RIDGE TRANSIT CHANGES

Macgregor State High School	6038	6165 - (New)
Park Ridge State High School	6027	6127
Park Ridge State Primary School	6027	6127
Regents Park State Primary School		6148 - (Cancelled)
Runcorn State High School	6038	
Seton College	6046	6146
Springfield Central High School	6062, 6063	6162, 6163, 6167 - (New service)
St Bernadines Primary School		6148 - (Cancelled service)
St Marys Catholic Primary School	6001, 6004, 6006, 6011, 6012, 6022, 6032 - (extended to add school)	6101
St John Anglican College		6167 - (New service)
St Thomas Moore College	6037, 6066	6124, 6166
Stretton State College		6153
Sunnybank State High School	6037, 6066	6124, 6166
The Springfield Anglican College		6167 - (New service)
Trinity College (Beenleigh)	6061	6161
Veresdale Scrub State School	6001, 6012 - (Extended to add School)	6101, 6112 - (Extended to add School)

PARK RIDGE TRANSIT CHANGES

Woodhill State Primary School	6004, 6006, 6011, 6012, 6022, 6032	6112, 6122
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Run	Summary of changes AM
6001	Take Out Mountain Ridge & Grampian Rd as no students collected there.
6004	Timing points adjusted.
6006	Timing points adjusted.
6009	Children to be collected on Thylungra Road to improve safety as no infrastructure on 80kph zone in Granger Rd.
6011	Timing points adjusted.
6012	Bus diverting to Veresdale Scrub Primary School to collect 12 children on route.
6022	Divert Bus to 2nd roundabout Pub Lane to improve safety in 80kph zone.
6027	Improve safety by picking up in Whittling Court instead of Bushman Drive.
6032	Extend route to St Marys and Beaudesert Primary.
6034	Extend route to John Collins Dr, Mundoolun on route. Start earlier to arrive at last school 10 minutes before bell.
6037	Timing points adjusted.
6038	Timing points adjusted.
6041	No longer goes into Hills College. Save time / make transfers to 6034 at Jimboomba Primary.
6046	Timing points adjusted.
6061	Timing points adjusted.
6063	Now servicing Backwater Road & Wattlebird Crt due to customer feedback.

Run	Summary of changes PM
6101	Take Out Mountain Ridge & Grampian Rd as above.
6109	Children to be dropped off on Thylungra Road as above.
6112	Bus diverting to Veresdale Scrub Primary School as above.
6122	Divert Bus to 2nd roundabout Pub Lane as above.
6127	Improve safety by dropping off in Clifton Drive instead of Teviot Rd. No longer travelling down Mountain Ridge Rd, Grampian Rd & Chadwick Drive.
6134	Timing points adjusted.
6141	Timing points adjusted.

Run	Summary of changes PM
6146	Timing points adjusted.
6148	Cancelled – due to low patronage.
6153	Timing points adjusted.
6162	Timing points adjusted.
6165	Inbound (6165) will now connect / continue as the new proposed school run (6168) Outbound from Garden City at (15:35) Hrs.
6163	Now servicing Backwater Road & Wattlebird Crt due to customer feedback.
6166	Add Sunnybank High & realign to safer route to avoid congestion & traffic issues to improve safety.
6167	New Run - Address demand in Springfield and Browns Plains.