FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

STAFF NEWS

Jodie Smith (5/6S) and Penny Stewart (HOSES) will be taking Long Service Leave this term. Jodie will be replaced by Ellen Ly and an Acting Head of Special Education will be appointed for the last five weeks of the year when Penny will be away. In 2016 Mrs Sheena Hanna has been appointed permanently full time to Park Ridge as our Music teacher. Sheena will also provide non-contact time for teachers two days per week. Ms Natali Parker has also been transferred to Park Ridge from Mt Gravatt East State School.

INVESTING FOR SUCCESS (I4S)

The I4S funding replaced the GRG funding for 2016-17. Park Ridge will receive approximately $208 000 each year for the 2016-17 period. This will enable us to continue our major strategies of appointing a Literacy Coach, an additional Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy and additional Teacher Aide support.

THE COMMUNITY HALL

The Department of Transport and Main Roads sold the Community Hall adjacent to the car park at auction. The organisation which purchased the property is a Christian Church, the Egyptian Orthodox Coptic Religion. We have met with senior members of the Church and their Priest to discuss various matters of mutual concern to both the Church and our school. In these discussions they have emphasised that they are:

- Christian
- Peaceful, friendly and co-operative
- Intending to use the building as their Church on Sundays and some Saturdays.
- Intending to refurbish and redevelop the buildings and grounds.
- Ensuring that safety for members and their children is a priority.

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION

Parents/Caregivers are reminded of the following when their children require medication to be administered at school:

- A written request must be provided in the form of a letter (for that short term medication) or a signed Request to Administer Medication permission form (long term routine medication).
- Ensure the medication to be administered has medical authorisation and dosage details (e.g. a pharmacy label) attached to the original container.
- Provide the medication in person or via a delegated adult in a safe manner to the school.
- Ensure the medication supply has not expired and is adequate for the agreed time period and replenished as required.

Thank you for your co-operation in these matters to enable the school to follow our Department’s Policy.

STATE EDUCATION WEEK

SEW is from 26-30 October and we had planned a very hectic schedule of events to celebrate Public Education. However, because a number of other events also occur during this particular week we have cut back, combined or delayed some of the activities. Additionally, the following Friday, 6 November which is Tuckshop Day, we will hold our Volunteers Morning Tea.

PREP 2016

Enrolments for Prep will continue in term four. If you have a child who is turning 5 by 30 June 2016, please call into the office and pick up a Prep Enrolment Pack.

CASH WINDOW

The last day for cash payments is Friday, 20th November. The Cash Window will be closed after this day. However, all payments can continue to be made via Bpoint, Bpay or Internet Banking.

DATES TO REMEMBER

1. October 20th: Prep Enrolment Pack
2. October 21st: Prep Free Day
3. October 22nd: Yr 4, 5 and 6 Concert Band Competition
4. October 23rd: Brisbane Schools Music Festival
5. October 24th: Day for Daniel
6. October 25th: World Teacher’s Day
7. October 26th: Spooky Disco
8. October 27th: Senior Graduation
9. October 28th: Senior Swim Carnival
10. October 29th: End of Year Music Concert
11. October 30th: Senior Swim Carnival
12. November 1st: Junior Swim Fun
13. November 2nd: Carols Night
15. November 4th: Assembly - Academic Awards
16. November 5th: Greenbank
17. November 6th: Speakers Cup (Yrs 5-6) PRSS
18. November 7th: Last Cash Window Day
19. November 8th: School Newsletter
20. November 9th: Senior Graduation
21. November 10th: Year 6 High School Orientation Day
22. November 11th: Year 6 Fun Break-Up Day
23. November 12th: Last day of Term 4

AROUND THE SCHOOL...

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Thank you everyone for supporting the Woolworth’s Earn and Learn campaign. We raised over 41 000 points. We have ordered a lot of Maths resources with the points, which will be delivered in Term 1 2016.
ESMART NEWS
Help Me App
Have you heard of the new free Morcombe Foundation app called Help Me? This app is designed to not only help keep kids safe, but assist people of all ages, from 7 to 97, covering all kinds of personal emergency situations. The major safety feature of the app is the ‘Help Me’ button. When triggered, it sounds a warning and allows you to send off an SMS text to two nominated ‘safety’ numbers. Included in the text are GPS co-ordinates from where the text was sent. Currently available from iTunes and Android app stores.

DAY FOR DANIEL

YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP SHIRTS
Congratulations to William Denton who has earned his Leadership Shirt this past fortnight. Year 6 students have until next Thursday to earn their shirt.

GAMES ROOM FUNDRAISER
Thanks to those families who have returned their games room fundraiser orders! Orders can also be made online: www.parentdirect.com.au and www.chalk.com.au. As you finalise your order, there will be an option to find a school, search for Park Ridge State School to ensure profits are attached to our school. Please return complete forms to the office by Friday, 16th October.

LOST PROPERTY
Please check the lost property bin for any lost items, unfortunately there is a lot of un-named items. Parents please ensure your child’s surname is written on all items that are brought to school. Mrs Wynn has been sorting through all the lost property and returning any named articles to the classes.

IN THE COMMUNITY…

LIVE WELL LOGAN
Food for a happy and calm household. Are the chemicals in your child’s food causing temper tantrums, sleep disturbance and disruptive behaviour? Workshop on Saturday 31 October from 1pm to 3pm at the Marsden Library – 35 Chambers Flat Road. The Cost is free – spots are limited so book online at www.mealplanningyourway.com/events

PARK RIDGE STATE HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2016
Parents or guardians of current Year 6 students who wish to enrol their children at Park Ridge State High School for 2016 are advised that we are having information/enrolment afternoons on the following dates:
Monday 19th October at 10am (Student Free Day)
Information and Tour of the School
In the Resource Centre please phone to book your seat.
Wednesday 21st October 3.15pm to 5.30pm
Enrolments (anytime in between)
In the Resource Centre. Enrolment packages are available from the Park Ridge SHS Office. Please assist us by bringing the following items to the enrolment interview:
Student, completed and signed enrolment forms, Student’s birth certificate, copy of most recent report card and any relevant specialised medical / legal / educational documents or reports. Park Ridge State High School 3380 4111 from 8-4

P&C Meeting - All Welcome
Monday – 9th November, 7pm in the Staffroom

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY
Indigenous Parent Factor Workshop
Support your children in successful learning in Literacy. Workshops available to parents and carers of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children. To be held at Boronia Heights State School, 194 Middle Road, Boronia Heights. Community Centre Conference Room on Monday, 26th October, Monday, 2nd November and Monday, 9th November at 9.30am to 12.30pm. The cost is free. Please RSVP by 20th October on 33869000 with Judyann or Cindy or email judyann.roberts@benevolent.org.au

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P&C ASSOCIATION…

TUCKSHOP
Don’t forget the tuckshop offers Munch Monitors. Sign up at www.munchmonitor.com
Enter username: parkridge Enter password: munch4125
Click on ‘sign up’ and follow the directions. If need any help in setting up the account, simply email help@munchmonitor.com

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How can many can help us send this year?