FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

2016 ENROLMENTS
We have received strong enrolments, especially in the Prep, for 2016, and it is more than likely we will have four Prep classes. Enrolment growth is a positive sign for our school programs and activities and if continued will benefit the school community as well. Parents are urged to complete all enrolment forms, particularly as the first week of school next year is now shortened to a three day week, Wednesday 27/1/2016 to Friday 29/1/2016. Term 1 next year is also only a nine week term.

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES
It is always a busy time when we bring the school year to a close with a number of significant school activities. Tonight we are holding our Performing Arts Showcase where our Instrumental Music students and Choir students will perform. We also have Swimming Carnival Trials, Christmas Carols, Sports Awards and Academic Awards, Assemblies and the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony. As well all classes will have a class celebration of some kind towards the end of the last week. This is a special time for all students, and we should always ensure that routines and cooperation continue so that everyone can enjoy the end of the year celebrations.

STUDENT REPORTS
Semester 2 Student Reports will be issued later next week. Parents are encouraged to discuss the Report with their child/ren and also speak with the class teacher if further information and /or discussion is required.

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.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM...

2016 STUDENT RESOURCE FORMS
We have sent the gold 2016 Student Resource Scheme (SRS) Forms home for Year 1 – Year 6. Thank you to all families who have returned these forms. These forms need to be completed and returned, indicating your intention to join or not join the scheme. The Prep 2016 Student Resource Scheme Forms are blue. Each child has their own form which relates to their year level and a different book list. The school will invoice for the Student Resource Scheme as the forms are returned indicating whether you are joining the scheme or not joining. Payments for the 2016 Student Resource Scheme are due by Friday 11th March 2016.

AROUND THE SCHOOL...

CAROLS NIGHT
Don’t forget our Christmas carols on Wednesday 2nd December. There will be lots of Glo products for sale and plenty of food will be available for sale on the night from 5pm.

MUSIC ROOM NEWS
Lunch breaks in the Music Room have been very busy with rehearsals for Senior Choir, Junior Choir, Senior Ensemble and Music Extension groups getting ready for the Performing Arts Showcase. I am looking forward to next year working with these committed students to build on their hard work with exciting new repertoire and skills.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS
END OF YEAR CONCERT
Park Ridge is holding its annual “Performing Arts Night” tonight 26th November at 6.30pm in our school hall. All of our music groups will be performing – Junior and Senior Choir, Music Extension, Junior and Senior Strings, Concert Band and our Senior Ensemble. All welcome to attend. Tickets will be available at the door - Family - $5, Adults - $3, Children - $1 and performers are free. All performers are to wear full music uniform.

SCHOOL INSTRUMENTS
All school instruments must be returned to the music block at the conclusion of our End of Year Concert. This is so all instruments can be serviced and re-allocated for 2016 students.

MUSIC REHEARSALS
All music rehearsals cease in Week 8. There will be no before or after school rehearsals in Weeks 9 and 10.

2016 INSTRUMENTALISTS
Mr Frank Fodor and Mrs Louise Gittins are busy finalising the numbers for 2016. If your child has been selected to play an instrument they must return their enrolment forms. Those fortunate enough to have been offered a school instrument need to return two forms – enrolment form and loan agreement.

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER
Thursday 26th End of Year Music Concert
Monday 30th Senior Swim Carnival
DECEMBER
Tuesday 1st Junior Swim Fun
Wednesday 2nd Carols Night
Friday 4th Sports Awards
Monday 7th Assembly - Academic Awards
Monday 7th P&C Meeting
Wednesday 9th Senior Graduation
Thursday 10th Year 6 High School Orientation Day
Friday 11th Year 6 Fun Break-Up Day
Friday 11th Last day of Term 4
JANUARY
Thursday 21st Uniform Shop Open 9-11am
Friday 22nd Uniform Shop Open 9-11am
Monday 25th Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 26th Australia Day Public Holiday.
Wednesday 27th First day of school for 2016

Peter James Principal
Christine Fegan Deputy Principal
SPORT NEWS
Interschool Sport has now finished for the year for Year 5 and 6 students. Congratulations to the Boys Touch Team and the Girls AFL Team who are District Premiers for their sports. Sports Awards will be held in the Assembly Hall next Friday 4 December at 9.30am. All parents are welcome to attend.

ESMART NEWS
Online Support
There are many support programmes available online to help support families when inappropriate online situations occur.
This site has a guide to staying safe online as well as interactive activities to do with your children to open discussions about keeping safe online. http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/site/
This site was originally created by the UK Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre, ThinkUKKnow Australia has been developed by AFP, Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, supported by the New South Wales Police Force, Northern Territory Police, Queensland Police Service, South Australia Police, Tasmania Police, Western Australia Police and Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

SENIOR GRADUATION
Our Senior School Graduation will be held in our school hall on Wednesday 9th December from 6pm. Smart casual dress for the Senior School students.

GAMES ROOM FUNDRAISER
Thanks to those families who purchased from the games room fundraiser! Orders can continue to be made online: www.parentdirect.com.au and www.chalk.com.au. As you finalise your online order, there will be an option to find a school, search for Park Ridge State School to ensure profits are attached to our school. These orders can be placed at any time of the year.

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.

P&C ASSOCIATION...
P&C Meeting - All Welcome
Monday – 7th December,
6.30pm at Park Ridge Tavern

UNIFORM SHOP
Don’t be disappointed. Layby uniforms for next year. No more supplier orders will be placed until next year so get in quick and layby. Only a small deposit is required to hold your order. We suggest, if possible collecting your uniform orders before the end of this school year to avoid having to wait in long queues to pay for and pick up your lay-by.

IN THE COMMUNITY...
CAMP AUSTRALIA
Greetings to all our families and friends. We have had lots of fun this term playing our favourite games dodge ball, capture the flag and bull rush. Children are working at their own pace completing christmas projects which include cards, foam reindeers and homemade snow globes. Educators continue to encourage positive behaviour, using kind words and manners these values are instilled in our everyday program. Our sunflower garden is coming along nicely its great we have somewhere to recycle all the water and children are excited to see the growth. Feel free to come and view our humble garden and our everyday activities. Our hours are 6.30am – 8.45am and 3.00pm – 6.30pm thanks Haylee 0421144467.

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE
HELPING OTHER CHILDREN TO HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
During the last four weeks of this term we will be having a Christmas Giving tree in the Library. To participate, children are invited to place a gift under the tree. Please do not wrap gifts but donations of wrapping paper and ribbon are greatly appreciated. Last year we had many wonderful gifts purchased from stores such as Crazy Clarks, Overlock, Dollars and Sense, etc. All presents will be used to support the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Unfortunately the Salvation Army cannot accept second hand toys for health reasons.

3-DAY HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CAMP
LOGAN RESERVE SS HOLIDAY CLINIC
369-379 School Rd, Logan Reserve
Brisbane Football Stars Program Includes:
9 Hrs. of Fun and Skill based Football Coaching. Choose from a Uhlsport Skill Jersey and Shorts set OR Size 4 ball, water bottle, and shin pads.
Giant Inflatable football/soccer field

Venue: LOGAN RESERVE SS HOLIDAY CLINIC
Dates: Mon 14th, Tues 15th & Wed 16th of Dec
Time: 9am till 12pm
Ages: 5 years – 12 years
Cost: $120
To register contact Maria Ahlrichs via email
bfs-coordinator@outlook.com

Do you know someone with an intellectual disability or ASD who is 8 years or older and would enjoy participating in sports training and competition? Special Olympics provides regular sports training and competition for athletes (8 years and older) who have an intellectual disability and/or ASD. The Special Olympics Logan Allstars Club was established in 2013 and now has sports programs in aquatics, basketball, futsal and tenpin bowling in the Logan area. As membership grows, new sports will be added to the offerings. An information evening is being held for all interested athletes, coaches, families and carers on Monday 15th February at 7pm at Logan Metro InSports (357 Browns Plains Rd, Crestmead). You will have the opportunity to learn more about Special Olympics and hear from current athletes and coaches.

Please register your interest in attending the information evening by email at info@soqlogan.com or contact our club registrar, Joy Gavin on 3208 0174.

WEIGHT REDUCTION CLUB OF PARK RIDGE INC
Come along on Tuesday evening from 6-7pm at Park Ridge State School in the Creative Pavilion. Fees: $20 to join and $4 a week. Promoting healthy eating and exercise. For more information call Teresa on 0450 783 399 or Joan on 3297 0168.