FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

NAIDOC ASSEMBLY
On Monday 21 July, our school conducted our annual NAIDOC Assembly. Our indigenous students performed a dance which was taught to them by Brett Greinke from St Thomas More College. Brett also brought along some secondary students from his college to perform with our students. The assembly leaders were Paetyn Wraight, Shae Hall, Tahlia Pryer and Tiannah Isua. Congratulations and thanks to all of our indigenous students, Mrs Fegan, Miss Butterworth and Mrs Alli Wraight for their input and co-ordination.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEYS
This year for the first time, all parents have the opportunity to provide valuable feedback to the school through the annual School Opinion Survey. The surveys are now conducted online and information along with log in and passwords were sent home last week. The survey closes this Sunday 3 August.

QUADRENNIAL SCHOOL REVIEW
Our four yearly review of the School Operations, Programs and Achievements is underway. Thank you to teacher representatives Jodie Smith, Joanne Foreman and Nardine Horton and parent representatives Paul Smith and Michelle Stokes who will join with the School’s Administration team to form the QSR committee. The review and new School Plan will be finalised by mid Term 4.

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS (IPS)
Our School will again this year conduct community consultation to ascertain support for an application to become an Independent Public School. We believe that greater autonomy and local decision making will enable the school to further enhance education provision and opportunities for our Students. There is information on the Department’s website, www.dete.gov.qld.au and if parents/carers wish to access more details please contact the school on 3380 4333.

DISTRICT TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETICS
The Multi events program will be held this Friday and the full Carnival will be held next Thursday and Friday, 7 and 8 August. Good luck to all of our athletes and thanks to Mr Crofts for co-ordinating our student’s participation.

2015 PREP ENROLMENTS
The Prep Open Day is scheduled for the morning of Wednesday 22 October. All parents and community members are advised that our school has a significant capacity for Prep enrolments (100 students) and that there are vacancies available. It is most beneficial to both parents and the school to complete the Prep enrolment process as soon as possible. Please contact the school office for further information. To enrol your prep student he or she will need to have turned 5 on or before 30 June 2015.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM
STUDENT ABSENCE LINE
Please phone 3380 4360 to notify of your child’s absence from school. Remember to state your child’s name, class, and reason for absence. We have started sending home a daily text message to parents of children with unexplained absences. Can you please continue to advise the school of any student absences?

UPDATE OF STUDENT PERSONAL DETAILS
At the end of last Term we sent home the Student Personal Details Form to you to check the details that we have here at school for your family. This is a great time to update phone numbers, your address if you have moved, update the emergency contacts and just generally check that our details are all correct. Thank you for all the forms that have been returned so far. If you have not returned your child/ren’s forms please complete them and send them back as soon as possible.

AROUND THE SCHOOL
FORENSIC SCIENCE – A CASE OF DISCOVERY WORKSHOP
The ‘Case of Discovery’ workshop will be held at our school on Tuesday August 5th. The cost of the workshop is $6 per student. The final date for payment is tomorrow, Friday August 1st (payments will not be taken after this date sorry). If you have any questions, please contact Sherron Butterworth.

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY
Will be held on Friday 15th August for Prep to Year 3. A note was sent home this week with a full program about Junior Sports Day. Please speak to your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

CAN RECYCLING
A reminder that we are collecting aluminium cans to raise money for the Senior’s graduation. Please drop them off behind L Block toilets on the top oval. There are two bins specifically for Can Recycling.

P&C CADBURY FUNDRAISER
Thank you to all families who have participated in the Chocolate Fundraiser. Also thanks to those families who have already sold their chocolates and returned the money. We ask that all money collected be returned to the Tuckshop in the envelope provided, with your name on it, no later than Friday, 8 August. Mary van Luyn - P&C Fundraising Coordinator

DAYS TO REMEMBER

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LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair
The book fair will be from Wednesday 20th August to Monday 25th August in the library. Parents, grandparents and families are invited to view the displays before and after school for browsing and purchasing. Scholastic Book Fair provide quality books at discount prices. Every book purchased helps to build resources for the children in our school.

Fancy Dress Day
Students from Prep to Year 7 are encouraged to dress up on Friday 22nd August as a character from a story or chapter book of their choice, or in the ‘Connect to Reading’ theme. Please bring a copy of the book as part of the costume. Some suggestions include fairytale characters, story book characters, comic book characters, aliens and other space creatures. There will be prizes for the best costume in each year level.

CLASS NEWS: 5W

In 5W, we are speeding along. It’s so hard to believe half the year is already gone! We are enjoying the new set-up of our classroom and our rocking rewards system.

Our goals for the term are to improve our problem solving skills using the think board, QAR and practice our reading.

We are having lots of fun learning about the reflection of light in science, climate and vegetation in Geography, number drills in Mathematics, and looking at character traits in our Deltora unit.

We are also passionate about German and learning to play the guitar in music.

In German we can count to 20 and are now learning the months of the year, along with the days of the week. We are looking forward to starting our History unit on the Gold Rush and migration groups. We are excited to learn about the biggest nugget found.

IN THE COMMUNITY

PARK RIDGE STATE HIGH AFL SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 2015

Park Ridge State High School would like to remind students that applications are now being taken to enter into our 2015 AFL School of Excellence program. Park Ridge SHS is one of only eight schools state-wide, that have received official AFL QLD endorsement to run such a program.

The academy program is designed to provide a clear pathway for students who are interested in AFL. There will be a direct link across all year levels to provide opportunities for students to develop and learn both on the field and in the classroom. It is our intention that at the completion of their schooling students will be well placed to compete for places in tertiary institutions or employment.

If you would like an enrolment package or just more information please contact the school on 3380 4111.

CAMP AUSTRALIA

Greetings to all families. This fortnight we have been taking advantage of all the beautiful weather and heading outdoors.

Group games are designed from the children’s likes, interests and observations. Cooking has been another popular activity.

Banana Bread and Jelly Balls have been our highlight so far.

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION STUDY (PIES)

Parents have your say – Does your relationship with your child’s school benefit their outcomes?

University of Queensland researchers are seeking parents of primary school children to tell us about the partnership with your child’s school. The survey takes around 20 minutes and all responses are anonymous. Participating could win you one of two $50 vouchers. To complete the survey, go to: exp.psy.uq.edu.au/pies

PARK RIDGE TENNIS

Come and try, the first lesson is free and if you sign up your racquet is free. Lessons run every afternoon, for all ages & levels.

We have Pee Wee groups for 5-7 year olds, Hot Shots for 7-12 year olds and advanced groups for 12-18 year olds, even adult lessons. We have a new term beginning soon. Places are limited, so for a free trial phone Paul or Steph on 3200 0354.

SOUTHERN STARS BASEBALL CLUB

Come & Try Days
2nd August 9am – 2pm
Under 8s – Seniors
Welcome
Contact Karen – 0421 773 768

JIMBOOMBA LITTLE ATHLETICS SIGN-ON

We are getting ready for another exciting season of family fun and fitness at Jimboomba Little Athletics and would like you to join us! We run a Friday evening competition under lights, from September to March, commencing at 5:45pm at the Henderson Road athletics centre, Jimboomba. We welcome athletes of all abilities from five to 16 years, to come and have a go at sprint races, hurdles, middle distance, long jump, high jump, triple jump, shot put, discus and javelin (events dependent on age). Plus, we run a 60 minute Tiny Tots play athletics skills development program for 3 and 4 year olds.

It is a cheap sport to join, as there is no weekly fee.

Free training is provided.

Learn new skills and meet new friends. It will be loads of fun.

Sign on days are the last two Fridays in August – Fri 22nd and Fri 29th August from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

For further information, call Jimboomba Little Athletics on 0403 917 097, visit our website at www.jac.asn.au or like us on Facebook for up to the minute news.
Adding 10 minutes a day to a child’s reading makes a big difference over the year.

A comparison of Year 5 children:

- 0 minutes
- 5 minutes
- 10 minutes
- 15 minutes
- 20 minutes

Did you notice? The more minutes a child reads per day, the more fluent their reading becomes. From 5 minutes to 15 minutes per night there is around a 200% increase in word exposure over one year!

Research shows us that the benefits of reading more improve performance in:
- General Knowledge
- Vocabulary
- Reading Comprehension
- Verbal Fluency
- and Spelling

Let’s Raise Readers!

*Scholastic*