Calendar of Events - Term 4, Week 8

Mon 21 – Fri 25 Nov Book Fair in Science Centre
Friday 25 November Volunteers Afternoon Tea 1.30pm
Monday 28 November Year 6 Transition to High School - PRSH
Thursday 1 December Years 4 – 6 Swimming Carnival
Monday 5 December Year 6 Concert
Tuesday 6 December Year 6 Movieworld Excursion
Wednesday 7 December Excellence Assembly 2.00pm Prep – Year 5
Wednesday 7 December Report Cards sent home
Wednesday 7 December Year 6 Graduation
Thursday 8 December Break up Day parties
Thursday 8 December Final Assembly 2.15pm
Thursday 8 December Carols by Torchlight
Friday 9 December Clean up day

Principal's Message - Week 8

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School Priorities

- Reading and Writing
- Community Partnerships
- Productive Teams

Student Absence Data

Target – 94%  Term 1 – 93.8%  Term 2 – 92.7%  Term 3 – 92.0%
Term 4 to date – 94.4%, 94.2%, 93.5%, 93.3%
Prep – 90.2%, 93.7%, 93.0%, 92.5%
Year 1 – 90.8%, 94.2%, 93.3%, 92.4%
Year 2 – 97.4%, 96.8%, 94.3%, 94.3%
Year 3 – 95.9%, 94.0%, 94.4%, 94.0%
Year 4 – 96.2%, 95.5%, 94.3%, 94.5%
Year 5 – 94.6%, 91.3%, 92.2%, 92.1%
Year 6 – 95.1%, 94.2%, 92.7%, 92.6%
Every Day Counts!

Classes for 2017

In the next couple of weeks, teachers will be sitting down to formulate the classes for 2017. If there is any information that you would like the staff to consider in forming these classes, could you please write these requests in a sealed envelope addressed to The Principal. We will consider these requests as we construct the classes for next year. Please note that not all requests can be accommodated, we will however try to do our best.

School Choirs Performances

On Wednesday November 30, the Junior and Senior choirs will be performing at the Strathpine Shopping Centre. The junior choir will be performing first (Four Christmas Songs) at 11.00am, followed by the senior choir at 11.30am. The senior choir will be performing at various locations throughout the shopping centre. If you have the time, please come along and support the students.

Book Fair

Across this week, the school is conducting a book fair. The books are displayed in the science centre at the end of the hall. The book fair will conclude on Friday.
Volunteers’ Afternoon Tea

On Friday, November 25 at 1.30pm, Strathpine State School will be organising an afternoon tea for the volunteers who have supported the students and school in 2016. The support of volunteers enriches the live of the students and staff and provides invaluable support for our students.

School Swimming Carnival

Strathpine State School will be conducting its annual swimming carnival at Pine Rivers State High School pool on Thursday December 1 commencing at 9.00am. This carnival is for students in Years 4 to 6. Parents and Caregivers are most welcome to come along and support the students.

Deputy Principal News

Published by Kerri McGrath

With only a couple of weeks left of school my section of the newsletter is jam packed with information on upcoming events.
Here’s to a smooth end of term!

5C of the Week

This fortnight we are focusing on the 5C of Courtesy. The key phrase that students should be able to state is: I co-operate with others this fortnight we have focused on using co-operation in the toilets and in the hall.

They demonstrate this by following these simple guidelines:
I walk calmly and return to class quickly
I sit quietly so others can listen
I am ready to listen as soon as someone is at the microphone

Science Competition

Congratulations to the winners of the 2016 Science Competition, it was a tight competition and all who entered should be proud of their efforts. The winners were:
P-2
First Place: Ivan
Second Place: Maddy
Third Place: Abi
3-4
First Place: Jemma
Second Place: Rudro
Third Place: Lily and Kira, Isaac and Nick
5-6
First Place: Vani and Arabella
Second Place: Jayme and Kermyer
Third Place: Taiylah

Leadership Positions 2017

Congratulations to those students who presented speeches last week for school captain positions. These children showed strength and courage to stand in front of their peers and present their speeches they handled the situation very well. No matter what the result, these 11 students should be very proud of their efforts. This week we will be finalising the House Captains, Performing Arts Captain and Academic Captain positions. I will meet with all nominees next week to let them know if they have been successful in securing a leadership position for 2017. Announcements for which position they have won will be made at the Excellence Assembly in week 10.

Booklist for 2017

Booklists for 2017 have been sent home. If you have not yet received one for your child please contact the office to collect a booklist.
Choir Visit to Strathpine Centre

On Wednesday the 30th November our Senior and Junior Choirs will be visiting the Strathpine Shopping Centre to sing Christmas Carols. We are excited to be able to showcase their talent to the community. Thanks to Miss McVeigh and Mrs Smith for their support in training our choirs. Please make sure all permission slips are returned to the office no later than Tuesday 29th November.

Year 6 End of Year Events

We are very close to farewelling our year 6 students for 2016. To celebrate their graduation we have many events coming up. The first of these is the year 6 concert which will be held on Monday the 5th December. This concert is an opportunity for the year 6 students to perform for you and our community.

On Tuesday the 6th December they will be heading to Movieworld, please note that this is a change of venue to the original information handed out earlier this year. It is important to note that those people with Dreamworld vouchers will now need to pay the full price as Movieworld will only accept Movieworld passes. They are very strict with checking passes so if you intend on using a Movieworld voucher ensure you have it on you to present at the gates.

Our Graduation Ceremony for 2016 will be held on Wednesday the 7th December. Our graduation starts at 6pm with the formal ceremony and concludes with a disco for outgoing students.

On Thursday the 8th December our year 6 students will head to the Pine Rivers High School pool for a break up party.

It is an excitement packed week for our graduating students.

Camp 2017

Notes went home this week with information regarding the 2017 year 5 and 6 camp. Next year the students are heading to the Apex Camp at Mudjimba. We invite
families to pay a $50 deposit this term and the balance in 2017.

Curriculum Coordinator
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The end of the year is quickly approaching and what a great year it has been. We have enjoyed our special visitors - Life Education, the author Cameron Stelzer and Street Science. We have taken a variety of year levels to be scientists at Pine Rivers High. Some students in Years 2 and 3 have read to Milly the Story Dog. What a busy year we’ve had so far; with many more exciting activities to enjoy as we finish off our year together.

Library News

Please return all books to the Library as borrowing for this year has finished. If at first you can’t find the book your child has borrowed please take another look as we know that sometimes books can be left in unexpected places. It can be amazing where books turn up.

Holiday Activities

Our school Library may be closed but Strathpine Library is opened for business throughout the holidays. We encourage you and your child to visit the Library as it is still important for your child to read and be read to during the holidays.

Reading Groups

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the hard work of our teachers and teacher aides, who have worked tirelessly throughout the year supporting students to practice their reading and comprehension skills. Prep and Year 6 reading groups will finish this Thursday 24th November while Years 1 to 5 will finish on Thursday 1st December. We thank parents who have...
supported their children’s reading progress by listening to them read and asking questions to encourage their comprehension of the text. The time you spend with your child reading at home provides a wealth of learning opportunities.

Reading at Home

Please don’t let your child stop reading when school holidays start. They still need to practise their reading skills every day – 20 minutes a day.

We are very busy and time often gets away from us before we realise it but it is important for you to take the time to read with your children. Schedule a time to go to the Library and choose a book for you to read with your child and a book for your child to read to you. Without your support, your child won’t practise the many important reading skills they have developed during the year. Keep your child’s learning on track by reading together during the holidays.

Hints for listening to your child read:

• Before reading, talk about the cover, the title and the pictures. Make a prediction – discuss what the book may be about. Explore the cover – What could this book be about?
• During reading, stop to discuss what has been read up to that point. Predict what may happen next. Ask your child to explain what information they have used to make their prediction.
• During reading, stop to review predictions – what predictions are accurate; what have your read and how will your predictions change.
• During read, questions to ask –
  • What is the problem in this book?
  • How does this character feel about what is happening?
  • What were you picturing in your head as you were reading?
• After reading is finished, talk and ask questions about the story and the pictures.
  • Discuss the setting
  • Summarise the events.
  • Discuss the sequence of what happened – before, after, first, second, last.
  • Discuss what you liked best / disliked and why.
  • Discuss how the character changed and why.
  • Discuss what were some of the problems or situations the characters encountered and why.
  • Discuss which character you liked and why.

When reading a harder book together, take turns. Beginning readers can read the repetitive parts and more experienced readers can read a paragraph or a page.

On finding an unknown word:

Pause to give your child time to work out the word

Prompt –

• go back to the beginning of the sentence or read past the difficult word to the end of the sentence
• look for a clue in the picture or the words
• look at the first letter and think about what the words could be
• ask, “Does this make sense?”
• try to sound out the word
• if necessary tell your child the word

Praise your child for trying even if mistakes are made.

Enjoy the last few weeks of school. Helen McGoldrick

Student Awards - Term 4 Week 8

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Classroom Capers
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Mountains of Mould

Students in 6A have been investigating the best environment in which to store bread and minimise mould growth. They placed sealed slices in three locations. They chose the fridge top, the bench top and inside the fridge to observe, record and analyse mould spores. The samples were well sealed and kept for a week. Successful and safe!

Our mould experiment with interesting results!

2B

This term 2B are starting to work on creating their very own narrative. We have been working hard on planning narratives and drawing story boards. In geography we...
Prep B

In Prep B we have been working hard to improve our reading. Last week we started focusing on Drawing Conclusions and Making Inferences. We have been searching for clues in the books we are reading and putting the clues with what we already know to make an inference.

With not many week left of the term, we have been busily trying to get ourselves ready for Year 1. We have finished learning all of our letters and sounds and have been revising our diagraphs and even working on blends. Students have done a fantastic job incorporating these into their writing.

4C

This term in Year 4, we have been learning about sustainability. We have looked at how to reuse, reduce, recycle and replace rubbish to help the environment in the future. In health, we have learnt about cyber safety and how to stay safe on the internet. Drama has also been heaps of fun. We have been reading a Quest Novel and acting out a chapter of the story.

Transferring Families

If any family is leaving the school and not returning in 2017 could you please contact the office with these details so that school records can be adjusted accordingly. This information is important for planning of future class and staff allocations. School Office Phone Number 3482 9222.

Swimming Carnival Program - Year 4 - 6

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SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL INFORMATION

The annual school swimming carnival for Years 4 – 6 children will be held at Pine Rivers SHS pool on Thursday 1 December 2016. The carnival will commence at 9.15am and conclude by 1.30pm.

All children are expected to walk to the carnival with their class teacher. All children must report to their class teacher to have their name marked off the roll in the morning and before returning to school.

All children in years 4-6 must be ready to leave school at 8.50am from their classroom.

Teachers will remind the children of the following rules regarding technique as we want to avoid disqualification if possible:

Breaststroke and Butterfly – must touch the wall with both hands when finishing (25m events), and turning and finishing (50m events).

Freestyle and Backstroke – just 1 hand touch.

At no time during a race should a swimmer stand up and touch the bottom of the pool.

Children participating in the 50m races should be reminded that if they do not know how to do a tumble turn then they must touch the wall and push off without touching the bottom of the pool.

EVENTS LIST: All students are nominating for events this week directly to me. No changes on the day will occur. Please speak with your child about the events they have nominated for.

1. 50m freestyle    12B, 12G, 11B, 11G, 10B, 10G, 9B, 9G
2. 25m freestyle    12B, 12G, 11B, 11G, 10B, 10G, 9B, 9G
3. 25m noodle assisted swim for children who are not confident swimmers Yr4, Yr5, Yr6
4. 50m breaststroke 12B, 12G, 11B, 11G, 10B, 10G, 9B, 9G
5. 25m breaststroke 12B, 12G, 11B, 11G, 10B, 10G, 9B, 9G
6. 50m backstroke 12B, 12G, 11B, 11G, 10B, 10G, 9B, 9G
7. 25m backstroke 12B, 12G, 11B, 11G, 10B, 10G, 9B, 9G
8. 50m butterfly Combined
9. 25m butterfly Combined
10. Relays

WHAT TO BRING in a small bag –

- sunscreen,
- towel,
- swimming cap (THIS IS COMPULSORY),
- thongs/slip on shoes,
- underwear to change into after the carnival,
- water and their lunch.

WHAT TO WEAR TO SCHOOL –

- school uniform (colour team shirt),
- school hat,
- shoes and socks,
- swimming togs under uniform.
- Girls need to wear either 1 piece swimming togs or a shirt over bikinis.
- Swimming shorts are optional.

Please speak with me if you have any queries.

Thank you. Niki Bitossi.

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Swim and Survive Program

SWIM AND SURVIVE PROGRAM

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of staff who have worked with me to implement our school swim and survive program. It takes a lot of time to prepare lessons, assessment and certificates both in and out of the water.
Mrs McCall gave many extra hours both as a coach and facilitator to ensure this program was a success. Her enthusiasm and knowledge is greatly appreciated and provided the foundation for many of our students to achieve swimming success. Mrs Martin, Mrs Nieuwenhuizen, and Mrs Smidt supported both the staff and students in the water each week and assisted with the progression of many of the students who were less confident than others. Their positivity gave the students courage to try new skills. Patrick who is the Head Coach at Pine Rivers Aquatic Club enhanced our program with his knowledge and experience and provided club equipment for our use each week.

The class teachers and teacher aides have given many hours over the past 7 weeks to ensure students were organised, walked both to and from the pool and assisted when necessary during the lessons. I thank them very much for their encouragement of students to attend and for their support during the program.

We have seen an amazing amount of progression and courage throughout the lessons. I am very proud of every student who participated.

Thank you.

Niki Bitossi

Sporting Schools Funding

This term I have been fortunate enough to have Lucy from the NRL schools program, come and work with our students. During week 7 Lucy worked with the students in Prep - Year 4 developing NRL skills. She will return in Week 9 to again work with those students to progress the skills they have learnt into modified games. Year 5 and Year 6 students will have the opportunity to work with Lucy during 1st Break on Monday or Tuesday in week 9. At the conclusion of the program each student who has participated will receive a participation pack. This program is funded by the federal government sporting schools fund.

YMCA Strathpine OSHC

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Hi! Holiday Club programs and 2017 enrolment packs are ready to go. Please contact the service and pick up your copies today! Holiday Club can cost as a little as $0.48 cents, we kid you not! So please give the children a playdate with us at YMCA this holiday season. Activities and food and only 50 cents! We look forward to seeing you this holiday Club. From Sami, Coordinator.

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Community Corner
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Ladies Market Night

Ladies Night Markets
Wednesday 30 November from 7pm
FREE ENTRY

Ladies bring your friends along for a night of shopping, great-food and entertainment

South Pine Community Church
12 Eatons Crossing Road, Eatons Hill
Connect at southpinechurch.org