Term 2, Week 7, Wednesday 25 May 2016

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Calendar of Events - Term 2

Mon 23 – Fri 27 May   Life Education Program  Prep – Year 6
Thursday  26 May   National Sorry Day
Tuesday  31 May   Regional Cross Country
Tuesday  31 May   ICAS  Science Test

Wednesday  1 June   P & C Meeting  6.30pm
Thursday  2 June   Year 2 - 6  Science at Pine Rivers High
Mon 6 – Fri 10 June   Book Fair in Science Centre
Wednesday  8 June   Star Lab Incursion – Year 3
Wednesday  15 June   ICAS  Spelling Test
Wednesday  15 June   Winter Concert
Thursday  16 June   ICAS Writing Test
Friday  17 June   Gala Day – Year 5 & 6
Saturday  18 June   Chappy’s Trivia Night from 5.30pm
Monday  20 June   Sports Day  Prep – Year 3
Tuesday  21 June   Sports Day  Year 4 - 6
Wednesday  22 June   Excellence Assembly 2pm
Friday  24 June   Report Cards sent home
Friday  24 June   Last Day of Term 2

Monday 11 July   Term 3 commences

Principal's Message - Week 7

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**School Priorities:**

- Improve student achievement in reading and writing
- Establishing community partnerships that support student learning
- Fostering productive teams and providing distributive leadership opportunities

**Student Attendance:**

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Student attendance has improved slightly over the course of the last two weeks. Remember EVERY DAY COUNTS.

**Grandparents Day/Under 8s Day**

Thanks you to all the staff (teachers, teacher aides, tuckshop workers and students) who were involved in organizing this great afternoon. With over 120 grandparents joining in with our Preps, Year 1 and Year 2 students as well as the Year 6 helpers; it was a very enjoyable afternoon. The students get so much from the wisdom and interest of grandparents that this type of activity is priceless.

**P & C Meeting**

There will be a general meeting of the Strathpine State School P&C Association on Wednesday June 1 at 6.30pm in the staff room. All parents and community members are most welcome.

**New BSM**

Strathpine State School welcomes Donna Armstrong into the role as Business Services Manager. Donna joins us from Strathpine West. We thank Cailin for all her dedication and wish her well in her new role at Tullawong State High School.

**Road Safety**

A reminder to all parents and students to exercise safe practices and common sense when picking students up in the afternoon. There have been a number of reports of parents not following the direction of the crossing supervisor. The crossing supervisors are there to ensure the safety of parents and students, please follow their directions in crossing the road safely.
Last Friday, May 20 the school participated in Walk Safely to Schools Day. Parents, staff, students and toddlers met just outside the Swans AFL field and walked to school. We collected some students on the way, it was a very enjoyable morning’s stroll, a great community activity to promote exercise and healthy living. So much so that we will be organizing a similar event again before the end of the term.

### Lunchtime Clubs Term 2

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### YOU Choose YOUR Attitude

The single most important factor in our stress level is OUR attitude. The attitude we bring to a situation has a huge impact on how we see and react to each of the situations we face. This has a direct impact on our stress level. The attitude that we bring is evident in our self-talk, that little voice inside our head! Our attitude acts like a lens through which we ‘see’ situations. I am sure that you will have heard the classic story where two people witnessing the same car accident, report seeing different things. Your attitude acts as a filter and therefore has a huge impact on how we ‘see’ events.

Many people believe our attitude is caused directly by outside influences like unpleasant experiences or negative people. They see their attitude as a direct result or consequence of what happens to them. They see it as a simple cause and effect relationship. As a result of this mind-set, they ride a roller-coaster of emotions every day! When good things happen they feel great, when bad things happen they feel terrible. For example:-

- They start the day feeling tired because they didn’t sleep well.
- self talk = “Today’s going to be a bad day!”
- They grumble at their partner, who grumbles back!
- “See I told you so!”
- They can’t find their car keys.
- “I hate my life!”
- Someone lets them merge into the traffic.
- “What a lovely day!”
- Someone’s parked in their usual spot.
- “I hate them – they’re just doing it to upset me!”

We need to be careful NOT to allow our attitude to be totally dependent on the events that happen to us. While external pressures may trigger our feelings, we are the ones who then reflect the impact of those events.
in our attitude. We can either be subservient to the external events, few of which we have any control over, or we can take charge of our attitude and our response to the situations we face.

"Choosing your attitude" means monitoring your self-talk, being aware of your attitude and making your own choice about how much impact situations have on your attitude. Once you accept that you have some choice in your attitude at this moment, you can decide whether to keep it or shape it into an attitude that brings you more satisfaction. It doesn’t mean that you always have to put on a happy face. Sometimes angry or sad are what’s called for. Be aware of what your attitude is, and that it does affect you and others.

You control your attitude, not the other way around.

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Behaviour
This fortnight, we are focussing on the 5C of CO-OPERATION. When we are talking with students about CO-OPERATION, we ask them to co-operate with others.

For the next two weeks, we are specifically focussing on co-operating before and after school, as well as during transition times (between lessons and classrooms). The behaviours that we expect students to demonstrate in these areas are:

- I sit quietly in the undercovered area before school
- I move along pathways in an orderly manner
- I am in the right place at the right time

We encourage you to talk with your children regarding this school value and the expectations above to support teachers in teaching these behaviours.

Lunchbox - Safety Issues
We are noticing a lot of families are sending tins of food to school with their children (i.e. tuna, fruit, etc.). While these foods are acceptable and encouraged, the tins sometimes cause a safety concern, especially when the rings fall off while pulling or when the lid comes flying off. If possible, it is suggested that you open these tins at home and transfer them to a plastic container before putting into the lunchbox. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Excellence in Teaching Awards (QCT)
For the past couple of years, the Queensland College of Teachers (the regulatory body for the teaching profession in Queensland), is calling for nominations for the Excellence in Teaching Awards. We have fantastic teachers at Strathpine and if you feel that they should be recognised and celebrated for their achievements as an inspiring teacher, please visit the QCT website for more information. There are four award categories, they are [click on the award to download the nomination form]:

- **Excellence in Beginning to Teach**
- **The Dr Roger Hunter Excellence in Beginning to Teach Award** provides recognition for inspirational teachers with up to four years’ experience.
- **Excellence in Teaching**
- **The Dr Alan Drury OAM Excellence in Teaching Award** provides recognition for inspirational Queensland teachers.
Excellent Leadership in Teaching and Learning

The Dr John Dwyer Excellent Leadership in Teaching and Learning Award was introduced in 2012 to recognise classroom teachers or school administrators who have taken a leading role in enhancing teaching and learning in their school.

Outstanding Contribution to Teaching

The Professor Betty Watts Memorial Award for an Outstanding Contribution to Teaching was introduced in 2011 to recognise teachers and school administrators with an outstanding history of service.

Spinal Education Awareness Team (S.E.A.T.) Presentation

This Friday, Robert Spencer from the Spinal Awareness Education Team will visit the school to make a presentation to all students about the importance of taking care of your spine and informing our students and staff of spinal cord injury. We welcome Robert and thank him for taking time to come and speak to us during Spinal Health Week 2016.

Book Fair

Book Fair is being held in Week 9 this term. Miss Black will be setting up the display late in Week 8 ready for you and your child/ren to visit from Monday of Week 9. There will be a wonderful range of books and other items to purchase all week. We will advertise opening times closer to the date.

Jetty 2 Jetty Fun Run

On July 17, some of the staff will be participating in the annual Jetty 2 Jetty 10km Fun Run along the foreshore between Woody Point and Redcliffe. It is our way of providing support for our Chaplains, Peter and Jenny, who make fantastic contributions to our school community through a range of activities (including supplying fruit and lunches for those in need, running the Boys’ Vital program, supporting the Girls’ Personal Development course, hosting Homework Club, lunch time chess and rugby, initiating the Green Thumb Gardening Club...to name a few). Whilst a few will be running the distance, some will be walking and enjoying the wonderful atmosphere and scenery.

We extend an invitation for parents to join us in this fun event. To register, you will need to go to Jetty 2 Jetty website. Register as an Individual, and when prompted, join a team (Chappies Champions – Team Captain: Heather Nieuwenhuizen). If you would like further information, or have any questions, please contact Heather at the school. Remember, you don’t have to be a runner to participate in the fun!!! Let’s show our support for the programs Peter and Jenny run by getting involved through participation or making a donation (visit the website).

By Heather Nieuwenhuizen

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SUPERSTARS OF THE WEEK

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Student of the Week - 19 May 2016

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Classroom Capers
This term the Year 4 students will be making a carry bag as a part of our Technology Unit. We will design and make a bag for a specific purpose and then evaluate the bag. The children will work in pairs to make the bag and use a variety of techniques to put it together. The final stage will be testing the bag. All year four students will require an old pair of jeans they can cut up and some materials, craft supplies or buttons to decorate their bag. Please do not spend any money on these resources. We hope you will send any materials that you have in your home that are not being used. We will share any spare resources with the other Year 4 Classes. It should be heaps of fun. Toni Simpson. 4C.

In 2B this term we have been learning how to write an informative text using narratives about bats and ducks. In history we have been investigating the local area and went on an excursion to Old Petrie Town to see what life was like in the past. We are starting to make toys in science that need to move by either pushing or pulling them. 2B is very excited to make their toys and investigate what type of force makes them move.

Chappy's Chatter

Chaplaincy within our school community

Chaplaincy in our school has had a focus of groups this term

- 12 girls gym group
- 8 boys group challenge with high ropes day coming soon
- League Tag training boys and girls team
- Homework club
- Gardening club
- Chess club

Chappy Jenny and Chappy Pete are really enjoying quality time building relationships with people and sharing these activities together. All funding for these groups has been sourced through our Chaplaincy team which includes groups of people developing fund raising activities such as the Trivia Night.

Trivia Night
A family fun-filled Trivia Night is happening on Saturday 18 June from 5:30pm, so lock it in for more excitement than you can handle. All monies go to supporting programs benefiting students directly.

Chappy Pancake Day!!

It was so enjoyable to have everyone munching on pancakes and chilling out together last Thursday. I wish to acknowledge the support of our faithful helpers who make this event possible. God’s Blessings Peter.

Holiday Camps

Our feature Camp for June Holidays is Winter Mapleton Adventure Camp

Year 5 & 6 Boys and Girls

This is a great way to generate excitement now and expend large amounts of energy while having fun and food with friends.

See website below for more information on Scripture Union holiday camps. Bookings are filling fast so enquire now!

http://wintermapleton@sucamps.or.au

Homework Club and Green Thumps Garden Club

I’ve been given the wonderful opportunity to work with two groups of Year 4 students on a Thursday. During first break, Happy Homework Club is held in the Technology Centre. The students bring their homework and lunch, and are able to have some one-on-one assistance to complete their homework, be mentored by Year 6 student leaders and enjoy some time in a fun, non-threatening environment. The enthusiasm and smiles of the students are contagious!

During second break, the green thumbs are hard at work. At the back of the school, near the car park are three large gardening tubs. These tubs are being prepared for planting of seedlings. Our aim is to grow a market garden with salad vegetables and some fruits that can be taken to the Tuckshop to be used in lunches. This project is very exciting! Chappy Jenny

P & C Association

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Thank you for supporting the Mother’s Day stall. A big thank you to everyone involved for making this a success, the volunteers Jodie Jenkins, Deb Tadman, Kylie King-Isaraela, Renee Lister, Debbie Thompson, Leonie Johnston, Helen Evans, staff and P&C all contributed their time.

Homestyle Bake Pie Drive

The Pie Drive will run again this year. This fundraiser was very popular last year. A selection of pies and sweets will be available to order at the end of May – forms will be sent home soon. Orders back to school by Friday 10th June. Orders delivered to school and available for pick up Wednesday afternoon 22nd June.

Volunteers

We are looking for 3 more volunteers to help with sorting and packing Pie Drive orders 22nd June 10am to 3pm. If you are able to help please contact the P&C.

The P&C is interested in talking to parents/carers about fundraising ideas and volunteering. Please come and talk to anyone on the P&C or email us pandc@strathpns.eq.edu.au. We would love to hear from you.

P&C General Meeting

Our next General Meeting is Wednesday 1st June in the staff lunchroom starting at 6.30pm. All are welcome, come along and see what is happening in your school.

Strathpine State School Flea Market

The Flea Market is held every Saturday from 6am til 12 noon at Lawnton Showgrounds, Gympie Road, Lawnton. There is a wide variety of stalls with something for everyone. Come along and support your school and have a fun, family outing with lots for everyone. There are refreshments to cater for the whole family. If you would like to hold a stall or would like any further information please phone 0403 054 085. Phil Beaumont, Flea Market Convenor.

Community Corner

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Pine Rivers State High School Year 7 Student Enrolment Interviews
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Thank you for applying for enrolment at Pine Rivers State High School for your son/daughter in 2017. The final step to confirm your enrolment is to participate in a half hour enrolment interview.

Pine Rivers SHS is proud of its commitment to cater for the full range of student ability and talent. Our enrolment process has been designed to make sure that this commitment is maintained, hence we are holding the Year 7 2017 Enrolment Interviews on Wednesday 8th June 3pm – 6.30pm and invite you and your enrolling child/children to attend. At this time all students, both in and out of the catchment area, are guaranteed placements following their interview.

We have already booked over 70 appointments for the afternoon and availability of interview times is becoming more limited. To book you 30 minute interview, we ask that you make phone contact with Georgina Malone (3881 4720) by Friday 3rd June.

If you have friends, family or associates who are interested in attending Pine Rivers State High School for Year 7 in 2017 and they have not yet enrolled, it would be appreciated if you could let them know that the enrolment packages are available from your primary school or Pine Rivers State High School and that interviews are taking place.

We look forward to meeting with you and your child/children so that we can best cater for them in their transition to high school.

Kind Regards

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