Dear Parents

Sports Carnival
Next Thursday 18th of September is the school sports carnival! Our amazing HPE teacher Mikahla Steele has been working extremely hard to make this year’s carnival better than ever. Parents and carers are invited to attend to watch their children.

Please ensure that your child has a hat, water bottle and sunscreen for the day. Students will also be required to bring their lunch, morning tea and afternoon tea as per usual. Please note that there are changes to the usual school routine on that day, with slightly different break times. We are also delighted to have some staff and students from Murrumba State Secondary College and Bracken Ridge State High School with us on the day to assist.

Students are encouraged to dress in their house colours. For those families new to the school, our two houses are RED and BLUE. Teams have been developed so that there is roughly an equal distribution of ability within each age group. Teachers will let you know through your child’s Communication Book which team your child is in.

If you are taking your student home after the event, please remember to sign your child out of school at the main office and to also let your child’s bus driver know. In the event of rain the carnival will be postponed. Please see attached Timetable

Photography
As we head towards the end of the year and we begin hold various functions, it is important to remember some important guidelines about photography at school. We are a very caring community at Pine Rivers and the safety of our staff, families and students is a very important priority.

In order to support our community, we request all parents and carers respect the safety, privacy and rights of other families and school staff. For that reason we ask all members of the community to be mindful when they take photos at school.

Please do not take photos of any student or staff member without permission. It is very important that photographs of students and staff are not placed on social media. This is often difficult to understand, but this policy certainly supports the safety of individuals living within the digital age.

Of course, parents and carers are welcome to take photos of their own child at any event at school; however we hope you will consider the privacy of others. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Work Placement Week 10
Our year 11 and students have enjoyed a very successful round of post-school work experience placements this term. Thanks must go to Roseanne Allfrey, Fiona Armstrong, Jayson Gilbert, Lisa Dent and all of the amazing support staff who have assisted our students. We have received extremely positive feedback from our local employers which is fantastic.

Our students will continue with placements this week, however all students will remain at school in the final week of the term to focus on completing school learning activities.
SETT Planning
Parents of our year 10 students will receive some information next week regarding our Senior Schooling structure for 2015. It is important for families to consider the information provided and discuss it with their child during the school holiday period.

In week 2 of term 4, we will begin the SETT (Senior Education Training and Transition) process. This is compulsory for all year 10 students and students in year 11 without a current SETT Plan. The purpose is to map an achievable pathway for each student, from year 12 to post-school life.

Meetings will be held before, after and during school hours with members of the Administration team. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Belinda Russell.

Fruit Week
If your student has been involved in dance or bowling this term, they have been engaged in our Healthy School Activity program which has been a great success. This week, our students and staff have enjoyed healthy snacks, with a fresh supply of fruit available throughout the school. Healthy living is a huge focus of our life skill education program which is supported by our Operation GOTCHA (Getting Out There: Community & Homeless Assistance) program. Our senior sector students are learning the skills of active volunteering and community participation, as well as the skills required for independent living, by growing, preparing and distributing healthy food to local community organisations caring for people in need.

If you would like to find out how you can assist Operation GOTCHA please contact our GOTCHA Coordinator Mr Ian Cossart.

Parents have also engaged with our healthy living focus. A small group of extremely dedicated and enthusiastic parents have been working with our Home Economics teacher and teacher aide, Chappy Tania and Dave from Oz Harvest in the NEST program. NEST aims to teach people how to eat healthy meals on a budget. Participants received eight cooking lessons, a cook book and made friends!

Swimming
The weather has been kind and our Junior- Upper Middle students are really enjoying swimming. We have been very fortunate to work with the teaching staff at the Lawnton Aquatic Centre to deliver a program that combines the basic skills of water safety with fun and play.

Due to illness, some students have missed lessons this term. If your child has missed a lesson, please see our attached Refund Policy.

Thank you to those parents who have been prompt/regular with swimming payments.

Neil P Larter
Principal
**SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AWARDS**

**OUR STUDENTS ARE: CO-OPERATIVE**

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<td>Great listening at her swimming lesson</td>
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<td>Always co-operating in class activities</td>
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<td>David</td>
<td>S3</td>
<td>Being a willing helper to students in wheelchairs each day</td>
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<td>Cody</td>
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<td>For community rules being followed</td>
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<td>Looking carefully at visuals to make appropriate choices</td>
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<td>Dean</td>
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**ABSENCE**

If your child is absent from school, please phone the school that morning. (ph: 3285 0555)

If you know ahead of time that your child will be absent, for example a medical appointment, a note in your child's communication book the day before is appreciated.

It is parents’ responsibility to notify the transport provider if your child is to be absent or if you are going to pick them up early from school. You will be given the phone number of your child’s bus driver for this communication.

Parents should be aware that there is the same expectation of attendance for students at Pine Rivers Special School as at any other State School. If a student has missed more than 2 days without explanation, teachers are required to Contact the Parent to determine the nature of the Absence. If there is no satisfactory explanation for the student’s absence, teachers are required to report the absence to Administration for Follow-Up.

**HAVE FUN, STAY SAFE AND GET READY DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday everyone. We look forward to seeing you all for the start of Term 4 on Tuesday 8 October.

With the summer storm/cyclone and bushfire season on its way Queensland’s Get Ready Week on 14–20 October will encourage people to be prepared before extreme weather or a natural disaster strikes. Over the holidays, families can work through a checklist to help them get ready and ensure everyone knows what to do. Information and resources are available from [http://www.disaster.qld.gov.au/](http://www.disaster.qld.gov.au/)
SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT ENCIRCLE!
Looking for enjoyable low-cost activities to keep the kids amused over the school holidays?

Over the September school holidays Encircle are proudly hosting children’s activities including Drama classes, kid’s muck-up day activities and Yoga classes!

**Kid’s Muck-up Activities: Wednesday 24th September**
- Boys Session: 9:30am – 11:30am
- Girls Session: 12:30pm – 2:30pm
- COST: $5 per child

**Drama Classes: Thursday 25th September**
- Morning Session: 10:00am – 12:30pm
- Afternoon Session: 1:00pm – 3:30pm
- COST: $10 per child

**Yoga Class: Monday 29th September**
- Session 1 (Ages 6 to 9 years) : 2:00pm – 3:00pm
- Session 2 (Ages 9 to 12 years): 3:30pm – 4:30pm
- COST: Free!

Where: Encircle (formerly Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre)
865 Gympie Road, Lawnton

To make a booking, please contact Encircle on 3889 0063 or email: encircle@encircle.org.au

PLEASE SEE BELOW THE MAP FOR THE SPORTS CARNIVAL