Graduation

What a wonderful night for all involved. Thank you to the organising group who put on such a sensational evening.

All graduating students had a fantastic time as did other members of staff and families who were ‘cutting a few shapes’ on the dance floor.

Congratulations to following students for their awards presented to them on the night.

Zac Post School Options Award
Ashley Community Volunteer Award
Stephanie ‘Yes I Can’ Award
Ian RSL Spirit of ANZAC Award

Staffing

The transfer rounds have all but been completed and I would like to make the following announcements in regards to staff movements:

Kym Barron – transferring to Strathpine West SS
Veronica Roos – transferring to Hervey Bay Special School
Viola Stefano – transferring to Mitchelton Special School
Nick Alexander will continue his work at the TECSE Aspley Special School
Kyley Penfold will be taking leave for 12 months and will be working in WA
Kelly West will be taking up the role of AVT- Visual Impairment for 2016.

On the staff and parents behalf I thank them for their work they have done at PRSS and wish them well on their new phase of their educational career.

Triple P Takes the guesswork out of parenting

When it comes to raising kids and teenagers, everyone has an opinion. There are so many ideas out there. So how do you know what’s best and what works? The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program takes the guesswork out of parenting. It is one of the few parenting programs in the world with evidence to show it works for most families.

Triple P gives parents simple tips to help manage the big and small problems of family life. Problems like toddler tantrums or teenage rebellion. Self-esteem issues. Bedtime battles. Disobedience. Aggression. Triple P can help you deal with them all – and more!

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Greater Results Guarantee (GRG)

During 2015, we have focused on maximising the benefits of this funding for our students. After reviewing our Great Results Guarantee agreement, it is clear that we are on track to meet or exceed our targeted student outcomes. We continue to implement our strategies to ensure that every student succeeds.

Strategies implemented include: Engagement of a Pedagogical Coach to support Teachers in their refinement of their Professional Practice, using The Art and Science of Teaching as our Pedagogical Framework.
YUMI Maths
Strategies implemented include: The adoption of a Practical Approach to the teaching of Maths.
Pine Rivers Special School, in collaboration with QUT (Kelvin Grove) have trained staff in the Yu Mi Maths pedagogical approach, and have commenced implementation of this in all classrooms. This is a 3 year project, and it is anticipated that as this project “rolls out” we will witness greater understanding of Number and its application within very practical ways.

At Pine Rivers Special School, we have also introduced the training of Phonemic Awareness through the Jolly Phonics program to all Early Years and Primary Classrooms. It is expected that further training and greater experience with this resource will see even greater improvement in Literacy Benchmarks throughout the school.
Students within the Junior Secondary and Senior Secondary Phases of Learning have also had a more focused approach to the training of Literacy Skills through programs such as Words Their Way and Reading Our Way.

End of Year Learning Celebrations
Classes / Sectors will be conducting End of Year Celebrations in the last session on Tuesday 08/12/15. This will be the opportunity for parents and carers to come in and celebrate the year that was. More information in regards to this will come out ASAP.

Underwater World Excursion
Next week students will be heading on an excursion to Underwater World, Mooloolaba. Townsends Bus Services are the kind donators of this and will be transporting the students, staff and volunteers as well as paying the entry fee for all involved. Pine Rivers Special School appreciate the exceptional generosity of the Townsends group.

Pine Rivers Daybreak Rotary Donation

The Pine Rivers Daybreak Rotary Club has kindly donated half of the proceeds from the recent Trivia Night to Pine Rivers Special School. Glenn Hilber has informed the school that we will receive a cheque for $1,116.54.

We thank all involved in what was a great night.

P & C Raffle - Tickets $1 each

Prizes include:
Just added…. A $150 Strathpine Bicycle Centre voucher; ‘donated by Hon Peter Dutton MP, Federal Member for Dickson.’
Car Kit and Service Voucher (Weber Automotive), valued at $300
Coffee Machine with goodies, $150 value
Bouquet of Scratch-Its valued at $100
Christmas Hampers
Wine and vouchers
Fruit & Veg Voucher
plus…. many more amazing prizes.

Prizes drawn on the 8th of December at 3pm

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