



Principal's Newsletter

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Prairiewood High School

A Local Comprehensive and Partially Selective High School ... "Challenging Students for the Future"

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IMPORTANT DATES!

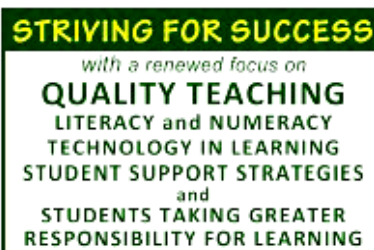
- **OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP will be OPEN on TUESDAY, 25th JANUARY, from 10am – 2pm.**
- **STUDENTS in Years 7, 11 and 12 return to school on MONDAY, 31st January.**
- **STUDENTS in YEARS 8, 9 and 10 return to school on TUESDAY, 1st February.**
- **SWIMMING CARNIVAL THURSDAY, 3rd FEB.**
- **P&C MEETING in the school library on Wednesday, 9th Feb.**

Welcome to the start of a great new year!

A special word of welcome to all of our Year 7 students who are beginning high school at Prairiewood in the next couple of weeks and, of course, a "welcome back" to students enrolled in Years 8-12 in 2011!

We offer our congratulations to those students who were successful in the Selective High Schools Tests and will be enrolled in our two Year 7 selective classes this year.

In 2011, a wide range of experiences and opportunities will be offered as part of special learning programs at Prairiewood – both within and beyond the walls of our classrooms and I encourage our students to consider "getting involved". Our school's focus goals for this year are printed below:



Last year was something of a "ground-breaking" year at Prairiewood, with a great deal of extra funding provided by the Australian Government to pay for additional teachers and teacher training to better support the education of our students. The government also paid for a range of school facilities to be upgraded. **However, in spite of the above contribution, parents and students need to remember that, in order to be successful, each student needs to work hard and strive at all times to achieve his/her personal best.** Without a diligent and serious effort on the part of a student, all the good work, support and encouragement of teachers and parents can be wasted.

~ J. Pickering (Principal)

Prairiewood H.S. - High Achievers in 2010

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievements:

- **DUX of the YEAR:**
Martin Shakir (Year 12)
Stephanie Nguyen (Year 11)
Vanessa Luu (Year 10)
Juline Bou Obeid (Year 9)
Stefanie Italiano (Year 8)
Jarita Lay (Year 7)
- **DUX at the HSC**
Matthew Ciancio
- **DUX at the School Certificate**
Vanessa Luu
- **Greta Dowd P&C Scholarships**
Aaron Jolley, Fanulla Sapountzis
- **Aleks Lukic Memorial Award**
Eva Lu
- **Principal's Award for Citizenship**
Courtney Steven
- **PHS Silver Medallions**
Chantelle Gaffey, Aaron Jolley,
Linda Nguyen, Stephanie Nguyen,
Stephanie Garzaniti, Shannen
Rowland-Clarke, Sonya San
- **UWS Award for Year 11**
Stephanie Nguyen
- **Caltex Best All Rounder Award**
Amy Melville
- **Reuben F. Scarf Award**
Clare Melville
- **ADF Award for Leadership**
Sasha Otovic, Shannen
Rowland-Clarke, Nazli Hocaoglu
- **Parents & Citizens' Award**
Clare Melville
- **Smithfield Sub-Branch Award**
Martin Shakir
- **Frank Harmer History Award**
Wesley Leong
- **Visual Arts Award**
Wesley Leong
- **John Curtin Award for Modern History**
Jimmy Bou Obeid
- **Denise Beckwith Award**
Ricky Gillon
- **ACHPER Award**
Clare Melville
- **Sportsman of the Year**
Gavin Tu, Jonathon Masiasomua
- **Sportswoman of the Year**
Gaby Pese
- **Pierre de Coubertin Award**
Amy Melville

Did you know that all students in NSW must now attend school at least until they are 17 years old? In some special circumstances, a student may be permitted to leave school to take up a permanent job or full time study at TAFE.

Did you know that as part of DET policy, subject fees for student courses must be paid and that the voluntary admin/service fees at our school are LESS than the recommended amount? Also, did you know that the principal has access to funds to assist with payment of school fees for parents experiencing financial problems?

School Uniform and Dress Code

This policy has the approval of our School Council and P&C Association and is endorsed by NSW Department of Education and Training. The Department's policy states: "It is the responsibility of the Principal, in consultation with the community, to determine acceptable and minimum standards of dress and grooming and to ensure that this information is conveyed to parents and students." **Parents also need to be aware that failure to meet established general standards of uniform and grooming may result in a student being prevented from participating in official school functions, school excursions, sports visits and other representative events.**

It is important that students wear the correct uniform as this helps to engender a sense of pride in the school and assists in readily identifying them as belonging to the school.

Some key points:

- School uniform items such as shirts without the school logo and those purchased from stores, as well as other items which are no longer part of our current "official school uniform" (introduced more than five years ago) are UNACCEPTABLE and students wearing such items will face disciplinary action for breach of our school uniform policy.

- White shoes or joggers, black shoes with white or coloured stripes, as well as girls' shoes which are little more than "ballet shoes/slippers" (and fail to comply with OH&S and safety requirements) are UNACCEPTABLE.
- Hair should be a "natural" hair colour only. Hair which has been dyed other colours – especially bright colours – is **unacceptable** as part of the school dress code. Extreme hair styling is also **unacceptable**.
- Students are required to wear our official PE/Sports uniform when participating in PE lessons and during school sport. Non-participation in these programs may lead to a student being deemed ineligible for the award of a School Certificate.
- Students participating as members of school sporting teams in matches against other schools, as well as those selected to compete (and represent the school) at zone, district, CHS and similar events, are required to wear official school or PE uniforms when travelling to an outside venue and **MUST** be wearing appropriate sports/team uniform when playing as a member of any school sporting or representative team.

Stockland Access gate

The gate on the Stockland boundary of the school will be opened each morning at 7.30am and closed when Roll Call begins at 8.30am. (Students who are late to school will need to enter via the main front school gate). These gate opening and closing times during school days are significant in terms of the school's safety and welfare strategy for students, staff and visitors.

On Mondays/Fridays, the gate is open for students leaving to attend TAFE lessons and at appropriate times during Year 11 and Year 12 examinations. The "Stockland" gate will also be opened 45 mins before (and after) official school functions for parents/students parking in the Stockland Centre carpark.

PERMISSION to be ABSENT from SCHOOL to attend special family events or to GO ON HOLIDAYS is not automatic and a letter seeking permission must be forwarded to the principal at least THREE weeks before the first day of absence. Absences without a satisfactory reason will be entered as UNJUSTIFIED.

2010 HSC Results

The following Year 12 students from 2010 are to be congratulated for their outstanding achievement, with 16% of our students gaining one or more Band 6 results in the HSC Exams:

MATTHEW CIANCIO,
CLARE MELVILLE, TONY PAVIA,
AMY MELVILLE, JASON HUANG,
MAI DANG, JANE LU,
MARTIN SHAKIR, NEWMAN SEE,
MARYO FARIS, AYLIN MUSTAFA,
AZHER AL-ABEDI, DANNY TANG,
ANDREW VUONG,
BRYCE JOHNSON, SASA OTOVIC,
SYLVIA DUONG and
LACHLAN WALLACE.

Other students who also achieved excellent overall HSC results included:

WESLEY LEONG, ANNA QUACH,
STEVEN CAO,
JIMMY BOU OBEID,
NATASHA SHOKO, RAWIN KEO,
SOPHIA HENG,
ALENA MALYUGINA,
ALEXANDRA HOROSKO,
THOMAS PUTRUS,
KIRSTY GAFFEY,
NICOLE KOVACIC and
HANSEL REBELLO.

Our congratulations to all of the outstanding students listed above!

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We further celebrate the success of all students who received our school's top mark in a subject at the 2010 HSC: Wesley Leong (Ancient History), Jason Huang (Biology), Danny Tang (Business Studies), Matthew Ciancio (Chemistry), Amy Melville and Clare Melville (Aeq) (Community and Family Studies), Maryo Faris (Design

and Technology), Chophoreak Ok (Drama), Rebecca Tam (English Standard), Jane Lu (English Advanced), Martin Shakir (English Extn 1), Martin Shakir (English Extn2), Mai Dang (English as a 2nd Language), Lachlan Wallace (Industrial Technology), Matthew Ciancio (Information Processes and Technology), Maryo Faris and Martin Shakir (Aeq) (Legal Studies), Amy Melville and Clare Melville (Aeq) (General Mathematics), Matthew Ciancio (Maths 2U), Jane Lu and Tony Pavia (Aeq) (Maths Extn 1), Mai Dang (Maths Extn 2), Jimmy Bou Obeid (Modern History), Joshua Loau (Music Course 1), Clare Melville (PDHPE), Matthew Ciancio and Jason Huang (Aeq) (Physics), Tony Pavia (Senior Science), Nicole Kovacic (Society and Culture), Wesley Leong (Visual Arts), Carlo Putrus (VET Entertainment), Nicole Kovacic (VET Hospitality Operations), Renee Farrugia and Alanna Pruscino (Aeq) (VET Retail Operations), and Sasa Otovic (VET Primary Industries).

When compared to state wide results, our students' results in Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, English Extn 2, Information Processes and Technology, Mathematics 2 Unit, Maths Extn 1, Physics, Hospitality Operations, Maths Extn 2, General Maths, Legal Studies, and English as a Second Language were excellent.

It is also interesting to note that the percentage of our students gaining Band 5 and/or Band 6 results in Biology, Chemistry, Design and Technology, English as a Second Language, English Extn 2, Mathematics 2 Unit, Maths Extn 1, Maths Extn 2, Physics, and Primary Industries was greater than the percentage of students across the state.

Well done, Prairiewood students!

Did you know that as a result of Commonwealth National Partnerships Funding we have been able to employ extra staff to support and work with students experiencing difficulty in their learning?

Did you know that students who are repeatedly late to school or absent from school on a regular basis does not satisfy requirements for the payment of a Student Allowance and that the principal regularly provides this information to Centrelink who will then stop these payments?

School Certificate Results for 2010

The following students are to be congratulated for achieving excellent overall results in the 2010 School Certificate Examinations: **Vanessa Luu, Amy Mayorca, Benita Lay, Cynthia Tan, Steven Quach, Jessica Ta, Joseph Babana, Steven Catanzariti, Sonya Chhorn, Emma Hodgson, Mihajlo Novkovic, Michelle Sihapanyaxay, Emily Tam, Emily Tran, Diana Truong and Adrian Ciancio.**

Almost thirty percent of our students received a Band 5 or Band 6 result in Science, with 11 students receiving Band 6 results. At the same time, less than six percent of students received a result in Band 1 or 2, whilst the state average was almost double this figure, with the average percentage for our school over the past five years being even higher. In the School Certificate English test two-thirds of our students gained results in the top three bands, a better result than our school's average over the past five years. Results in the top three bands and the bottom two bands in Mathematics compare quite favourably with our school's average in corresponding bands over the past five years. Our students' overall results in the course Australian History, Civics and Citizenship continue to be the strongest when compared with average results across the state in the five core SC courses.

Celebrating Student Success in 2010

The following students are to be congratulated for their outstanding record of achievement at school during 2010...

Perfect Attendance in 2010

Year 11 – Matthew Porpiglia, Jessica Ribbons, Christopher Rodarellis, Jessica Stevanovski, Deanna White

Year 10 – Matt Peacock, Steven Quach, Danny Tran, Doni Tran

Year 9 – Merinda Hill, Stefanie Italiano, Samantha King, Mario Mansour, Natalie Singue, Daniel Skibola, Brendon Vongsouvanh

Year 8 – Simon Chang, Blake Marschall, Andy Truong, Luke White

Year 7 – Shanice Kim, Saif Lazym, Aaron Le, Josephine Leong, Michael Ly, Wendy Ly, Erica Mitchell, Trina So

Outstanding Attendance

Year 11 – Danny Cao, Antony Le, Thong Le, Sonya San

Year 10 – Steven Catanzariti, Sara Elbourne, Mahir Faris, James Guevara, Jayke Komadina, David Michelle Russell, Sopaul, Steven Tan

Year 9 – Eric Tran, Amirah Todor, Amanda Mercieca, Emma Melville, Maria Pavia,

Year 8 – Monalisa Atmawijaya, Alex Chan, Krisel DeDios, Poli Giang, Celyna Guo, Khang Le, Ebin Paul, Helen Quach, Jack Tam

Year 7 – Mitchell Catania, Vince Huynh, Tiana Huynh, Ben King, Lina Lao, Jarita Lay, Veronica Lieu, Khiem Luu, Janet Nguyen, Kenneth Pech, Sherry Ta, Xavier The, Alice Tieu, Alexander Tran, Sam Tran, Steven Tran Brandan Trinh, Gavin Tu

Australian Schools' English Competition Awards

Year 7 – Distinction

Nusardel Oshana, Kevin Thang, Heidi Zhang

Year 8 – Distinction

Bianca Croucher

Year 9 – Distinction

Samantha King

Year 10 National Geographic Geography Competition Distinction

Sonya Chhorn, Steven Garzaniti, Michelle Russell, Joseph Saada, Jessica Ta

Did you know that the Commonwealth Government has spent more than \$1 million at our school for the improvement of our school facilities – including a complete refurbishment of the Science labs with new technology facilities, erection of more outdoor covered areas for our students and the installation of an observatory in the school grounds?

Did you know that we now have three Community Liaison Officers who are available to assist and support parents and students from Pacific Islander, Assyrian and Aboriginal backgrounds?

ACER Languages Awards

Year 10 – High Distinction in French

Andre Fathallah-Yousiff, Rita Hadi

Year 10 – Distinction in French

Luke Canta, Amy Mayorca, Valentina Potros

Year 10 – High Distinction in Italian

Luke Canta, Cinzia Fiorenza, James Santomingo

Year 10 – Distinction in Italian

Hassan Assaad, Julia Franic, Vanessa Luu, Emily Tran

Australian Schools' Mathematics Competition Awards

Prudence Award – Most consecutive correct answers

Year 7 – Justin Han

Year 7 – Distinction

Laura Chen, Justin Han, Tiana Huynh, Shanice Kim, Michael Ly, Jessica Ng,
Alice Tieu, Kathleen Voon, Heidi Zhang

Year 8 – Distinction

Kapi Pirere

Year 10 – Distinction

Andre Fathallah-Yousiff, Justin Mercieca, Steven Quach

Year 11 – Distinction

Anthony Luu, Stephanie Nguyen

Year 12 – Distinction

Mai Dang, Steven Dao, Jason Huang

Australian Schools' Science Competition Awards

Year 7 – Distinction

Johnathan Cheung, Katrina Dos Anjos, Tanya Huang, Jarita Lay

2010 National Chemistry Competition

Year 12 – Distinction

Matthew Ciancio, Bryce Johnson, Amy Melville, Anna Quach

Year 11 – High Distinction

Stefan Lay, Steven Nguyen

Year 7 – Distinction

Jonathon Cheung, Shanice Kim, Natasha Ting

Price Waterhouse Coopers Business Studies Competition

Year 11 – Distinction

Aaron Jolley

Year 12 – High Distinction

Maryo Faris, Weley Leong, Danny Tang

Year 12 – Distinction

Martin Shakir

2010 TVET Student of the Year

Matthew Lisciotta – Year 12

2010 Debating and Public Speaking

Fanulla Sapountzis ~ State Semi Finalist

Nazli Hocaoglu ~ State Finalist

Samantha King ~ State Finalist

Year 7 Debating Team ~ Regional Champions

Natasha Ting, Alice Tieu, Kim Nguyen, Jarita Lay, Kyle White

Philip Garside ~ Memorial Public Speaking Competition

Did you know that students who are identified as having poor literacy or numeracy skills will be offered enrolment at our after-school Learning Improvement and Support Centre which operates on Monday and Thursday afternoons each week?

Did you know that students who are absent from school on any day who do not bring a signed note with an acceptable reason for absence within 7 DAYS are automatically listed on the official student database as an UNJUSTIFIED or ILLEGAL ABSENCE?

Important School Policy Reminders...

Year 11/12 Assessment Tasks

Students who are absent from school on the day an assessment task is due (or is to take place at school) **MUST** provide a Doctor's certificate and parent note to the class teacher *on the following day, otherwise a mark of ZERO will be recorded.* Parents are also reminded that an official Doctor's Certificate is needed if a senior student is absent on the day of an assessment task or the day an assessment task is due. Students are not permitted to stay home for part of the day and then hand in an assessment task later that day, or at the end of the day.

Parents are Welcome

It is important for parents to realise that the **first** lines of communication with the school are via the **Year Advisers** (for general welfare matters, student progress, school reports, etc) or the **Head Teachers** (for class teaching or assessment matters). If it is considered necessary, they may refer your concerns or request to the school counsellor or senior school executive for advice and further action.

For urgent or very serious matters, the most appropriate first point of contact with the school may be via one of the Deputy Principals, Mr Conroy or Mr Harris. These people also have teaching and other school commitments so I do ask that, where possible, you phone the school office staff who will be happy to arrange a suitable appointment time for you. In this way you can be assured of adequate time to discuss any matter fully.

At the same time, I ask that you please be patient ... follow-up of parent or student concerns and investigation of incidents can be very time consuming and take many days. Please remember, there are another 1,000 students in the school, with many of these also needing the support or attention of staff at any given time.

Please also be reminded that, in the interests of the safety and welfare of our students and staff, parents who become offensive, threatening or "out of control" whilst on school premises may (at the discretion of the principal) be officially banned from entering school premises for a significant period of time.

School Photo Authority

It is now necessary for the school to seek parent or guardian permission before being able to publish photographs including students... in the school monthly bulletins, on school noticeboards or in local and/or other newspapers, on video, etc.

Following advice received from the Department of Education and Training, I am providing all parents with the opportunity to refuse permission for your child's photograph or name to be included in any official school photos, annual school report, yearbook, school newsletters and bulletins, school website or local and other newspapers when used for the purpose of celebrating/recognising their achievements and promoting the school and its students.

Should any parent decide to withhold permission under the above circumstances, please phone the school office staff, or call at the school, to collect a "Refuse Photo Permission" form which **must be returned to the school office no later than 16th February, 2011.** When completed, signed and returned to the school, a "receipt" will be issued and a note made on the student's file. Staff will then make every effort to comply with the request which will remain in force indefinitely, unless cancelled in writing by a letter to the principal. Thank you, in anticipation of your cooperation with this important matter.

Safety in the Playground

In the interests of student safety and welfare, it is important that all students and parents are reminded of the need for students to strictly observe the rules regarding movement in and around playground areas and play activities during recess and lunch.

- **Violence, bullying and/or harassment will NOT be tolerated.**
- **Rough play or "rumbling" of any type will NOT be tolerated.**
- **Only "no tackle" games are permitted.**
- **Running through playground areas is not permitted.**
- **Students are to follow the directions of teachers at ALL times (safety issues involved).**

Serious disciplinary action will be taken against students who fail to follow these rules.

If a student is injured or becomes ill whilst in a playground area, you MUST TELL the nearest teacher on duty and DO NOT MOVE or CARRY the student to the office or sickbay unless directed by a teacher.

Senior "No Lesson" Times

Senior students who have "no scheduled lesson" times occurring as part of their official timetable are **NOT permitted to leave the school grounds** and return later. However, those students who have the last, or last two periods free, may leave school for the day and go home. Private study in the library (or Senior Study Room for Yr 12) is also available at these times.

Please Note: Other important school policy information is printed in the school diary which is issued to all students.

School Attendance is Compulsory

Far too many students continue to have an unsatisfactory attendance record and/or arrive late to school on a regular

basis and, unfortunately, some of these students are supported (and defended) by their parents – **without** any justifiable reason. Student attendance at school is *compulsory for all students* until the age of SEVENTEEN years and students who do not attend school need to have a valid reason, such as illness (acceptance of other reasons is at the discretion of the principal). In addition to this, it is important to realise that **a note detailing the reason for absence, and signed by the parent or guardian, must be handed in to the Roll Class Teacher on the day a student returns to school**, or at least **within seven days**. *The principal may refuse to accept any reason for leave as valid.*

- Where a student is absent for a number of days (without any notification to the school), a note seeking an explanation for the absence will be issued. Where an acceptable reason is not provided, an "unjustified absence" will be recorded.
- A record of unsatisfactory attendance (or repeated lateness to school) will be reported in returns related to payments of student allowances and these payments will be adjusted, or stopped. A comment about attendance and lateness is also reported on the school reference when a student leaves school at the end of Year 12.
- **Regular attendance at school is most important and can be directly related to a student's achievement and performance levels.** Time lost through absences, lateness or truanting is valuable time lost from a child's education and it is often very difficult to "catch up".
- **A student who arrives at school late MUST report to the school office and be issued with a late note.** Failure to do so will result in an "unjustified absence" being recorded on the roll for the whole day... and can have serious consequences in case of an emergency at the school.
- *Parent support and assistance in ensuring that policies relating to attendance and lateness are followed, and ensuring that students attend school regularly, is essential as a means of working together to ensure the best possible educational opportunities for all students.*

Permission to Leave School Early

PARENTS and STUDENTS are reminded that students will be permitted to leave school early only if they have a note from

the parent or guardian AND if the reason is deemed to be satisfactory and important (e.g. Specialist appointment). The parent note and copy of the appointment card should be handed to the HEAD TEACHER ADMINISTRATION before the end of Roll Call on the day the leave is requested (students will NOT be granted leave to attend Driver's Licence appointments). **Each student granted permission to leave school early will be issued with an official Leaver's Pass and must sign out at the school office when leaving.** *Police have copies of each school's Leaver's Pass and any student out of school without a note may be returned to school or home by the Police. As a safety issue, parents should call at the school office to collect students in Years 7-10 who need to leave school early.*

Mobile Phones and Banned Items at School

Students with a special need to bring a mobile phone to school (for use before or after school)

must apply for a Mobile Phone Pass from the library staff in order to avoid disciplinary action. Even if a pass is issued, **mobile phones must not be used** and are to **remain switched off** at all times on school premises. Breach of this policy will lead to disciplinary action and/or confiscation of the phone pass and/or phone which may then need to be collected by the parent. For a number of good reasons, certain items are banned and may not be brought to school. In addition to the obvious illegal items such as illegal drugs, syringes, explosive materials, fireworks, knives, guns (even replicas) and other weapons, students are not permitted to bring cigarettes, laser lights, water bombs, mobile phones and other personal audio/electronic devices to school. Prescription medicines should be handed in at the school office for safe keeping.

Students hold the key ... to their own success!

As well as receiving teaching support, advice and encouragement from their teachers and parents, **all students need to accept responsibility for their own learning** by:

- attending school every day and being on time to school and all timetabled classes;
- adopting a positive attitude to their school work and making sure they complete all set class work, homework tasks, projects, assignments, assessment tasks; and,
- following teacher instructions and directions at all times – both in and out of the classroom.

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Yr 8 - Miss K. Bond

Yr 9 - Mrs J. Magee

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Yr 11 - Ms L. Ruzic

Yr 12 - Mr M. Gianni

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IMPORTANT SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES 2011

Examination Dates are entered in **BOLD** and in *ITALICS*

TERM ONE: Monday, 31st January to Friday, 8th April, 2011

(School Development Day for Staff on Friday, 28th January)

School Swimming Carnival - Thursday, 3rd Feb.

Year 7 Parent Welcome/Information Evening - Wednesday, 17th Feb.

Year 7 Swimming School (6 weeks) - each Wednesday 24th Feb – 31st Mar.

School Photographs - Friday, 4th Mar.

Year 7 Peer Support Camp - Mon., 28th Feb., to Wednesday, 2nd March

Year 12 Half Yearly Examinations - 28th March to 8th April

Selective High Schools Test - Wednesday, 17th March

Interim Progress Reports distributed for Years 7, 10 and 11 - 7th April

TERM TWO: Thursday, 28th April to Friday, 1st July, 2011

(School Development Day for Staff on Wednesday 27th April)

ANZAC DAY Formal Assembly - Thursday, 28th April

School Cross Country Carnival - Friday, 29th April

Multicultural Celebration Day - Friday, 6th May

National Assessment Testing (NAPLAN) for Years 7 and 9 -10th to 12th May

Yrs 7-10 Half Yearly Examination - 16th to 27th May

School Athletics Carnival - Wednesday, 25th May

Parent Teacher Evening (Yrs 7-12) - Wednesday, 22nd June

Year 11 (2011) Subject Selection Evening - Monday, 27th June

Mid-Year Celebration of Student Achievement - Wednesday, 29th June

TERM THREE: Tuesday, 19th July to Friday, 23rd September, 2011

(School Development Day for Staff on Monday 18th July)

NAIDOC/ATSIC Week Formal Assembly - Friday, 22nd July

Multicultural Concert - Thursday, 28th July

Education Week - commencing 3rd August

Year 9 (2011) Subject Information Evening - Thursday, 11th August

Year 12 Trial HSC Examinations - Monday, 8th to Friday, 19th August

Year 11 Preliminary Course ... Yearly Exams - 30th August to 10th Sept.

Year 10 Work Experience Program - 14th to 25th November

Year 10 Core School Certificate Exams - 12th Sept. to 16th Sept.

Year 8 Gala Day - 14th September

Year 7 Gala Day - 15th September

Year 10 Elective Course Exams - 20th Sept. to 23rd Sept.

TERM FOUR: Monday, 10th October to Friday 16th December, 2011

(No School Development Day at the beginning of Term 4)

Year 12 HSC Written Examinations commence - Thurs., 13th October

Years 7-9 Yearly Examinations - 24th October to 4th November

Year 10 Compulsory School Certificate Reference Tests - 7th to 11th Nov.

ESSA (Science) Tests - Tuesday, 22nd November

Annual Sports Awards Ceremony - Friday, 2nd December

Year 10 Formal Assembly - Friday, 9th December

Annual Presentation Evening - Wednesday, 7th December

Last Day of Timetabled Lessons for Year 12 - Thursday, 22nd September

Year 12 Farewell Assembly and Evening Formal - Friday, 23rd September

***** P&C MEETINGS are held on the FIRST WEDNESDAY of each month during school terms in the school library from 7.00pm. All welcome!**

Note: First Meeting for 2011 will be held on 9th February due to later student return to school

***** PARKING for DROPPING OFF and PICKING UP STUDENTS is available at the front of the school on the southern side of the main school driveway. There is also a '3 car' drop-off zone at the front of the bus bay. Those who stop in Bus Zones and No Stopping Zones will be issued with parking fines. In the interests of student safety, parents are NOT permitted to drive into staff car parks to drop off or pick up students.**