

# CHAPPY NEWS



**PINE RIVERS SPECIAL SCHOOL**

**TERM 1 • 2018**



## Welcome

Term 1 has been a whirlwind 10 weeks! New staff, students and families have been welcomed, mandatory training and workplans documented in anticipation of the year ahead, timetables set and events organised.

Here is a taste of what has been happening at PRSS so far...

## Fun-filled Learning

I do love an adventure, and adventures we have had!



*On our way to GOMA*

**Excursions** are a great opportunity to provide additional **support to staff and students** and I've had the privilege of attending a few. It's tough, but someone has to do it!

Seniors travelled by train to **GOMA** and juniors visited the **Planetarium**. Creative and interactive spaces provided plenty of fun and learning outside of school.



*Enjoying the Planetarium*

## Government Funding

I was privileged to attend an **Australia Day** ceremony where **Peter Dutton** acknowledged the support provided by Chaplains in State Schools.

**Renewal** of the **Government funding for Chaplaincy** will be announced in the budget on **May 8**. If it is your practice to pray, we would appreciate your prayers regarding the continuation of this funding.



## Fundraising

We are very grateful for the Government funding for Chaplaincy, however these funds alone do not sustain a Chaplain in a school for more than one and a half days per week. For additional days, Chappies are required to build their own funds.

**Have you considered becoming a monthly donor?** A regular donation of \$10 per month can help sustain Chaplaincy at Pine Rivers Special School. Use this [link](http://www.suqld.org.au/donate) if you'd like to become a regular donor or visit [www.suqld.org.au/donate](http://www.suqld.org.au/donate). Every dollar helps, and your donation will help bring hope to a young generation.



A big **thank you** to **Bracken Ridge Baptist** for cheering on Chappies with a cup of coffee! Over \$230 was donated to two Chaplaincy services recently. Cheers to all for your generous participation.

*Thanks Gordie, Dave and Andrew...  
great coffee for a great cause.*

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## End-of-Term Celebrations



**Gold Pass Day** celebrates students with great behaviour throughout the term. Junior students enjoyed crazy water play.

Senior students with outstanding behaviour enjoyed a movie, popcorn and a sausage sizzle, cooked and served by volunteers from **North Pine Anglican Church**. Thank you for your time and service.



*Don, Sharon and Rob cooking up a storm!*

*Teachers having as much fun as the kids!*



Our final parade for the term included an **Easter Hat parade**. A special guest hopped on by, much to the delight of our students. Another special guest from the **Wheelhouse Café, Graham**, also joined in the fun to present prizes to students with creative hats and enthusiastic participation.

*The Easter Bunny hopping by was a highlight.*



*Elegant Easter Hat*



*Students created hats for Easter parade.*

## Community Connections



*Billy and some of the MBCM Team*

A big thank you to **Moreton Bay Community Matters** for welcoming one of our past students, Billy.

Billy has begun volunteering each Thursday with MBCM, serving the local community with food hampers.

It has been a privilege to work alongside Billy and the MBCM Team this term.

## Family Matters



I thought you might like to meet the family behind the Chappy. Introducing my hubby **Brad**, son **Eamon** and daughter **Chelsea**.

Brad and I celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, which is why he has no hair left! Many of you may know Brad from his years of service at SU. He has been an incredible support to me over the years, and particularly now with my Chaplaincy work. Brad is currently employed in HR at Cross Country Tours, a local family travel business.

Eamon is navigating his way through Year 12. His favourite subject is Maths and he is looking at doing something with IT and Maths in the years to come. He patiently tries to teach me basic computer skills (like creating a newsletter!) I return the favour by sitting alongside him while he learns to drive a manual.

Chelsea is in Year 10 and is about to head off to Googa, a four-week outdoor education program at Blackbutt. She loves the outdoors, however being away from home for so long with no technology and only snail mail available as communication is causing some tummy butterflies!

Unfortunately, the dog in the photo isn't ours - we just babysit him for a week every so often.

Thanks again for your continued support and interest in the Pine Rivers Special School Chaplaincy. You are greatly appreciated.

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