

# CHAPPY NEWS



**PINE RIVERS SPECIAL SCHOOL**

**TERM 2 • 2018**



## Welcome

Students, families and staff at PRSS have successfully negotiated the dreaded 11-week term with style, energy and a whole lot of fun.

Here are some Chaplaincy highlights from Term 2.

Thanks for your part in **bringing HOPE** to our school community.

## Chappy Week

In May we celebrated **Chappy Week**. This is a great opportunity to highlight Chaplaincy in our school and local community. Among the celebrations were a staff morning tea and Chappy Change Challenge.

**Morning tea** was provided for staff by Nat and Jules. **Nattie's** nibbles are always a favourite, ranging from homemade biscotti to melting moments and strawberry coconut shortcakes. This term **Jules** joined the catering team baking brownies for staff with special dietary requirements.

Thanks for spoiling our staff Nat and Jules! They were incredibly grateful for your kindness.



We completed Chappy Week with a **Chappy Change Challenge**. Families and staff generously donated coins which we **weighed** to determine class winners. First prize enjoyed a pizza party after gathering a whopping **2.9 kg in coins!** Students also enjoyed some musical entertainment thanks to **Haydn** and his **drum**. Think 'The Pied Piper' and you get the picture!



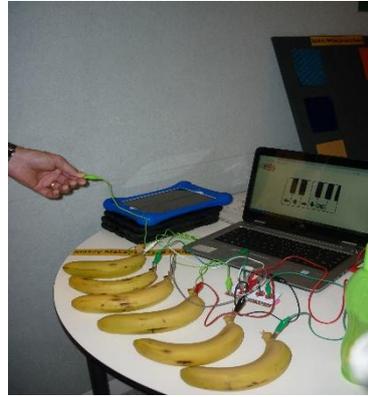
Chappy Change highlighted the generosity of our school community and showed how a few coins can make a big difference. Overall \$570 was raised to support our Chaplaincy work. An outstanding effort.

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## Celebration of Learning

PRSS held their first **Open Day** entitled 'Celebration of Learning'. It was a wonderful opportunity to see families and community members visit our school and enjoy 'A day in the life of PRSS.' We have much to celebrate at school and those who attended saw first-hand what our students get up to while learning at PRSS.



Hold the charger in one hand, touch the bananas with the other hand and it plays music!

Our students LOVE hands-on learning.

**Sports Day** showcased our students having fun in the sun. **St George Bank** generously **sponsored** our sausage sizzle (thanks Brad and Nathan) and handed out delightful dragon money boxes to excited students. The Men's Ministry Team (Don, Sharon & Rob) from **North Pine Anglican Church** as well as some **additional helpers** (Liz, Eric, Julie & Sharon) all lent a hand to feed the hungry hordes! Thanks to all who helped make the day such a success.



Even adults have learning to do, and I too celebrated a personal learning achievement by recently **completing a Diploma of Youth Work**. This is the minimum qualification required in Chaplaincy. It's a relief to have this complete!

**Thank you** to my family, extended family, friends and colleagues who supported me through this two-year venture. My family are excited study is over, hoping I'll start cooking them meals again!

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## Church Chats



*Chappies Chatting at  
North Pine Anglican Church*

I enjoy visiting local churches and this term was invited to **Bracken Ridge Baptist Church** and **North Pine Anglican Church**. Both churches support multiple Chaplains within the local area.

It's a privilege to be invited to talk about what is happening on the ground at PRSS (although public speaking still gives me leg wobbles!!!).

Your prayers and financial donations are vital as are the relationships formed with people within your churches who are committed to praying, mentoring and/or volunteering at our schools. We couldn't do our jobs without you.

## Government Funding Update

**Renewal of funding for Chaplaincy** was **GRANTED** in the Federal budget in May. This is a thrilling outcome for all associated with School Chaplaincy.

Thank you for your support, petitions and prayers to ensure Chaplaincy continues in our local schools.



## Family Matters



Despite an increase in **Brad's** work responsibilities, he still manages to squeeze in a lunchtime walk at the Sandgate waterfront. I love when he sends me the daily updates on how the soldier crabs are doing 😊

**Eamon** has had a successful 1<sup>st</sup> semester of Year 12 study as he has diligently applied himself to his studies. It's hard to believe there are only 6 months left of school. There is still plenty of work to be done before the year is over, including obtaining his driver's licence sometime soon.....we hope!

**Chelsea** absolutely thrived at Googa Outdoor Educational Centre and often talks about her experiences there. She loves nature and the great outdoors. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to visit her at Googa before she returned home so we could experience 'a day in the life of Googa'. The simple lifestyle at Googa allows for great personal growth as students live, work and learn in community together. It's certainly a life-changing experience.

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

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