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Principal's Report

Ngaire Benfell



Dear Parents and Caregivers

We have reached the end of Week 8, Term 1 and I think we would all agree we are living in interesting times. Students at Penola High School are asking questions and seeking information about the current Coronavirus pandemic. Obviously, the situation is constantly changing so we are giving the following information, but updating it as we receive details from the Department for Education.

Covid-19

Families were sent a letter from the Department for Education last week, containing the latest information in regard to school operations. All schools are advised to critically examine the need to hold events and gatherings and postpone those that are not necessary. Unfortunately, this meant our Interschool Athletics Carnival was cancelled on Wednesday. While this has disappointed many of our students and staff, it is necessary to make these decisions in the best interests of health and safety.

We are encouraging all Penola High School staff and students to pay extra attention to health and hygiene measures, including hand washing, using hand sanitiser, coughing and sneezing into elbows, avoiding physical contact and staying home if feeling unwell. All our students have access to their learning and school communication through their Google Classrooms so staying home does not need to mean missing learning. Please be assured we will keep our families updated with information as it comes to hand.

New Teachers

We are very excited about the pending birth of two babies at Penola High School! Jessie Cope is now on leave until this time next year, and Aimee Moretti will be on leave from the end of Week 9 this term. We wish them both well as first time parents. Jessie will be very capably replaced in her Wellbeing Coordinator role by Olivia Jaeschke. Olivia will be replaced for the rest of the year in her Home Economics role by Gavin Kernot, a very experienced Home Economics teacher from the Eastern Fleurieu. Aimee Moretti will be replaced in her Art teaching role by Karen Goodfellow, a qualified Art teacher from Adelaide. We welcome both Gavin and Karen to the school and Penola community.

Student Achievements

Last newsletter, Lesley Okholm described the structure and purpose of Genius Hour at Penola High School. The development of personal projects around inquiry questions has been self-driven by all Penola High School students, who are now close to pitching their ideas to their classmates. Last week I visited a number of groups to get a feel for what students were investigating. There are an amazing variety of projects, inquiries and proposed products. The student journals are in their initial stages, but I am excited to see how these journals document the growth of creative thinking and planning. I'll keep you posted!

Kind regards

Outdoor Education Camp

Chloe Long

On Tuesday 3 March 2020 Miss Long took seven Stage 2 Outdoor Education students away to Murray Bridge to complete 3 days of aquatics. The aim of this camp is for all students to complete one of the compulsory camps for Outdoor Education. Students complete 3 days of aquatic activities including kayaking, sailing and wind surfing. Students also prepared meals on tranguias, set up tents and learnt how to manage a camp.

The main area in which the students developed their skills was in kayaking. Students learnt the basic skills of kayaking quite quickly which meant that we were able to undertake a long paddle on the second day. This paddle saw us dropped off around 10kms away from the camp site and students paddled back as a group. Along the way students learnt about the flora and fauna, Indigenous perspectives and culture in the Murray Bridge area. The wind started to pick up during the afternoon sessions so the students had a go at sailing. The wind was quite strong which made for some exciting sailing and quick acquisition of skill. Bets were on to see which boat would be the first to capsize and with a lapse in concentration at the end of the session, Joel Dent and Indi Venables found themselves in the water. Throughout many sessions in the 420 sail boats, Joel and Indi weren't the only ones to capsize, with every crew ending up in the water at least once. The activity the students enjoyed the most was wind surfing. This was a new activity to all the students and they enjoyed the challenge of trying something new. With strong winds and learning new skills, the students fell off the boards a lot in the first few sessions, however, as they gained more experience they could go faster for longer.



Youth Recognition Awards

(up to 25 years)

Entries now open - closes Monday 6 April 2020

As part of the celebrations for SA Youth Week 2020, Council is pleased to open nominations for the awards. Council recognises the important and valuable contribution our youth make to the community. To acknowledge this contribution, we invite nominations of young people for recognition through our youth awards program. Young people may be nominated by their families, friends, parents, youth workers, teachers, counsellors, employers or other members of the local community. Self-nominations are also welcome.

A presentation night will be held on Monday, 20 April 2020 in the Millicent Gallery between 6-8pm. All nominees will receive a certificate, while each category winner will receive a certificate and an engraved glass plaque as well as a cash prize of \$200.

Enquiries can be directed to Council's Community Development Officer - Sarah Marzec
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All the best!

The school community would like to wish Ms Moretti and Ms Cope well as they embark on their new journey of parenthood. We eagerly await news, and visits, from the new arrivals.



Student Absence SMS (only)
Notification number:

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WEEK 8, FRIDAY 20 | \$1 BISCUITS
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TERM 1 2020 CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	27/1  AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY	28/1 Swimming Carnival Nominations Due	29/1	30/1	31/1 PHS INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Week 2	3/02	4/2 SCHOOL PHOTOS	5/2 FAMILY BBQ/ INFO SESSIONS	6/2 OPEN GIRLS CRICKET	7/2
Week 3	10/02 OPEN BOYS CRICKET	11/02	12/2	13/2 Violence Prevent Workshop Year 9-12	14/2 INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING
	YEAR 8 CAMP				
Week 4	17/2	18/2	19/2 STUDENT FREE DAY	20/2	21/2
Week 5	24/2 PHS INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS TRIALS	25/2	26/2 1500M	27/2 PHS INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL	28/2
Week 6	02/3	3/3	4/3	5/3	6/3
	OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP				
Week 7	9/3  ADELAIDE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY	10/3	11/3	12/3	13/3
Week 8	16/3	17/3	18/3 INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CANCELLED	19/3	20/3 BULLYING NO WAY DAY
Week 9	23/3	24/3	25/3	26/3	27/3 WELLBEING SURVEY
Week 10	30/3	31/3	1/4	2/4	3/4 ADELAIDE ATHLETICS CANCELLED
	YEAR 12 ADELAIDE ART TRIP - CANCELLED				
Week 11	6/4	7/4	8/4	9/4	10/4  Happy Easter GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY