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Principal's Report

Steve Carli-Seebohm



Dear Parents and Caregivers

"There are only two days in the year that nothing can be done. One is called yesterday and the other is called tomorrow. Today is the day you can do anything and everything."

I am a firm believer in that, every day we get to 'start over'. Anything we didn't get right the day before; we can try again today. I also don't believe in regrets. You can't change what has happened, you can only make better plans for the future. Some days we hit the home runs, and other days we get struck out. Doesn't mean we stop playing the game, just get ready for the next opportunity to go again.

This term we have had a number of presentations from external organisations that have had a focused message on how to find the resilience, determination, tenacity and accountability to keep trying and give your best each and every day. I certainly see a high number of students at Penola, who have taken on this approach; who take on challenges and work through adversity.

Term 3 is always the toughest term in the school year in my opinion. It's that pivotal moment in time where we are all focussing on what needs to be done to get there, while we start the process of getting everything organised for next year. Our senior students are preparing for the run to the end of their studies; course counselling takes place; draft timetables and staffing plans are made; and the fatigue of a school year plays its part on staff and students alike.

Through this time, our collaborative and collegiate approaches shine brightest; as we work together to maintain the support, keep up the energy and simply keep enjoying each and every day within the school.

Recently I attended the two-day SASPA (South Australian Secondary Principals Association) conference in Adelaide. One of the key note speakers gave a presentation on the importance on schools having a culture that has a focus on "Belonging". Critical data was presented that demonstrated that students with a higher sense of belonging to their school community, had improved wellbeing, mental health and academic outcomes.

One of my priorities has been to investigate what the "culture" of Penola High School looks like, how we can improve upon it, and how we can generate a much better sense of safety and belonging within our school community. These things do take time though, so my aim is that we are on a steady path to improve, grow and develop a community connected by a culture of belonging. The foundation is already well and truly in place for such an undertaking, we just all need to get involved.

Not yesterday. Not tomorrow. But today!

Kind regards

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PENOLA HIGH SCHOOL
presents
AGRICULTURE
OPEN NIGHT



RAFFLE
ON THE NIGHT

21
SEPT
4:30PM TIL 7:00PM

EVERYONE
WELCOME

FOOD, DRINKS + FRESH PRODUCE
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

COME AND GET HANDS ON WITH ALL
THE ANIMALS AT THE NEW AND
IMPROVED AGRICULTURE PROGRAM