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Important Dates

Monday 11 March 2019

- Public Holiday

Tuesday 12 March 2019

- Student Free Day

Monday 18 March 2019

- Governing Council Meeting

Wednesday 20 March 2019

- Interschool Athletics Carnival

Friday 22 March 2019

- Clay Target Shooting

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Principal's Report

Ngairie Benfell



Dear Parents and Caregivers

It has been a busy and productive couple of weeks since the last newsletter.

I have enjoyed witnessing the development of the strengths of our students during this time. From the Interhouse Athletics Carnival to the Lions Youth of the Year competition, our students demonstrate high social, emotional and creative capability.

External School Review

The External School Review is over but the work is just beginning. Our school is tracking well with observable strengths in our collaborative approach and high involvement in Site Improvement Planning, effective practices in the classroom, high expectations of students and a strong, active SRC group in the school. Initial descriptions of the direction we need to take to improve include: narrowing the improvement agenda to a small number of important actions, stretching and challenging students to achieve excellence and exploring opportunities for students to have greater influence on their learning. When the final report is received, it will be shared with all families.

Learning Improvement

Penola High School is firmly focussed on learning improvement with ambitious targets to improve the academic writing, reading comprehension and numeracy skills of all our students. We have been fortunate to have been selected to receive the support of a Project Officer from the Department for Education's Learning Improvement Division. Matthew Jameison will work with the school to implement strategies that will help us improve our practices and achieve our goals. The Annual Leaders' Day and Literacy Summit that I attended last week also provided direction and focus for our improvement work. Dr Jim Watterston, Dean of the School of Education at the University of Melbourne told us that the research shows regional and remote schools have different needs to city schools and need different solutions. I have discussed this thought with Nick McBride, our local member of parliament when he visited the school this week. Dr Watterston made his views very clear that "the school is accountable to the community first" and stated that while "students are at the centre of what we do, teachers are at the front". He said the job of school leaders is to make every teacher the best they can be. Our student free days this year are all focussed on developing teachers to become the best they can be. On 12 March we will focus on developing our capacity to be excellent teachers of the literacy requirements of our subjects so that we can support students to improve their writing and reading comprehension.

Student Voice

Our students told the External School Review team that they would love to have a greater influence on their learning. When students are able to see the relevance and importance of their learning and have some influence over what and how they learn, engagement increases greatly. I have been excited to see the enthusiasm with which students have begun to develop student voice. Our SRC co-presidents Jesse Martin and Brooke Hutchesson joined my meeting with Nick McBride and spoke eloquently about their views and aspirations for the future of Penola High School. Soon, we will be asking all students to provide feedback on the teaching and learning experiences they have had so far.

There is much exciting work ahead this year.

Kind regards

Interhouse Athletics Carnival

Chloe Long

On Thursday 8 February 2019, Penola High School students competed in the 2019 Athletics Carnival. The hot weather saw a change to the program this year. The first race was at 8:15am and we kicked the carnival off with the 400m events.

The competition for points began on the previous Wednesday with the running of the 1500m event, with Yalluminga heading into the carnival with a lead on 53 points, over Torilla (47 points) and Moyanga (43 points).

2019 saw a close competition between all 3 teams, with the leader change multiple times throughout the day. At the end of the day the winner was determined by participation in team events. Coming into the final relays Moyanga had the lead followed closely by Yalluminga and Torilla. Moyanga pulled together to claim the winner's shield, managing a back-to-back double sweep of Swimming and Athletics.

The competitors, officials and spectators were able to enjoy the warm conditions before the day started to heat up after lunch. All events provided close battles and great entertainment for spectators. The Open Boys had some close finishes in the 100m and 200m with Ryan Zerk narrowly winning. Indi Venables and Shandeen Balshaw had a good battle all day and were close in every event. Olivia Berkin started off athletics week strongly with a good win in the 1500m and finished off as Under 14 girls champion. Georgia Winter and Bailey Linder both gave dominant performances, each winning 8 first places.

All competitors should be proud of their efforts of the day, looking after themselves and still competing to a high level. Thank you to all the students who came in early to compete before the heat. The day ran magnificently, thanks largely due to the fantastic efforts by staff, volunteers, SRC members and the House Captains.

	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner Up</u>
U14 Girls	Olivia Berkin	Jessica Gerritson
U14 Boys	Bailey Linder	Lochy Neale
U15 Girls	Georgia Winter	Breanna Lythgo
U15 Boys	Aaron Zerk	Thomas Jerome
U16 Girls	Indi Venables	Shandeen Balshaw
U16 Boys	Dylan Morton	Joel Virtanen
Open Girls	Phoebe Treganza	Kate Skeer
Open Boys	Jesse Martin	Caleb Lythgo

Final Results

Moyanga	571
Torilla	554.5
Yalluminga	553.5



Open Girls Cricket

Michael Hentschke

Our Open Girls Cricket team travelled to Marist Park in Mount Gambier to play Round 2 of the 2019 Competition in a 20:20 format.

Marist Park is a most picturesque cricket ground and the girls were able to experience playing the game on a turf wicket.

Batting first, we were able to amass 44 runs from our allocated overs. Kasey Venables was our top scorer, with Shandeen Balshaw, Jess Eastwood, Ebonie Moulton, Sarah Lucas and Charlotte Neale also scoring runs. At this level, hitting the ball past the fielders for runs is not easy and everyone tried their best.

Tenison Woods College had some experienced cricket players and this showed with some aggressive hitting to reach a total of 98. Kate Skeer, Sarah and Kasey each took a wicket, while Stella Glynn showed some excellent skills in the field.

All the girls enjoyed the game, which was played in great spirit. We were a young team and hopefully we can have another try next year. Some practice to develop skills will place us in good stead to be competitive with these other sides.



School Cattle Fundraising

Vicki McDonald-Burgess

The Penola High School Governing Council has run a successful Cattle Fundraising Venture for a number of years. Darren Skeer has kindly donated his expertise and time to run this program. It is a three step venture whereby Darren purchases cattle on behalf of the school. The cattle are then agisted with school families who donate their time and land, then sold at a later date. Funds raised are donated back to the school. To continue with this program we are seeking assistance from families who would be willing to agist 1-2 cattle on behalf of the school. For families who wish to take part in agisting cattle on behalf of the school we ask that you either contact Darren Skeer directly or if preferred you may contact the school.

Student Absence SMS (only)

Notification number:

0400 134 993

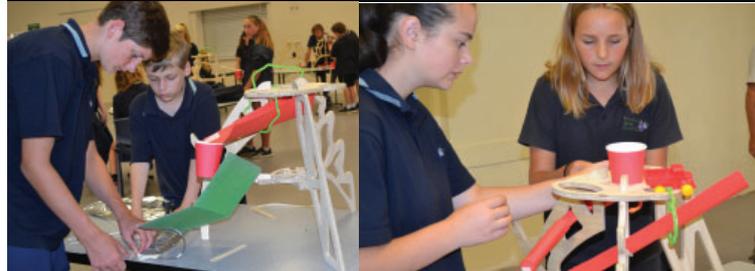
Questacon

Michael Hentschke

The Questacon Science Outreach Work Skills team visited Penola on 1 March 2019 and presented their program to all our students. Each 90 minute session commenced with the need for innovation in design and the need to create models, tests them for their purpose and modify your prototype to achieve your goals. This was followed by a practical session where students used materials provided to construct a rollercoaster. The discussion between students as they evaluated and modified their creation was for me, one of the highlights of the day. The students showed excellent levels of cooperation as they went about their design project.

At the end of each session, students were able to inspect the creations of their peers and discuss the design processes involved. As a follow up activity to the workshop, Questacon hosts *Invention Convention* for students aged 14-18 years at the time of the activity.

The first *Intervention Convention* is in Mildura at the start of the April holidays. Students need to arrange their own transport and accommodation for this event. In January, in Canberra, a 5 day workshop is held. Travel and accommodation are provided, but students will need to complete an application process to win a position. Please contact the school if you require further information on the *Invention Convention*.



Lions Youth of the Year

Kate Jones

On Monday 4 March 2019, the Year 12 English class participated in the Lions Youth of the Year Public Speaking Competition. They were involved in a three-part process that began at 11:30am with individual interviews. Students spoke to the judges about themselves and answered some general knowledge questions. The next section began at 7:00pm with students presenting a five-minute prepared speech to an audience consisting of parents, peers, and community members. All students performed exceedingly well in this section, making their school, community and English teacher extremely proud! Lastly, students were presented with two impromptu questions on which they presented their opinion in a two-minute response. Despite being nervous all students spoke fluently, in an engaging and sophisticated manner.

Due to our large participation numbers, the class was split into two groups. The winner of the Public Speaking Award and Overall winner in the first group was Jesse Martin, whose prepared speech was, 'Is Dyslexia a Gift or a Burden?'. In the second group the Public Speaking Award went to James Foggo, with his prepared speech on 'What is Happiness?' The the Overall winner was Ebonie Moulton who spoke about, 'Growing up with Expectations'. The two Overall winners, Jesse and Ebonie, will move on to the next phase of the competition where they will compete in the regional heats at Kalangadoo on Sunday 17 March 2019.



Year 9/10 Art and Design

Aimee Moretti

Year 9 & 10 Art and Design students recently strolled around Petticoat Lane, with cameras looking for some great photographs and inspiration for current artworks. This class also investigated the topic 'land, location and the world around us' before being introduced to some new photography techniques and exploring a little of the world around them. Students returned from the excursion inspired and ready to move onto their next stage of Art-making.



MFS Presentation

Jason Plunkett



On the 27 February 2019 the MFS visited Penola High School in association with Andy Stott from the Mount Gambier Police Station. We were given two presentations. The first presentation was on the dangers that occur if a fire starts in the home and how we can keep safe, this included making an exit plan.

The second presentation was on bushfires or fires outside the home. Another great presentation which included Ozzy Morton getting up on stage and getting dressed in a CFS outfit.

Both presentations were fantastic and informative and students learnt a lot about keeping themselves safe.

Governing Council

Vicki McDonald-Burgess

The PHS Governing Council AGM was recently held on Monday 18 February 2019. The following committee was formed for 2019.

Chairperson	Tamara Ploenges
Vice Chairperson	Emma Neale
Secretary	Jenny Eastwood
Treasurer	Cindy Hutchesson
Parents:	Sonya Foggo
	Kathia Martin
	Jo O'Connor
	John Tregeniza
Staff:	Ngaire Benfell
	Vicki McDonald-Burgess
	Winsley Wighton

The school currently has 3 parent vacancies that require filling as per the Penola High School Governing Council Constitution. Meetings are held in the Penola School Community Library on the 3rd Monday of each month excluding the months of April, July and December. The role of Governing Council provides a forum for parental involvement in such things as setting broad directions, monitoring human resource and asset management plans, determining student policies, financial management and ascertaining the educational needs of the school community.

If you are interested in joining council, please contact Vicki at the school on 8737 0000. The next meeting is scheduled for 18 March 2019 in the Penola School Community Library at 7.00pm.

PLEASE NOTE
STUDENT FREE DAY
TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2019

NEW LIBRARY TIMES

Tuesday	8:30-4:30
Wednesday	8:30-7:00
Thursday	8:30-4:30
Friday	8:30-4:40



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TERM 1 2019 CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	28/01  AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY	29/01	30/01	31/01	01/02 PHS INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Week 2	04/02	05/02	06/02 School Photos FAMILY BBQ	07/02 OPEN BOYS CRICKET	08/02
Week 3	11/02	12/02	13/02	14/02	15/02 INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING
YEAR 8 CAMP					
Week 4	18/02	19/02	20/02	21/02	22/02
Week 5	25/02 PHS INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS TRIALS	26/02 OPEN GIRLS CRICKET	27/02 1500M	28/02 PHS INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL	01/03 QUESTACON Year 8-11
Week 6	04/03 Leaders Induction Ceremony 10.20am UniSA – Year 10 Lions Youth of the Year 7.00pm	05/03	06/03	07/03	08/03
YEAR 11/12 CAMP					
Week 7	11/03  ADELAIDE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY	STUDENT FREE DAY	13/03	14/03	15/03
Week 8	18/03	19/03	20/03 INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL	21/03	22/03 CLAY TARGET SHOOTING
Week 9	25/03	26/03	27/03	28/03	29/03
OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP					
Week 10	01/04	02/04	03/04	04/04	05/04
Week 11	08/04 ADELAIDE ATHLETICS	09/04	10/04	11/04	12/04 Last Day of Term 1
YEAR 12 ART TRIP					

SCHOOL SPORT SA

Students must be 15 years and under as of 31 December 2019 and enrolled at an affiliated school

15 AND UNDER AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL BOYS TEAM SELECTION

Saturday 27 July to Saturday 3 August 2019

Launceston, TAS

Nominations due Wednesday 10 April 2019

Trial information

Trial 1 Monday 15 April 2019, 10.00am-3.00pm

Karen Rolton Oval, Glover Ave, Adelaide

Trial 2 Sunday 28 April 2019, 9.30am-11.00am

Venue TBA

15 AND UNDER NETBALL TEAM SELECTION

Saturday 20 to Friday 26 July 2019

Caloundra, QLD

Nominations due Friday 22 March 2019

Trial information

Trial 3 for country students and metro students selected from Trial 2

Sunday 28 April 2019, 10.00am-1.00pm

St Michael's College 15 Mitton Ave, Henley Beach

For more information please visit:

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/teaching/sport/sports-and-competitions/interstate-nomination-process>

NOMINATE YOURSELF NOW



COONAWARRA

FRIDAY 22 MARCH 7PM

GERMANY, KENYA, 74 MINS | ENGLISH, SWAHILI, KIKUYU (ENG SUBS) | ALL AGES



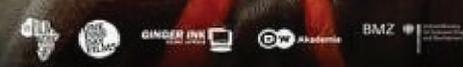
"The most important superhero movie you'll see this year." - Little White Lies

SUPA MODO

HEROES LIVE FOREVER

Jo is a terminally ill 9 year old. She might have been dealt a cruel hand but Jo refuses to feel sorry for herself. Her passion for superhero movies draws the community around her, and together they set out to make Jo the star of her own superhero movie. It might take a village to raise a child, but it takes a truly loving village to let a child die with dignity - as well as lycra and a cape. *Super Modo* speaks to anyone with a heart.

Awards: Berlin Generation KPlus, Crystal Bear Special mention.



COONAWARRA HALL, 11 MEMORIAL DRIVE
TICKETS: \$10 ADULT, \$5 CHILD - AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR



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PENOLA COONAWARRA
WELLBEING SUB FUND

This Fundraiser is in support of Kate Perry, the Penola Coonawarra entrant at the annual Swinging with the Stars. Kate is raising money for the Penola Coonawarra wellbeing fund, the benefit of which is solely targeted at charitable projects that benefit the Penola Coonawarra area



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