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Important Dates

Tues 26 March - Thu 28 March 2019

- Outdoor Education Camp

Friday 29 March 2019

- March Charge

Monday 8 April 2019

- Adelaide Athletics

Monday 8-10 April 2019

- Year 12 Art Trip

Friday 12 April 2019

- Last Day of Term 1

Monday 29 April 2019

- Student Free Day

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Principal's Report

Ngaire Benfell



Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are 70% of the way through Term 1! Most Year 8 students have successfully transitioned into their new school setting and many are demonstrating competency and growth in organisational, social and personal capability. Many families have received phone calls about their child's progress and every student will bring home a report on their learning progress at the end of the term. Parents are encouraged to contact teachers at any time to discuss a student's progress.

Bullying No Way

On Friday 15 March 2019, all Penola High School students engaged in discussion and participated in activities that broadened their understanding of the impact of bullying and bystanding when bullying is occurring. They made personal pledges to create a bully free environment at Penola High School. If you have any concerns about your child or others, there is a policy and pamphlet on what to do on our website at www.penolahs.sa.edu.au

Learning Improvement

Our first student free day on 12 March 2019 focussed on our first two goals for school improvement; to improve both the academic writing and reading comprehension of our students. We worked collaboratively on strategies and practices in the classroom and have drafted a whole school Literacy Agreement. The first part of this agreement will focus on students developing the subject specific and technical vocabulary they need to use when writing for each of their subjects, developing fluent sentence structure and using noun groups.

As I told you last fortnight, 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. I have now met with Matthew Jameison twice. Matthew will work with the school to implement strategies that will help us improve our practices and achieve our goals. This includes designing tasks that allow all students to be successful and engaging with the Literacy and Numeracy Progressions that show us where students should be in their learning and where to next develop their skills.

Study Retreat

All Site Leaders and Preschool Directors in our South East Coast and Vines Partnership are fortunate to have been invited on a Study Tour of a group of schools in Western Melbourne. The 143 schools in this district achieved a high level of student growth in learning over a four year period. We are investigating how that type of impact might be achieved in our partnership. I am excited by the prospect of bringing you the outcome of our investigations in the next newsletter.

Kind regards

This is a republished notice

WE NEED YOUR HELP School Cattle Fundraising

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, school families are sourced to donate their time and land for agistment of cattle. Darren Skeer purchases cattle on behalf of the school which are then sold at a later date. Funds raised are donated back to the school. For families who wish to take part in agisting 1-2 cattle on behalf of the school we ask that you either contact Darren Skeer directly or if preferred you may contact Vicki at the school. The school is not in a position to continue with this venture without the imperative assistance from our farming families. We urge you to contact the school if you are in a position to assist with this valuable support.

GRIP Conference

On the 14 March 2019 the SRC leaders went to the Mount Gambier UniSA campus to attend the 'GRIP Leadership Conference'. Jesse Martin, Charlotte Neale, Brooke and Ella Hutchesson all learnt valuable skills throughout different workshops. The students engaged with student leaders from other schools and found out what others are doing around their school to improve student involvement in events.

Workshops that were held throughout the day were People Pathway, Character of a Leader, How to Involve More People in School Events, How to Create an Amazing School Culture and How to Choose and Advance a Cause. Highlights from the day included 'The Noise Boys' who involved the students and volunteers in fun activities, especially at the end when Jesse took part in the Dance Party. Charlotte enjoyed the workshop 'How to Create and Advance a Cause', she stated that this workshop was relevant for future SRC fundraisers. Overall, all students thoroughly enjoyed the conference as a valuable and engaging learning experience and highly recommended for future leaders in our school.



Year 11/12 Sailing Camp

Chloe Long

On Tuesday 5 March 2019 Miss Long took seven Stage 2 Physical Education students on their annual sailing camp. The aim of this camp is for all students to complete 1 compulsory practical unit for Stage 2 Physical Education. Students complete 3 days of sailing where they learn all the skills including rigging, getting away & returning to shore, reaching, bearing away, square run, close hauled, heave to/luffed up, gybing and the capsiz drill. The first day of sailing saw the students pair up and learn basic skills. 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, Miss Long and Sam Gartner found themselves in the water. With the wind continuing to pick up throughout the day, they weren't the only ones to capsize, with every crew ending up in the water at least once. James Foggo and Jack Kain worked well as a team and were the first to take on the challenge of using the big sail. They moved fast and showed the rest of the class how it is done. The second day and the first race of the week was underway with Ryan Zerk and Joel Virtanen coming out with a strong lead, closely followed by James Foggo and Jack Kain. However, clever sailing from Sam Gartner saw his boat win the race. Caleb Lythgo and Jacob Robbie came second. Apart from sailing, this camp is an excellent opportunity for bonding and relaxing before the stress of Year 12 really starts. This year the boys were lucky enough to have Mr Hentschke come along on the camp. Mr Hentschke kept everyone well fed and made meal times extra enjoyable. The boys all achieved strong results from this camp and should be proud of their efforts. Thank you to Mr Hentschke for making sure we were well fed the whole time.



nurturing individual success

Lions Youth of the Year - Regional Finals

Kate Jones



After their success in the Club Finals of the Lions Youth of the Year, Jesse Martin and Ebonie Moulton took their speeches to the next level when they participated in the Regional Finals on Sunday 17 March. Jesse and Ebonie were competing against eight other finalists from surrounding schools including Lucindale Area School, Kingston Community School, Millicent High School, Tenison Woods College, Mount Gambier High School and Naracoorte High School. Students were interviewed, answered two impromptu questions and delivered their prepared speeches. Jesse and Ebonie completed each of these stages confidently, speaking with sophistication and fluency.

Penola High School was wonderfully represented with both Jesse and Ebonie receiving positive feedback from the judges, Jesse for his well-written speech and Ebonie for her outstanding stage presence. Jesse was also announced as the Regional Final runner up. Congratulations to both Jesse and Ebonie for representing their school and community in such a positive way!

Artwork



Corten panels have now been installed in the Penola Town Square. The design, based on the Aboriginal people's symbol for 'meeting place', was selected from a range of ideas suggested by art students at Penola High School.

Library News

- The Penola School Community Library has signed up to participate in *Paint the Town Read*, a book relay from Perth to the Pacific, coming to Penola on Tuesday 30 April. We are also participating in this year's Premier's Reading Challenge. This challenge should encourage students to keep reading.
- Our Librarian, Miriam Williams, has applied for an initial grant of \$2000 which will hopefully lead to a community program for IT beginners.
- Based on statistics from the Public Library Service, intensive weeding of unused and outdated resources has been undertaken. Members of the public are welcome to come and take any of these unused resources.

Student Absence SMS (only)
Notification number:
0400 134 993

Interschool Athletics

Chloe Long

On Wednesday 20 March 2019, Bordertown High School played host to the 74th Annual SESSSA Athletics Championships. Competitors, officials and spectators were able to enjoy a beautiful day with the sun shining for the entire program of events.

Hundreds of competitors from eight schools battled it out with traditional rivals Mount Gambier High School, Tenison Woods College and Bordertown High School taking early leads. Scores for the three schools remained very close early on, but Mount Gambier High School began to extend their lead in the afternoon and was eventually crowned winner.

Many Penola High School students experienced individual success with numerous great performances on the track and in the field events. Special mention goes to the Open Boys Relay team for a dominant effort to come equal first in the last event of the day.

The students were a credit to themselves and the school community, regularly chatting with their competitors and congratulating them on their performance. Their friendliness and sportsmanship was very pleasing to see, and they should be very proud of their efforts. The day was an excellent rehearsal for the SSSSA competition which will be held in Adelaide on Monday 8 April 2019, where Penola High will compete against other schools of similar size.

Penola High School students who experienced individual success with a top 3 placing included:

Open Boys Relay	1st	
Bailey Lindner	1st	Shot Put
Joel Virtanen	2nd	100m
Jesse Martin	2nd	Long Jump
	3rd	Discus, High Jump
Dylan Morton	3rd	400m, Long Jump
Shandeen Balshaw	3rd	High Jump
Ryan Zerk	3rd	100m, Hurdles
Thomas Jerome	3rd	Long Jump
Nakita Bormann	3rd	Hurdles
Aaron Zerk	3rd	200m
Stella Glynn	3rd	High Jump
Sam Gartner	3rd	High Jump



PENOLA HIGH SCHOOL

GET READY TO RUN, WALK AND RAISE AWARENESS
FOR CANCER COUNCIL IN..





THE
MARCH
CHARGE



FRIDAY
MARCH 29

GOLD COIN DONATION WHOLE SCHOOL RUN/WALK
FANCY HAT COMPETITION
PRIMARY V MIDDLE V SENIOR SCHOOL
KILOMETRE COMPETITION

TERM 1 2019 CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	28/01  AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	29/01	30/01	31/01	01/02 PMS INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CUMMUL
Week 2	04/02	05/02	06/02 School Photos FAMILY DAY	07/02 OPEN BOYS CRICKET	08/02
Week 3	11/02	12/02	13/02	14/02	15/02 INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING
YEAR 8 CAMP					
Week 4	18/02	19/02	20/02	21/02	22/02
Week 5	25/02 PMS INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS TRIALS	26/02 OPEN GIRLS CRICKET	27/02 1500M	28/02 PMS INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CUMMUL	01/03 RECESSION Year 4-11
Week 6	04/03 Leaders Induction Ceremony 10.20am Bus54 – Year 10 Lions Youth of the Year 7.30pm	05/03	06/03	07/03	08/03
YEAR 11/12 CAMP					
Week 7	11/03  ADELAIDE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY	12/03 STUDENT FREE DAY	13/03	14/03	15/03
Week 8	18/03	19/03	20/03 INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS CUMMUL	21/03	22/03 CLAY TARGET SHOOTING
Week 9	25/03	26/03	27/03	28/03	29/03 SNC MARCH CHARGE
OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP					
Week 10	04/04	05/04	06/04	07/04	08/04
Week 11	09/04 ADELAIDE ATHLETICS	10/04	11/04	12/04	13/04 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>

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