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- Touch Football

### Monday 13 May 2019

- Open Football
- Year 8 STEM Day

### Tues 14 May - Thu 16 May 2019

- NAPLAN

### Wednesday 15 May 2019

- Year 12 Kimberly-Clark Visit

### Thursday 16 May 2019

- JSN Opening

### Friday 17 May 2019

- School Closure

### Monday 20 May 2019

- Thinking Carnival
- Governing Council Meeting

### Tuesday 21 May 2019

- Year 8/9 Boys Football

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## Principal's Report

*Ngaire Benfell*

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to Term 2! Our students will be engaged in many learning activities again this term, some traditionally in a classroom and some externally in the real world. Students received their reports on the last day of Term 1 and last Friday completed an analysis and goal setting exercise to determine the next steps in learning growth before final grades at the end of Semester One. Students in English, Maths, Science and HASS have also provided feedback to teachers about their learning experiences. This term, teachers are reflecting on their student feedback and planning changes to their practice and courses, in order to better meet the needs of all students.



### Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

Interviews are a very productive way to connect parents and teachers with the learning needs of students. In response to feedback gathered after 2018 interviews, we extended the number of days over which parents and students could book interviews, strongly encouraged all students to attend with their parents and helped them prepare for the interviews through the analysis of their Term 1 report and goal setting for Term 2. It was fantastic to see so many parents and students in attendance. If you were unable to find a suitable time, please don't hesitate to contact the school and make an alternative arrangement. The partnership between the school and parents is a vital one for ensuring the best possible outcomes for all young people.

### Learning Improvement Student Free Day

On Monday 29 April all Penola High School teachers joined with teachers from Lucindale Area School, Kingston Community School, Allendale East Area School and Kangaroo Inn Area School at Lucindale. We engaged with the Literacy and Numeracy Progressions that show us where students should be in their learning and where to next develop their skills. Teachers then formed teams in similar learning areas to receive and give feedback on the tasks they are planning for Term 2. Teachers at Penola High School described, "working with teachers from other sites who teach the same subjects, sharing resources and ideas, and receiving feedback on how I can improve what I do" as the outstanding benefits of the day. Next term, we will work with the same group of schools to review how our task designs went and moderate folios of student work.

### NAPLAN

It's that time of the year again! Our Year 9 students will be the first at our school to take the NAPLAN tests online. The tests will be held at the school between Tuesday 14 May and Thursday 16 May. If a student is ill, there will be provision for catching up on a missed test. Please reassure students that these tests are not intended to be a stressful event but give very valuable information to the school about student learning, where the school needs to support literacy and numeracy development and what progress students are making.

### Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival

The Arts Festival is nearly upon us. Penola High School plays a big role in this widely acclaimed festival, beginning with the Opening Night on Thursday 16 May. The Festival begins with the judging and announcement of winners in the Design Prize and the John Shaw Nielsen Acquisitive Art Prize. Come along to this great night to see the artworks entered from around the nation. Our Penola High School students will be catering for the night.

I am looking forward to working with you all in an exciting Term 2.

Kind regards

## Rostrum Voice of Youth

Kate Jones

Eleven brave students travelled to Grant High School on Wednesday 8 May to participate in the public speaking competition, Rostrum Voice of Youth. The competition is designed to help students develop their public speaking skills and confidence while still in high school, to assist them in their future endeavours.

With 120 students competing in heats across South Australia and the Northern Territory, Penola provided almost 10% of the participants with our eleven competitors!

Students were asked to deliver a prepared speech, of six minutes for juniors and eight for seniors, and also a short notice speech where students had fifteen minutes to prepare a three-minute speech on one of three topics given to them on the night. Our students were well spoken and did a fantastic job of both their prepared and short notice speeches.

All students deserve a HUGE congratulations for having the courage to give this competition their best shot. I am so very proud of them all!



### STUDENT ILLNESS

Parents and students are reminded that if a student is feeling unwell or is injured at school, they are to report to the front office for assistance. Students are reminded not to text message their parent from their mobile phone to ask if they can be collected; they are to report to the front office and they can then wait in the Sick Room while staff contact their parent/guardian to arrange transportation home and the absence can also be recorded.

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

## Saint Vincent de Pauls Visit

Jess Lucas

On Wednesday 8 May our Year 11 and 12 Health class was visited by Jayne Shortt from Saint Vincent de Paul in Adelaide. She spoke to our class helping to raise awareness of the cost of living. We played a giant board game that had real life scenarios in it and at the start of the game we were given some money - just like setting up Monopoly.

One trip around the board was a week and the aim of the game was to stay above the poverty line during that week. We learnt about the New Start Allowance which we were given at the end of every week. If you were to land on a Choice Card you were given a question and we needed to make decisions on real life scenarios, eg Do you want to fix your car for \$150.00 and get to your job so you get paid that week, or miss a turn and don't get paid?

We all learnt a lot with Year 12 Brooke Hutchesson saying, "It was a good game to view the perspective of real-life situations." Ruby Robinson in Year 11 said, "It was a good learning experience for other people and I think knowing these facts will allow people who don't live under the poverty line to feel empathetic toward the people that do."



**SCHOOL CLOSURE**  
**- FRIDAY 17 MAY 2019 -**

## TERM 2 2019 CALENDAR

|         | MONDAY  | TUESDAY                                 | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY                                    | FRIDAY  |
|---------|---|---|--|---|---|
| Week 1  | 29/04<br>STUDENT FREE DAY   | 30/04<br>Youth Opportunities            | 01/05  | 02/05                                       | 03/05   |
| Week 2  | 06/05   | 07/05                                   | 08/05<br>Rostrum Youth of the Year<br>P/T Interviews | 09/05<br>P/T Interviews                     | 10/05<br>Year 8/9 Touch Football                                |
| Week 3  | 13/05<br>Open Boys Football<br>Year 8 STEM Day  | 14/05                                   | 15/05<br>Year 12 Kim-Clark Visit                     | 16/05<br>JSN Opening                        | 17/05<br>SCHOOL CLOSURE   |
|         |   | NAPLAN (AM)                             |  |   |   |
| Week 4  | 20/05<br>Thinking Carnival (Year 8)   | 21/05<br>Year 8/9 Boys Football         | 22/05<br>Simultaneous Story Time                     | 23/05<br>Child Studies (Year 11/12 Meeting) | 24/05<br>Year 10 Career Day                                     |
|         |   | YEAR 11 OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP          |  |   |   |
| Week 5  | 27/05   | 28/05                                   | 29/05<br>South East Zone X Country                   | 30/05                                       | 31/05   |
|         |   |   | YEAR 11 WORK EXPERIENCE                              |   |   |
| Week 6  | 03/06<br>White Card (Year 10 Boys)  | 04/06<br>Headspace in Schools Workshops | 05/06<br>Twilight Tour                               | 06/06<br>Uni SA Visit (Year 11/12)          | 07/06   |
| Week 7  | 10/06<br><br>QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY | 11/06                                   | 12/06  | 13/06                                       | 14/06   |
| Week 8  | 17/06<br>Year 10 First Aid  | 18/06                                   | 19/06<br>9-A-Side Football                           | 20/06                                       | 21/06<br>Cows Create Careers<br>Science & Engineering Challenge |
| Week 9  | 24/06   | 25/06                                   | 26/06  | 27/06                                       | 28/06   |
| Week 10 | 01/07   | 02/07                                   | 03/07  | 04/07                                       | 05/07   |
|         |   |   |  |   |   |



Penola High School invites prospective and current students and their families to attend the

# TWILIGHT TOUR

Showcase of 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Teaching and Learning



Wednesday 5 June 2019  
5:30-7:15pm

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Teach children to be aware, protect themselves and watch out for traffic

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