Dear Families

It is hard to believe that another term has passed us by. When I look back on all of the learning events and extra curricular activities that have been occurring at Penola High School, it is easy to see why the term has flown by and has felt so busy. The activities that have been offered include quiz nights, for students and adults, both were extremely successful; excursions to complement and extend the learning experience; sporting carnivals, debating competitions, tertiary trips and celebratory events such as the state dinner acknowledging Stephanie’s VET award. These activities are not possible without the dedication and commitment of staff, both teaching and ancillary, who go out of their way to ensure that students at Penola High School have every possible opportunity. I am sure that you, the school community, support me in thanking and acknowledging all staff for their efforts.

For me personally, coming into a new school always culminates in a steep learning curve as I become familiar with different processes, policies and people. The inclusion of the external review contributed to this learning curve and I am now able to share that experience with colleagues, as we were one of the first secondary schools to be reviewed. The challenge of new learning has certainly been a highlight of my term and I appreciate the willingness of others who have assisted me in this learning. I look forward to continuing the journey next term.

We look forward to staff and students returning to school next term revitalised and ready to see the year to a successful conclusion. For senior students this will mean making the most of the holiday time; to have some down time, but also prepare for upcoming assignments or exams. It will be essential that a study plan is developed and parents support the implementation of the plan, in order to assist and maximise opportunities for success. Teaching staff are also making themselves available during the holidays to ensure that students are supported in their learning. Please be aware of these times, as highlighted in this newsletter and encourage attendance if relevant and possible.

I will conclude by revisiting Penola High School’s ideal learner. At Penola High School much work has already occurred in this area, including defining the ‘ideal learner’. Based on the community work completed last term ideal learners at Penola High School “are committed and prepared to value new learning. They are resilient and learn from their mistakes. They can reflect on and identify areas for improvement and are confident and motivated in their learning”.

Kind regards
Literacy and Numeracy Week
Jackie Poumako

National Literacy Week held during this term was marked by a range of activities including a quiz every morning, 50 word stories, sonnets and haiku competitions. Students were very creative with some entertaining entries submitted. Some of the entries are shown below:

50 Word Story

Senior Winner - Tom W

An education
John’s whole life he thought maths was the best thing ever, until he turned 16 and that is when he discovered girls. After this he gave up on maths to get girls, but he soon realised that girls are too complicated so he thought he would stick to quadratic equations.

Junior Winner - Cameron P

Peanut
There used to be a peanut who sat in trees waiting to get picked. But, a strong wind came one day and blew him for miles. He landed on a railway track, not able to move. He heard a train whistle blow. The rails rocked around, then suddenly, peanut butter!

Honourable mention - Ms Poumako

Finding X
I have no identity. Well, no definitive identity. People are always trying to find me, I wish I could just scream, ‘I’m right here!’ But they want some other version of me. Their faces, pinched in concentration as they search...If only there was a function that could help you?

Honourable mention - Ms Wighton

Richer
I am looking at you my lambkins. So focussed. So engaged and with all of the world ahead of you. Greet the challenges that lie ahead with the same determination to succeed that you show today. My life is richer for yours. I hope yours are for mine. I am blessed.

Haiku

Winner - Phoebe T

When the storm left
The storm raged, then stopped. The rain glistened on the leaves, all was still again.

Runner up - Rory W

Lizard on rock
Lizard sunbaking. On a rock. Sun shines brightly fly buzzes past, snap!

Honourable mention - Cheyenne F

Natural beauty
Glistening green leaves shining within the forest like beautiful gems.

Honourable mention - Kate S

Snow
The snow fell softly, like her waterfall of hair, pale and elegant.

Sonnet Competition

Winner - Joe F

The Wall
The watchment on the wall, our light in the dark. You name no King, but the white wall itself. Entry by the Castle Black, marks the start, You lose your titles and all of your wealth. Taking the vows you relinquish all rights, You take no crest, but the black of the night. Built by Brand The Builder with all his might, Now man stands where legend once stood to fight. Beyond the wall the free-man call us crow. Although they say free, their king was once ours. Beyond the wall their presence starts to grow. We men of the black will overpower. The dead and the White, who walked long ago, Have come to life as nothing but our foe.

Runner up - Imahgen H

Untainted Love
There has been many more graceful than you; Many a girl to step lighter than thee. Yet I would rather watch your every move, Than those who fly from the swinging trapeze. There has been many to speak sofeter words; Many that talk in a form much more grand, Though the hidden meaning is still inferred, And I would much rather know where I stand. There have been many presented more fine; Many that groom themselves to perfection, But I cherish each dimple, ev’ry line, and see not the point in any correction. And as the fire of desperation burns, For you my heart never ceases to yearn.
Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Course
Simone Combe

On Friday 18 September 2015, all of the Year 10 students plus Miss Combe and Mr Sutterby travelled to Mount Gambier for the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Course. Given that most students in Year 10 either already have their learner’s permit or will gain it within the next twelve months, the students were very interested in hearing about their responsibilities on the road. One particular highlight was a practical demonstration where students were asked to guess how quickly a car would stop while travelling at 40km/h and 50km/h. Poor little ‘Dan’ (pictured) was used as the crash test dummy, and sadly he was squished by the car in our first guess. Students (and teachers!) were very surprised to find out how large safe following distances are, and how far we travel before we are able to react and hit the brakes. Other sessions included guest speakers who had been in car accidents talking about how their lives were affected by the crash, and a police officer speaking to the students about legalities surrounding driving. Every student left the day with lots of new knowledge and a renewed respect for how careful we need to be when driving a car. The Penola High School students’ behaviour was exemplary, and they should be proud of how they conducted themselves on the day.

Governor’s Reception
Mike Hentschke

It is customary each year for Government House to issue an invitation to the state’s secondary schools to send two students for a reception. On the evening of Tuesday 15 September 2015, Mr Hentschke and Penola High School Year 12 students Ben C and Monica M attended a reception hosted by the Governor at Government House alongside Year 12 students representing their schools from across the state.

SA Training Awards
Suzanne Gray

The Vocational Student of the Year Award recognises outstanding achievement by a vocational student in a course of study leading to a nationally recognised qualification. One of our students Stephanie S was announced as a finalist this term having won the title in our region earlier in the year. The process Stephanie had to undertake was quite detailed, however she went on to handle it all with great conviction to become a state finalist. On Friday 11 September 2015, Steph was accompanied by her mother, Kylie, staff members, Jo Skeer and Suzanne Gray and mentor Dee Hutchinson to a celebratory award dinner at the Entertainment Centre in Adelaide. Although Stephanie did not win overall we are incredibly proud of her achievements and successes throughout the year.

Capability Folio Project
Kristen Bence

Students in Year 8 have presented their Capability Folio Project this week. This project is based on student’s identifying and showcasing their leaning success and strategies from a range of learning areas. Students had to collect seven pieces of evidence that best demonstrated each of the Australian Curriculum learning capabilities below:

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- ICT
- Critical and Creative Thinking
- Personal and Social Capability
- Ethical Understanding
- Intercultural Understanding

Students were then required to evaluate their own learning strategies and how we can assist them to improve their learning further. We want the students’ to be able to experience, connect and grow through their learning, so they are able to:

- set goals to challenge themselves
- identify their own barriers for success
- access available support when appropriate
- transfer knowledge between learning areas
- “yearn to learn” and “learn to learn”
- and involve their parents in their learning
Year 12 Parent Information
Rob Thorne

As the Year 12 approach their last weeks at Penola High School, it is timely to provide some advice to parents about the events and issues facing their students. In their reports going home with them today will be a reminder for students eligible for an ATAR to submit an application to SATAC by 30 September to avoid a significant ($100+) late fee. Year 12s have a two week Term 3 break that should be busy with the completion of major summative tasks in their subjects and study revision for their final exams starting Monday 2 November with English Studies. Students with revision classes over the two week break have been informed by their teachers of the time and place of these revision classes.

The Penola School Community Library is open during the school holidays, 8.30am-4.00pm Tuesday to Friday and Saturday 9.30am-12.00noon, for students who need a quiet place to either work on assessment tasks or revise their work. Students have been given a copy of the examination timetable.

During the first two weeks of Term 4 (Monday 12 October to Thursday 22 October) students will have trial exams in most subjects. All students have received a copy of this trial exam timetable.

These next two months will and should be intense for the Year 12s. Staff at the school are all willing and able to provide assistance to help them achieve their best and work their way safely to the conclusion of the year. On the day of their final exam, students should complete the leaving process, including the return of their school laptop and textbooks. Students need to be signed out by each of their Year 12 subject teachers, the school library and School Finance Officer (Vicki).

Further information about the Year 12 last day of lessons (Thursday 29 October), Farewell Dinner (Friday 13 November) and Presentation Night (Wednesday 9 December) will be provided next term. Our aim is to make sure your son or daughter is as healthy and happy as realistically possible over this time. They all still need a healthy balance of sleeping, eating and exercise, as well as work. If you have any concerns about your student’s wellbeing, please contact the school as soon as possible. (87370000).

Fire Danger Season

Enclosed with this Newsletter is the DECD 2015/2016 Fire Danger Season Information for Families brochure. Please make yourself familiar with the information detailed in the brochure.

Year 12 Exam Timetable

Monday 2 November 2015
- English Studies Exam (9.00am-12.00pm)

Tuesday 3 November 2015
- Nutrition Exam (9.00-11.00am)
- Physics Exam (1.30-4.30pm)

Thursday 5 November 2015
- Maths Applications Exam (9.00-11.00am)
- Maths Studies Exam (1.30-4.30pm)

Monday 9 November 2015
- Biology Exam (9.00am-12.00pm)

Wednesday 11 November 2015
- Chemistry Exam (9.00am-12.00pm)

Thursday 12 November 2015
- Physical Education Exam (9.00-11.00am)
- Economics Exam (1.30-3.30pm)

School Uniform

Parents are reminded that the school has stocks of the Penola High School uniform available for purchase throughout the year.

- Windcheater $49.50
- Polo Top $33.00
- Boys Shorts $22.00
- Boys Grey Pants $23.50
- Girls Shorts $22.00
- Girls Skirt (Sum/Wint) $63.50/$83.50
- Unisex Trackpant $44.00
- Unizex Jacket $71.50
- Beanie/Bucket Hat $7.70/$7.70
- Scarf $11.00

Penola Community Library
September/October School Holiday Hours
43 Cameron St PENOLA SA 5277 - Phone 8737 2838

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- Term 3 in Pictures -

Knockout Basketball

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Year 8 Capability Folio

Canteen Relieving

Library Puzzle Fun

Year 9 Initiative

Maths Quiz Night

nurturing individual successes
School Holiday Clinics at
Netball SA Stadium
28th September & 2nd October 2015
Have fun while learning new netball skills, drills and techniques!

NetSetGO Come and Try
5 - 7 Years
Monday 28th September
9.00am – 11.00am
Cost: $43.00
Sign in from 8.30am

NetSetGO Come and Try
8 - 10 Years
Monday 28th September
2.00pm – 5.00pm
Cost: $53.00
Sign in from 1.30pm

NetballSKILLS!
11-16 Years
Friday 2nd October January
9.00am – 3.00pm
Cost: $73.00
Sign in from 8.30am
Lunch included

Book Now!
Register at NSA School Holiday Clinics (Sept/Oct)
Registrations close 2 days before your session