Dear Families

2015 is off to a great start and already we have underway a number of exciting programs and events to enable young people to access a wide variety of extra-curricular activities.

On the sporting front, the Open Knock-Out Cricket team competed against Grant High School in Mt Gambier on Monday of this week, and although they did not win, the boys and Mr Hentschke had a very enjoyable day. Our Interschool swimmers likewise enjoyed a fabulous day last Friday under the supervision of Ms Combe and Mr Sutterby.

On the Performing Arts front, preparations are well underway for a performance of “A Midsummer Night’s Mid-term” later this year, with strong interest generated among students. Many will be involved in their own time, while other aspects of the production will form part of the Art, Design and Technology curricula.

On Thursday of this week, all Year 10s (as well as Year 11 Outdoor Education students) completed their First Aid certificates as preparation for VET and/or Outdoor Education classes they might undertake in the Senior School. Both of these options are proving to be very popular among our students, and allow them to learn valuable life skills. This efficiency should also be an advantage to young people seeking part time employment.

On Wednesday evening Lorna from World Challenge delivered the Parent Presentation for the Vietnam Community Service Tour scheduled for December 2016. Families are reminded to return their forms to the Front Office by Friday 27 February 2015 to confirm their student’s place on the tour.

On Tuesday, our school leaders were inducted into their House Captaincy and SRC roles. It was a delight to present certificates to such a capable, dedicated and delightful group of young people. Our student body in being represented very well this year!

On the Teaching and Learning front, our Strategic Learning Committee is making great strides in planning how we will specifically encourage our young people to develop the sorts of capabilities they will need in order to be happy and successful in their lives: resilience, creativity and solving problems, to name a few. Parents and caregivers are reminded that they can contribute to this important work by giving feedback via the tear-off slip in this newsletter or in person in the Community Library.

Finally, we extend an invitation to all parents and caregivers to attend the Governing Council AGM on Monday 23 February 2015 in the Community Library. Attending does not mean you will be roped into a job! We look forward to sharing our Annual Report with Governing Council and planning for the coming year. We hope to see you there!

Kind regards

Fleur Roachock

PHS Athletics Carnival

Preparations are currently underway for the Penola High School Athletics Carnival which will be held on Thursday 26 February 2015. The marking out of the oval is progressing, house leaders are busy encouraging their team members and students are busy practising for their events. The gruelling 1500m races will be held next Wednesday. The first events will begin at 9.15am on Thursday and the presentations will take place at approximately 2.30pm. All parents and friends are welcome to attend. If there are any parents who would like to help out with an official duty on the day, please contact the school to let us know.
**Interschool Swimming**

*Simone Combe*

On Friday 13 February 2015, fifteen Penola High School students, along with Ms Combe and Mr Sutterby travelled to the Mount Gambier Aquatic Centre to compete in the annual SESSSA Swimming Carnival. As usual, Penola students made up the majority of the Combined Team, with the rest of the team made up of students from Naracoorte, St Martins and Millicent. Students representing Penola High School were Sam Klemm, Tom Abbey, Jesse Martin, Emily Winter, Gorgia Robbie, Elysha Dekoning, Josh Currie, Ella Kain, Hannah Klemm, Cory O'Connor, Bailey Walker, Will Cadzow, Montana Freeman, Alana Winter and Gus Eckermann.

The day began with Bordertown and Tenison Woods dominating early. Once again this year our team continued to show great improvement with many of our swimmers making an impression in the pool and placing in the top three, resulting in a higher overall score at the end of the day. Some late withdrawals from other schools meant that our students were relied upon to fill many events, and it was pleasing to see our students do this cheerfully and experience success.

The final scores were as follows:
1st Tenison
2nd Bordertown
3rd Mount Gambier
4th Grant
5th Combined Schools

The following Penola High School students swam exceptionally well against tough competition and were rewarded with a blue, red or green ribbon:

- Relays 3rd U14 Male Freestyle
- Tom Abbey 2nd U14 Backstroke, 3rd U14 Freestyle
- Gorgia Robbie 3rd U15 Breaststroke
- Ella Kain 2nd U16 Breaststroke
- Cory O'Connor 2nd U15 Breaststroke
- Bailey Walker 1st Open Backstroke, 3rd Open Freestyle

Bailey Walker was also crowned joint Open Boys Champion - a fantastic achievement of which we are very proud.

**Open Boys Cricket**

*Mike Hentschke, Sam Klemm and Hamish March*

On Monday 16 February 2015 students travelled to Grant High School to compete in the Open Boys Knockout Cricket. After winning the toss, we batted hoping to set a target for Grant to chase.

Ben Casey and Joel Moore got off to a steady start until Joel Moore was run out on 7. Ben and Hamish March saw off the opening bowlers until they fell on consecutive balls. Logan Gibbs was able to play some attack with strong leg side play to top score with 34. He formed partnerships of over 20 with Year 8 recruits Sam Klemm (5) and James Foggo (9). The final wickets fell quickly with our total on 79 runs.

When we went out to bowl we had high hopes and we were confident in our opening bowlers. Ben Casey and Logan Gibbs started off a bit shaky trying to adjust to the slippery pitch and we had one casualty. It was in the 8th over that we got our first breakthrough, however, Grant had already made half of our total. After the first wicket, the team quickly got another 2, with wickets from Logan and Hamish. Nothing else good happened for the rest of the innings with Grant quickly finishing off the game in the 17th over.

Final bowling figures of significance were Logan Gibbs 2/25, and Hamish March 1/5. All boys had a good dig as our team contained a number of junior players or senior students who don’t regularly play. They did well and enjoyed themselves even though they weren’t successful.

**Governors Reception**

*Mike Hentschke*

In recognition of his A+ Merit Award in Mathematical Applications Lewis March attended the SACE Merit Ceremony at Government House on February 10.

This ceremony recognises the top students from the SACE through the Governor’s Awards and also the students receiving merit awards in individual subjects. Lewis was presented with his award by Dr Jonathan Ross, Associate Professor in Applied Mathematics at Adelaide University.

Lewis was accompanied by his parents, Andrew and Pia, and his subject teacher, Mike Hentschke. This award reflected Lewis’ high levels of achievement, not only in tests and exams, but also in folio tasks. His concise, relevant and thoughtful analysis of his results reflected his attitude and determination to ensure all tasks were completed to an exemplary standard.

Lewis was also able to use his time in Adelaide to complete his enrolment with UniSA to study for a degree in Accounting. He will study this course externally while working full-time with an accountancy firm in Naracoorte.
Leaders Assembly

2015
Student Council Representatives

Winsley Wighton, Melyssa Steed (Masons Grant Winner) and Alec Bowden

2015
House and Vice Captains

Year 8 Tech Studies

James Krieger
Cheyenne Faux
Tom Sutterby and Jack Kain
Sara-Kate Launer & Phoebe Tregenza
Tom Abbey

First Aid Course

Cody Faux, Kelsey Batt & Kaitlin Cornish (front)
Logan Gibbs
Ella Kain & Bentley Galpin

Year 12 Physical Education

Sam Burgess
Georgie Beighton
Gus Eckermann

nurturing individual successes
Penola High School Governing Council
AGM
Monday 23 February 7.00pm
in the Penola Community Library

The Penola High School Governing Council currently comprises 15 members

- School Principal
- Staff Representative (as voted by school staff)
- 11 elected parents
- 2 co-opted members from the Penola High School staff (finance and curriculum purposes)

From the required membership of 11 elected parents we have 5 vacancies to be filled at this year’s AGM. Are you interested in joining the school Governing Council? As an active member of Council you will be involved in the decision making processes of the school as well as supporting your child during their time at Penola High School.

council meets, on average, 8 times during the school year. The support given to the school community by parents is greatly appreciated and plays an integral part in the day to day running of the school.

PENOLA HIGH SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION SLIP

Nominator _________________________________________ Nominee___________________________________________

Signed_____________________________________________ Acceptance Signature_________________________________

This nomination slip can either be returned to the Penola High School Front Office via your child on or prior to Monday 23 February OR you may bring the slip with you to the AGM Monday 23 February 7.00pm in the Library.

---

Red Cross First Aid Seminar For Mum’s and Partners

We know that First Aid is a life skill we should all learn. But the reality is that most of us haven’t found the time or opportunity learn about first aid for children.

So would you really know what to do in an emergency?

Naracoorte mothers and community health have teamed up with the Red Cross to host a seminar to help your family know what to do.

First Aid Seminar Topics:
Burns and Scalds
Choking and things getting stuck
Falls, breaks and injury
Unconsciousness and resuscitation
Poisons, allergies and convulsions
Other Questions

Seminar is limited to 20 people per session
Additional seminar available, dependent on expression of interest

Date: Wed 25th February 2015 Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Venue: Naracoorte Hospital Conference Room 1, Naracoorte Hospital
101 Jenkins Terrace
Cost: $30 per person

Payment: C Menzel BSB: 015670 AC:518933622 Reference: surname
Bookings essential, payment no later than Friday 20th February

For bookings and enquiries contact:
Caroline Menzel : Mobile: 0466604558
Email: cskipworth@hotmail.com

---

Ideal Student Feedback
PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL

What is the ideal student like?

How does the ideal student go about their learning?

Where will the ideal student end up?

---

Student Absence SMS (only)

Notification number: 0400 134 993