Dear Families

Welcome to 2016! It’s been a fantastic start to 2016 and I’d like to take this opportunity to welcome all students, parents and staff to what I am sure will be a rewarding year. I thought it would also be a good opportunity to introduce myself and share a little about my background prior to starting here this year. For the last 16 years I have been teaching at Millicent High, with the last 7 of those being in charge of all senior school students, giving me a good understanding of SACE, VET and the many and varied career options that exist for students. My teaching background is in History and English but I have covered quite a few more subjects during my teaching career. In the short term I will continue living in Millicent with my wife, Alex and our two sons Lincoln and Lawson.

I am excited about having the chance to work in such a great school and am looking forward to meeting and chatting with more parents over the next few weeks. Everything I have seen so far convinces me that we have a great cohort of students, a committed and professional staff and supportive parents and community.

Apart from myself, we have two new staff at the school this year. Jason Plunkett, a former Penola High teacher who returns as Deputy Principal and will also be teaching Maths; and Jodie Allen who will be teaching primarily Food and Hospitality classes in Home Ec this year. I have no doubt all members of the school community are already making them feel very welcome.

Our annual Swimming Carnival was held last Friday and the weather couldn’t have been much better. It was great to see so many students involving themselves in the various events, and the large number of parents who came out to help and support, I’d like to say a huge thank you. Big congratulations must go to Chloe Long for organising and running such a fantastic event. Congratulations also to all the event winners and age group winners and runners-up. I am sure Athletics Carnival in a few weeks’ time will be just as successful.

The first week was very smooth with few problems being encountered. All students and teachers have settled into new classes and the feedback I am receiving is overwhelmingly positive. It’s been good to see so many smiling faces around the place and I have really appreciated all the ‘hellos’ and ‘how are yous’ I have been given.

As with any year, there are challenges awaiting all students at the school. For Year 8s it’s the challenge of starting high school, getting used to a new environment, new classes and teachers, not to mention going from being the oldest in the school to the youngest. So far they seem to be settling in well and enjoying the learning they are undertaking. At Year 9 and 10 the challenge is to avoid becoming complacent and to continue to push themselves to achieve their best, which I am confident all will do this year. Year 11s are starting senior school and taking an important step in their SACE journey. Obviously literacy and numeracy subjects are critically important, but all subjects require success in order to keep pathways open for further study in Year 12. And finally, the Year 12s. I don’t think much needs to be said about the challenges facing them this year. Year 12 is arguably the hardest year of study many students will ever face, purely for the importance on outcomes that can be gained through a successful year. Parents, family and friends form a crucial part of a Year 12 student’s support network and I’m sure all of you will be leaned on at various times throughout the year.

Finally, I’d like to once again wish all staff and students a successful and rewarding 2016 and I look forward to building positive and fruitful relationships with all members of the school and wider Penola community.

Kind regards

Andrew Stockley

Principal's Report
2015 Stage 2 Results

SACE results were excellent, especially from the students who had chosen the more challenging academic pathways. A grades in individual subjects were achieved by 4 students, with Joel Moore receiving A’s in four subjects to add to an A received while completing Year 11. He recorded the highest ATAR in the school at 96.40, closely followed by Alex Male with 94.70. Both Joel and Alex received A grades this year for Mathematical Studies, Chemistry and English Studies with Joel also receiving an A for Physics. The Physics students studied through local delivery from the Wattle Range Education Network for both their Physics and Chemistry courses. Former Principal Kirsty Trahar said, “These results were a gratifying confirmation of the hard work by the students and the professional support provided by their teachers. All students completing their courses were successful in achieving their SACE Certificate.”

The 2015 Rueben Goldsworthy Award recipient for the highest ATAR was Joel Moore with 96.40. Joel is considering a course in Pharmacy at UniSA but will have the opportunity to reconsider his options based on his excellent results. Alex has applied to study a Bachelor of Science (Nanotechnology) at Flinders University. Georgie Beighton received an A grade for Physical Education. Ashlee Sullivan (Visual Arts) and Joel Moore (Information Technology) received an A grade for their respective subjects last year when they were in Year 11, and these results contributed to the ATAR received this year. Students who studied through the Open Access College or our local WREN network received excellent results in these subjects with 3 A grades in subjects studied through this format. An increase in the number of students enrolled in VET subjects was again evident with 25 students receiving recognition for VET competencies and over half of our completing Year 12 students having VET competencies on their SACE record. This was a combination of courses provided here at Penola, as well as off-site programs at other schools or School Based apprenticeships in the workplace.

Materials & Services Charge & School Card

Vicki McDonald-Burgess

Families who were eligible for School Card in 2015 MUST re-apply for School Card in 2016. Application forms are available from the school. If you have children attending different schools (ie secondary and/or primary), a separate application form must be completed for those attending secondary school and those attending primary school. We encourage all parents to review their financial circumstances carefully to see if their students’ education costs can be financed in this manner. Please note that those students in receipt of School Card will have the School Materials & Services Charge automatically deducted.

Payment of Materials & Services Charge

Parents have the option of paying the Materials and Services charge in full or in instalments by cash, cheque, credit card, direct debit, eftpos or centrepay system. Parents who wish to pay the Materials and Services charge either in instalments and/or by direct debit and centrepay system please phone Vicki at the school on 8737 0000 to make the necessary arrangements. The Materials and Services charge is due and payable by all parents as soon as possible.

Bushfire Season

Louise Clayfield

Bushfire season is upon us. The school has a detailed plan where each staff member has specific roles to undertake to ensure each person on site is safe. There will be a drill soon to make sure that we are all well versed in these responsibilities.

Important things for families to know:

- CFS radio warnings will be issued if it is recommended that people take refuge and will specify a location.
- On days declared as “Catastrophic” our school will be open, but there will be no buses operating.
- Total Fire Ban days will be publicised to all students via signs in all classrooms and entrances.
- Total Fire Bans may result in excursions being cancelled as a result of a risk assessment.
- In the case of a local fire, students may be kept at school after the usual dismissal time, on advice from CFS and Police.
- If specific school bus routes or local roads are impacted upon or threatened by fire, staff will make arrangements to supervise the affected students until Emergency Services report that the situation is safe to release them from the site.
- School buses will not leave the site unless a clear directive is given to the Principal by DECD School Care, SAPOL or CFS Incident Management that indicates bus routes are safe to travel. If a bush fire prevents school buses leaving the site the Principal, Deputy Principal and teachers will supervise students remaining on site until parents collect them.

2016 Leaders

The school community would like to congratulate our newly elected House leaders:

Moyanga:
Captains: Josh Currie and Montana Freeman
Vice Captains: Callum Sutcliffe and Ella Kain

Torilla:
Captains: Charlie French and Hannah Klemm
Vice Captains: Hamish March and Sarah Stokvad

Yalluminga:
Captains: Bailey Walker and Alana Winter
Vice Captains: Thomas Walker and Alena Tranter

Congratulations to our SRC representatives:

Co- Presidents: Cory O’Connor and Alana Winter

Year 11 Representatives
Aliza Pfitzner and Cam Schriever

Year 10 Representatives
Imahgen Hecht and Emily Winter

Year 9 Representatives
Claire Ambagtsheer-Murphy and Darcy O’Connor

Year 8 Representatives
Ally Jones and Ebonie Moulton

nurturing individual successes
On Friday 5 February, the three Penola High School houses once again battled it out in the annual Interhouse Swimming Carnival. Conditions were nice and warm, which many supporters turning out to cheer on the sidelines.

Year 9 student Cheyenne Faux and Year 8 student Ally Jones had a close battle all day, however Cheyenne came away with the Uner 14 Girls trophy, winning by just 1 point. Jack Kain swam well to win the U14 boys trophy, again by only one point ahead of Jack Walker. Brooke Hutchesson was too strong in the U15 girls, and Emily Winter put in a great effort to receive runner up. Tom Abbey continued his good form from last year to take out the under 15 boys with Jesse Martin close behind as runner up. Once again, the rivalry between Josh Currie and Nick Rowe didn’t disappoint; with Nick narrowly taking the honours over Josh in the U16 boys. Emma Ryan won in the U16 Girls division, and Joanne Drury continued her strong performances to receive runner up. Hannah Klemm was crowned Open Girls Champion (for the second year in a row) with Ella Kain also swimming strongly. Finally, Bailey Walker performed strongly to be the Open Boys winner with Cory O’connor as runner up. Ella Kain had a fantastic day breaking the Open Girls breaststroke record by .4 of a second. The Open Girls freestyle relay team consisting of Sarah Stokvad, Hannah Klemm, Samantha Sims and Brooke Hutchesson beat the previous record by 1 second.

The House Captains did exceptionally well in organising their teams and making sure all the events were filled throughout the day. Their moral support and enthusiasm on the side lines proved to be effective in getting their competitors to the finish line. It was great to see all House members contribute to their team’s success both in entering events and encouraging and supporting fellow House members. At the end of the day it was Yalluminga who proved too good for the other Houses with a convincing victory. This makes it four years in a row that they have taken out the Swimming Carnival shield.

Final House Results
Yalluminga 255
Moyanga 216
Torilla 175

Individual Age Group Winners

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Open Boys Cricket

On Monday 8 February Penola High hosted Millicent High at McCorquindale Park. Despite having a large number of players from Years 8 and 9 the Penola boys acquitted themselves well, only losing narrowly in the final few overs. Millicent won the toss and chose to bat, finishing on 134 after their 40 overs. The best of the bowlers were: Bailey Walker 3/24, Josh Currie 3/25 and Logan Gibbs 2/23. Penola got off to a disastrous start losing early wickets with only Sam Klemm providing any resistance. With 9 wickets down and still needing over 50 to win things looked over, but Joel Virtanen and Jesse Martin combined for an unlikely 41 run partnership that almost got Penola over the line. Best with the bat were: Sam Klemm 29 and Joel Virtanen 34. All players contributed well and should be congratulated for their conduct and competitiveness on the day. Unfortunately we must now wait til next year for another attempt. Final scores were: Millicent High 134 to Penola High 121.

Penola High School
Governing Council AGM
Monday 21 March 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 7 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 29 February in preparation for the AGM Monday 21 March 2016 7.00pm in the Library.

Student Absence SMS (only)
Notification number: 0400 134 993
nurturing individual successes
JODIE ALLEN
Home Economics & Hospitality Teacher

KRISTEN BENCE
Coordinator: Teaching and Learning
Year 9 Year Level Organiser
Magazine
Art & Design Teacher

ALI BOND
Library Support Officer

JAMES BRADY
Network Manager
IT Support Officer
ICT
Sentral

LOUISE CLAYFIELD
Student Information Manager
EDSAS/Sentral/Datex
Student Reports
Buses

EMMA DEAR
Canteen Manager

SUZANNE GRAY
Coordinator: Learning Support
English, & PLP Teacher
Attendance/Absences
Transition Coordinator

MARK HEYN
Science & Biology Teacher
Outdoor Education Teacher

KAREN JACKMAN
Library Support Officer

CHLOE LONG
Interschool Sports Manager
Physical Education and SOSE Teacher

KEVIN MARIA
Student Support Officer

JAN MARCUS
Library Support Officer

SCOTT MCCULLOCH
Year 8 Year Level Organiser
IT & Maths Teacher

JUSTIN MCDONALD
Groundsperson

VICKI MCDONALD-BURGESS
Finance Officer

KATHLEEN PHILLIPS
S & E Teacher
IPP Teacher

JACKIE POUMAKO
Year 10 Year Level Organiser
Public Speaking
English Teacher

JASON PLUNKETT
Deputy Principal
Student Management
SACE Manager
Maths Teacher
Buses
Enrolments
Reliefs
Fire Warden

JO SKEER
Student Support Officer

SILVANA STEPHENS
Laboratory Technician
WHS Representative

ANDREW STOCKLEY
Principal

HEATHER STONE
Library Support Officer

TOM SUTTERBY
Design & Technology Teacher
Science & Agriculture Teacher

ROB THORNETT
Year 12 Year Level Organiser
S&E, Tourism & History Teacher
Teacher Librarian
Open Access

SARAH WALKER
Receptionist
Media Liaison

WINSLEY WIGHTON
Year 11 Year Level Organiser
Maths, Science and Chemistry Teacher
Dear Parents/Caregivers

For over 30 years ICAS has been delivered to schools throughout Australia and in over 20 countries in Asia, Africa, the Pacific region and USA. Your child is invited to participate in the Mathematics, English and/or Science competition for 2016.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics and Science.

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The tests are an excellent preparation for national tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child’s strengths and areas for development. The certificate and individual student report are also suitable for your child to include in a portfolio.

Dates for competitions:

- Science – 31 May 2016 ($8.80)
- English – 2 August 2016 ($8.80)
- Mathematics – 16 August 2016 ($8.80)

To enrol your child in ICAS, please contact Mr Heyn for a registration form by Thursday 24 March 2016.

Yours sincerely

Mark Heyn
Science Teacher

Endorsed
Andrew Stockley
Principal

The Australian Geography Competition is a contest for Australian secondary school students, assessing their geographical knowledge and skills. The Competition aims to encourage student interest in geography and to reward student excellence. If you child would like to participate, please have them register their name at the reception office at Penola High School.

Date of competition: Friday 20 May 2016
Dear Parent/Caregiver

Welcome to the 2016 school year. I hope this year will be a successful one for you and your family.

This year teachers at your school will be working with your son or daughter to help your teenager learn and make as much progress as possible. Your school will be keen to work alongside you to ensure that your son or daughter is successful academically, socially and developmentally.

Every day at school matters for this development so it’s really important that your teenager is attending school to get the most out of their education.

While we all know it’s important, it isn’t always easy to support teenagers with their schoolwork. On the back of this letter are some ideas and resources I have found helpful to date with my kids, or have been recommended to me by other parents. I hope they are useful for you.

Schools welcome your involvement in your child’s education, and if you have any questions, please ask them. As you know, kids learn best when parents/caregivers and schools work together.

If you are able, I encourage you to get involved in your child’s school - whether it is through the governing council or volunteering at school events. To make it easier for you to volunteer, the government has recently made some changes to the screening clearance process if you volunteer to support your child at school. Please contact your school if you would like further information in relation to these changes, or visit the website at www.decd.sa.gov.au.

I am proud of the high quality education that we provide in our schools. A strength of our public schools is our community involvement, and working together we can continue to make your school even better.

Yours sincerely

Susan Close
Minister for Education and Child Development

27/01/2016
Simple things you can do to support your son or daughter:

- Talk to them about current affairs and ask them how it links to their learning at school
- Talk positively about science and mathematics and encourage them to ask for help if they need it
- Read the same book as them so you can discuss the story, themes and characters together
- Encourage them to share their creative projects with you
- Provide a comfortable space at home for them to do homework and support them to complete it on time
- Encourage them to use their diary effectively to manage their time and stay on top of deadlines

Some helpful resources:

- The curriculum for Years 8 -10:  
  http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/
- The curriculum for Years 11-12:  
  https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/
- An app to help you unlock your child’s learning potential:  
  https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/high-school
- Ideas for helping your child with numeracy and literacy:  
- Parent easy guides, including living with young people:  
- A wide range of parenting information, including talking to teens:  
  http://raisingchildren.net.au/teens/teens.html