Principal’s Report
Andrew Stockley

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Last Thursday saw Penola High’s annual Athletics Carnival held. This was another successful day, following on from Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to Yallaminga on their victory. A big thank-you to all staff, parents and students who helped on the day and made all events run smoothly. A special congratulations and thank-you to Chloe Long for her hard work in ensuring the day worked so well. Well done to all event winners and placegetters and good luck to our Interschool and Adelaide Athletics teams who will represent the school over the next few weeks.

A reminder that our Annual General Meeting is being held on 21 March 2016. All parents are encouraged and very welcome to attend. The meeting’s in the library and commences at 7.00pm.

This week sees our PE/Outdoor Education camp being run by Chloe Long and Mark Heyn. Camps are an important part of schools and an excellent opportunity for students, so thanks to both those staff for undertaking this.

I attended a White Ribbon workshop this week and I cannot understate the importance of this program or the message it shares, ‘Breaking the silence on domestic violence’. I am currently exploring ways to further implement and incorporate this message into the school and broader community.

With the long weekend coming up I hope everyone takes the opportunity to have a break, enjoy time with family and friends and generally recharge in the middle of what is a very busy term.

Thanks to everyone for their efforts so far this term and I am looking forward to continued efforts and success over the remainder of this term and the year.

Kind regards

Year 11 Chemistry Trip to Wynns Winery - 8 March 2016
Winsley Wighton

The Year 11 Chemistry class travelled to Wynns of Coonawarra where Winemaker, Sue Hodder explained the history of wine making in Coonawarra and the importance of the terra rossa soil. She also provided insight into the many aspects of Science involved in wine production and the many and varied career opportunities which the industry offers. Sonya Kingsbury introduced the students to the laboratory where they were duly impressed by the complexity and sophistication of the analysis undertaken. Michael Maldari took the groups on a tour of the winery, explaining the steps in the processes used and outlining some of the options available to winemakers. The tour finished with a brief account of marketing from Sue Hodder.

We are indebted to our friends at Wynns for their support for our students, especially during vintage.

The Year 11s have now embarked on their own winemaking adventure, and we look forward to further support in testing and monitoring the wine from Wynns.

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Lions Youth of the Year

Jackie Poumako

On the 25 February the Penola Lions Club held the club round of their annual Youth of the Year Quest. This year, eight Penola High School Year twelve students were fortunate enough to compete in this event, including our very own exchange student from Denmark, Sarah Stokvad.

Students completed a panel interview with judges Peter Balnaves, Anne Johnson and Norm Vaughan during the day, then gave a prepared speech and responded to two impromptu questions in the evening session which focused on Public Speaking. The prepared speech topics were diverse, including ‘The Importance of Lying’, ‘Living Outside My Comfort Zone’, ‘The Difficulties of Being an Adolescent Male in 2016’ and ‘Sympathy for Smokers.’ The latter proved to be quite controversial, but was handled with sensitivity and maturity by Thomas Walker.

The prepared speeches were the culmination of hard work and many nerves as students worked hard to deliver the speeches with gusto whilst also projecting an air of calm and confidence, no easy feat with three judges, distinguished members of the community and their parents in attendance! The impromptu questions had students thinking on their feet and provided the Wattle Range Council with some valuable feedback, and in some cases, the audience a chance to have a good belly laugh thanks to the humour and charisma of Bailey Walker.

At the end of the evening, SRC co-president, Alana Winter, was awarded the overall victor thanks to her extensive leadership and participation in academic, sporting and cultural endeavours. Her prepared speech, ‘Ignorance is Bliss,’ and response to the impromptu questions were definitely highlights of the evening as she showcased her polish on the stage. We are also happy to announce that Penola’s SRC co-president, Cory O’Connor, will be moving on to the next round. Cory’s prepared speech topic, ‘The Importance of Grassroots Sports in Communities’ was a hit with the audience, being of prime interest to the council members in attendance. His resume also boasted many instances of leadership and achievement and we wish him well in Naracoorte on the 12 March 2016.

Once again, I would like to thank the Penola Lions Club, especially new Youth of the Year Liaison, Jenny Hinze, for offering our students this opportunity as they prepare for adulthood and life beyond High School. This is a partnership we value highly and look forward to each year.

Year 8 Camp

Scott McCulloch

And so begins the story of the wettest camp ever……

On Wednesday 24 February, 22 keen Year 8s trekked to Cape Bridgewater for their year 8 camp. We arrived at the campsite mid-morning to be greeted by a 50mm deluge of rain. The brains trust decided that the hike wasn’t the safest option so the kids were loaded back into the buses and taken to the pool. Whilst this might seem like a silly option the Portland Pool was indoors and proved to be a great hit. We had a great classic catch competition where Mr McCulloch proved unbeatable in a pack.

Later in the afternoon we had more rain and decided to play some group building games that consisted of the boys taking on the girls. Nathan Rowe proved to be the difference solving Miss Long’s riddle and bringing home the first win for the boys. For tea we had Miss Allen’s group preparing spaghetti and she was able to demonstrate her Home Ec prowess when her group burned the pasta.

The weather cleared significantly on day 2 and allowed the students kids to go out on the open sea and look at some seals. This was many of the student’s favourite activity as we went out on a jet boat and got up close and personal with some of the local seal colonies. We went inside some caves and saw at least a thousand seals on the rocks and swimming around the boat. Later in the afternoon the students went Canoeing and Raft Building. Many a person got wet (especially when their rafts sank) and a fun afternoon in the sun was had by all.

On Friday morning the students tackled the sand dunes and went sandboarding. Everyone had a go and although a few had some minor cuts and bruises everyone had a lot of fun. On the way home we stopped off at Nelson for a quick lunch, award ceremony and a play on the playground. The final trek back to school was very quiet with over half of the students falling asleep on the buses.
PHS Athletics Carnival

Chloe Long

On Thursday 3 March, Yalluminga claimed the winner’s shield, managing a back-to-back double sweep of Swimming and Athletics. This is the fourth year in a row that Yalluminga have managed this feat.

The competitors, officials and spectators were able to enjoy the warm conditions with not too much heat being poured out by the sun. All events provided close battles and great entertainment for spectators. One of the highlights of the day was the 4x100 Relays, each team put their fastest sprinters in this events which made for many close finishes, and a great finish to the Carnival.

The competition for points began on the previous Tuesday with the running of the 1500m event, with Yalluminga placed narrowly ahead of Moyanga and Torilla at the end of the day. Yalluminga continued their dominance coming out strongly right from the first race on Thursday and managed to hold on to a substantial lead for the entire day.

A new award was introduced in 2014, and was given to one student in each house who showed genuine commitment to the house and selflessness on the day. This was aptly named “The Legends Award” and was proudly accepted by the three recipients – Alex Attenborough (Yalluminga) who didn’t say no or complain all day, when asked to step up and fill gaps in events, Chloe Lindner Oppelaar who didn’t drop her head in any events and tried her hardest (Moyanga) and Nathan Rowe (Torilla) who showed great team spirit by not only competing in the 1500m in his own U14 age group, but later in the day also participating in the Open Boys race to gain his team extra points. The “Principal’s Award” was awarded to Matthew Perry for his sensational efforts at maintaining all participants’ energy levels, manning the SRC stall and supplying everyone with watermelon and refreshments on what was a very warm day - a very deserving winner.

The day ran magnificently, thanks largely due to the fantastic efforts by staff, volunteers, SRC and the house captains.

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Cafe 43

Jodie Allen

During Term one, Café 43 students have been learning methods of cookery, including how to break down a chicken. Local chef, Ryan Dear enjoys volunteering his time to come in and teach the students some tricks of the trade. He spent a lot of time last year helping out with Café 43, so it is great to see him back again sharing his knowledge. Recently, Ryan demonstrated to the class how to break down a whole chicken. This is a fantastic skill for the students to learn and will be highly beneficial if they wish to pursue a job within the Food and Hospitality industry. In the past, students from Penola High School have participated and been successful in the Secondary Schools Culinary Competition held in Adelaide at Regency Tafe SA. This year, we hope the luck can follow on for the students selected to compete in June.

Technical Studies

Tom Sutterby

Year 8

This semester, the Year 8 Design and Technology students are making a simple “sliding lid” pencil box as one of their projects. Whilst this is very traditional the students thoroughly enjoy the different skills, techniques and creativity within the project.

Year 10/12

As part of their studies this term, the Year 10 and Year 12 Design and Technology classes have been building new work benches for the carpentry/woodwork area within the workshop. This project has been greatly appreciated by the students who have been able to experience another element of timber construction.
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