Principal’s Report
Andrew Stockley

Dear Parents/Caregivers

This term already seems to be racing away and with the amount going on here at Penola High it’s not hard to see why. Over the last two weeks a multitude of events, excursions and other activities has taken place.

The major event so far this year is without doubt the Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival. Last Thursday saw the John Shaw Neilsen awards announced and with these taking place in the school hall it was a fantastic opportunity to showcase our school. The artworks themselves are amazing and from the feedback I have received hundreds (if not more) have made the time to walk through and appreciate all the hard work of the various artists. Personally I’d like to thank all staff, particularly Kristen Bence, for all their work in the lead up and on the night. Many hands make light work they say and this was certainly the case last week with all staff involved in some capacity to make the night the success it was. Congratulations must also go to Jodie Allen and her Year 10 Café students for the high quality and delicious food that was served. This was a great example of the high quality teaching and learning that is taking place here at Penola High School.

NAPLAN has been and gone for another year and from the conversations I’ve had with students most seem pleased with the work they were able to produce. As I stated last newsletter it is important not to see NAPLAN as the be all and end all of student progress or achievement but at the same time it was good to see students engaged and willing to attempt all tasks to the best of their ability.

Last week saw our Year 11 Outdoor Ed camp take place in Halls Gap. Mark Heyn and Chloe Long again donated their time to ensuring another successful camp and I am sure all students involved appreciate the efforts of staff in making these opportunities available. Many great activities for our students would quickly disappear without the willingness of staff to contribute and organise. From what I hear the camp went well, though it’s possible one or two walks went longer than planned, possibly due to some poor sign post reading.

Last week also saw our Open Boys Football team competing in Hatherleigh against Millicent High, Grant High and Kingston Community Schools. Although our team had a high proportion of Year 8s and 9s they were competitive in both games against older and more experienced opposition. All involved should be proud of the way they played and the fact they played games out regardless of the score. The boys enjoyed themselves over the course of the day. Thanks must go to Adam Merrett for giving up his time to coach, the boys certainly appreciated his commitment, and to Tom Sutterby for driving the bus to and from Hatherleigh.

A large number of these boys were involved in the Touch Football competition that was held in Mount Gambier last Thursday. Chloe Long organised the teams that competed and both our boys and girls teams were highly competitive on the day, managing to win several of their games. Both of these activities are more examples of the fantastic extra-curricular opportunities available to students at Penola High. This week sees all our Year 11 students undertaking Work Experience and I’d like to thank all employers involved in this. Work Experience can be a crucial learning opportunity for our students and can be a great way to identify future employment pathways. Without the commitment of the Penola community these type of learning experiences couldn’t take place.

A couple of quick reminders to finish:

1. Tomorrow 27 May 2016 is a student free day so staff can undertake a day of training and development related to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). Staff will be undertaking a diverse range of workshops connected to personal interest or their teaching areas. I look forward to many new and potentially innovative ideas being brought back and incorporated in our teaching and learning.

2. Next Wednesday 1 June 2016 sees the launch of Penola High School’s Facebook page. I see this as a great opportunity to showcase and promote our school and show the wider community exactly what amazing and wonderful things are taking place here on a regular basis. More information will be forthcoming in future weeks, but if you get the opportunity, jump on Facebook, search for Penola High School and feel free to like, share, comment, react, and spread the word about how great our school and community are.

Kind regards
From the Deputy’s Desk
Jason Plunkett

25th Penola and Coonawarra Arts Festival
The 25th Penola and Coonawarra Arts Festival opening was a fantastic night, it was well attended and received by members of our community. Those of you in attendance may have noticed the attendance of three ex-Principals from the school. Student involvement was impressive with a selection of artwork and literature entered by our students, many receiving awards. The hidden gem however was our Café 43 students, who prepared numerous platters of delicious finger food. I had the pleasure of talking to the students whilst they prepared the dishes last Thursday and I believe they did a brilliant job. I was particularly taken by the sense of community and how the Penola High School “team” in collaboration with the Coonawarra Arts Festival committee worked together so effectively to make such a fantastic night. In particular, I would like to draw attention to Kristen Bence’s efforts in coordinating the event Jodie Allen, in her first year, so expertly managing the catering in both the festival opening and the Big Breakfast and Vicki McDonald-Burgess for seamless management of the event, organisation of sponsors and management of art work and payments. Without this work an event like this would not occur. A big thank you to those who supported the festival and the school and attended on the night, or have checked out the art work since.

School Stream App
In our continuing efforts to improve communication between families and the school, we have implemented a mobile phone app which works in apple and android devices. This tool allows us to send you alerts similar to Facebook, provide event details and access to the newsletter and lets you provide us with absence information. This app is designed to supplement our “Sentral” parent portal, where we are gradually adding more features for parents. Soon we will also have a Facebook page that will be open to the wider community to keep those interested up-to-date with school activities.

Open Boys Football
Andrew Stockley

Tuesday 17 May 2016 saw our Open Boys Football team travel to Hatherleigh to compete in the first round of this Knockout competition for 2016. We were drawn to play Millicent High School in our first game with the other schools involved being Grant High and Kingston Community Schools. Adam Merrett had kindly offered to coach and the boys were keen and excited to do well and hopefully learn from a very successful local player and coach. In our first game we got off to a slow start and allowed to Millicent to kick the first 3 goals before we got our game going. Our first half, apart from the very start, was competitive and at half time we were only 28 points down. Unfortunately in the second half Millicent were able to control the play for long periods of time and despite our best efforts we eventually went down by 67 points. Jesse Martin, Gerard Merrett, and Bailey Walker were the best players. Having lost our first game we then faced off against Grant High for 3rd place on the day. This match proved a much closer affair but again our start let us down. Having allowed Grant High to kick the first 3 goals of the game the boys did their best to get back on level terms. We controlled play for a significant portion of the second half but poor kicking for goal cost us dearly. Despite a much better showing we eventually lost by 22 points. Bailey Walker again played well, along with Joe French and Tom Walker. In addition to Adam Merrett thanks must go to Brett Martin who gave up his time on the day to come and umpire both our games and to Tom Sutterby who drove the bus and helped out with some goal umpiring. Despite losing both games the boys were happy with their efforts and were able to reflect on an improved effort from last year. With such a large number of Year 8 and 9s involved we should be looking at a strong team over the next few years.

SCHOOL BUS PARKING
Parents are reminded NOT to park in the bus parking zones at any Penola school between 8.30-8.45am and 3.15-3.30pm. Police and WRC Parking Inspectors will be patrolling the bus parking zones regularly.
**Year 11 Outdoor Education Camp**

*Mark Heyn*

On Monday 16 May 2016, six Year 11 students plus Miss Long and Mr Heyn loaded up the bus and trailer and headed over the border to the Grampians for a four day Outdoor Education camp. The group stayed outside Halls Gap and experienced a variety of activities, including rock climbing, abseiling and bushwalking. The session on Tuesday was conducted along the top of the Wonderland Range, with temperatures reaching a balmy 12 degrees (minus wind chill.) Once geared up, the students looked up at a 25m rock face that they were told they would be climbing. The students ‘attacked’ the challenge with trepidation, and a little drizzle didn’t help their spirits. However, it was heartening to see students face their fears and encourage one another to hang in there (literally!) to complete some of the tougher climbs. Wednesday saw the students embark on a 20km bushwalk, completely self-managed without extra assistance from the teachers. The students shared navigation duties and managed to complete the walk without wrong turns. The students struggled through the hardest section of the walk completing it 45 minutes more slowly than expected. The students continued on, and eventually completed the walk in just under 8 hours. The students felt the highlight of the day was seeing the view at the top of Mt Rosea; and the bus at the end of the walk. The last day saw the students start a 2 hour walk to the Pinnacle and beyond. Unfortunately, due to a missed turn, the students doubled the length of the walk. Rain and cold winds didn’t help their disposition. The students behaved well on the camp and each pitched in to assist with the cooking.

**Ag Studies**

*Tom Sutterby*

Earlier this week the Year 9/10 Agriculture Studies class was given the opportunity to start studying and caring for 2 dairy calves for 3 weeks. This is part of the “Cows Create Careers” program which the students are participating in. As part of the program the students will be submitting videos and reports to Dairy Australia and the Australian Dairy Industry about their experiences. We would like to thank the Penola High School Governing Council, Dairy Australia representative Kylie Boston, farmer Virginia Ewing, and industry advocate Annalee McKinnon for assisting with the establishment of the program.

**Year 9 Geography Class Goes Organic**

*Rob Thornett*

On Tuesday, 24 May the Year 9 students with Chloe Long, Jo Skeer and Rob Thornett visited Kalangadoo Organic and were provided a tour of the farm by Michelle McColl, the co-owner of the farm. We were lucky that the weather gods smiled on us for the duration of the visit, although one student did manage to get her feet soaked – by walking into a foot trough. We learnt a fundamental philosophy of organic farming – ‘Healthy soil, healthy plants, healthy people’. Although only a relatively small property, the McColls grow 90 different apple varieties and have introduced a wide range of value adding products to their farming practices. We were also fortunate to see Chris McColl with two workers, processing apples for juice. Students did get to sample the juice fresh from the press and many were surprised with how tasty the produce coming from the farm tastes. On returning to the classroom, the students worked on a field study report using the information from our farm visit and their further research.
Touch Football
Chloe Long

On Thursday 19 May 2016 students from Penola High School travelled to Mount Gambier for the Open and Year 8/9 Knockout Touch Football competition. Although the rain did not stop for the entire day and the temperature hovered around 10 degrees, this did not seem to affect the players.

The Open Girls started the day off strongly showing good ball movement throughout the field with a 4 to 1 win over Mount Gambier High School. They shared the tries around with Ella Kain and Sarah Stokvad scoring 1, and Aliza Pfitzner scoring 2. This win put the girls into the final to face off against Tenison Wood College. The girls were put to the test against a strong team, however held their own and made use of the ball when they had it. Emily Winter was very unlucky to miss out on a try. The sun came out for the boys at the start of their game, which is lucky as they didn’t want to get their hair wet. Coached my Marcus Devereux, the first game was against a strong Tension Woods College team. The boys worked out to run the ball up the middle, which eventually paid off with Bentley Galpin scoring the first try.

The second game against Mount Gambier High School was just as tough with the boys working extra hard to score. Tom Walker was the play maker of the day setting Charlie French to score 4 tries. The Year 8/9 boys waited patiently all morning to finally have their chance to play. The first game against Grant High School was very even. With good movement of the ball and speed in the wings, Sam Klemm was able to score 2 tries. After some confusion from the umpires at the end of the game it was discovered that the game was a draw, which meant the game went into ‘drop off’. After 15 minutes of extra game time Grant High School scored the winning try. In the last game of the day our boys played against Millicent High School, with Joel Virtanen doing some great foot work to score himself a try. A massive thank you to Marcus Devereux for braving the weather conditions to coach the Year 8/9 and Open Boy’s teams.

Japanese Skype
Kathleen Phillips

Since the introduction of the E-Language Sister School Partnership late last year, it has rapidly moved ahead. We were contacted by the Board of Education in Tsu City in Mie Prefecture to see if we would like to take part in a sister school program with a high school in their district. We have since been paired with Nishikyounai Junior High School. Nishikyounai Junior High School is located in Tsu City, Mie Prefecture. It has around 300 students attending in years 8-10. The aim of this program is to allow students from both schools to communicate in both English and Japanese and to learn about each other’s culture. The year 8 students have begun Skyping students from Japan for the last two weeks. Our first Skype session focused on introducing themselves to the students in Japan. Our session last week focused on introducing Penola and Penola High School to the students of Nishikyounai Junior High. They in turn introduced Mie Prefecture, their school and their interests to our students. Shiho Funaki (the English teacher at Nishikyounai) and I are now planning a unit of work for our year 8 students to work together on. This will allow us to use Skype, Wikispaces and a variety of other digital workspaces to communicate and complete our project. Students studying Japanese at year 9 and 10 are also involved in the process of creating videos about Penola High and their lives which will be sent to Nishikyounai Junior High School. We hope that the program will continue in the long term and will eventually see exchanges happening between Nishikyounai Junior High School and Penola High School.
Prospective Parent Information Evening

Winsley Wighton

A group of about 30 prospective parents and students braved wintry conditions to attend an information evening. Proceedings began with Scott McCulloch conducting a tour of the school. This provided parents with an overview of the school and the opportunity to ask informal questions. The tour culminated in the library where Scott addressed the group and introduced our Principal, Andrew Stockley. Andrew spoke warmly and passionately about our school community and our commitment to providing every student at PHS with the most appropriate pathway for the years ahead. Two Year 8 students, Ebonie Moulton and Ryan Zerk, spoke in glowing terms about their experiences as beginning students. The students had invested considerable thought and effort in preparing their presentations and worked well together. Along with providing information about matters such as classes, sport and organisation, the students spoke engagingly about the opportunities they had had to form new friendships and the on-going support they receive from teachers.

Kids Time

Ali Bond

There was gold fever in the Library on Saturday morning of the 2016 Penola Festival where 28 children and their parents and grandparents participated in a ‘Trek to the Goldfields’ drawing on the day’s theme of ‘Tales from Long Ago’. The seminar room was transformed into a scene reminiscent of a 1850s goldfield. There was eucalyptus scrub, Aussie bush animals and colourful parrots (thank you Heather & John for your amazing art work) and a bush pole and canvas school tent. The children sat in the tent and engaged closely with Ali reading the story ‘To the Goldfields’. Rob gave a colourful rendition of ‘Mulga Bill’s Bicycle’. Nicole Lear on her guitar led the children and parents singing some traditional Australian bush songs. The children then divided into four groups to tackle some craft projects and to also enjoy a short ride around the carpark in Peter and Norma Ryan’s vintage motor car. The children made and decorated a Chinese field hat, made and constructed a kaleidoscope and assembled a working Jacob’s ladder (thank you Tom for cutting all the wood). During craft time the seminar room was transformed into a ‘Trek to the goldfields’ The Trekkers, using a map drawn by John, walked down a gang plank from the ship and collected a handmade wheelbarrow; constructed from cardboard boxes and bamboo, they then pushed through thick scrub; they crossed the Glenelg River; they went over the hills of Casterton and Coleraine. They then went to the Miners Tent to be given a Miner’s Licence which allowed them to enter the ‘underground tunnel’, which transversed the back of the library. At the end of the tunnel they presented their Miner’s Licence at the ‘Gold Exchange’ where the Gold Commissioner, Jo Skeer presented each ‘miner’ with a bag of gold (homemade honeycomb). The morning finished back in the seminar room where everybody joined in singing ‘Big Bad Bushranger’. In keeping with the food described in the story ‘To the Gold fields’ all enjoyed a mug of homemade pumpkin soup and Cornish pasties and English pies. A big thank you to everyone, especially John Bond, who worked tirelessly to prepare for this day and present our session of ‘Tales of Long Ago’. By general acclamation it was the Best Kids Time ever.

Year 12 Chemistry

Winsley Wighton

Members of the WREN Stage 2 Chemistry class have recently demonstrated their determination to succeed by their participation in two full-day workshops. On Sunday 22nd May, they were joined by three students and teacher, Jacinta Ferguson, from Lucindale Area School and undertook a range of analytical exercises before completing their summative analyses. The following Wednesday saw the WREN students back in the lab for a morning devoted to chromatographic analyses. Students performed a range of experiments and then shared their results and their interpretation. The day concluded with an introduction to atomic absorption spectroscopy and a discussion of topics for the students’ Issues Investigations.

Student Absence SMS (only)

Notification number:

0400 134 993
Arts Festival
Kristen Bence

The official 2016 Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival kicked off with a gathering of about 200 people in our school foyer and hall. English Teacher, Jackie Poumako, and Judges Margaret Muller and Winsley Wighton introduced the student winners of the Creative Writing Competition, which was based on the theme of “Life in Australia”. The winners were from a range of categories: Camryn Schreiver (High School – Senior), Rachel Murphy (High School – Middle), Mia Crewe (Primary School – Upper).

Then Nick Mitzevich, Director of the Art Gallery of South Australia, introduced the $500 Design Prize winner with sponsor Catherine Robertson, from Penola and Districts Business and Tourism Association. The judge declared Lorna Beagan, an Adelaide based Graphic Designer the winner and spoke of the features of her work. “Lorna’s work was inventive and a beautiful design that captured the scope of the festival.”

There was a short interlude during which guests enjoyed wines donated by Raidis Estate and Katnook wineries. The array of hors d’oeuvres were prepared by our Penola High School Café 43 students. The students, under Jodie Allen’s guidance, prepared beautiful food and backed it up with excellent service. They richly deserved the many compliments they received.

The official opening of the Festival and the Exhibition commenced at 6.00pm with the acknowledgement of the land delivered by Penola High School Principal Andrew Stockley. Then Rhett McDonald, President of the PCAF Festival Committee went on to welcome those present, acknowledging the hard work of the festival committee and its long history. He also welcomed judge, Nick Mitzevich, Hamish Balnaves, major sponsor from the Balnaves Foundation. Hamish spoke briefly of the contribution of the Foundation and the importance of the Arts to communities such as ours.

Nick Mitzevich then spoke about the winning art works and announced the winners. Catherine Bailey and Dagny Strand were highly commended for their works. The first Local Prize of $500, sponsored by Lois Hodge in memory of her late husband, Ken Skene, was won by Diana Wiseman who interpreted the poem “The Bold Hills and Calm Sky”. Nick said her artwork “created a great sense of drama through the use of perspective and colour to create this captivating landscape.” The second Local Prize of $500, sponsored by Lois Hodge was won by local Millicent artist Tanya Hunter and was entitled “The Yellow of May”. The judge said the artist used “subtle layers of colour and texture to create this beautifully resolved landscape. Suggestions of vast distances are achieved through sensitive use of colour and tone.” The Youth Art Prize of $250 was jointly won by Connor Eastwood and Katie Colbert from Year 10.

The $8000 John Shaw Neilson Acquisitive Art Prize sponsored by the Balnaves Foundation was won by local Lucindale artist Hamish MacDonald and was entitled “The Whistling Jack”. The judge was drawn to the work from the first moment he entered the exhibition and said “the strength of colour and energy are the hallmarks of this winning work. Strong colour and dynamic brushstroke give this work presence. The paint surface looks alive.”

The night was a great success and was followed by an outstanding performance of The Mikado by Co Opera at Rymill Hall. The entire weekend of the festival had its highest ever attendance with over 3000 people estimated to have attended. Miss Bence’s Sculpey Sculpture workshop in the park excited the 50 children who participated and Ali Bond’s Kids Time in the Library was again a renowned success. Thank you to the team of helpers from the community and our school, who made this festival such a success.
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Penola High School Facebook Page Launch
Wednesday 1 June 2016

We are very excited to be launching our Facebook Page on Wednesday 1 June 2016.

The page will feature reminders, photos of our school community as well as up to date information regarding current events.

Nick Kidman is this year’s Penola entrant to Swinging with the Stars!

This is a big fundraiser for our community and we think we should get behind him. We are holding a takeaway pizza night with all the proceeds going to Stand Like Stone Penola branch.

PIZZA NIGHT

RAIDIS ESTATE CELLAR DOOR
WED 15TH JUNE

Order must be received by 3pm Monday 13th June
Please email Emma (emma@raidis.com.au) or call 08 8737 2966 with what pizzas you want & what time.
She will email back to confirm.

Margherita (Tomato, Basil, Cheese)
Hawaiian (Ham & Pineapple)
The Works (Ham, pepperoni, capsicum, olives, onion)

Price - $20 per pizza