Dear Parents/Caregivers

With only two weeks left in the semester it feels as though the last couple of weeks have been quiet in comparison to the rest of the year. When looking back over the previous fortnight there seems to have been a lot less happening. That however is about to change!!

In the coming weeks we have the following to look forward too:
• Interschool Cross Country
• Knockout Netball
• The Science and Engineering Challenge
• Mid-year reports going home
• Semester one classes finishing

The next two weeks shape as very important for our Year 11 students, this is the last chance to finalise tasks, get work assessed and get the best grades possible, then start again in semester two. While most Year 12 classes continue through until the end of the year, those involved in completing their Research Project are rapidly approaching the end of semester deadline. As I have mentioned earlier, I can’t emphasise strongly enough the benefits of completing this compulsory subject by the end of this semester. Hopefully the majority of our Year 12s find themselves in this circumstance.

Friday 24 June 2016 is a Student Free Day here at Penola High School. While students won’t be attending, staff will be here and are going to be engaging in Professional Development. The purpose of the day is to strengthen our knowledge and understanding relating to Task Design, Differentiation and Multiple Entry Points for student engagement. The aim is to more effectively design and create tasks that allow for students to engage and then work at the standard that best suits them. The first part of the day will be instruction based and related to how to design tasks and the second part will be giving staff the opportunity to put this learning into practice designing tasks they will utilise in their semester two classes.

Remember to like our Facebook page which is now up and running and slowly gathering a healthy number of ‘likes’, ‘shares’ and ‘follows’. Our Facebook page is designed to not only promote the school but also to communicate upcoming events and happenings around the school.

Finally I’d like to pass on the congratulations of the entire school community to Scott, Jen and Charlie McCulloch on the safe arrival of new daughter/sister Phoebe. We sincerely wish the McCulloch family all the joy and happiness that a new baby brings.

Kind regards

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**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.
Cafe 43
Jodie Allen

Café 43, Penola High School’s Hospitality Skills Centre will open to the public next Tuesday 14 June with the 2016 group of students who are developing skills in a hospitality pathway. The students are nervous and excited about opening Café 43 to the Penola community and have been busy and productive during Term 1 in developing and honing their skills. The Café 43 team this year consists of Lucy Butler, Katie Colbert, Joanne Drury, Erin Fielder, Imahgen Hecht, Hayley Mayo, Rachel Murphy, Gorgia Robbie, Emma Ryan, Jack Walker and Emily Winter.

The students demonstrated their skills over the Arts Festival weekend by catering for the opening of the John Shaw Nielson Arts Exhibition on Thursday 19 May. In addition, Café 43 students hosted a breakfast on Sunday 22 May for a small Arts Festival group. This gave some students extra opportunity to improve their customer service, food production and knife skills, along with learning about another aspect of the Food and Hospitality industry. Students received excellent feedback and appreciation of their commitment.

During the last few weeks the students have been developing knife skills and basic menu preparations; trialling these in a café style menu which will be available to the school and wider community on Tuesday 14 June, 21 June, 28 June and 5 July. This has allowed the students to gain confidence and expertise in the running of a commercial kitchen, production and service of quality menu items, appropriate food and beverage service and the preparation of beverages, including great coffee. As their knowledge and skills develop, the menu will be extended, to incorporate a Chef’s or Good Taste special, which will always be a highlight on the menu. This gives the students an opportunity to demonstrate the new skills that have been developed during lesson time. Local chef, Ryan Dear has been assisting in class time to share his knowledge and skills with the students. The students benefit greatly from these experiences and contact with current Industry professionals by developing confidence as well as building skills with this training.

Through their reflection the students have learnt that clear communication with each other, working as a team and following standard procedures are important aspects which assist in the smooth running of catering commitments and café operation. These experiences are all part of their learning curve and will assist our students to further develop valuable work related skills.

Café 43 will be open in blocks of four weeks throughout the school year. We encourage members of the local business community and residents to come for coffee or lunch and help our students to consolidate their skills through serving genuine customers. To ensure prompt service and assist with catering quantities, phone orders and/or table bookings would be greatly appreciated. If you would like further information please contact Jodie Allen, Café 43 teacher, or the school on 8737 0000.

Year 12 Chemistry Trip
Winsley Wighton

On Monday 6 June 2016, Stage 2 Chemistry students from Penola and Millicent travelled to Kimberly-Clark at Millicent. There, engineers Stephen Say and Josef Marzouk welcomed the students and spent time with them to present environmental aspects of the paper-making industry, some chemical aspects of the processes carried out at the mill and the types of roles available for those working in this industry. This session involved many questions and answers, and the students were challenged to apply their formal classroom learning in this industrial setting. After the presentation, students undertook an informative tour of the site.

The afternoon was spent at Millicent High School and students were encouraged to reflect on the tour they had undertaken. Students were able to make links between their morning’s experiences and every topic in the curriculum statement – a particularly valuable outcome.

We are grateful, once again, to our friends at KCA for providing this rich experience for our students.

Provide First Aid Course
Sarah Walker

On Wednesday of this week, 5 staff joined the Year 10 cohort to take part in a first aid course provided by Peter from Red Cross. The students prepared for the day by completing an online assessment. Previously known as Apply First Aid or Senior First Aid, the training gave us the skills and knowledge required to provide a First Aid response including life support and management of casualty(s) in a range of situations, until the arrival of medical or other assistance. The training included providing knowledge of DRSABCD, CPR, Shock Management, Bleeding and Wound Care and Poisons and Toxic Substances. All participants were fully engaged and learnt some valuable life saving techniques.