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University of NSW Competitions
For over the past 20 years, students at Penola PS have taken part in the University of NSW Competitions. At the last assembly we presented the Merit (top 40% of entrants), Credit (top 25%), Distinction (top 10%) and High Distinction (top 1%) certificates for Science and Digital Technologies (formerly Computer). Winners were:

**Digital Technologies**
- Ben Hutchesson  Yr 4  Merit
- Cody Radford*  Yr 5  Distinction
- Hugo Balnaves  Yr 6  Merit
- Angus Croser  Yr 6  Merit

**Science**
- Max Croser*  Yr 2  High Distinction
- Fred Grey-Smith  Yr 2  Credit
- Tom Moorhouse  Yr 4  Credit
- Lachie Croser  Yr 5  Credit
- Mia Crewe  Yr 5  Credit
- Angus Croser  Yr 6  Merit
- Annie Pollard  Yr 6  Credit

*Principal’s Award

Parking on Young Street
As from Monday, we will have an additional bus run, making it a total of eight buses running at drop off and pick up time. Please be reminded that the other side of the road is a No Parking Zone during bus times. This not only makes the bus driver’s job easier, but to avoid children crossing the road in front of buses. To avoid a fine, please respect these rules.

White Ribbon School
We have registered to be a White Ribbon school to support Australia’s campaign to stop violence against women. Earlier this week I attended the first training session and believe this will have a positive impact on our students. I will present more information about this as we get closer to White Ribbon Day on November 25th.

SAPSASA Hockey State Team
Lucy Sharman is currently in Perth representing South Australia at the Australian Primary School Hockey Championships. This is Lucy’s second year in the team, which is a great achievement.

Toilet Upgrade
In the next few weeks, work will begin on the refurbishment of the unit toilets. This project, funded by school funds, is part of the Governing Council’s strategic plan to ensure school facilities are maintained. During this time, the outside toilets in the gym will be available for use.

SRC
This week we welcomed our new class reps for the second semester. The new reps are:
- Year 7—Dale and Kylee
- Year 6—Lucy and Hugo
- Year 4/5L—Breanna and Cody D
- Year 4/5W—Ben and Grace
- Year 3—Stella and Luca
They have already made a positive contribution at the first meeting and we look forward to working with them throughout the remainder of the year.

Canteen News
We are having another student special next week. This week’s special was decided by the Year 7 cooking group. They have chosen chocolate pudding which will be sold by order for $3.00. Look out for the order forms.

Roster
**Friday August 14th** — Kathryn Williams
**Friday August 21st** — Kylie Cunningham

Munchies
**Tuesday 11th August**
Angela Lythgo
Parent Club
The parent club wish to congratulate Mr Harmer on his principal role again !!

At the last meeting, The Parent Club has decided to give:
- $200 to spend on furnishing classrooms to assist with creating different learning spaces.
- $300 to the science room for safer shelving.
- $600 to the library for new books

We look forward to seeing some changes in the classes !
We will also be investigating the possibility of purchasing a school trailer to assist with school events, grounds work, use on camps etc.

Mardi Currie

Environment Group
Our Environment Group went to the Naracoorte Caves on Tuesday 4th August for our 3rd Forum. We learned about environmental weeds, why they are a problem and things we can do to remove them from our natural bushland. One of these weeds is boneseed, a plant from South Africa which can take over in the bush and stop our native plants from growing. Our group removed 101 plants from a small area of native scrub. Each plant (when it is mature) can produce 50,000 seeds/year so we effectively stopped more than 5,000,000 plants from growing in the park. Well Done!

Our project this year is looking at rubbish and how we can reduce this problem at our school. So far we have replaced plastic containers in our canteen with cardboard ones which has already made a big difference to the type of waste that we produce at school – Thanks Rosalia!

We have spoken to the staff and it has been agreed that we will begin “NUDE FOOD TUESDAYS” This means that we are asking families to bring wrap-free food each Tuesday. Bringing nude food to school can be challenging sometimes but we believe that if each family does just a little bit that we can start to make a big difference. Some ideas that might help your family to bring nude food could include;
- Buy a big packet of chips or biscuits instead of lots of little packets. It’s much cheaper and the money you save each week could go towards buying containers to bring your lunch and recess in.
- Use greaseproof paper to wrap your sandwiches in instead of glad wrap
- Buy a lunch box which already has little compartments in it so you don’t have to have lots of containers or wrappers
- Make a cake, biscuits or muffins on the weekend. This is something fun you could do with an adult and would save money as well.
- Help to make your lunches each day. This will make a big difference and you will be able to choose the sorts of things you can bring to school.

We understand that this change will take some time but we think that we need to start trying. Our “NUDE FOOD TUESDAYS” will start on August 18th and will continue for the rest of the year. We are hoping that in the future our school can become wrapper free. If you have any ideas and would like to share them please speak to one of us or talk to your SRC class rep.
SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The Penola Primary School Facebook page has been developed by the leadership team as an additional channel of information for parents and caregivers in our school community. Items to be advertised on the page include:

- Event information
- Important school alerts (such as “Fire Ban” days etc)
- Reminders to parents about events and activities
- Due date reminders
- Links to resources
- Call for volunteers
- Share things that would normally appear in the newsletter as individual posts
- Share information from other sources that may be of interest to parents

The Penola Primary School Facebook Page will be an open page which any member of the community are welcome to “like” and be updated with our school information as it is posted. The Facebook page is not a social networking tool for parents but rather a source of information and as such, it is the policy that all information to be shared on this page is passed on to the Administration staff for posting from the school without exception.

When posting on the Penola Primary School Facebook Page:

- Ensure content is in line with the DECD Social Media Policy & Guidelines
- Ensure content is accurate and not misleading
- Code of ethics of Public Sector of South Australia is adhered to

The Penola Primary School will not to use any student faces on the Facebook page.

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