Dear Parents and Friends,

The term has begun in a flurry with Choir, Sports Day and the Year 3 Camp all happening in the first four weeks. Sports Day was a fantastic day - not only weather wise, but also the positive way in which students took on the events was very pleasing. An event such as this, that goes over three days doesn't happen without a tremendous amount of work by a number of people. If I was to list them, I am sure I would leave someone out, so thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the day.

Last week, I was fortunate enough to attend the Youth Environment Leaders Program final event in Mount Gambier. At this event, the 15 schools participating each presented a display and talked about what they had achieved for the year. Our students, Brady, Matthew, Sophie and Angus, did a great job representing the school. They spoke very well when describing what they had done to reduce waste at our school. Thanks to Matt Crewe for enabling this program to happen.

The previous weekend, Olivia Thomas, represented Penola PS at the Early Childhood Organisation (EChO) expo. She had a number of displays on the work we have been doing in fostering learning dispositions in children through play. A number of schools were very interested and impressed with the programs and structures we had in place.

**Staffing and Classes 2016**

After much consultation, the leadership team and the staff through the Personnel Advisory Committee (PAC) have determined the staffing profile for 2016. The agreed model most likely will be:

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- 2 x Yr 2/3 classes
- 2 x Yr 4/5 classes
- Yr 6 class
- Yr 7 class

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**Calendar of Events**

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**Penola PS Quiz Night**

**Saturday 7th November 7:30pm**

Get your table together or just join in with a group to see if you can be crowned the Penola PS quiz night champions!

Entry: $10

Lots of fun and prizes to be won!

BYO Drinks and Nibbles

Bookings to Paul or the front office.
The leadership team will comprise of:

- Principal
- Coordinator: School Management
- Coordinator: Teaching and Learning—Early Years Pedagogies
- Coordinator: Counsellor and Invention

Once permanent teachers have been placed within the school, contract positions will be made available for remaining classes. We hope that this is finalised in the next few weeks.

Prior to the end of the school year, we are planning to send a letter home to each parent with the class placement of their child for the 2016 school year. This will be followed by a transition session in the last week where students will know where they will be in 2016. We believe this process will alleviate any anxiety over the break in relation to not knowing where they will be and who they will be with.

Penola Show
Well done to our fabulous SSOs for the great display they put together at the Penola Show. Combined with the class teacher’s displays, it was a great way to showcase our school. Once again, we decided to have a student from each of the older classes enter the school roses into the show. We were very pleased that the rose Tommy Draper selected won the Champion Reserve rose in the Junior section. Thanks to Matt and Janet who helped organise this.

It was great to see all the other arts, crafts, Lego, flower pots etc that our students had entered. Well done to everyone who took the time, effort and creativity to enter.

University of NSW Competitions
In the last newsletter, two students were inadvertently left off the Maths winners list. We have reprinted it with all students who won a certificate of achievement. Well done once again on your achievements.

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*Principal’s Award
Transition
Next week, the formal Kindergarten Transition Program will begin on Thursdays. The 21 new students will be at school for the majority of the day for the next four weeks. To support the program, Jenny Tocaciu and Anna Copping will attend with the children. We look forward to having them all here. The Penola HS transition will be held over two days on the 25th and 26th November.

SAPSASA
This week, Jacob Robbie (cricket) and Zac Currie (Tennis) are away in Adelaide representing the Mid South East in their respective state carnivals. We trust they are enjoying the experience and representing the school with pride.

Blue Lake Fun Run
The Blue Lake Fun Run training has started with Kate McDonald leading the training. Students and parents of all ages are invited to take part as long as they are willing to take on either the 3.2km, 6.8km or 10.4km track. The school will be entering a team, so look out for entry forms soon.

SRC
The SRC ran a successful Sports Day Raffle where they raised over $200. The winners were:
First Prize: Hayley Moulton
Second Prize: Nick Radford

Canteen News
Look out for daily specials in the canteen available for recess and lunch, such as muffins, custard and fruit, mini tacos, cheese and bacon muffins and much, much more!

As stock starts to run out at the end of the term, it may not be replaced. Students will be offered an alternative option. Out of Stock items will be advertised in the newsletter.

Rosters
Friday 6th November: Ashley Wright
Friday 13th November: Benedetta Rusconi

Munchies
Tuesday 10th November
Amy Fatchen
Veronica Howlett
Stacey Marlow

Tuesday 17th November
Peta Crewe
Katie Moorhouse
Angela Lythgo

Thank you to everyone for their support over the past three years in my role as canteen manager. This year alone, we had 55 volunteers either on the roster or making munchies. Without all of you, I could not have kept the canteen running as it did. Thank you!

Rosalia Faux

When 65mm of rain falls overnight!
Sports Day 2015

On Friday 23rd October Penola Primary School students enjoyed their annual sports day, competing for the coveted Tanya Skeer Memorial Shield. There was a tremendous crowd in attendance to support the kids who looked fantastic in their brightly coloured sports tops.

A cool, but fine and sunny morning provided ideal conditions for the 800 metre and one-lap events. From Foundation through to Year 7 the kids battled hard to earn every point that they could to help boost their team’s score. Rymill was again the pre-carnival favourite but it was Dickson that came out on top, winning the day with 217 points, some 30 points in front of the Gordon team. The Dickson house leaders, Lucy Sharman, Tyler Batt, Kaleb Messenger and Jacob Robbie (filling in for the absent Joel Dent) accepted the shield on their team’s behalf.

The Gordon Bannister Cup event (Corner Spry) was won by a well-drilled Gordon outfit, comprising Karmel Finch, Paul Harmer, Merran Jolley, Damien Croser, Ally Jones, Skye McLachlan, Zac Currie and Angus Croser.

The Team Spirit award also went to the Gordon team for their outstanding organisation, initiative and attention to detail. Ally Jones, Skye McLachlan, Zac Currie and Angus Croser provided wonderful leadership and are to be commended on their efforts.

The individual competitions were also keenly fought with great sportsmanship displayed on numerous occasions. Trophy winners on the day were:

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Congratulations go to Georgia Winter from the Rymill team who smashed Aliza Pfitzner’s shot put record (7.4 metres) from 2010 with a throw of 8.27 metres. She then went on to set a new record for the 200 metres with a time of 32.12 seconds, bettering her sister Emily’s time of 32.47 seconds which she had set in 2011.

At the end of proceedings, sports coordinator, Tony O’Connell thanked several people including: the house leaders who had done a terrific job both in the lead-up to and on the day; Matt Crewe for presenting the grounds in superb condition; Cindy Hutchesson and her hardworking Parent Club and volunteers for providing lunch and refreshments throughout the day; the house leaders for their preparation and organisation on the day; the Penola and Districts Little Athletics Club for the use of their equipment; Dione McDonald and Peta Crewe for volunteering to be chief scorers; and to the staff members who put in a great deal of time and effort to help prepare the kids for the day.

The governing council instituted a new award this year to recognise individuals who display our school values and dispositions for learning in the way they approach their sports day activities. Whilst many children were in the running to take out an award, the following were presented medals from Principal Harmer for their outstanding efforts:

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GETin2FUN
GETin2CRICKET

MILO in2CRICKET introduces girls and boys, aged 5 - 8, to Australia’s favourite sport. It’s available for kids of all abilities and it’s great fun, safe and teaches basic skills—helping kids learn to play just like their Australian Cricket heroes.

Where - McCorquindale Park
Time - 9:00-10:00 am
Dates - 14/11/15 - 5/12/15 13/2/16 - 5/3/16
Cost - $75
Contact - Jon Copping  Ph: 0438372261
Visit PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU to find out more

When: Friday
November 6th -
7.00pm for 7.30pm
Where: Coonawarra
Hall
Admission: $10 Tickets
available at the door
BYO Chair, beanbag
etc. Bar Facilities
available

Comedy/Drama –
1968 was the year that
changed the world.
And for four young
Aboriginal sisters from
a remote mission this is
the year that would
change their lives
forever. Around the
globe, there was
protest and revolution
in the streets.
Rated: PG

This Fundraiser is in support
of the Penola Coonawarra
Stand Like Stone Wellbeing
Fund, the benefit of which is
solely targeted at charitable
projects that benefit the
Penola Coonawarra area.