Dear Parents and Friends,

The term continues to rattle on as we head towards the first break. It has been pleasing to wander through the classes and see their learning. I am starting to see a real increase in the students’ ability to clearly articulate their learning and their engagement in the activities. Students who are self invested in their learning are far more likely to be successful.

Adam Box, the Education Director for the South East Coast and Vines Partnership, visited on Tuesday. After a brief chat and a tour of some of our classrooms he was impressed with the learning that was taking place. He spoke very positively about the learning environments in the Foundation and Year 1 classrooms, as well as our close association and working links with McKay Kindergarten.

External Review

Penola Primary School has been selected to be externally reviewed in Term 2. This is a new process by DECD with the focus on student achievement. The review will involve a member of the review team from central office and a peer Principal selected by the review team. Adam Box, our Education Director, will also be involved. During the review process, the review team will spend two days at the school talking with leadership, teachers, school support staff, students and parents about the school. The aim is to add value to the school by recognising what it is doing well, but also making 2-3 key recommendations about improving outcomes.

We see this as a positive process for the school, and anything that can help drive further improvement can only be of benefit for our children.

Easter

Please note that the dismissal time for the Thursday before Easter is the normal time of 3:15pm. There has been some mention of it being earlier, this is only if it falls on the last day of term.

SRC

Mrs Finch was very pleased not only with the amount of applications for SRC executive, but the quality of applications. It was a difficult selection process for the staff with many of the votes being very close. The successful candidates for the executive in 2015 are:

President: Jacob Robbie
Vice-President: Ally Jones
Secretary: Ruby-Lee Robinson
Treasurer: Angus Croser
Principal’s Rep: Sebastian Hamilton

Well done to these people. I look forward to seeing the SRC executive and elected reps working together to have a voice at our school.

Respect and Responsibility
Governing Council Chairperson: Melissa Hunter
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SAPSASA Softball
This week we have Kaleb Messenger, Taj Messenger, Joel Dent, Connor Hunter and Tom Skeer representing the Mid South East at the State Boys Softball Carnival. I am sure they will be representing our school well as well as having an enjoyable time.

Next Friday is the State Country Swimming Championships in Adelaide. We will have Lucy Sharman, Ella Hutchesson, Anders McShane, Angus Croser, Jake Klemm, Taj Messenger, Joel Dent, Kaleb Messenger, Lachie Croser and Corey Brand representing the MSE. We wish them all the best!

Parking
Please be aware that the car park located on the McKay CC site is only for parents dropping off or picking up children from the centre. Unfortunately, there is not a lot of room, so we are asking that parents dropping odd school children use alternative drop off points.

Parent Club
This is a very busy time for the Parent Club and we appreciate all the offers of assistance with cake/ slice making and helping out at Lucindale Field Days. It is unfortunate to have two great fund raising opportunities so close to each other, but the potential in each was too good to let go. Helpers would still be appreciated at the Field Days if you happen to be there.

The Rose Open Day is also a very good fundraising opportunity. We are aware that many classes are also using this as a camp fundraiser, so we do not expect you to commit all day. If you are not involved in a class stall, we would really like people to help out with working on the gate and directing parking traffic. A note asking for help will be sent home early next week.

These two days will be the only major fundraisers we plan to run this year.

Canteen News
Thank you to all the parents who have contributed to Munchies on Tuesdays so far this term. There has been a great selection of snacks for the students to purchase. Look out for Frittata Fridays, with slices of home made frittata being sold at recess and lunch for $1 until sold out.

Next Wednesday we will be having another student lunch special. This time it is a delicious chicken tenderloin sub for $5. Order forms have gone out already, or available from the front office.

Scholastic Book Fair—Last Days!
The Year 3 class is holding its annual Book Fair from until Friday, 20th March. There will be the usual huge selection of books as well as novelty stationery items for sale. Credit card facilities will be available. Remaining sale times are:
Thursday 19th – 5pm-6pm
Friday 20th – 3:15-4 pm
We hope you will be able to support us as much as you have in past years.

Penola Arts Festival
The Penola Arts Festival is on the way, and once again the children at Penola Primary School are going to get creative! We have again been invited to contribute to the Yarn Bombing of the main street and there are some great ideas in the pipeline at school.
The theme is ‘Wheels of Progress’ - and we have 6 bikes
Playful Learning in Foundation in action!

at school that are going to be transformed into individual works of art by each of the classes.
BUT, we need lots of wool!

So if you or anyone you know can donate some wool, it would be fantastic. Or if you see any in an op-shop or sale bin, please grab it for us.
The brighter, more sparkly, thicker, fluffier the better!

ALSO, we need a couple more old bikes. So if you have one you have been meaning to throw out, drop it off at school for us.

Please send wool donations to school with children, or drop them in at the front office.

Sports Vouchers Program
What is the Sports Vouchers program?
The Sports Vouchers program is a State Government initiative administered by the Office for Recreation and Sport (ORS). It is an opportunity for primary school age children from Reception to Year 7 to receive a $50 discount off sports club/membership fees. All families with eligible children in South Australia will receive a letter through school (informing them of the Sports Vouchers program and how it works. Sport providers can then offer a $50 discount on fees and subsequently be reimbursed by the Office for Recreation and Sport.

Go to www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au for more information. The Sporting Clubs registered in Penola are:
- Penola Golf Club
- Penola Netball Club
- Penola Football Club
- Penola Swim Club

Vouchers are available from the Front Office or see Paul for more details.

Award
Congratulations to Bryce Rowntree who recently won the coaches award for the Rangers Baseball team in Naracoorte.
You’re invited to an

Open Day at the Rose Nursery

Take this unique opportunity to visit one of the largest and longest running rose nurseries in Australia. Participate in a tour with the grower where you can have all your questions about roses answered!

Sunday 29th March 2015
10am - 4pm at Wagner’s Rose Nursery
20 Koorine Road, Kalangadoo

Discover the fabulous new release roses with over 600 varieties, go home with a new plant for your garden and a beautiful bunch of flowers!

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$8 entry
Children U15 free
Great food, coffee, cold drinks and wine for sale
Selection of potted plants and bunches of roses for sale
Proceeds will be donated to Penola Primary School and Penola Scouts
Play area for children