Dear Parents and Friends,

We come towards the end of another very productive term. This week we have held most of our Parent/Teacher interviews at which you would have also received the mid year report. These interviews are a great way to track progress and also to set goals for the remainder of the year. It has been pleasing to see almost all families attend interviews.

Part of the reporting process is reporting on attendance. DECD aims for all schools to have an attendance rate of 95%. If your child’s attendance rate is less than 90% without valid reason, I would encourage you to monitor this closely. Attendance is critical to ensuring continuity of learning and allowing children to maximise their potential.

Staff changes
In case you haven’t heard, Matt Crewe is taking next term off to travel across, round and through Australia with his family. His grounds hours will be covered by Justin McDonald, who will work between Penola HS and Penola PS. Janet Brodie will be taking on his school garden commitments, working with students to maintain the garden.

At this stage we are unsure whether or not Elmo has booked a ticket on the trip, but word is that he is being left behind to keep an eye on things back at school.

Ms Jamie Sheppard will be on leave next week, as she heads half way home to get married. We wish her all the best and every happiness for the upcoming wedding, and look forward to her returning as Mrs Gladstone, or as the children suggested, Mrs Sheppard!

Next week
Next week is the final week of school for Term 2. School will finish on Friday at 2:15pm. If your children normally catch the bus and are not going to be on Friday afternoon, please let the bus driver know. The final Assembly for the term will be at 1:30 pm on Friday.

The disco is on Wednesday night from 7:00pm until 9:00pm, with the theme being Australiana. Entry is $4. There will also be chips, lollies and drinks for sale throughout the night, with prices ranging from 50c to $2. Water will also be available.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Term 2 and 3**

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The Junior Primary Games Day is on Thursday with the theme, ‘Disney’. The SRC will prepare lots of games and dance competitions for all the children to be involved in. The cost of this event is $5 which includes lunch, which Charmaine will prepare through the canteen.

We will have some great photos of these events available on our Facebook page for those who have consented for their use.

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Tuesday (Yr 3/4/5) and Wednesday (Yr 6/7) for those who have returned their forms and money. The remaining students will be placed in hybrid classes on those days.

Farewell
At the end of this term we will farewell Samar Sharma, who is moving with his family back to Adelaide. We wish him all the best at his new school.

Term 3 Commencement
Term 3 commences on Monday, July 25th. We look forward to seeing all the students back ready and refreshed for another term of challenge and learning.

SAPSASA
Congratulations to Joel Dent, Angus Croser, Connor Hunter and Lachie Croser who have all been selected in the MSE Football team and to Annie Pollard who was selected in the MSE Netball team. We wish them all the best for their upcoming state carnivals in Adelaide in August.

Well done also to Corey Brand, Taj Messenger and Joel Dent (pictured right) on their efforts in last week’s Soccer State carnival, and to Lucy Sharman who put in some fantastic performances in the State Hockey Carnival. Lucy is off to Perth in October with the State Hockey Team.

Canteen
The canteen is busily preparing for the JP Games day, but will still be available for lunch orders on this day. Just a reminder that a new menu went out a few weeks ago, and some items are no longer available.

Don’t forget to consider the canteen as an option for providing a selection of hot and healthy lunches during the cold months.

Thank you to all the parents who have contributed to making munchies or volunteering. Without your support the canteen would not continue to operate.

Munchies Roster
Tuesday July 5th
Sue Bell, Angela Winter and Megan McGuiness
Canteen Roster
12:00- 2:00pm
Friday July 8th
Michelle Petrie

Spelling and Grammar Strategy of the Week
The letter y
The letter y is a consonant and a vowel sound, and it has three sounds: /y/, /i/ and /i/.
The letter y always says y at the start of words
yawn
cycle
myth

This strategy helps when reading and spelling words with ‘y’ in them
(Sourced from www.learningmadeeasier.com.au)

Millicent Basketball
Now is a good time to be thinking about playing Junior Basketball in Millicent
Why:
The new season for under 12’s 14’s & 16’s players starts Friday 29th July 2016.
The new season for under 10’s starts Thursday 18th August 2016
Term 3 Magic Hoops for 5 to 7 years olds start on Monday or Thursday 1st week after school holidays.

How do I join:
Registration forms will be available soon for all forms of Junior Basketball. You can register by filling out the form and returning with payment to Denton Sports by Saturday 23rd July 2016 for under 12, 14 & 16 and Hoops.
Under 10 forms need to in by Saturday 13th August 2016

When do teams play:
Under 12’s, 14’s play on Friday nights. Under16 girls and 16 boys play Mondays
Under 10’s play on Thursday nights

What do I need to play:
Black shorts, sand shoes and $5.00 per game played. Millicent Basketball selects the teams, find the teams coach, supply the uniform, supply the umpires and the facilities. All you need to do is register and come to basketball with a great attitude to learn and have fun.

Do I need to have played before:
No, just be keen to learn

Can I get some training:
Yes, there are training groups operating depending on skill levels that train either Tuesday’s or Wednesday’s (There is a small cost to access this training session)
For more information contact
Peter Seebohm on 0438388073
SUPERHERO DAY

Today, Friday 1st July 2016, the SRC held a Superhero dress up day to raise money for the Starlight Foundation, who help put smiles on the faces of sick children and their family.
Be a mighty mascot Crow.

Are you a footy fan that would love the chance to run out onto the oval with the Crows? Then this is your chance!

We're looking for kids aged between 5 - 12 years to kit up in the Crows colours and run onto the field with the Pride of South Australia at the Crows v Brisbane game, Saturday 6 August 2016!

To enter, drop into the Penola Branch and either open an account or make a deposit (school banking included), for your chance to win.

Contact the Penola branch: 8737 2400
52 Church Street, Penola SA 5277

Applications close - Wednesday 13 July 2016
Winners will be drawn the following morning - Thursday 14 July 2016

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