Dear Parents and Friends,

“Teaching students how to learn is as important as teaching them content, because acquiring both the right learning strategies and background knowledge is important – if not essential – for promoting lifelong learning.” (Dunlosky, 2013)

This quote was presented at a ‘How Students Learn’ conference that the leadership team attended yesterday. The presenters, Professor John Hattie and Deb Masters, provided evidence that they have accumulated from over 1300 meta-studies and years of research. The research demonstrated the impact of a multitude of factors on student achievement. Whilst impact varied, overwhelmingly teaching methodology that teaches students how to learn was crucial to positive impact. A large part of this, is building students’ dispositions for learning. Having effective habits of thinking and doing are crucial to becoming an effective visible learner.

I believe it reflects the aims of the educators at Penola Primary School and the importance of not just knowledge and content, but how and when to apply it.

Farewell

I would like to farewell our visiting students, Haru and Sana, who have been with us for three weeks. They have really enjoyed their time at Penola PS and will return to Japan with many new friends from Australia. Thank you to all the students for making them feel so welcome.

NAPLAN results

Earlier this week we took delivery of the NAPLAN reports for our students. We will take some time to analyse the results and importantly look at areas of growth and improvement, as well as areas we need to re-evaluate the best teaching methodologies to help students learn the skills and content required. From the initial analysis, the Year 7 results were very good, particularly in Numeracy. I will publish the results and growth comparative to Australian and SA means in the next newsletter. Individual reports will go home next week. As part of the learning process, teachers may go through the results and what they mean with the students.

NAPLAN Online – Getting ready for 2017

The Australian Government is committed to delivering NAPLAN online from 2017, with all schools across the nation transitioning over a 2 to 3 year period. This change will provide each child with a more personalised learning experience and a better assessment. It also means that the results will be returned to you and your child’s teachers within a few weeks, rather than several months.

Our school will be participating in a trial of the new online system over the next two weeks. This trial is not a ‘test’ of content; it is a test of how the new online system will work in a real-life classroom environment. You may hear this trial referred to as the NAPLAN Online Readiness Trial. As part of the trial, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will undertake 2 online readiness tests. Each test will take approximately 45-60 minutes to complete.

It is important that we participate in this trial before the system is officially in use in 2017 to enable familiarization with the system in a classroom setting. Participation will allow us to confirm that every school is ready and that our teachers are confident that their students will be able to participate fully.
This trial will help our site to be well prepared to complete NAPLAN online in 2017 and provide feedback into final changes at a statewide level.

This is not to be confused with Progressive Achievement Testing (PAT) which takes place in Weeks 8 and 9 for all students from Years 2-7. Results for PAT tests are used and collected by DECD to measure student progress.

SSO Week
Next week we will be celebrating SSO appreciation week. On behalf of all our children and teachers, we would like to thank all our wonderful SSOs for the work they put in.

So to Marcia, Dione, Toni, Janet, Kerry, James, Justin, Matt, Brad and Michelle, we thank you for the effort you put into make a difference for our young people. It is much appreciated.

University of NSW Competitions
For over the past 27 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:

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*Principal’s Award

Spelling and Grammar Strategy of the Week

The letter v & j
The letter v is a consonant and it has one sound: /v/ for vowel

The letter j is a consonant and it has one sound: /j/ for jam

No English word can end in j or v

This strategy helps when reading and spelling words with j and v in them

(Sourced from www.learningmadeeasier.com.au)

Educator Visits
Last week we had another 16 educators from around the South East visit our school to observe and discuss our JP playful learning strategies. The visits are part of the Results Plus Early Years Group

SAPSASA
Next week the State Football and Netball Carnivals will be held in Adelaide. We would like to wish our Mid South East representatives, Joel Dent, Conner Hunter, Angus and Lachie Croser all the best in the football. Good luck also to Annie Pollard, who is our sole representative in the Mid South East Netball Team.

Canteen
Just a reminder we have a sausage sizzle lunch special on Wednesday, 24th August. For a low price of just $2,
you can get a delicious sizzling sausage in fresh bread. Or perhaps you might be tempted by the Meal Deal which includes a serve of ice-cream and fruit. Look out for an order form in this newsletter.

The canteen is up and running for Term 3 with lots of delicious foods on offer. Don’t forget for 50c we can heat your leftovers or toast your sandwich. Just place food with the 50c in the lunch box and it will be kept in the fridge until serving time.

Thanks again to all the volunteers who help out and allow our canteen to operate.

Rosters for the next few weeks:
Munchies Roster
Tuesday 16th Aug
Fiona Holberton
Silvana Stephens
Susan Sharman
Tuesday 23rd Aug
Amy Vaughan
Katie Moorhouse
Merran Jolley

Canteen Roster
Friday 19th Aug    Kim McMillan
Friday 26th Aug    Denise Powell

Tour of the Great South Coast
The Penola Criterium of the Great South Coast was held today and won by South Australian, Harry Carpenter (pictured in the lead) in a thrilling finish. The students lined the streets of the 1.3km circuit and watched with interest as the cyclists completed each lap in under 1 min 50 secs.

They cheered hard when the break away pair got out to strong lead and the South Aussie had a tough battle with the 18 year old Kiwi he joined him in the break away group. The Peloton worked hard to close the gap on the last lap, but Carpenter was too strong winning by a second in the end.

The cyclists were more than happy to sign a few autographs at the end of the race and talk to the students.

The race continued on to Casterton this afternoon and will conclude on Sunday in Portland.

CANTEEN SPECIAL
SAUSAGE SIZZLE
On Wednesday 24th August the Canteen will be offering a Sausage in Bread
Cost $2.00   OR
Sausage in Bread with Ice-cream & Two Fruits $4.00
You need to place your order no later than Monday morning 22nd August.
Please complete the form below and return to school with the money.

Child’s Name ___________________________   Class __________

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UNDER 10 BASKETBALL (BOYS AND GIRLS)

Register by Saturday 13th August
Season starts Thursday 18th August
If you are interested call Peter for more details

Under 10’s Basketball is now seeking registrations for boys and girls who wish to play in the under 10 basketball. Registration forms are available at Denton Sports Millicent or the Basketball website www.millicent.basketball.net.au. Season starts Thursday 18th August 2016. Under 10 Basketball is all about participation learning new skills and improving understanding and coordination while having fun and playing in game situations. To participate in under 10 Basketball intending players must be either turning 7 years old or 10 years old or under.

If you have any questions about junior Basketball, under 10 Basketball please don’t hesitate to call Peter 0438388073 or email jenpete@adam.com.au

Millicent Basketball thank you for your assistance with this matter

Thanks
Peter Seebohm
Millicent Basketball Manager
KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE AROUND SCHOOLS AND BUS ZONES

Young Children’s perception, judgement and awareness of potentially dangerous situations is not adequately developed to enable them to cope with the road environment and due to the chaotic nature of traffic around schools at peak time, streets can be an extremely dangerous place for children. Children are not easily visible and often act impulsively, which means if you are driving around a school, you must follow the road rules and take special care to ensure we keep our children safe. Remember that children copy grown-ups, so encourage good road sense by watching them closely and leading by example.

5 Helpful Tips for School Zones
As parents and caregivers we have a great responsibility to ensure children stay safe in school zones. We also play a key role in educating children about road safety. Here are 5 helpful tips for safety in school zones.

1. Allow enough time to take your child to the school gate safely and without rushing.
2. Always observe parking signs and speed limits in and around school zones. They are designed to keep your child safe.
3. Talk about signs and traffic lights with your child. Identify and discuss places where it is safe to get out of the car and cross the road.
4. Teach your child how to cross the road using the ‘stop, look and listen’ process – stop at the kerb, look and listen for traffic and then decide whether it is safe to cross.
5. Park a few streets away and walk your child to school. This is also good exercise and helps teach your child road safety rules.

Behaviours to Avoid
- Speeding
- Double Parking
- Parking too close to an intersection
- Parking across driveways
- Parking too close to pedestrian crossings

Common Traffic Signs
Going against the road rules places not only your child’s life at risk, but those of others as well. Tragedies can occur if care is not taken to abide by these rules. Below are some explanations of signs that are placed around schools to ensure your child stays safe.

No Stopping Signs
You must not stop in a No Stopping area at any time. Fine $91.00

Bus Zone Signs
You must not stop within a bus zone at any time. Fine $124.00

Solid Yellow Line
You must not stop in an area marked with a solid yellow line for any length of time. This includes around the “road crossing lights”. Fine $93.00