Dear Parents and Friends,

We come to the end of another busy term. It has been a productive term and I have been very impressed with the learning that has been occurring. The year 5’s have been working hard on their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) projects making Insect Hotels. They have certainly appreciated the help from the Men’s Shed team who have enjoyed working with the students.

The students have also enjoyed working with Ms Wood in Geography learning all about New Zealand. Ms Wood has been taking some of the History and Geography lessons whilst Mrs Heyn is on leave.

We welcome Tyler (Yr 5) and Kain (Yr 4) who have joined our school from Mt Gambier. We hope they enjoy their time at Penola Primary School.

Last Day and Assembly
Next Friday is the last day of term, so dismissal will be at 2:15pm. The assembly will be at 1:30pm and hosted by Mr McDougall’s class.

Sports Day
The first lot of trials have taken place for Sports Day with the Championship field event try outs being held last week. As the track dries out we will have the running try outs and classes will be able to practise all the events. Sports Day will be held on Friday November 4th.

School Photographs
This year we have been booked in for Friday 28th October. We are aware this is Penola Show Day and students need to enter items for show competitions, so we will hold them slightly later in the day. Unfortunately due to the tight schedule of the photographer, this date could not be changed. Photo envelopes will be sent out early next term.

Facebook
Our school Facebook page is a great way to find out information about coming events as well as photos of students engaging in their learning. We have received most permission forms back, but there are still a few outstanding. If parents haven’t given permission for students to appear on our Facebook page, they will not be included.

It is also important to point out that our school Social Media Policy (in line with DECD) prohibits parents and other members of the public posting photos and video footage of children other than their own on Facebook or other Social Media. This includes footage of assemblies where other children can be seen in the background.

F/1 Excursion
The F/1 classes had a great excursion last week followed by the sleepover. Thank you to the willing parents who volunteered to help supervise at the Sleepover. I am sure the students had a great experience and slept well on the Friday night!

Choir
Skye Peterson and Grace De Garis will be amongst the 100 strong choir at the SA Primary Schools Music Festival performance in Adelaide tonight. We wish them all the best with their performance.

The South East Music Festival will be held next term (October 27th) and we are excited to have four soloists from our school. Ticket Orders have been received and sent away. For those who have not yet placed an order, you will have so direct to Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre when public sales open on Tuesday.

SRC—Buddy Bench
As you may already know the SRC have been holding buddy bench on Wednesday lunch times since the start of last term. It is a peaceful place where kids of all ages can relax, play board games, read books or draw pictures.

We would really appreciate if parents could donate some old or unused board games and books that you think the kids would enjoy.
If you can donate some, we would appreciate it if you could drop them off at the front office and make sure you say it is for the SRC.

Sincerely,
The SRC

Canteen
Over the next few weeks we will have a $3.50 chocolate milkshake special - one class at a time. Next Thursday will be Ms Lear’s year 4/5 class. Order forms need to be in by next Tuesday.

Rosters for the next few weeks:
Munchies Roster
Tuesday 27th September
Melissa Hunter
Amanda Gerritsen
Jane Childs

Canteen Roster
Friday 30th September
Pat Sharam

Spelling and Grammar Strategy of the Week
The letter ‘a’
The letter a is a vowel and it has five sounds:
/a/ for cat,
/ay/ for cake,
/ar/ for past,
/or/ for ball and;
/o/ for was.

This strategy helps when reading and spelling words that use a.
(Sourced from www.learningmadeeasier.com.au)

Pastoral Support Group
The Pastoral Support Worker Support Group are providing a Free sausage sizzle for all students on Monday. Order forms were sent out as a guide for catering purposes. Students are still able to be fed if they haven't returned a note.

Community Notices
Penola Players present:
The Devenish Curse
An English Comedy with a murderous twist will be playing for two weeks only at Rymill Hall. Tickets available at the door or pre-book at Di’s Gifts and Flowers.
Friday 23rd September — Straight Theatre $10
Saturday 24th and Friday 30th September and Saturday October 1st - Cabaret Style- $15. BYO drinks and nibbles.
8:00pm start.
The best value entertainment in town! Come along and support the South-East’s oldest amateur theatre group.

LIBRARY BOOKS
The end of term is near, and here in the library we would like to have all books returned before the holidays.
We will also very happily receive any readers you may find lurking under beds or books that have accidently gone home without been borrowed through the library computers.
Students who are responsible borrowers can ask to borrow books over the holidays. And don’t forget to use the community library over the break if you are keen to read more.