Dear Parents and Friends,

It is hard to believe that we have arrived at the last week of school already. It has been a very busy, yet fulfilling year. We have had many achievements both with students’ learning and with maintaining the school facilities. The Governing Council has been instrumental in guiding the needs of the school, particularly in terms of strategic planning to ensure your children are able to access the best learning opportunities with well-maintained facilities. Melissa Hunter, Governing Council Chairperson, will mention a few of the achievements at the concert on Tuesday night.

I personally would like to thank everyone who has had any input into the school this year. It has been pleasing to read about the growth of many students this year which is reflected in the improvements in learning across the board.

We farewell our Year 7 class as well. They have been a great bunch of students who have excelled both academically and on the sporting field. They have formed a great bond as a group and I am sure as they head in their different directions next year, they will go knowing they have formed many great friendships.

I look forward to catching up with many of you at the concert. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and enjoyable summer break. To those returning in 2017, I look forward to seeing you back in January.

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**Staffing and Classes**

The process for staffing for 2017 is almost complete. All positions have been filled and class structures have been finalised. However, due to the volume of staffing allocations to be made in central office, two positions are yet to be officially confirmed on the system. I am hoping this will happen over the weekend. **Due to this delay, parents will be notified of which class their child/ren are in on Monday.**

Class structures for 2017 are:

**F/1A:** Karmel Finch / Anna Copping  
(2 days)  (3 days)

**F/1B:** Appointment made but still to be confirmed

**2/3A:** Isabella Dihm

**2/3B:** Fiona Holberton / Stacey Walters  
(2 and 3 days each alternate weeks)

**Yr 4:** Julianne Williams / Cathy Heyn  
(4 days)  (1 day)

**Yr 5/6A:** Angus Bugeja

**Yr 5/6B:** Sam McDougall

**Yr 7:** Nicole Lear

**HASS:** Cathy Heyn

**Science:** Appointment made but still to be confirmed

**Coordinator back fill:** Olivia Thomas

**District SAPSASA:** Tony O’Connell

Our three leadership positions will be advertised internally as soon as possible. These are:  
Coordinator: School Management

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**Calendar of Events**

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| 13th | Transition 2:00pm  
Concert 7:00pm |
| 14th | Yr 7 Excursion  
Yr 4-7 Disco 7:00—9:30pm  
JP Games |
| 15th | Last Day of term — 2:15pm  
dismissal  
Assembly 1:30pm |
| **January** | 30th | Term 1 begins |
Coordinator: Early Years Coach
Coordinator: Student Wellbeing and Intervention

We welcome our four new staff members for 2017.

Isabella (Issy) Dihm hails from Mt Gambier and recently graduated from University of South Australia and has spent most of this term working with the F/1 class and Mrs Williams’ 4/5 class. In her spare time she enjoys dressage, reading and going to the beach.

Angus Bugeja will join us from the Gawler region. Whilst recently graduated, he has been working in schools for the past five years. He has an interest in music (playing conducting and singing) and has been a choir trainer in the Gawler region for the past six years. He also has an interest in football (watching, coaching and umpiring) and motorbike speedway. He will be joined in Penola with his wife Tess and two children. Angus will visit the school next Tuesday to meet staff and students.

Once the other two appointments are made official, I will let parents and students know.

If parents have any information that may impact on their child’s class placement, they will need to let me know as soon as possible. It is important to point out that due to numbers and other complexities, there is very little movement available. The teachers and SSOs spend a considerable amount of time putting together classes and placements are always done with the best interests of all children considered.

As mentioned before, children’s class allocations will be released on Monday. With some classes near capacity, it may be necessary to make some changes over the holidays. Parents will be informed if this has to occur.

Reports
Reports are going through the final editing process and will be sent home mid next week. The report will also contain the absence report for the entire year. If you would like to discuss any aspects of the report, I encourage you to speak to your child’s teacher.

NSCP Program
The school has been successful in its application for funding for the National School Chaplaincy Program (NSCP). Previously, we have been using Schools Ministries Group (SMG) as our service provider. However, after looking at other options, we have decided to go with Centacare as our provider for 2017. This will mean that Nathan McDuff will finish up on Monday. We thank Nathan for his work over the past 12 months and wish him well for the future.

JP Games and Disco
The Junior Primary Games day will be held next Thursday afternoon. Notes went out earlier in the week, which includes orders for lunch. The theme will be When I grow up...
The senior disco will be on Thursday night from 7:00pm until 9:30pm. The theme is the letter P. Come dressed as something starting with P.

End of Year Assembly and Dismissal
School breaks up officially next Friday, 16th December, at 2:15pm. The final assembly will begin at 1:30pm. We please ask that any students who normally catch the bus and are being picked up to please let the bus driver know. Dismissal on the last day is hectic and it can be made more difficult with buses lined up around the corner whilst we look for students who have already been picked up!

Year 7 Camp
The Year 7 class are currently enjoying their aquatics camp. Despite the thunderstorms overnight, they have had great weather for the Murray Bridge aquatics component of the camp. I am sure there will be some tired students disembarking off the bus tomorrow afternoon.
Hospital Mural
The Year 4/5 classes have been doing art with Mrs Williams. One of the projects has been creating a mural for the hospital garden.

The students first studied and sketched leaves and flowers, before painting their chosen bloom or leaf on a tile.

The tiles have now been made into four murals which are going to be hung in the courtyard at the Pinchunga aged care wing at Penola Hospital.

The tiles for this project were very kindly donated by Beaumont Tiles in Mt Gambier and the paints were paid for by the school Parent Club.

On Monday, the both Year 4/5 classes are going to Pinchunga for a short unveiling ceremony of the murals and to meet the residents. Penola Hospital are generously cooking a BBQ lunch for the students as a thank you for the beautiful artworks that are going to brighten up the courtyard area.

Any parents who are able to come to the hospital at 12.30 on Monday, would be most welcome to share this occasion with us.

Library books and readers
Each year the school spends over $1000 on new books and readers. Unfortunately, some of this money is spent on replacing books and readers that go missing throughout the year. We ask that parents and students please have a good look for any books and readers that you may have at home and they be returned to the library as soon as possible. That way they can be used by the next lot of students to enjoy, and more money can be spent on new books.

Canteen
Rosters for the next few weeks:

Munchies Roster
Tuesday 13th December
Jo & Darren Skeer
Rosalia Faux
Susan Sharman

Canteen Roster
Friday 16th December
Pat Sharam

Blue Lake Fun Run
Well done to all the students and parents who competed in our Blue Lake Fun Run. Despite being a last minute entry. It was great to see so many students having a go. Thank you to Kate McDonald and Sam McDougall for coordinating it and the practices, and Emily Marchant for entering the team.

The Penola Community Team
**Parent Opinion Survey**

Thank you to the 45 parents who responded to the Parent Opinion Survey. The written feedback has been collated and will be used to help drive improvement. The results of the multiple choice questions are:

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**VACSWIM at Penola January 2017**

Swimming is a skill for life!
SA Water VACSWIM - it’s the holiday fun thing to do!

Enrolments are now open visit www.vacswimsa.com.au

**Dates: Tuesday 3rd to Monday 9th January 2017**  
(excluding weekends)

Lessons are in 1 hour blocks.

Participants must be 5 years off age before January 3rd.

All bookings must be completed online by December 17th 2016!

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**Penola Community Library**
43 Cameron St  PENOLA  5277
Phone 8737 2838
Email: dl.0931.library@schools.sa.edu.au

Library will close  
Friday 23 December 2016  
at 2.00pm  
and re-open  
Tuesday 10 January 2017 at 8.30am

Sunday  CLOSED  
Monday  CLOSED  
Tuesday  8.30am - 4.00pm  
Wednesday  8.30am - 7.00pm  
Thursday  8.30am - 4.00pm  
Friday  8.30am - 4.00pm  
Saturday  9.30am - 12noon

Closed for lunch 12.30pm - 1.00pm  
Closed Public Holidays

Merry Christmas  
and  
A Happy New Year
Presents
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Contact
Brad Money
0488 368 340
Dan Redman
0428 563 030
For Tickets or to Book your table of 10.

21ST JANUARY 2016    7:00PM
$40 ADULT $15 U/18
Includes 1 Course Meal & Live Music
Great fun for the whole family!

Friday • 16th December 2016 • From 4:30pm
Penola Christmas Street Party
& Pop-up Bar
Family Fun, Games & Santa in the Park
Followed by a pop-up bar in Penola Town Square

Local Wine
Food Stalls
Music & Carol
Stuffed Santa Winner
Outdoor Games

Don’t miss Santa’s arrival at 5:30pm
#PenolaStuffedSanta2016