Dear Parents and Friends,

It is hard to believe we are already into Week 4 of the school year. With swimming lessons over, classes have begun their regular programs and I look forward to seeing students demonstrating their learning over the next few weeks.

Today Penola Primary School hosted the South East Coast and Vines Partnership Leaders meeting, which is attended by about 25 Principals and Pre-School Directors in the SECAV partnership. A part of the day was a tour of a few of our learning spaces, and I am always immensely proud to show some of the great teaching and learning that is happening in our school.

Last Friday we held our annual Splash Carnival. Despite the cool weather the students enjoyed showing off their confidence in the water. See more photos at the end of this newsletter.

Japanese
Our Japanese Program kicks off next week with the teachers visiting on Wednesday before lessons start the following week. Lessons will be conducted via video conference through the Open Access College. Classes will have one 30 minute video lesson which will be followed up with a lesson taken by the class teacher.

Meet and Greet Interviews
Some class teachers have begun their meet and greet interviews with parents. We appreciate parents taking the time to come in to talk about the needs and aims of their child with the teacher. We believe this an effective way of ensuring parents and teachers have a common understanding about their learning and personality.

Governing Council
The Governing Council held its AGM earlier this week where the Annual Report was presented. This will be available on the website shortly.

At the AGM, the office bearers and council were elected. The Governing Council for 2016 is:

Chairperson: Melissa Hunter
Vice Chairperson: Peta Crewe
Secretary: Trish Brand
Treasurer: Pete Balnaves
Parent Club Rep: Cindy Hutchesson
Staff Rep: Jamie Sheppard

Respect and Responsibility
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<td>9:00am Alpha Productions: Hercules Assembly 1:30pm Last day Term 1—2:15pm dismissal</td>
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We would like to thank the contribution of Stuart Sharman, who has retired after many years on the Governing Council, both as a member and a Chairperson. His contribution in setting up the strategic plan and supporting school improvement was highly valued.

**Parent Club**
The Parent Club also held its AGM recently. The office bearers are:
- President: Mardi Currie
- Vice President: Cindy Hutchesson
- Treasurer: Tony O’Connell
- Secretary: Kerry Dent
- Committee: Ilana Minge, Denise Powell, Lucille Bailey, Charmaine Moulton, Benedetta Rusconi, Naomi McShane, Mel Catlin, Marie Rowsell, Amy Vaughan and Pat Sharam.

**Star of the Week**
The staff has been reviewing the practice of awarding a Star of the Week in line with the whole school Play is the Way philosophy. Our belief is that students should do the right thing because it is the right thing to do, not because they are going to get a certificate or sticker for it. Whilst we certainly value the efforts of students and for some it may be the only public recognition they receive, the feedback they get on an ongoing basis from class teachers and other educators is far more beneficial. We also value the learning and confidence students get from being on stage and talking in front of an audience, therefore do not want to remove this.

At this stage we are looking to consult more widely, through Governing Council, Parent Club and families. If you have any feedback regarding this, please pass it on during your interview or to any of the leadership team.

**Swimming**
As mentioned earlier, the Splash Carnival was successfully held last Friday, but now we turn our attention to the Senior Swimming Carnival, held on **Friday 4th March**. We successfully held the tryouts in one day (thanks to the impending forecast making sure we got through) for the event. Next week we will hold the team game and relay practice. We look forward to another great day with participation being the key.

**Student Representative Council**
Students in Year 6 or 7 who were keen to be on SRC have written and submitted applications, which the staff are currently working through. It is great to see so many students with the skills and qualities to be successful SRC members. The successful applicants will be announced at next Friday’s assembly.
Year 2/3 Splash Carnival
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 3rd April 2016
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!

$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