Dear Parents and Friends,

We look forward to a nice break before tackling the last three weeks of the term. It has gone by incredibly quickly with lots of events happening throughout the term.

It was quite pleasing to sit at staff meeting this afternoon and listen to some of the learning that is taking place in the classrooms, particularly to do with writing, following on from our work with Lisa Burman. I look forward to reading some of the Year 7 ‘letters to the body’ and the Year 2/3 silkworm fact book.

Another key aspect to our learning is the students’ understanding of what a powerful learner is, and what traits we need to have to be one. Many teachers are working with students to help set goals for an aspect of their learning. I look forward to visiting classrooms and talking to students about their goals.

Pupil Free Day — Tuesday March 29th
Just a reminder that next Tuesday is a Pupil Free Day. We will be looking at a whole school approach to spelling and grammar, and how it can be interconnected with our writing work. This is one of the priorities on our Site Learning Plan for 2016-18.

Principal’s Swimming Awards
Last year the Governing Council introduced an award for students who give 100% and demonstrate positive dispositions at Sports Day. This was again awarded for swimming lessons, focusing on students who showed great improvement and were keen to learn, regardless of the conditions or any difficulties they faced. I’m pleased to say that teachers reported that the vast majority of children displayed positive dispositions towards their swimming activities. The awards went to:

F/1 A – Finn Woolston
F/1 B – Penny Vaughan
2/3 A – Ivy Wurst
2/3 B – Macey O’Brien
Year 4 – Emily Fraser
Year 5 – Emily Timms
Year 6 – Bryce Rowntree
Year 7 – William Packham
Well done to all these students.

Partnership Review
Penola Primary School is part of the South East Coast and Vines partnership which has 25 sites from Glencoe to Robe and Kingston, across to Penola and down to Nangwarry, including everything in between. As a partnership we work together to drive learning from Birth to 18. Today is our annual Partnership External review, where the review officers look at student data and discuss what they believe is working well, but also areas for improvement. As one of the bigger primary schools in the Partnership, this is an important process for driving improvement.

NAPLAN
During the second week of Term 2 (May 10th-12th), students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will sit the annual National Assessment of Literacy and Numeracy. Students will be exposed to the type of assessments they are likely to get beforehand, and should be confident about demonstrating...
their knowledge fairly. If you have any questions about these assessments, please speak to the class teacher.

**SAPSASA Swimming**

Congratulations to Taj Messenger on winning a bronze medal in the 12 year boys Breaststroke at the recent State SAPSASA swimming carnival. This is a great effort coming up against all the other country regions. Well done also to the 13 year boys freestyle relay team, which also won a bronze. Penola was represented by Joel Dent, Taj Messenger and Jake Klemm, along with Finleigh Altschwager from Beachport. Congratulations also go to Angus Croser who made 3 finals, along with Jack Sharman, Annie Pollard, Anders McShane and Jake Klemm who all qualified for a final on the day.

**Millicent Athletics**

Well done to all of the children who participated in yesterday’s trials to make our school team for the Mid South East SAPSASA Athletics day which will be held in Millicent on Wednesday, April 13th. We still have the 200m and 800m tryouts to do in the coming days, and as soon as we have our team finalised, we will send home the necessary information.

**Parent Club**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Lucindale Field Day stall over the weekend. With all the cakes, biscuits and slices donated, as well as those who were kind enough to lend a hand, we were able to raise over $2000 for the school.

Our next, and last big fundraiser is the Wagner’s Rose Farm Open Day on Sunday, April 3rd. A note will be coming home shortly asking for volunteers to help out with the gate and car-parking. We appreciate any one who can give up some of their time to help.

**Uniforms**

There are a number of second hand uniforms, available including house tops, if you are looking to top up the wardrobe with a cheaper alternative. Most have been retuned from ex-students, or good-condition lost property that hasn’t been claimed.
New uniforms are also available all year round, and thanks to Cindy and the parent club are usually all in stock. See Kerry or Marcia in the Front Office for sales.

**UNSW Competitions**

Are there any last orders? Contact Tony ASAP!

**Canteen**

The canteen has a great range of foods available for recess and lunch, so make sure you utilise the service! We will soon be having a few specials days, so look out for notes home.

From next term on, we will be looking for a new manager for the remainder of the year, as Jessie takes time off to have a baby! Please see the advert in this newsletter for details, or speak to Paul or Jessie.

**Munchies Roster**

**Wednesday March 30th (in lieu of Tuesday!)**

Mel Meek
Alex Lambert

**Tuesday April 5th**

Loiuse Perry
Benedetta Rusconi

**Roster**

Friday April 1st—Michelle Petrie

**Community Notices**

**Wanted!**

We are on the hunt please for 25 empty pringle (chip) cylinders with lids for the next Kids’ Time here at the Penola Community Library.

They can be dropped off at the Penola PS front office in the box provided, or they are very welcome to drop them off here at the library also.

**Penola Community Library**

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**Canteen Manager**

**Position Available**

13 hours per week
(Wednesday –Friday)

Applications close Monday April 11, 5:00pm

A cover letter attached to a CV with the names and numbers of two referees to be forwarded to the Front Office or via Email to paul.harmer381@schools.sa.edu.au

For more information, or a copy of the Job and Person Specifications, please contact Paul Harmer 8737 2300 or at school.
PLASTIC LID/BOTTLE COLLECTION

For the Penola Arts Festival in May, we are hoping to run some lunchtime sessions, creating art works from recycled plastic bottle/jar lids and big plastic bottles with handles.

So please save your lids/bottles (wash them too, please) and bring them into school.

We can’t wait to see what creations the students come up with!

The Bool Lagoon Hall

Strawberry FAMILY FETE ★★★ is coming to TOWN SATURDAY April 2ND 2016

SPECIAL GUEST:

GEORGE FARMER

Strawberries Galore!

A Bool Lagoon Hall Celebration of Centenary Bool Lagoon Road, Bool Lagoon 11am – 3pm

Old Fashion Children’s Activities
Large Variety of Market Stalls, Produce
And Home Baked Goods
Wine Tasting, Cut Flowers
COMPETITIONS, RAFFLES & MUCH MUCH MORE

~ FREE ENTRY ~
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!

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$8 entry
Children U15 free
Great food, coffee, cold drinks and wine for sale
Play area for children

Selection of potted plants and bunches of roses for sale
Proceeds will be donated to Penola Primary School and Penola Scouts