Dear Parents and Friends,

Last Friday over 750 educators attended the Limestone Coast STEM summit. The event was heralded as possibly the first of its kind with so many people attending and workshops on offer. The keynote speaker, Professor Martin Westwell, publically acknowledged Merran Jolley for her work in teaching Primary Science. Merran, along with fellow Science teacher at Mt Burr, Lisa Scott, was invited to run a workshop to promote inquiry thinking in Science.

Tony O’Connell was also invited to run a workshop on Numeracy teaching for Middle and Upper Primary. We are indeed fortunate to have leaders in the field of STEM at our school.

Welcome
We would like to welcome Kiara (Yr 2) and CJ (Year 1) who have come from Geranium PS and started at Penola PS on Wednesday.

Welcome back also to Ms Bonnie O’Brien, who returns to the F/1 class as of next week. Ms O’Brien will be working with Mrs Copping.

Farewells
Today is the last day for Karmel Finch and Jessie Denton who will both be on Maternity Leave.

We thank Mrs Finch for her efforts and input in the F/1 class. The students have grown and developed positive dispositions during your time, and you will be missed by the children and staff. Thank you also to Jessie, who has run the canteen efficiently and with enthusiasm. The students and staff have loved trying all the new ideas.

We wish you both all the best for the births of your children.

3D Printer Project
Last term Merran, Cathy and Paul were part of the 3D printer project run in the South East. After the initial training and planning day, the team worked together to help plan a unit of work that encompasses the design and problem solving aspects that connect to STEM. It was decided that the Year 6 Science class would be the trial group and Merran boldly took on the learning.

The project brief that we came up with to link with their work on Earthquakes, was to design a piece of furniture that could also act as a safety device in case of an earthquake. Using the Maker’s Empire software, the groups of three set about their designs. Despite many setbacks and technological issues, the students persisted and collaborated to complete their designs.

The project culminated in the students presenting their designs to the rest of the class, who critiqued and gave very honest feedback to their classmates. The students and judges all voted with the winning design printed at Penola High School. Thanks must go to Jason Plunkett and the PHS.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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technology division for their assistance with this. Congratulations to Zach C, Lachie C and Breanna L for their winning design.

**Cycle Tour Event**
We have been contacted by representatives of the Tour of the Great South Coast Cycling Classic to inform us that Penola Primary will be a significant part of one of the stages of the event. This professional event will host world class riders with the Penola Stage set to take place on August 12th. The stage will take place around the school with 30 laps of the 1.3km track, giving students and community members plenty of opportunities to watch the riders.

There will be opportunities prior to the event for some of the riders to visit the school and talk about their training and the sport of road cycling.

**Year 2/3 Camp**
The students, staff and parents all survived the Year 2/3 camp and, despite the rain, they had a great time. For many, it was their first camp experience. There will be lots of great photos at the end of this newsletter.

**Parent Club**
This has been a quieter term on the fundraising front for the Parent Club after a busy first term. We have voted to put some of our funds towards a new portable sound system for the school to use on Sports Days, by the choir and other outdoor events. This will be co-funded by money raised from last year’s quiz night and Arts Festival Raffle.

**Arts Festival**
The Arts Festival has been completed for another year with lots of great activities for our students to partake. Hopefully you had the opportunity to see much of the great artwork displayed at Patrick’s, as well as the recycled creations on display around the local businesses. Thanks to Nicole Lear and Janet Brodie who contributed a fair bit of their spare time to ensure all these fantastic pieces were put on show.

Congratulations also to Mia Crewe who won the Creative Writing section of the Arts Festival for her piece on ANZAC Spirit. This is a great effort to not only take on writing in her own time, but to win the award!

**Facebook/Lisa Burman Permission Forms**
A few weeks ago, permission forms were sent home for parents to allow or not allow photos of their children to appear on our school Facebook Page.

On the back was permission for filming of spotlight sessions for teacher training when Lisa Burman is here.

Teachers use the footage to help improve their practice. We have only received about half of these back, so if you haven’t already, please return this form, even if you do not want to give permission. It makes it a lot easier for us to manage.

**Canteen**
Next week, Charmaine Moulton starts as the canteen manager. We thank Jessie for her contribution to our canteen. In order to increase efficiency and reduce costs, a new menu has been created to minimise over ordering and waste. At this stage, prices will remain relatively the same, but to be viable there may need to be adjustments in Term 3.

The new menu will be sent home to all families today. If a child orders an item no longer stocked, they will be offered an alternative.

Please note that Slushies are only available in Term 1 and Term 4.

Don’t forget, a toasting and heating service is available for just 50c! Just put your lunch or sandwich in the box in the morning and it will be refrigerated until it is time to heat and serve.

**Munchies Roster**
**Tuesday June 7th**—Jess Denton, Hannah Lewis & Sally Skeer
**Tuesday June 14th**—Kirsty Balnaves, Kate McDonald & Rachael Messenger
**Canteen Roster**
**Friday June 10th**—Teegan Vanderheul
**Friday June 17th**—Angela Tongue

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**Spelling and Grammar Strategy of the Week**

**Closed Syllable**

*When one vowel is followed by one Consonant, it says its short sound*

*an, pet, it, on and up*

**Closed syllable**

fan-tas-tic

Cvc-cvc-cvc

**Exception:** put

This rule helps with spelling as a closed syllable will always say its ‘first’ sound

(Sourced from www.learningmadeeasier.com.au)
Parking in Bus Zones
Parents are reminded NOT to park in the bus parking zones between 8.30 – 8.45 a.m. and 3.15 – 3.30 p.m. Bus drivers are also requesting that parents refrain from parking on the Eastern side of Young Street during bus pick up and drop off times. Parked vehicles restrict the view of the drivers.

Police & WRC Parking inspectors will be patrolling the bus parking zones regularly.

Bottles and Lids
Thank you very much to those of you who have been sending in plastic bottles and lids.

The Arts Festival project is finished, so we don’t need anymore thank you.

Look out for the imaginative creatures created by students. They will be featuring in some shop windows around Penola as part of the Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival.

Community News

Yoga Pam Workshop
Saturday 18th June 2016
9.30 – 11.30am at the Penola High School Hall
Booking please phone 0400 068 826

2016 National School Chaplaincy Snapshot
People often ask me about my role as a Pastoral Care Worker (Chaplain) and what it is that I actually do. Sometimes it is hard to quantify what it is I do or even explain the particulars about my role because it can be so diverse or so broad. Generally speaking, it is about focusing on the wellbeing of Students, Staff and Parents. But what does that look like?

Towards the end of 2015 I participated in a National School Chaplaincy Survey. The results of that Survey have now been put together and made into a National School Chaplaincy Snapshot. This snapshot shows an overview of Chaplaincy work in Schools and how Pastoral Care Workers help out Students, Staff and Parents on a daily basis. This snapshot also gives some clarity as to the types of activities and functions Pastoral Care Workers give towards their School.

Please look at this snapshot and see how important and vital the National Chaplaincy Program is within all State Schools. If you want any clarification about my role in this School, please don’t hesitate to contact me during Office hours.

Nathan McDuff
Pastoral Care Worker

WHAT DO CHAPLAINS DO?

School chaplains promote social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing through role modelling, mentoring, pastoral care and structured programs. These dimensions of care enhance a school’s overall wellbeing strategy and contribute to the achievement of a school’s educational goals.

Social, emotional & spiritual support

Wellbeing outcomes

Educational outcomes

Breakdown of pastoral conversations

These programs cover issues including relationships, grief and loss, family breakdown, bullying/harassment and school disengagement.