Welcome back to the start of the 2014 school year. We had a very successful conclusion to last year. The respect displayed at the Remembrance Day service, Year 8-12 JPSS Presentation Assembly and Year 7/8 Transition visits combined with the outstanding Year 12 results to ensure we finished the year on a very high note. I hope you saw the Pg7 article in The Recorder last week “Stellar results for John Pirie students”. It affirms the excellence that is achieved at our school.

In the last few days many students have spoken to me about their goals and aspirations. It is inspiring to hear of their ambitions and to sense their determination. Many understand how important education and learning is to their future. Our purpose as a public school is to develop and empower all young people and to support successful life outcomes for them. We are dedicated to this as I know parents and caregivers are.

**Attendance** is one of the strongest indicators of school achievement and so we will continue to have high expectations as we aim to achieve the DECD target of 93%. Effective schools also provide a **safe learning environment** for young people. This is a basic right and something I am passionate about. We will continue to take a strong approach in dealing with behaviour that threatens the safety, wellbeing or learning of others. **Uniform** has been brilliant this week; I thank students and families for their support. Uniform is a vital ingredient in building a **culture of school achievement** and success. It promotes a sense of identity as well as pride. Wearing uniform is a requirement in many workplaces, it creates a distinction between the weekend and time to focus on learning; to strive for excellence in schooling.

On Tuesday we commenced the year with 684 enrolments. I extend another warm welcome to the Year 8’s and wish them well for their secondary education. In 2014 six new teachers have joined the staff team. I welcome Ms Brianna Schenscher, Mr Nathan Russell, Mr Tyson Wait, Ms Lauren Brown, Mr Naisan Yazdani and Ms Georgina Christian to John Pirie Secondary School.
It is great to have Shae Morrison back with us from leave and we welcome Anita Lawrence who will be working with the Aboriginal Education team in 2014.

There is great optimism about the year ahead and I look forward to working with you to make our school an even better place.

**DYLAN WILLIAM VISITS PORT PIRIE**

Assessment to support learning

Next Wednesday on the 5th of February Governing Council has endorsed a STUDENT FREE DAY.

Dylan Wiliam, an American educator and researcher is visiting Port Pirie on this day. It is a very rare for such an internationally renowned speaker to present outside of major capital cities, indeed he is only in Australia for a short time.

Dylan will be working with educators from preschool through to Year 12 to 'strengthen assessment practice in our teaching'. Research shows that assessing learning and providing ongoing feedback to students about their progress is a very powerful teaching skill. As we work to continuously improve our school the way in which we teach has to be part of our endeavour.

I understand the timing is not ideal from a parent perspective. I hope you understand that in terms of setting up a year of professional learning for staff and accessing someone who leads the world in this field it is an amazing opportunity.

Regards
Roger Nottage
Principal

**CFS**

With the huge fire-fighting effort over the past weeks, it is with enormous pride I share our students’ involvement in the important work that is being done to save and minimise property loss. Tahlia Fleming, Keenan Armstrong, Zac Burnell and Jordan Matthews all completed their Fire-fighting Certificate as part of a school based program last year. Little did they think they would be using their newly learnt skills so soon to protect their local community. The recent involvement of so many wonderful volunteers is an example of how important this work is.

JPSS hopes to continue the CFS Cadet Program in 2014 offering the opportunity to year 10 students who may have an interest or passion in this area.

Well done to you all, keep up the great work!

Sharryn Daly
Dept. Principal

**UNIFORMS**

The wearing of a school uniform results in a sense of belonging, increased pride and improved self-esteem and ensures student safety. Well done to the large number of students who have started the year in correct uniform. You all looked fabulous at our whole school assembly Tuesday morning.

Below is a reminder of the approved School Dress Code and we appreciate your support:

**MALE AND FEMALE DRESS CODE:**

**Shirt**
- White or maroon school shirt, or "polo" shirt.

**Tie**
- Maroon

**Scarf**
- Maroon or Black

**Shorts**
- Grey or black shorts (at a modest length).

**Long pants**
- Plain grey or black long pants.

**Hipster pants**
- Girls’ grey or black hipster pants (leggings are not permitted)

**Windcheater**
- Hooded maroon

**Jumper**
- Knitted maroon school jumper.

**Jacket**
- Maroon zippered jacket

**Shoes**
- Covered shoes or sandals
In addition females may choose to wear the summer school dress or the winter tartan skirt, which is available in two styles.

- All forms of slip on shoes (i.e. no back strap) are discouraged from being worn. Thongs and ugg boots are banned. State Government Legislation precludes this footwear from practical areas (e.g. Tech, Art, Science, etc.)
- The wearing of hats outside is very strongly encouraged. Hats must not be worn inside buildings as they represent a barrier to student/teacher communication.
- Students wearing clothing which is revealing, low enough to show underwear, dirty, carrying offensive or drug related messages or carrying advertisements for alcohol or cigarettes will be required to change or to suitably adjust their clothing.
- It is encouraged, but not compulsory to wear Dress Code with school logo. Plain items of other brands, which are in school colours are permitted as long as they do not have writing, pictures or logos larger then 'pocket size'.
- Students such as SAASTA students and Hospitality students are allowed to wear their approved tops.

Sharryn Daly
Dept. Principal

MOBILE PHONES

Just a reminder to everyone about the mobile phone policy:

- The mobile phone is to be turned off and in the student’s bag during care group, lesson time, lesson change over, study lessons (Yr 11, 12 and 13) and on the way to and from the toilet or drink taps.
- Students are not to have their phones on ‘silent’ mode.
- Staff will confiscate mobile phones if students disobey the policy. Phones will be stored at the front office and may be collected by the student at the end of the day.
- Refusal to hand over a phone will result in a Take Home.

Thank you for your support.

NEW TEACHERS:

We have a number of new teachers to John Pirie Secondary School this year and I would like to welcome them all. They have had a very busy start but their enthusiasm and commitment is evident. I have asked them all to write a small introduction that we can run in future newsletters.

Welcome to:

Lauren Brown
(Yr. 8), HPD, Maths and History
Russell Wotton
(Yr. 9), English and SOSE
Naisan Yasdani
(Yr. 9), Maths and Science
Georgina Christian
(Yr. 9), Maths and Science
Nathan Russell
(Yr. 9), Maths and SOSE
Breanna Schenscher
(Yr. 10), Chemistry, Maths and Science
Tyson Wait
(Yr. 12), Science, Maths, Biology and HPD

INTRODUCING LAUREN BROWN

My name is Lauren Brown.
I moved from Ceduna to teach at John Pirie this year, you will find me teaching Year 8 Home Group, Maths and History and Year 9 HPD. I am passionate about the health and wellbeing of young people. On the weekend you will find me at the beach with Winifred (my Heeler X puppy), playing netball or looking for retro gems at vintage markets. If I could live anywhere in the world it would be Finland, although my favourite food is Thai.
**BUS ROUTES**

Due to the Bangor Fire the Port Germein Bus will only run from the Port Germein Post Office leaving at 8:00am.

The Napperby Bus will only run from Napperby Primary School commencing Monday 3rd February leaving at 8:00am. Please stay in contact with the school or Facebook for updates.

Rachel Gray  
Assistant Principal

**HOT WEATHER**

With continuing hot weather students need to bring a drink bottle, keep in the shade during breaks and to rehydrate during the day. If students forget their drink bottles, the school has water facilities to accommodate.

Kate Greenhalgh  
Assistant Principal

**IMMUNISATION FORMS**

Attention all Year 8 and 9 Parents and Care Givers.

Immunisation Forms will be coming out early next week. It is imperative that the forms are returned As Soon As Possible.

Thank you, Student Services

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

The annual John Pirie Secondary School Swimming Carnival will take place on Friday, February 7th at the Port Pirie Community Swimming Pool. Last year Ross were victors, closely followed by Lewis, Neilson and Hewett. Events range from the traditional 50m freestyle to the novelty events such as tug-o-war and whistle grab. Family members are welcome to attend.

Students are asked to arrive at the pool between 8:30 and 8:45am. They are encouraged to wear casual clothes, in house colours. Sunscreen will be available in house areas on the day and students are encouraged to be sunsmart and bring along suitable protective items like a hat, sunglasses, and appropriate clothing such as a t-shirt with sleeves and a collar and appropriate footwear.

As one of our school values is participation, we encourage all students to attend swimming carnival. By attending and getting your name marked on the roll you can receive points for your team. Students who do not attend the swimming carnival need to have a valid reason and note signed by a parent or caregiver as Swimming Carnival is a regular school day which students are expected to attend.

So, who will be victors in 2014?...Hewett, Lewis, Neilson or Ross? We look forward to seeing you there!

Cara Fiebig  
HPD Coordinator

**AFTER SCHOOL STUDY**

After school study will begin in week 2. Each Wednesday and Thursday after school many teachers volunteer their time to support students to achieve and excel in their studies. Meet in the Resource Centre after school until 4:30.

Samantha Smith  
Maths & Science Coordinator

**DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A SCIENTIFIC CALCULATOR?**

All students need to have their own scientific calculator. Students will use these extensively in maths lessons, in other subjects as they complete numeracy tasks and also in the years beyond school.

Students can purchase one from Mrs Madigan at the school’s finance office for $22.

Samantha Smith  
Maths & Science Coordinator
SCHOOL PHOTOS FOR 2014

School photos will be taken at school on WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2014 in the Drama Room. **All Students must be in full school uniform.** You will receive your school photos information pack. Envelopes containing orders need to be handed to the photographer when you have your photograph taken. Please read the information very carefully as the school does not handle any money or envelopes. Please ensure that money placed in envelopes is correct as the school cannot provide change. Parents are reminded that if they are dropping off envelopes to the Front Office that they make arrangements for their child to collect the envelope.

**Family photographs (Current students only)** – envelopes are provided for anyone requesting this, and is available from Student Services or the Front Office of the school. Family Photos will be taken at recess time (maximum of 4 people). **Group/Friend Photos report to Drama room during care group to arrange.**

Every student must have their photo taken for their ID Card. Cards will be processed on the day. School will pay cost of ID Cards. Replacement of lost ID Cards will cost $5.00.

**SCHOOL PHOTO COSTS: (INCLUDING GST)**

| Pack A     | $35.00 |
| Pack B     | $40.00 |
| Pack C     | $45.00 |
| Pack D Individual Only | $20.00 |
| Pack E Class Only   | $22.00 |
| F1 Gift Pack 1    | $15.00 |
| F2 Gift Pack 2    | $15.00 |
| F3 Gift Pack 3    | $15.00 |

This money is to be placed in the School Photo envelope and handed to Academy Photography on photo day.

**Every student must return their envelope – even if not buying photos.**

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PLAYING SQUASH

We would love to have you come and play squash a great way to get fit and have fun. Matches are played at the YMCA courts in Gertrude Street with the Monday Mixed Competition played on Mondays from 7pm and the Men’s A Grade on Wednesday nights. The new Autumn Season starts on Monday February 3rd and the Men’s A Grade 5th Feb. 14. We can teach you to play if you are new to the sport and if you only want to play casually we can let you play matches when other players are unavailable.

For more information please contact
Sonia Clarke 8632 4683
Selina Dienhoff 8633 2285 / 0418 854 303
Tony Iannetta 8632 1906 / 0417 813 294

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**CONTRACT BRIDGE**

It is a fascinating challenging game.
- You can play in any weather.
- There is no age barrier.
- Bridge will keep you mentally alert.
- It is possible to play bridge despite physical handicaps.
- It is inexpensive.
- You can play socially or competitively.
- Play anywhere in Australia or overseas.
- Information available on online play and resources.
- You can meet new people.

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**PORT PIRIE**

**Competition Bridge Contact:**
Brian Kretschmer President 0409 806 461
Play Wednesday evenings 7pm Pirie Bowls Club

**Social Bridge Contact:**
Margaret Neumeister 0458 325 938
ripcurl_girl_258@hotmail.com

Primary day is Tuesday with a second optional day available.

**Education:**
Supported learning available to players new to the game of bridge.
CANTEEN PRICE LIST

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BREAKFAST
Ham and Cheese Crossiants $4.00
Egg and Bacon $4.00
Cereal and Milk $2.50

BURGER BAR
Small Burgers $2.50
Hamburger $4.80
Veggie Burger $4.80
Grilled Chicken Burger $4.80
Beef Snitzel Burger $4.80
Chicken and Mayo Roll $4.80
( Must be ordered)
Chicken, Cheese and BBQ Roll $4.80 (Must be ordered)
Chicken and Sweet Chilli Roll $4.80 (Must be ordered)
Steak Burger (Ask not always available) $4.80

HOT FOOD
Small Hot Dogs $2.50
Hot Dogs $3.80
Topped Dogs $4.50
Pirie Cheese Burgers $4.00
Wedges $4.00
Chicko Roll $2.20
Ook Ook $2.20
Nachos $4.00
Hash Brown Burger $2.00

HOT DRINKS
Milo and Hot Chocolate $2.50
Cup of Soup $2.00

BALFOURS
Pies $4.80
Pasties $3.80
Sausage Roll $3.80
Quiche $4.80
Custard Tart $4.00

COLD FOOD
Small Salad $4.20
Large Salad $5.00 (Garden)
Large Salad $5.50
Fruit Salad sm $3.30 lg $4.30

SANDWICHES (Must be ordered only make a limited amount)
Ham and Cheese $3.50
Cheese and Tomato $3.50
Egg and Lettuce $3.50
Tuna and Lettuce $3.50
Chicken and Avocado $4.00
Chicken Lettuce and Mayo $4.00
Any Meat and Salad $4.00
Cheese and Salad $4.00

ROLLS (Must be ordered)
Ham and Cheese $4.50
Cheese and Tomato $4.50
Egg and Lettuce $4.50
Tuna and Lettuce $4.50
Chicken and Avocado $5.00
Chicken Lettuce and Mayo $5.00

SNACKS
Potato Crisps $1.70
Raspberry Straps $1.30
Chomps/ Curly Wurly $1.30
Jelly $1.80
Yogurt $2.30
Any Meat and Salad $5.00
Cheese and Salad $5.00

**MEAL DEALS AND**
**RECESS SPECIALS**

**MONDAYS RECESS SPECIAL**
Pizza muffins
$1.50
MONDAY’S SPECIAL
HOT CHIPS
$3.50
With 600ml water or fruit box
$5.50
With small flavoured milk $6.50
CHIPS & GRAVY
$4.50
With 600ml water or fruit box
$6.50
With small flavoured milk $7.50

**TUESDAY RECESS SPECIAL**
Pizza Sub’s $2.20
Beef Pies $1.00
TUESDAY’S SPECIAL
**Nachos $4.00**
With 600ml water or fruit box
$6.00
With small flavoured milk $7.00

**Chicken Wrap Day**
Sweet Chilli & Cheese $4.80

**WEDNESDAY RECESS SPECIALS**

**OOK OOK $2.20**
or with Nippy’s flavoured milk
$5.00
WEDNESDAY’S SPECIAL
**Pizza $4.00**
With 600ml water or fruit box
$6.00
With small flavoured milk $7.00
**Pasta $4.50**
With 600ml water or fruit box
$6.50
With small flavoured milk $7.50

**THURSDAY’S RECESS SPECIAL**
Homemade Sausage Roll
$1.00
Or 3 for $2.50
3 Homemade sausage rolls & mineral water $5.00

Dim Sims $3.00
With 600ml water or fruit box
$5.00
With small flavoured milk $6.00
Curry or Stir-fry $4.50

**FRIDAY’S SPECIAL**
Squash Dog $3.80
With 600ml water or fruit box
$6.80
With small flavoured milk $7.80