OUR NEW CURRICULUM DIRECTIONS

I have had a fair bit to say about these in previous newsletters but it is important for our community to understand a little more about some of them, and who to approach for further information.

In this newsletter I am featuring two of our staff and part of their respective roles.

1. Samantha Schultz – Assistant Principal. Sam’s role is to lead a team to implement the new SACE. As part of this, is the refining of the Personal Learning Plan, and ensuring that the Stage 2 Research Project is in place. There is also much to be done in implementing the whole of Stage 2 for 2011.

   Sam is also leading a team to plan for the implementation of the National Curriculum. Planning is underway for the introduction of English, Maths, Science and History within the designated timelines.

2. Mel Gray – Literacy Coordinator. Accelerated Literacy is a major strategy to assist all students in their learning. The methodology is not only aimed at students who need extra assistance. This year all Year 8 and 9 English teachers are being trained in the program with the intention of having it fully implemented in 2011.

   There are other parts in our Literacy strategies as well, including ongoing monitoring and testing so there is targeted assistance for many students. Mel has also been visiting all of our feeder primary schools to establish links with the teachers to work towards a more seamless curriculum from primary to secondary.

Trevor Rogers
Principal

COMING EVENTS

Thursday 10 June and Friday 11 June
Aboriginal Power Cup

Monday 14 June
Queen’s Birthday Holiday

100 years of Secondary Education in Port Pirie
Celebrations to be held on Friday 29 and Saturday 30 October

Trevor Rogers
Principal
JOHN PIRIE OPEN NIGHT

A big thank you goes to the students who helped on the night. Your willingness to stay behind after school and show future students and their parents what John Pirie has to offer was greatly appreciated.

Well done to
The ambassadors who spoke to the parents.

The guides

The entertainers

The students who took part in the various displays

OPEN BOYS’ KNOCKOUT BASKETBALL

It was a great start to the Open Boys Basketball campaign. We began the first round by hosting Mid North Christian and Jamestown Community School. In the first game we were solid, with Mr Agius trying a number of different combinations. Score was JPSS 74 Mid North 20. We started slowly in the second game against Jamestown before winning 66 to 29. We are through to the final six in Pool C. The final six will play off in Adelaide at Wayville on Friday 13 August 2010. More details to follow.
Rhusty Adona showed why he was selected as captain, providing great direction and leadership; he gave us spark when it was needed. Nick Redman was a solid, steady, influence on both games. Callum Roads was the human highlight reel going off for 22 points 15 rebounds and 9 assists in the second game, with Josh Haggard providing a real presence up high and down low at both ends.

Nathan Agius

JOHN PIRIE STUDENTS EXCEL IN BOXING

On Saturday night, 29 May the Burnell’s Boxing Gym held a Boxing Tournament at the Keith Michell Theatre. This was the first time in 14 years that a tournament was held in Port Pirie and 3 students from John Pirie Secondary School were fortunate enough to be part of this. These three students train extremely hard three nights a week at the Burnell’s Boxing Gym and were able to display their skills and talent in front of a large and encouraging home town crowd.

Nathan Wilson fought in the 75kg division and was narrowly beaten by his opponent from Western Australia. Nathan having the less fights out of the 3 boys showed that he is improving vastly with each fight and displayed immense determination and courage.

James Riddle fought in the 60kg division and defeated his older opponent from Morphett Vale. James proved that his fitness level was at a high standard and this allowed him to dominate against his opponent. James’ skills and attacking pressure saw a unanimous decision from the judges at the conclusion of the fight.

Cameron Jasper fought in the 69kg division and defeated his opponent from Victoria. Cameron’s fight was very entertaining with exceptional skills being used for the duration of the fight. Due to the intensity of this fight, Cameron and his opponent were awarded the bout of the night and Cameron was also honoured fighter of the night.

CONGRATULATIONS NATHAN, JAMES AND CAMERON!!!

Rebecca Adams

GERMAN FOOD

Mr Hawdio’s Year 9 German class had a real taste of Germany. They were able to prepare hamburgers and taste a variety of German sausages and meat.
The students enjoyed the tasty experience.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE MATHLETICS CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Week 6

Silver Certificate Winners
Luke Heinrich 884 1140 points
Rochelle Bown 884 1040 points

Bronze Certificate Winners
Nicole Player 885 2281 points
Beau Leecroft 884 1962 points
Angus Foster-Fulton 884 1368 points
Chelcie-Ann Hill 844 1277 points
Thomas Daw 884 1200 points
Mitchell Buchanan 942 1100 points
Brooke Sivewright 884 1094 points
Cameron Schrader 884 1030 points
Chloe Buchanan 884 1008 points

Week 7

Bronze Certificate Winners
Jac Hannaford 884 1607 points
Stephen James 844 1503 points
Shannon Kemp 844 1368 points

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE PORT PIRIE FOOD SECURITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT PROJECT

Thank you for your participation in the Port Pirie Food Security Needs Assessment. Your contribution will go a long way in the development of community programs which aim to reduce the rate of food insecurity in Port Pirie. For those surveys returned by the due date, 8 prize packs were drawn. Congratulations to those participants who will be notified on how to collect their prize. If anyone would like a copy of the key findings of the survey, you can collect it from the Front Office of the school or contact Gordon Hallett at John Pirie Secondary School and he can mail or email you a copy.

Regards,
Liz House & Vicki Barrett
4th Year Nutrition & Dietetic students
2010
JOHN PIRIE SECONDARY SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENTS …..

A THEATRE RESTAURANT PRODUCTION

JEST AT THE WEST

The Silver Slipper is in financial trouble on account of the drought. Maggie May and her girls have tried to diversify, but there isn’t much to do to stimulate new business. Little White Dove and Father O’Malley have tried their best to rescue the town, but all seems lost, when Cecil turns up from the city. Maggie’s mortgage with the Wild Westpac bank is about to be foreclosed. Even the flapjack flippin’ competition hasn’t raised enough money to clear the debt. How this bunch of larger than life characters rally round and pull together to save their town, ‘is a rootin’ tootin’ ton of fun.

TICKETS: $30.00 per person

Includes a 3 course meal and performance by John Pirie’s Year 11 students.

Drinks sold separately at the Keith Michell bar.