COURSES AT JOHN PIRIE

As a public high school we are continuing to explore ways for our students to access sound career pathways when they leave school. To this end, we access a lot of assistance through the DECS School to Work programs.

These include University Pathways and Trade Training Pathways. The structures of these pathways often intertwine because industry needs skilled people, and in South Australia there are ‘high tech’ jobs in the Defence Industries, Automotive Industry, Transport, Mining, Health and so on.

There are increasing numbers of cases where a straight university science degree does not guarantee a position in some of these jobs, where people with Certificate 3 or 4 qualifications in a particular industry are preferred. Many companies then continue the training which may include university courses.

University Pathways

We are finalising procedures for our students who want to keep university as an option to access specific teaching and learning from Year 8 upwards in 2011.

There will be more information at our Open Night on Wednesday 26 May.

Trade Training Pathways

All of these courses are conducted in conjunction with Registered Training Organisations including TAFE. The costs involved are born by the school for our students.

We are expanding these beyond our current main offerings which include the Multi-Trades areas of Automotive, Building and Construction, Metal Fabrication/Engineering and Hospitality Certificate 1.

COMING EVENTS

Friday 14 May
SAASTA Come ‘n’ Try Day

Friday 28 May
Power Cup Guernsey Launch

School Fun Run

100 years of Secondary Education in Port Pirie!

Celebrations on Friday 29 and Saturday 30 October
In the next couple of weeks Kitchen Operations Certificate 2, leading to Commercial Cookery Certificate 3 will commence at the school. Our trainer, Carol Weepers is a chef who also runs her own business. This course will be run on Mondays, all day.

We are looking forward to the construction of our new industrial kitchen later this year.

Graham Hoile is our Vocational Education Coordinator who can easily be contacted at the school to discuss our industry certificate courses.

Trevor Rogers
Principal

ATTENDANCE

Success in learning is strongly linked to regular attendance at school.

“Eighty percent of success is showing up.” Woody Allen

If your child is going to be absent from school please:

- If the absence is planned, make a note in your child’s diary and ask them to show their teacher before the day.

- If the absence is unplanned, phone the school on the day of the absence. Maria Sgherza is available to take your calls from 8.15am each morning.

- If your child is ill and requires a visit to the doctor, please obtain a certificate to give to the caregroup teacher.

Please note that this is especially important for students over the age of 16 who receive youth allowance as more than 5 days of non-approved/unexplained absence may result in reduction of payments. This includes being late to school as every unexplained late instance is taken as half a day by Centrelink.

Annie Inkster
Student Counsellor

POLICE WARNING

In recent weeks there has been a great deal of interest generated as a result of an incident with a male and female in a white vehicle acting suspiciously that has been placed on facebook creating concern for both parents and children. The police investigated all incidents reported to them by members of the public. As a result of this investigation no offences relating to children’s safety have been identified. A great deal of hysteria has resulted through facebook causing children and parents alike, more stress and worry than is needed. This incident has bought the issue of keeping our children safe to the immediate attention of parents. As the Crime Prevention officer for the Yorke Mid North Local Service Area I wish to achieve two things as a result of this message.

Firstly, it is important for parents to educate their children on personal safety without scaring them. If children are exposed to continual hysteria surrounding this issue they will become anxious and may worry unnecessarily about their own safety. It is important to make your children aware of the ways they can keep themselves safe.

- Do not travel alone at night
- Parents need to be aware of their child’s location at all times
- Do not use public toilets alone
- Be aware of the safety houses and businesses and where they are located.

Secondly, the continual use of facebook and gossiping in this manner is scaring children more than is necessary. If parents are concerned about any incident they should be contacting their local police station to report the incident. Parents need to talk with their children about the use of facebook and obtaining accurate information instead of believing everything that is placed on facebook. I encourage any parent who is concerned about any incident to contact their police station to discuss the matter with a police officer.

Senior Constable Andrea Wilson
Crime Prevention Officer
Yorke Mid North Local Service Area

HAVE YOU COLLECTED YOUR CHILD’S REPORT?

There are still a lot of reports in the Front Office waiting to be collected. If you have not collected your child’s report, please come to the Front Office to pick up the report.
SCHOOL FEES

Material and Services Charges for the 2010 school year are now overdue. If you believe you are eligible for School Card Assistance, please apply now. Forms are available from the Front Office of the school.

Lynne Madigan
Finance Officer

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE MATHLETICS CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Week 1

Silver Certificate Winners
Beau Leecroft 884 2565 points
Tayla Brine 881 1075 points
Thomas Daw 884 1070 points
Cameron Schrader 884 1020 points
Chloe Buchanan 884 1006 points

Bronze Certificate Winners
Angus Foster-Fulton 884 10577 points
Jessica Wilsdon 881 1235 points
Tessa Bennett 884 1047 points
Luke Heinrich 884 1040 points
Bradie Woolford 884 1040 points

Week 2

Bronze Certificate Winners
Angus Foster-Fulton 884 12140 points
Cameron Schrader 884 1894 points
Beau Leecroft 884 1517 points
Adam Fulcher 884 1346 points
Chloe Buchanan 884 1140 points
Tayla Brine 881 1106 points

Week 3

Silver Certificate Winners
Rebekah Stubbs 844 1080 points
Jessica Wilsdon 881 1073 points

Bronze Certificate Winners
Angus Foster-Fulton 884 3986 points
Rochelle Bown 884 2050 points
Beau Leecroft 884 1248 points
Cameron Schrader 884 1197 points
Bradie Woolford 884 1088 points
Jesse Jansen 881 1060 points
Luke Heinrich 884 1050 points
Tayla Brine 881 1049 points
Estera Doroga 881 1046 points
Joanna Betsias 881 1030 points
Reece Meyer 881 1028 points
Taylor Steicke 881 1023 points
Mitchell Buchanan 942 1020 points
Daemon Samson 1022 1016 points

COMMUNITY NEWS

PORT PIRIE FOOD SECURITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Dietetic Department at Port Pirie Regional Health Service is currently collecting information about food security in Port Pirie. Food security refers to having access to enough safe and nutritious foods. A household is considered food secure when people do not go without food or worry about not getting enough food. We are interested in finding out what community members feel they need in order to be food secure.

Your participation in this survey will help local community services to have a better understanding of the problems faced by community members and will be taken into consideration when planning any future community programs.

Any information you provide will be treated in the strictest confidence and no participants will be individually identifiable in the resulting report or other publications. Your personal details will not be used to any other purposes. You are free to stop participating at any time or to refuse to answer any particular questions.

By simply completing the accompanying survey and returning it by Friday 21 May 2010 you will enter the draw to win one of 8 prize packs. You can drop it off at student services in the survey box. Please print your name and phone number on the consent form to be entered in the draw. If you have any enquiries about this survey or the rest of the project, please feel free to contact:

Kylie McKay Dietitian (APD)
Port Pirie Regional Health Service
Tel: 08 86384693

CAREER DEVELOPMENT WEEK

An invitation is extended to all to attend the Information Sessions which will be held in TAFESA Cafeteria, Mary-Elie Street, Port Pirie, from 6.00pm to 8.00pm starting on Monday 17 May.

For more information, contact Career Development Services on 8633 2575 or visit them at Shop 3, 300 the Terrace, Port Pirie.
JOHN PIRIE STUDENTS GET PHYSICAL AND MUSICAL