FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Governing Council AGM

A very successful meeting was held on Tuesday evening, beginning with a tour of our Technology Studies buildings to see the progress of the installation of over $275,000 worth of new equipment for our workshops, horticulture facilities and automotive workshop. The equipment is part of our Federally funded Trade Training Centre agreement with Gladstone, Peterborough, and Jamestown High Schools, and our local TAFE.

The Council members are from the front (left to right): Tracey Lepinath, Gino Amato, Judy Baldwin and Sandra Stringer. At the back, from left to right, are Adrian Flynn (Deputy Principal) Sonya Bennett (School Administration Officer), Trevor Rogers (Principal), Mary Sired (Staff Representative), Robert Tolson, Joanne Tattoli, Steve Joyce, Michelle Enever, Angela White, Michael Hopgood and Trevor Cugley. Apologies for the evening were received from Anita Campbell and John Rohde.

The meeting elected our new Council, and I would like to congratulate Sandra Stringer. (Chairperson), Gino Amato (Deputy Chair), Judy Baldwin (Secretary), and Michelle Enever (Treasurer).

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 1 April
Last day of Term 1

Friday 2 April
Good Friday

Monday 19 April
First day of Term 2

TERM 1 REPORTS

These will be distributed to students at the end of the first week in Term 2, Friday 23 April.

The reports will be a full report with grade, effort and a comment for each subject and a caregroup comment.
I would also like to congratulate Tracey Lepinath, Robert Tolson, Jo Tattoli, Steve Joyce, Angela White, Michael Hopgood Anita Campbell, John Rohde and Trevor Cugley who have been elected as Governing Councillors.

With the new Governing Council, I discussed our draft Site Learning Plan that is building strategies around Literacy and Numeracy, Teaching and Learning, Senior School Curriculum, our Pathways Programs (including Vocational Education, FLIPS, FLO, and TAFE links), and Aboriginal Education.

Governing Council has approved the first of our two Staff Conferences (Student Free Days) for Friday 30th April (end Week 2 of next term). It is necessary to have this time to complete our Site Learning Plan, and also to look in depth at the new SACE, and in particular the Research Project, and the Personal Learning Plan (PLP) which all students have to pass.

YOU, our parents and caregivers, are invited to come to our Staff Conference and take part in our planning, and to learn more about your children’s teaching and learning.

There will be more information about session times soon.

Sports Day

This was my first at JPSS, and it was highly impressive. The organisation by the team of staff and students led by Carly Pavy was great, as was the participation by the students.

For the last 10 years I have been doing the 1500 metres with the students in my school and this year for the first time I was lapped by about a dozen boys! Either I am getting older or the kids are getting faster! It was all good fun, and congratulations to Anton Hawdio who also completed the race.

Next year I challenge all students, boys and girls to complete the 1500 metres with me.

Trevor Rogers
Principal

SPORTS DAY REVIEW 2010

Last Friday saw John Pirie Secondary School’s Annual Sports Day take place at Memorial Oval. With the charming weather, eager staff commenced set up at 7.00am and ensured the tents were sturdy and hurdles were buffed. The students in attendance displayed an extremely good spirit and put on some spectacular athletic performances. The leader board was neck and neck for the majority of the day with final results coming down to the finals events, team relays – Ross ended up the overall winners, knocking off a gallant Neilson.

The highlight of the day was the breaking of two records by Dylan Butler from Lewis in the Open Boy’s Javelin; Dylan broke his own record by 30 centimetres. The other record broken was by Jamie Davey, also from Lewis. Jamie set a new record in the under 14 boy’s 200 metres. Both of these
records were an impressive display from two talented athletes.

Overall Results for the day were as follows:

**HOUSE POINTS**
- Ross – 1846
- Neilson – 1783
- Lewis – 1590
- Hewett – 1416

**AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS**

**U14 BOYS**
1st – Codey Dyer (Lewis) 59 points
2nd – Normy Wombat (Ross) 58 points

**U15 BOYS**
1st – Luke Patterson (Lewis) 58 points
2nd – Josh Patterson (Ross) 58 points

**OPEN BOYS**
1st – Dylan Butler (Lewis) 60 points
2nd – Mitch Dyer (Lewis) 54 points

**U14 GIRLS**
1st – Jamie Bock (Neilson) 57 points
2nd – Chloe Buchanan (Neilson) 53 points

**U15 GIRLS**
1st – Paige Ashman (Ross) 57 points
2nd – Danielle Wright (Neilson) 57 points

**OPEN GIRLS**
1st – Rebecca Roe (Ross) 52 points
2nd – Leah Enever (Neilson) 50 points

The Effort Awards were given to students who were deemed to show great participation enthusiasm and good spirit throughout the day. For the females Michaela Wilson displayed excellent participation levels, while for the males you couldn’t go past Ethan Wendes who participated in many events without complaint.

The day can’t go without the mention and thankyou for a number of people who helped with the day running smoothly. Firstly, Bill Brown for the speaker system, the Council for the use of Memorial Oval and St. Johns for their first aid assistance. The biggest thankyou and words aren’t enough for the amount of time and effort this man spends on organising the day, but without Graham Hoile this day would never run like it does. Additionally, thank you to all the staff, students and parents who came, participated and supported this carnival. The students and teachers now look forward to the Interschool Athletics Carnival which will take place at SANTOS Stadium on Friday 26 March.

Tyson Keefe
Year 12, Sport and Rec
Miss Pavy
PE Coordinator
STUDENT2STUDENT PROGRAM

Love Reading! You can help us!

The Smith Family’s student2student program is a unique and effective program that has helped many students to significantly increase their reading levels.

The student2student program works by matching students in Year 3 to 8, who need to improve their reading with older mentors in Year 6 to 12.

The student2student program runs for 18 weeks a year, usually from April to September. The mentor telephones the students three times a week for at least 20 minutes.

If your child is interested in becoming a mentor, could they contact Annie Inkster at the school to obtain a copy of the application and consent form.

Annie Inkster
Student Counsellor

COMMUNITY NEWS

Are you a parent looking to return to work?

Have you finished school and need support to get into the workforce?

Are you looking for employment and do not qualify for assistance through Job Services Australia?

You may be eligible for assistance from CAREER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES. Career Development Services is a free regional service for individuals in Port Pirie and Southern Flinders Ranges. We provide case management to eligible clients in assisting them to get into work.

Please direct inquiries to Tracy Northcott
Career Development Services
Shop 3/300 The Terrace, Port Pirie
Telephone (08) 86332575 or 0458 444 133

PORT PIRIE EQUESTRIAN CLUB
LOGO COMPETITION

The club is holding a competition to design a logo that is A5 size, clear and simple, has 2 colours, dark green and white, have the club’s name in simple font, unique, distinctive, professional design, has a horse and rider in it and represents Pirie (optional). Entries close on Friday 26 March at 5pm.

For more information contact Camille Mummery on 0422 263 190 or email to cami_mum_33@hotmail.com

NAC YAC CARNIVAL

Wednesday 14 April
from 2pm
at Memorial Park, JAMESTOWN.

Free Games and activities for all to enjoy, including Laser Skirmish, Crafts Corner, Races, Tug of War and sideshow games.

BBQ and drinks will be provided.

Contact Ann, Northern Areas Council, on 8664 1139 for more information.
YEAR 10 AND 11 STUDENTS KAYAK THE PIRIE RIVER
SPORTS DAY ACTION