From the Principal

This has been a busy fortnight. And it will be a busy term.

Staff Conference
This Friday 30 April is a Student Free Day for our Staff Conference. In the last newsletter I invited parents and caregivers to join the staff in our work to ensure that the new SACE Research Project is well implemented at JPSS, and to learn more about our Site Learning Plan. Regarding the Research Project all SACE Stage 2 students next year must get a C grade or better in this subject. It is a concept in the SACE that will demand that students have appropriate research skills to conduct some research in a curriculum area of their choice.

Staff and students need to understand that students may require help in any subject to complete a piece of research, and any teacher may need to assist them. There are implications to be worked through for school structures because the Research Project is a subject that may require flexible offering times.

The SACE Research Project will be the topic for the morning beginning at 8.45 am through to lunch. After lunch (at about 1.15 pm), you are also invited to join us in a session that will, I hope, complete the next draft of our Site Learning Plan. Priority areas for our planning are:

- Aboriginal Education
- Literacy and Numeracy
- Teaching and Learning Methodologies
- Student Management (in particular behaviour and bullying)
- Senior School Curriculum
- Our Pathways Programs – FLO, FLIPS, VET, Trade School, Trade Training Centre etc

COMING EVENTS

Friday 30 April
Staff Conference
Student Free Day

100 years of Public Secondary Education in Port Pirie 1910-2010

Join the celebrations on Friday 29 and Saturday 30 October
If you would like to come on Friday, please phone the front office so we have notice for seating and catering purposes.

Uniform
The term started a bit shakily in this area with quite a number of students apparently hoping that the emphasis on uniform in Term 1 would be less this term. Not so!

All schools have problems with intruders and the threat to our students in or near school from undesirable elements of society is real. We are determined to make JPSS safe for all of our students and staff. We must be able to identify our students immediately, so the uniform options must be heeded.

We have provided plenty of information to all of our families, much of it mailed out to make sure it gets home. Support for the uniform has been wonderful from most of our community.

As we get into cooler weather, only maroon sweaters are acceptable, with the school dress or black or grey slacks, tracksuit pants, or plain black or grey jeans. Ugg boots and thongs (flip-flops) definitely are not acceptable. Many students have been sent home or parents have been contacted to bring in the correct clothing or footwear. This will continue.

Families who need any assistance in getting the right uniform for their children should contact Sonya Bennett, myself, Adrian Flynn, Samantha Schultz, Anton Hawdio, a Coordinator or your child’s care-group teacher to arrange help.

Trevor Rogers
Principal

AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE TO TALK TO YEAR 9 STUDENTS

Every year the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) comes to the school to talk to Year 9 students about taxation and to encourage them to apply for a Tax File Number (TFN). This year an Education Officer will be in the school on Wednesday 2 June.

The ATO is encouraging every student in Years 9 to 13 to obtain a TFN before they leave school. Applying for a TFN through the school makes the process much easier for the person applying. However, the records we have at school must match the information that is written on your TFN application form. So if you have changed address, name or phone numbers since the student enrolled and these have not been changed on our database could you please let the school know so that the information we have is accurate.

All applications must include a birth certificate number, overseas passport number, or Australian citizenship certificate number. I can not process applications without this information and forms will be returned to me if they do not contain it. If you do not have this information you need to obtain it as soon as possible through the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Office 131 882 for South Australian birth certificates. If the student was born interstate they will need to contact the relevant office in the state of birth. The Department of Immigration and Citizenship should be contacted for citizenship details. There will be a cost for a copy of the birth certificate ($38 in SA) but remember that students will need these for a number of other identification processes as they make the transition into adulthood, including obtaining a driver’s permit.

Between the visit by the ATO and the end of the term students from Years 9 to 13 will be encouraged to apply for a TFN if they do not already have one. If students have applied in the past and are not sure of their number they need to contact 13 28 61.

Relevant websites:

SA Births, Deaths and Marriage Office
www.ocba.sa.gov.au
For the past 10 weeks Johannes Hammel, from Bavaria in Germany, has been staying in Port Pirie and attending the John Pirie Secondary School.

At the end of term assembly, Johannes spoke to the students on how he had found Australia to be a beautiful and interesting country with people who are friendly and nice. He has been on an outback trip with other exchange students and has also watched a cricket match, went to an AC/DC Concert and sheared a sheep.

He said that Germany has four times the population as Australia but is only one twentieth the size. In Germany you have to wait until you are 18 to get your driver’s licence but you get to drink beer at 16. Johannes thanked the Stringer family who he lived with during his time in Australia and also thanked all the students and teachers who have talked to him and made him feel welcome.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & HORTICULTURE COURSES

This year John Pirie Secondary School is conducting registered VET Courses in Animal Husbandry & Horticulture. The courses are designed to provide the students with the opportunity to develop the basic knowledge and practical skills to complete the Level 1 and gain accreditation in their chosen course. John Pirie has V.I.S.A. agreement with Regional Skills Training to provide and deliver the training under the guidance of a qualified Certificate 1V Workplace Trainer and Assessor.

In Animal Husbandry the students are involved in the care and maintenance of a pony and her foal, sheep, goat breeding and chicken rearing as well as running a free range egg production unit where the eggs are supplied to the HPD area for their
The students cover several topics in all the areas which include:

- Handling techniques
- Care and Maintenance
- Reproduction
- Nutrition and Health

The Horticulture course is designed to give the students an experience in Horticulture as a vocation and so increase employability. Experience is gained in using a wide range of motorised hand equipment. Other projects and activities include plant propagation from seed and cutting, vegetable growing and various garden related construction projects.

The assessment process is competency based. The focus is on whether students are able to understand and perform tasks to a satisfactory standard. This makes the courses accessible and achievable to a wide range of students.

The courses are proving to be popular with a large number of students accessing the facilities.

It is a credit to John Pirie Secondary School that such innovative and interesting learning experiences are being offered within the curriculum and the students’ keen participation and dedication to their lessons is a definite measure of the program's success. It is hoped that these alternative programs will be expanded in the future as they provide an opportunity to develop students’ life skills, experiences and accreditation in industries they may not normally have access to and may consider as a post school option.

**AWARD WINNERS**

At the end of the first term, students who have achieved well in Statewide Sports events and also those who have had 100% attendance for the term were awarded certificates at an assembly.
On Friday 26 March a team of approximately 55 students and Miss Greenhalgh, Miss Pavy, Mr Agius and Mr Rogers travelled to SANTOS Stadium in Adelaide for the annual Secondary School Sports of South Australia Athletics Carnival. The day began in darkness with students needing to be at the school by 6.00am. After a quiet trip down it was all go once we arrived at SANTOS stadium with students having to get themselves off to their respective events and teachers having to carry out different duties during the day.

The atmosphere was positive with students cheering each other on as they ran down the home straight or flew through the air or launched a flying object. The day saw us having some great successes with a number of excellent individual results as well as an improvement in our overall result.

It was disappointing to see some students choose not to attend the event as it is a great experience for everyone with good team spirit and enjoyment. It is unfortunate that those students who pulled out had an affect on the rest of the team by leaving some events unfilled. It would have been very interesting to see how our team went if all students made the effort to come and all our events were filled.

On a positive note however I must congratulate those students who did attend and represented our school with pride achieving excellent results both on and off the field. Thank to you Miss Greenhalgh, Mr Agius and Mr Rogers for helping with the running of the day and also to Craig Horsnell, Daniel Loupos, Ty Anderson and Emily Angione who came as helpers for our field events and photography work. Finally, a big thank you to all those students who represented our school so well as participants and I look forward to continuing and improving our results in 2011.

Congratulations to all these students.
OVERALL TEAM RESULTS
Boys 5th  
Girls 5th

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:

Dylan Butler  
1st Open Boys Javelin  
2nd Open Boys 100m  

Codey Dyer  
1st Under 14 Boys 1500m  
1st Under 14 Boys 400m  
1st Under 14 Boys 800m  

Mitch Dyer  
1st U16 Boys 800m  
2nd Open Boys 1500m  

Jake Hogg  
3rd Open Boys 110m Hurdles  

Bradley Joyce  
3rd Open Boys Discus  

Reece Meyer  
2nd U15 Boys Javelin  

Scott Olsen  
2nd U16 Boys Javelin  

Luke Patterson  
3rd Under 15 Boys 1500m  
3rd Under 15 Boys Long Jump  

Louis Puddy  
3rd U14 Boys Shot Put  

Taite Talent  
3rd Open Boys Shot Put  

Harrison Vanstone  
3rd U15 Boys Shot Put  
3rd U15 Boys Discus  

Jamie Bock  
2nd U14 Girls 800m  
2nd Open Boys Triple Jump  

Lauren East  
2nd Open Girls High Jump  
2nd Open Girls Javelin  

Demi Freer  
3rd U16 Girls 90m Hurdles  

Sunny Freer  
3rd U15 Girls Discus  

Nikki Knibs  
2nd U16 Girls Discus  
2nd U16 Girls Shot Put  

Abby Oliphant  
2nd U15 Girls Javelin  

Sam Pine  
1st U14 Girls Javelin  

Rhiannon Smith  
3rd U16 Girls Javelin  

Ashton Squire  
1st Open Girls Triple Jump  

By Tyson Keefe (Year 12 Sport & Rec)  
Carly Pavy (PE co-ordinator)

ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY

On Friday 23 April the school held an assembly to remember the Australians who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. School captain, Dylan Butler, read an account of the landing of troops at Gallipoli.

The school’s guest speaker, RSL President, Hayden Madigan, then spoke on the Gallipoli landing and subsequent conflicts in which Australia has been involved.

As part of Year 12 Studies, Jared Castle, studied war poetry and selected the poem, “Young Dead Soldiers” to read to the students.

This was followed by the last post, a minute’s silence and the National Anthem.

Special thanks goes to Scott Darlow, a visiting musician, who played the last post.
Thank you to all presenters who made sure Anzac Day will be remembered.

NEW STAFF MEMBER

The school welcomes David Mitchell to the staff. David will be teaching English and SOSE from the beginning of Term 2.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE MATHLETICS CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Week 9
Bronze Certificate Winners
Beau Leecroft 884 1303 points
Bradie Woolford 884 1126 points
Cameron Schrader 884 1108 points
Stephen James 844 1071 points
Angus Foster-Fulton 884 1050 points
Nick Hatcher 884 1015 points
Layne Anderson-Hill 844 1006 points
Emanuel Emerich 884 1003 points
Chloe Buchanan 884 1000 points
Thomas Daw 884 1000 points

Silver Certificate Winners
Chloe Buchanan 884 1797 points
Beau Leecroft 884 1190 points
Tessa Bennett 884 1120 points
Chloe Buchanan 884 1080 points
Rochelle Bown 884 1078 points
Angus Foster-Fulton 884 1055 points
Thomas Daw 884 1010 points

Holidays Week 1
Silver Certificate Winner
Angus Foster-Fulton 884 1212 points
Bronze Certificate Winners
Beau Leecroft 884 1040 points
Chloe Buchanan 884 1000 points

Holidays Week 2
Bronze Certificate Winner
Chloe Buchanan 884 1480 points

Week 1
Bronze Certificate Winners
Stephen James 844 2541 points
Rebekah Stubbs 844 1060 points

COMMUNITY NEWS

Know an apprentice or trainee? Do they know their workplace rights and conditions?

The Fair Work Ombudsman is encouraging apprentices and trainees to learn about their workplace rights and conditions to ensure they are not missing out on pay, leave and allowances.

As a starting point, Fair Work Ombudsman Nicholas Wilson recommends apprentices and trainees keep a simple work diary to help them keep track of their shifts and pay.

For each shift, record:
- the day and date you work
- the time you start and finish work
- your meal breaks
- the name of your supervisor.

It’s also a good idea to include any time you take off work, like sick days or annual leave.

More information can be found at www.fairwork.gov.au/apprenticestrainees.
OUR YEAR 9 THESPIANS PERFORM THEIR PLAY, “BEAUTY IS A BEAST” TO PRIMARY STUDENTS