Principal’s Tours

I am very proud of how we are positioning the school for the second semester (Terms 3 and 4) this year, and for 2011.

I am available to meet with new students and their parents, and to take them on a tour of the school to inspect our facilities. If you know people who would like to do this, they can phone Julie or Maria in the front office.

Kitchen Operations Certificate 2

Monday this week was the first day of this new course at John Pirie. The class is very full but the students are keen. Next week we hope to have the course polo shirts ready for the class.

The course is quite demanding, but the practicals will make up for all of the other hard work. Carol Weepers, our instructor said that this course will go into early next year, because there is not enough time left this year for completion.

As with all of our Pathways Courses, the cost of the course for each student is nil, as the school policy is that these courses are an important part of our curriculum as we help every student to achieve a strong career pathway.

New SACE Preparation

Ms Samantha Schultz is our Assistant Principal who has oversight of our preparations for the continued implementation of Stage 1 and preparation for Stage 2 in 2011.
As previously reported we have made a good start with the staff in understanding the breadth of responsibility in teaching research skill development from Year 8 onwards. The Research Project is an essential part of the certificate. Students who fail it will not get their SACE.

There will be a lot of information for parents in the near future. For parents who would like some ‘homework’ the SACE website is www.sace.sa.edu.au

Trevor Rogers  
Principal

ABSENCES

Thank you to the families who are reporting absences to Maria each day. I have really appreciated your support with this. Please remind your children that it is important that they sign in each day – especially if they are late.

Thank you. Maria

PAST OLYMPIAN TALKS TO OUR ABORIGINAL STUDENTS

On Wednesday 19 May, Kyle Vander Kuyp visited the school to speak to the Aboriginal students on his life experiences and to encourage the students to be the best they can. He was accompanied by Barbara Stephens, a nationally accredited Track and Field coach, Zsolt Zsombor, a Hungarian Bobsleighter and Gary Thompson, an up and coming Shot Putter.

The group also took the students out for some training in track and field events.

L-R: Zsolt Zsombor, Trevor Rogers (Principal), Deb Black (Staff member), Kyle Vander Kuyp, Barbara Stephens, Gary Thompson and Nathan Agius (Staff member).

The students enjoyed the experience and have a lot to think about with their futures.
KNOCKOUT FOOTBALL TEAMS

The John Pirie Open Boy’s football team faced very strong opposition from St Marks. The boys rallied hard but were up against it from the outset being totally outplayed by 20 odd goals. The later game against the MNSEC Falcons was a much closer affair where the boys were far more competitive against a stronger bodied side. The game seesawed throughout and when the game had to be called off because of an unnecessary incident, our lads trailed MNSEC by around 2 goals. Best players throughout the day included Nick Redman, Kurtis Edwards and Nick Amato.

The John Pirie Year 8/9 Football team were quite undersized and undermanned against two very strong teams in St Marks and MNSEC. Although the boys failed to trouble the scorers in both games, their team spirit could not be deflated, this was quite impressive. Their opposition both fielded state representative players and I’m sure the boys would have learnt some tips from their experienced opponents. Best players throughout the day included Harrison Vanstone, Reece Meyer and Louis Puddy.

Matt Gale

OUR ABORIGINAL STUDENTS GET SOME TOUCH FOOTBALL TRAINING

The students were lucky to get some training from Quinn Witika, a Touch Football SA representative.
The students enjoyed the experience and gained better skills in Touch Football. We would like to thank Quinn for his time and effort he put into the students.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS DECORATE THEIR CAKES

As part of a practical assessment, students had to make and decorate a birthday cake for a 1st or 18th birthday.

Students spent nearly three hours decorating these cakes and did a great job.

LAW WEEK

As part of Law Week, a group of John Pirie students took part in a mock trial held at the Port Pirie Law Courts.

The “trial” concerned a case of a stalker and all students played their parts well and gave all who were present a better idea of how a trial is conducted. Well done to all who organised the event.
Congratulations to the students involved: Dale Loring, Daniel Daws, Matt Beard, Nikki Knibbs, Lauren East, Taylene Butler, Darien Pavri, Matt Harvey, Brodie Kemp, Jade Ranson, Tiahn Wendes and Rachel Wehrmann.

**AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION VISIT**

As part of “Enrol to Vote week” a representative of the Australian Electoral Commission came to speak to the Year 11 and 12 students who are eligible to enrol to vote. People have to be aged 17+ to enrol to vote.

The students found the talk entertaining and informative and were appreciative of the chance to enrol.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE MATHLETICS CERTIFICATE WINNERS**

**Week 4**

**Silver Certificate Winners**
Tessa Bennett 884 1055 points

**Bronze Certificate Winners**
Angus Foster-Fulton 884 2093 points
Rochelle Bown 884 1588 points
Beau Leecroft 884 1512 points
Luke Heinrich 884 1255 points
Bradie Woolford 884 1242 points
Thomas Daw 884 1150 points
Tayla Brine 881 1080 points
Jesse Jansen 881 1080 points
Chloe Buchanan 884 1030 points
Cameron Schrader 884 1003 points

**Week 5**

**Silver Certificate Winners**
Angus Foster-Fulton 884 1200 points
Mitchell Buchanan 942 1004 points

**Bronze Certificate Winners**
Aaron Olsen 885 5315 points
Estera Doroga 881 1375 points
Jesse Coleman 885 1264 points
Daniel Tattoli 881 1150 points
Chloe Buchanan 884 1030 points
Sean Thomas 885 1002 points

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**DO YOU HAVE ANY USED YOUNG CHILDREN’S/BABIES CLOTHES, TOYS OR BOOKS THAT YOU COULD DONATE TO FAMILIES IN PORT PIRIE?**

Learning Together is a literacy and learning program for families with children aged birth to 4 years in Port Pirie. Donations of books to encourage literacy development and other items would be most appreciated.

Any Goods can be left at the School/Kindergarten front office and these will be forwarded onto the program which is based in the old JP classrooms at Airdale Primary School.

If you would like to know more about the program or would like to attend a group in Port Pirie please contact Nathalie Hayes on 0422004136
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