FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Uniform

Thankyou to all of our parents who have assisted us by ensuring that the students wear the school uniform. We are about 98% of the way to having every student in uniform, and expect that the few who are not in full uniform yet, will be soon.

I have had many discussions with parents and caregivers, as well as students, and have received a lot of support. Staff, too, have worked very hard to communicate via student diaries to parents regarding this issue.

It is very important that we are able to readily identify all of our students all of the time, as intruders do occasionally enter our grounds for no good reason. Our staff is vigilant because the safety and wellbeing of our students is of utmost importance.

With winter approaching, we ask parents and caregivers to make sure that you check the uniform policy in the school diary before purchasing clothing for school.

In winter the maroon school sweater is essential. A plain maroon jumper is also fine. Sweaters that are not school uniform will not be accepted. Coats that are not maroon must be taken off on arrival at school.

If you are having financial difficulties in equipping your child with school uniform, please contact Sonya Bennett because we can make special arrangements.

The new National Curriculum

There has been a lot of discussion in the last few days, since the Deputy Prime Minister released some details of the new curriculum for consultation.

COMING EVENTS

Monday 8 March
Adelaide Cup Holiday

Wednesday 10 March
Governing Council Training

Friday 12 March
Sports Carnival

GOVERNING COUNCIL

AGM will be held on Tuesday 16 March 2010.

Do something for your school. BE THERE!

At 7pm there will be a tour of the new Vocational Training Centre and the Drama Room. Please meet at the Staff Room.

AGM will start at 7.30 pm sharp with a supper to follow.

All parents and caregivers are invited to this meeting.

Gino Amato
Chairperson
These can easily be found on [www.australiancurriculum.edu.au](http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au) if you wish to have a look. Professor Barry McGaw has led a large team of educators across Australia to develop the national curriculum, four subjects of which will be introduced into classes in 2011.

These subjects are English, Maths, Science and History. On the website is some detail about Content Descriptions for teachers to follow, and Achievement Standards. There will also be some ‘elaborations’, or ideas for teachers to consider when they plan their lessons.

Other subjects will follow after further consultation.

**Students Leaving the School with out School Consent**

Once again, thankyou to our community for so solidly supporting us in stopping the flow of students going down the street at recess or lunch.

We take our duty of care for the safety of all of our students very seriously, and I seek your ongoing support to ensure a couple of things:

- Lunch passes – these are to be used to go home to lunch, only. Going to the shops is not permissible.
- To leave the school grounds at any time is not allowed unless there is, for example, a medical appointment or other important commitment as communicated to the school by parents.

All of our students understand that they would be disobeying an instruction, an instruction from me, as the principal, if they leave the school grounds without a legitimate reason. This would naturally bring a consequence.

*Trevor Rogers*  
Principal

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**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

The photographer will be returning to John Pirie Secondary School on Thursday March 11 at 11am to photograph any students who missed out on having their photos taken for class photos and ID Cards. This will be your last chance if you want to buy a class photo or one of the packages.

If your child did miss out and they have not let me know, could you contact me at the school?

*Sonya Bennett*  
School Administration Officer

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**WANT TO BE ON GOVERNING COUNCIL?**

If any parent/caregiver would like to be on Governing Council, there is a nomination form accompanying this newsletter. If you need another, they are available at the Front Office of the school.

**WEDNESDAY 24 MARCH WAS A BUSY NIGHT AT THE SCHOOL!**

Starting at 6pm, the Year 8 Parents were invited to a BBQ to informally meet the Year 8 teachers.

*Staff members Steve Zilm, Tu Tran, and Jessica Sparks fire up the BBQ.*
Then at 7pm it was time for the parents of Year 11 and 12 students to come to the school and have the opportunity to hear information on the new SACE course.

Thank you to all the parents who came to these two events to support their child’s education.

CONGRATULATIONS

Ashley McDonald has just won an apprentice position with Alinta Energy who are the owners of the Flinders Power Station in Port Augusta. Ashley will begin an instrumentation apprenticeship in the near future, travelling to work each day from Port Pirie. In 2009 Ashley completed a number of electrical trade modules at TAFE as part of John Pirie Secondary School’s Electrotechnology VET group. We wish him all the best in his employment and training.

Graham Hoile

SPECIAL SPORTS CARNIVAL CANTEEN MENU

FOOD
- Steak Sandwich: $4.00
- Sausage in bread: $2.00
- 2 sausages in bread: $3.00
- Pies: $4.00
- Pasties: $4.00
- Sausage Rolls: $3.50
- Sandwiches: $3.40
- Rolls or Wraps: $5.00
- Small Salad: $3.60
- Large Salad: $4.50

DESSERT
- Fruit Salad: $3.40
- Iced donuts: $3.00

REPLACE THE ENERGY!
- Potato Crisps: $1.30
- Raspberry Straps: $1.50
- Chomps/Curly Wurly: $1.00

KEEP THE FLUIDS UP!
- Assorted drinks: $2.50
- Water: $2.00
- 600ml Iced Coffee: $3.80
- 600ml Chocolate Milk: $3.80

FRONT OFFICE OPENING HOURS

A reminder to parents that the school’s Front Office is open from 8.30am until 5.00pm.

SPORTS CARNIVAL

John Pirie Secondary School is holding its annual Sports Day on Friday 12 March 2010 at Memorial Oval. Students will need to be at Memorial Oval by 8.45am with the day commencing at 9.00am.

The day will be full of excitement and action with a wide range of events happening throughout the day – from running, jumping and throwing to the fun filled novelty events, there is sure to be something to entertain everybody.

The competition will be tough between the four houses - will Nielsen go back to back
after their glory in 2009 or will Ross double up in 2010 after their awesome Swimming Carnival triumph? Or will it be the dark horse Lewis or the ever improving Hewett to steal the title?

Parents are welcome to come and watch the day unfold with food and refreshments being available at the canteen. Programs are now available from the Front Office of the school.

By Tyson Keefe  
(Year 12 Sport & Rec)

STUDENTS INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY

Congratulations to Yorke Heath on vocals and Alexander Cominos on guitar for their well appreciated performance at local debate between State Government candidates held in Port Pirie and which was broadcast on the ABC recently.

Photos courtesy of Geoff Brock’s office.

MASTERS GAMES REQUIRE HELPERS

The Pirie Masters Athletics is on from the 15 to the 17 April and they would like to get volunteers to be involved. In previous years the volunteers have been older folk but this year they are trying to get a few younger people involved. The event is on during the school holidays so perhaps your child would like to be involved in activities such as presenting medals, retrieving shotputs, measuring distances or holding up a flag.

Anyone who would like to get involved, needs to see Mr Hoile at the school for contact details.  

Graham Hoile

COOKING WITH THE YEAR 12 HOSPITALITY CLASS

Chloe Willersdorf’s Hospitality Class prepared an international buffet for a group of John Pirie staff members. The students created such dishes as various types of sushi, Okonomiyaki (Japanese dish), Mini Spring Rolls, Coconut Chicken, Creamy Gnocchi with bacon and pesto, Greek style Chicken wraps, Choc Hazelnut Croissants and French Mini Apple Pastries.

The staff really enjoyed their meal. Congratulations to the students for their hard work.
SRC INDUCTION CEREMONY

On Thursday 4 March the 2010 John Pirie Secondary School inducted the students elected onto the school’s Student Representative Council.

The Assembly opened with the choir singing the National Anthem.

After recognising the original owners of the land, the official guest, Neville Wilson, Deputy Mayor, inducted the Captains and Vice-Captains and then spoke to the SRC, advising them to listen to others and urged all, especially the Year 12 students, to do their best.

After the Associate Members and members of the SRC were inducted, the audience was addressed by the Principal who urged all students to be involved to make our school the best. To finish off the assembly the school band entertained the students and guests.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE MATHLETICS CERTIFICATE WINNERS

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