Points of interest

Lunches are no longer available from Peterborough Primary School. Students will need to bring their own packed lunches. Parents/Caregivers are welcome to drop off labelled lunches to the front office. There will be a box in the foyer that they can be placed in. Students are not allowed to collect lunches from vehicles parked in the street. This is a duty of care issue the school has to comply with.

Governing Council AGM will be held on Tuesday 28th Feb from 7-8pm followed by GC meeting at 8pm in the PHS Staff Room. Nomination Forms for GC are included with this newsletter.

‘Raising a complaint with DECD’ pamphlets have been sent home with the eldest child along with this newsletter.

Year 8 Art

What a wonderful start to the year with such enthusiastic students. I am sure there will be some tough competition for the Art Prize this year. This is an amazing piece of Art work by Faith, completed in her first week at PHS.

Vicki Minnes
School Photos
School Photos will be held on Thursday 23rd February. Students are required to follow the school dress code.

Student ID cards will be available to order. We recommend that students from Years 10 to 12 purchase a card for transport concessions.

SRC /House Captains/Music Captains Induction Ceremony & Swimming Carnival
On Friday 17th February we will be holding an induction ceremony in the Peterborough High School Gym at 11:10am followed by light refreshments in the Home Economics sewing room. Parental support would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to come to the pool and assist, please contact Mel Randall.

We encourage parents and friends to attend and support the students.

Student Forms
Annual consent forms were sent home early this week. Please complete and return to the home group teachers by Monday 6th February.

Thankyou

2017 SCHOOL FEES & SCHOOL CARD
Invoices have been posted out for 2017 School Fees and Levies. School Card Application forms are available from the school front office for those eligible to apply.

Please note that there are quite a few fees outstanding from last year. Please see the Finance Officer to discuss payment options. The DECD Debt Collection process will commence for non-payment of overdue fees in Term 3, so please ensure payments commence ASAP, to avoid debt collection and possible court action.

Payment via Credit Card
Payments can no longer be made to the school via Credit Card.

Cash and/or Cheque only.

We apologise for the inconvenience.
Welcome to the 2017 school year.

We welcome back Ros Francis who is teaching in the Learning Centre, Di Ford who runs our Multi-Lit Reading Program and Lawrie Tyas and Penny O’Dowd, who support the students with Negotiated Education Plans in classrooms.

Brett Wittwer continues to work with us one day a week in IT technical support and Bec Burford works 21 hours per week to cover IT.

Unfortunately, we farewelled Maggie Clapp as our Pastoral Care Worker at the end of last year and to this date Maggie has not been replaced.

Our leadership team includes Ashleigh Hall, Junior Years Coordinator, Jenny Coe as VET Coordinator and Mel Randall as Senior Years Coordinator.

Music Captains, Sports House Captains and Student Representative Council Representatives.

The processes for selection for these student leadership positions will commence next week. Staff members involved in supporting and managing these leadership positions have worked collaboratively to align the processes and criteria for selection for these positions. Students will nominate and a selection committee will determine if the nominated students are eligible against the criteria for selection. The students of the school will then vote to select from the eligible nominations. The criteria include:

1. A commitment to assisting in planning, leading, managing, attending and participating in school activities.
2. Well-developed organisational and time management skills, including an ability to meet deadlines.
3. Demonstrated maturity and leadership skills.
4. Consistent application to learning achievement.
5. Be of good character without being involved in any serious behavioural issues.
6. Represent the school by wearing school dress code including endorsed clothing such as seniors’ tops.
7. A minimum attendance rate of 95%.

There is a slight variation for each position due to the focus of the roles but the expectations are consistent. The inductions for House Captains, Music Captains and SRC will occur prior to the swimming carnival on Friday February 17th.
Visible Learning Training

Last term Governing Council approved a Student Free day for February 13th to support all staff attending training being offered to all Flinders Partnership schools and pre-schools. The training will focus on Visible Learning Research and how teachers can make a difference to student learning. This is very exciting learning to further support learner improvement for every student.

Learning Success

The following is an extract from our Achieving Success in SACE document.

INTRODUCTION

Every student is expected to complete SACE. There is a variety of ways to complete SACE which include face to face SACE subjects, Distance Education (Open Access and MNSEC delivery), VET (face to face and distance delivery), ASBA’s and Traineeships.

To complete SACE students need to have covered the requirements of the South Australian Certificate of Education.

This document outlines the main issues which cover SACE students in Years 10, 11, 12 and Year 13 students who are over 17, and no longer under legal compulsion to attend high school.

OUR BELIEFS

Peterborough High School’s senior secondary procedures are based on the following five core beliefs:

- We believe that the main purpose of school attendance is to gain a successful education, and that our school practices and student effort must be directed to this purpose.

- We believe that all students have a right and need for schooling beyond the years of compulsion, and that this schooling should offer a variety of career paths that are based on incorporating flexibility and adaptability into effective teaching and learning practices.

- We recognise that education is important for its own sake, but believe that for our senior students the structure and content of their formal studies should lead towards appropriate documentation, which includes the successful completion of the South Australian Certificate of Education (or ‘SACE’) and the Student Achievement Record (or ‘SAR’).

- Enrolment at school beyond the age of seventeen years is not compulsory, so we will assume that those who continue their SACE do so because they (and their caregivers) see value in and commit to ongoing education.

- We believe the senior secondary years will be characterised by a sense of purpose and goal orientation, and a corresponding commitment to purposeful study, a respect for others, and a real desire to succeed.
OUR EXPECTATIONS

It will be clear from these five beliefs that the senior years need to be purposeful and well organised.

**Students and their caregivers can expect from Peterborough High School:**

- A cooperative, harassment free environment which respects the rights of teachers to teach and students to learn with commitment.
- Equal opportunities to reach full potential regardless of circumstances.
- Ongoing counselling in the selection of appropriate subjects for completing the SACE including designing a SACE Plan signed off by the students, parent/caregiver and the principal.
- Explanation of their subject requirements, and where appropriate, the opportunity to negotiate aspects of study.
- Access to personal and career counselling, daily support and information through their home group.
- Accurate and regular assessments and reports of their activities and documentation of their student achievement record when they leave.

**The school will expect from students:**

- A cooperative, purposeful and goal oriented attitude, and a commitment to study.
- Regular and punctual attendance, and the provision of reasons for those times when this is not possible.
- Submission of assignments by due dates, and negotiations will occur within SACE guidelines where appropriate, when this is not possible.
- Close adherence to the school’s Code of Conduct, so that a good working environment for all is maintained.

There are some really simple ways to support our young people to learn the best way they can. Have plenty of reading material in the house available, particularly before they go to bed. Reading for an hour each day helps to develop 80% of their reading capability. Make sure they have regular nourishing meals every day. Set routines for bedtime to make sure they are getting a minimum of 8 hours sleep a night (Some young people need 10 hours). No screens of any kind for an hour before they go to bed. Provide plenty of water for drinking to keep hydrated. Make sure every day you have personal conversations to keep connected with what is going on in their lives and provide wise advice and support in ways that help our young people develop their own skills with overcoming the hurdles in their lives. Support our young people to take responsibility and be accountable – they are transitioning to adulthood.

I am looking forward to working together this year with families and the community to support every young person in their endeavours.

Liz Pannell
Our Governing Council Chairperson Lawrence Heath and I are writing to all Parents and Caregivers of Peterborough High School students inviting you to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Peterborough High School Governing Council.

The Governing Council is the body that is responsible for the oversight of the school and its management. Governing Council sets the general direction of the school and oversees the budget management and policies. We meet twice a term to ensure we are providing the best educational opportunities for every student that we can within our means.

In a time when education is experiencing many changes, we need parents and students to be involved as the voice of not only the parents and students, but also the community as a whole.

We strongly encourage you to become a member of our Council either for the first time, or through re-nomination.

A nomination form is included with this newsletter. Please return it to the school by 23rd February.

Above all please come along and hear about what is happening at Peterborough High School.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Pannell
Principal

Lawrence Heath
Governing Council Chairperson

Jamestown Peterborough Netball Club invites applications for 2017 Coaches

Jamestown Peterborough Netball Club A-J Grade, Minis and Sub Minis, Fun Net coordinators. Written applications to JPNC Secretary 4 Kinnane St, Jamestown, 5491 or by email to jpnetball@gmail.com.

Enquires to Jess Hounsell. Applicant (over 18) must have a current police check.

Closing date: 27th February 2017
Peterborough High School Council
Nomination For Election Form 2017

I ………………………………………………………………………….. (full name)
of……………………………………………………………………….. (address)

Nominate
I ………………………………………………………………………….. (full name)
of……………………………………………………………………….. (address)

To be elected as a member of Peterborough High School Governing Council.
I ………………………………………………………………………….. (full name)
of……………………………………………………………………….. (address)

accept the nomination and hereby declare that:

- I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors
- I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person

I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any of the offences listed my membership of Peterborough High School Governing Council will cease.

Please return your nomination form to the Peterborough front office by Tuesday 23rd February.

Signed ……………………………………………………..Date…………………
Peterborough High School Bushfire Action Plan

Peterborough High School is not rated in a high fire risk area and will remain open on a Catastrophic (Code Red) fire danger day.

School buses will not run on a Code Red Day. When possible, parents of students travelling on the school buses will be notified of bus service cancellations the night before.

Go to the CFS website: www.cfs.sa.gov.au for fire ban information.

School Times

It is our legal obligation to know the whereabouts of all our students throughout the day. This is done through home group attendance rolls.

It is expected that all students will be on school grounds from 8:40am until 3:10pm every school day.

Students arriving after 8:55am will be required to sign in at the front office. They will require a phone call or note in their diary explaining their lateness. If the student does not have an explanation, it will be entered into the system as unexplained and followed up by home group teachers and coordinators.

If students need to leave school grounds for any reason during the day, a brief explanation in the diary or phone call by the parent/caregiver will be required.

VET Classes will continue on Student Free days.

Scooters & skateboards are NOT ALLOWED to be ridden in the school grounds. If students do not abide by the rules, the item will be confiscated & parents/caregivers will be required to collect them at the end of the day.

Peterborough Calisthenics Club

If your daughter is interested in doing Calisthenics this season and turns 4 years old on or before 1st May 2017 please fill in the form below and return it to your school/kindy by Friday March 3rd.

Name __________________________________________
School Year________________________       Date of Birth_________________________
GUIDELINES FOR ARRIVING AFTER SCHOOL STARTS / DEPARTING DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

**Arriving After 8.55am**

⇒ report to the front office
⇒ sign in on the front kiosk
⇒ report directly to home group / class lesson
⇒ home group teacher / coordinator negotiates the make-up time (legitimate appointments and illness covered by a note or phone call are exempt)

**Absent for a period of time during the day**

⇒ parents/guardians are asked to write a brief note in the student’s diary or to phone the school, to explain the reason for the absence
⇒ diary note shown to home group / class teacher

**WHEN LEAVING**

⇒ show diary note to the current class teacher prior to departure / or explain situation to teacher before leaving (if no diary note)
⇒ leave classroom and immediately report to the front office
⇒ student to sign out through kiosk
⇒ student confirms the time he/she is likely to return with front office staff

**WHEN RETURNING**

⇒ report to the front office directly and sign in through the kiosk
⇒ return to class immediately
⇒ show the diary note to the current teacher to explain absence / or explain absence if no diary note

**Leaving Early**

⇒ parents/guardians are asked to write a brief note in the student’s diary or phone the school, to explain the need for the absence
⇒ diary note shown to home group teacher

**WHEN LEAVING**

⇒ show the diary note to the current class teacher prior to departure / or explain situation to the teacher if no diary note
⇒ leave classroom and immediately report to the front office to sign out
⇒ student to show diary note to office staff and sign out
⇒ student to confirm that he/she is not returning for the rest of the day.
Bell Times 2017

MONDAY – FRIDAY

Yard Entry 8:40
Home Group 8:55
Lesson 1 9:10
Lesson 2 10:00
Recess 10:50
Lesson 3 11:10
Lesson 4 12:00
Lunch 12:50
Lesson 5 1:30
Lesson 6 2:20
End of Day 3:10
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| Week 3    |     |     |     | SRC / Music Captain / House Captain Induction Swimming Carnival |
| Student Free Day |     |     |     |          |

| 20        | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24       |
| Week 4    | MNSEC Swimming in the evening |     | School Photos |          |

| 27        | 28  | March 1 | 2   | 3        |
| Week 5    |     |         |     |          |
|           | Governing Council AGM followed by GC Meeting. Adelaide Football Club visit. |     |     |          |

| 6         | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10       |
| Week 6    | SSSSA Swimming |     |     | P.H.S Athletics Day |

| 10        |     |     |     |          |
Homes and businesses in Peterborough & District can now switch to the nbn™ network

Residents and business owners in Peterborough are set to enter a new era of fast broadband with the official switch on of the nbn™ network in the area. More than 1,100 families and businesses are now able to connect to the nbn™ network and start enjoying all the benefits.

The nbn™ network is so much more than fast internet. A state of the art communications network opens up a world of possibilities across education, business and entertainment. It also gives Australians the opportunity to be more productive, more creative, more efficient and more connected for decades to come.

Over 1.4 million households are already enjoying:

A brighter future: With new opportunities to learn, both in and out of the classroom, the nbn™ network will help you and future generations flourish in a digital world.

Entertainment without the wait: Enjoy quick access to the content you need, when you need it – whether you’re video streaming, online gaming or watching live news and sport.†

Loved ones within reach: With great quality video calls (minus the constant dropouts), you’ll never feel too far away.‡

A plan and speed that suits: You can connect to the nbn™ network through a range of providers who offer a variety of plans and speed options to meet your needs. When selecting your plan, keep in mind that 25Mbps or above is considered a superfast broadband speed.³

Steps to connect:
Check your address: Find out if the nbn™ network is available at your address, visit nbn.com.au
Register for updates: If the nbn™ network is not yet available, register for email updates.

nbn will let you know: Once you’ve registered for updates with nbn, they’ll email you when your home or business is ready to connect. Once you have confirmation that you can switch to the nbn™ network, you will have 18 months to move your services to the nbn™ network before the existing network is switched off.

Choose the right plan: You can connect to the nbn™ network through a range of providers offering a choice of nbn™ plans. When selecting your plan, keep in mind that 25Mbps or above is considered a superfast broadband speed.³

Contact your service provider: Switching is not automatic, so contact a phone or internet service provider.

Switch before disconnection: It’s a good idea to switch to the nbn™ network well before your disconnection date (approximately 18 months from January 2017) to allow time for your order to be processed, and for installation, if applicable. (Standard installation time is approximately 3.5 hours.)

Superfast means wholesale download speed above 25 Mbps as defined by the ACCC.

Your experience, including the speeds actually achieved over the nbn™ network, depends on the technology over which services are delivered to your premises and some factors outside of nbn™’s control (like your equipment quality, software, broadband plans and how your service provider designs its network).

For a detailed view on what’s happening in Peterborough you can explore the network rollout map at www.nbnco.com.au/learn-about-the-nbn/rollout-map

The activation of the fixed line network in Peterborough complements the live fixed wireless network around the surrounds of the town, and with the live Sky Muster™ Satellite service across the remainder of the district, (which makes fast and reliable internet a reality for rural and remote Australia), the rollout is now complete within the District Council of Peterborough area!

Moving to the nbn™ network is not automatic – find out whether you’re able to connect at www.nbnco.com.au/switch.

Homes and businesses within the live area need to call their preferred phone or internet service provider to secure an nbn™ connection. Service providers have already commenced direct marketing engagement within Peterborough, and nbn’s 18-month communications program has now commenced too, including direct mail to owner and/or occupiers within the town.

After the switch off date (in approximately 17 months), most of the existing landline networks used for landline phone and internet services, including copper and the vast majority of HFC networks, will be replaced by the nbn™ network. See here for further information: www.nbnco.com.au/switchoff. If you live in an area where nbn™ fibre is available, existing landline phone, ADSL internet and Telstra Cable internet services will be permanently disconnected, and replaced by the nbn™ fibre network in your area.

That means if you want to continue using these landline phone and internet services, you’ll need to move to the nbn™ network well ahead of the disconnection date in your area.

Go to the nbn™ website for further information: www.nbn.com.au or call your service provider.