



# PINJARRA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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2013

## **UPCOMING DATES:**

**Friday 29th March to  
Tuesday 2nd April**  
Easter Break

**Friday 12th April**  
Assembly

**Friday 19th April**  
Last day of term

**Monday 6th May**  
School resumes

**Tuesday 14th to 16th  
May**  
NAPLAN

**Saturday 18th May**  
Senior School Ball

**Monday 20th May**  
P&C Meeting

**Friday 24th May**  
Assembly

**Friday 31st May**  
School Development  
Day

**Monday 3rd June**  
Foundation Day Public  
Holiday



## **Dear Parents, Carers and Students ...**

I hope you will all agree we have had a very smooth start to the school year. Term 1 is always a very busy term with students starting new courses, and some students in Senior School re-selecting subjects to better suit their needs.



To give parents and carers an overview on how their children have settled into schooling this year, staff are currently compiling Progress Reports which will be sent out to all parents and carers in the week after Easter. We encourage all parents and carers to peruse these reports and if they have any concerns as to their child's progress, contact the teachers concerned before the end of the term. Contact can be made by email or a phone call to the front office who will re-direct your call appropriately.

For parents and carers who are unsure, our team of Year Leaders and Deputies this year are listed below. These key staff work closely with the students and teachers of their year groups and are also available to provide support to parents and carers and address any of their concerns as appropriate. Our Year Leaders and Deputies this year are:

	<b>Year Leaders</b>	<b>Deputy Principals</b>
Year 8	Danny Pollard	Fiona Davidson
Year 9	Paul Galloway	Paul Mitcham
Year 10	Ngahua Hughes	Paul Mitcham
Year 11 & 12	Heath Dullard	Meredyth McLarty

There have been a lot of excursions and activities undertaken already this term. A major activity was the Year 8 Camp a couple of weeks ago. This camp was attended by over 120 students who participated in a wide range of activities. There are 2 articles on this further into the newsletter. A camp of this nature takes a lot of organisation as well as a big commitment by staff to attend and assist in the running, both during the day as well as in the evenings, including doing the night watch over an energetic group of students. A big thank you goes to all staff involved.

Another major school event was the Swimming Carnival last Thursday. It was great to see so many students getting involved, whether it be in swimming, volleyball or cheering for their houses. Again a big thank you to the Phys Ed teachers and the whole staff for making this day such a success and an enjoyable experience for all students.

Last Tuesday Justin Hill our Chaplain organised a Lifeskills presentation for all students, challenging them to make positive choices and to find real enjoyment in life through valuing others around them. Again I have heard from students and staff that this was a powerful and relevant message for everyone in attendance. Thanks Justin for organising this.

As well as these major activities there have been numerous other excursion and activities for our students organised by our committed staff, including trips to Rottnest, excursions to Perth for Dance and Drama performances, Coastal Fieldwork excursions, Literature Festivals etc.

Last week the P&C held its Annual General Meeting where the following office bearers were elected:

**President:** Mick Hughes

**Vice President:** Cathie Schmied

**Treasurer:** Janine Elliott

**Secretary:** Barbara Roberts

**Canteen Committee:** Vicki Nankervis, Janine Elliott, Mick Hughes, Alan Hunt

**Uniform Committee:** Vicki Martin, Kerry Vuletic, Alan Hunt

The meeting had a good turn out of parents and citizens and we encourage interested Parents and Citizens to come along to these meetings to find out more about the school and to provide support to our operations.

The school would like to acknowledge Vicki Nankervis who has taken up the position of Manager at our canteen. Vicki has been working as Assistant Manager for some time but has now stepped up to take over from Cathie Schmied. I am sure many students and parents both present and past would know Cathie as she has been a stalwart in the canteen and in the P&C for many years, Cathie is continuing her work with the P&C but winding down her involvement in the canteen. We sincerely thank Cathie for her dedicated service to the school and its students for the last 19 years, particularly in her role of Canteen Manager. You will still see Cathie helping out in the canteen on a casual basis for a while yet.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable Easter break, where ever you spend it. I trust you are all aware that the break for students is from Friday 29th March through to Tuesday 2nd April inclusive.

Kind regards

**Alan Hunt**  
**Principal**

### **VET NEWS**

Good news! We currently have 38 students placed with host employers for Workplace Learning and 12 of those are in School Based Traineeships which means that the trainees are working their way towards a Certificate II in their chosen industry. The trainees as well as the Workplace Learning students are encouraged to complete their Workplace Learning logbook each week as these books are worth a whopping 60% of their entire grade. Placing students is no easy task due to the insurance and pre-placement requirements but I want to assure you that all of our Workplace Learning students will be placed and late placement will not jeopardise their success in this program.

Fleur Ambrosa  
VET Coordinator

## SCHOOL BOARD

As most of you would be aware, Pinjarra Senior High School became an Independent Public School this year. After nominations and elections last year, Pinjarra Senior High School now has a School Board. The School Board replaces the old School Council and has increased responsibility to ensure the effective governance of our school. The School Board now comprises of the following members:

Mr Alan Hunt—Principal, Pinjarra Senior High School  
Mr Paul Mitcham—Deputy Principal, Pinjarra Senior High School  
Mrs Fleur Ambrosa—Staff Representative, Pinjarra Senior High School  
Mrs Kelly Bain—Staff Representative, Pinjarra Senior High School  
Mr Mick Hughes—Parent Representative (P&C President)  
Ms Jo Fraser—Parent Representative, Community Partnerships  
Mrs Vicki Pollard—Community Member, Board Experience  
Mr Paul Foletta—Manager, Bendigo Bank, Finance Background  
Mr Laurie Galloway—Galloway Engine Reconditioning, Local Business Background  
Mr Tom Duxbury—Alcoa, Local Industry Background  
Mrs Bev Moulton—Business Manager, Pinjarra Senior High School

Our School Board is meeting for the first time formally on Wednesday 27th March. We will appoint a School Board Chair at this meeting and begin the task of gaining an understanding of the operations of the school so as to be able to provide support and direction to the school and its administration.

The School Boards works alongside our P&C, which has a range of responsibilities including being a forum for parents to gain a greater understanding of the school. The P&C also manages our Canteen and Uniform Shop and is a major fundraiser for the school, contributing valuable funds to various projects.

## INSURANCE COVER FOR STUDENTS

In the past the school has organised insurance for students while at school, but this is no longer allowed.

The Department of Education does not provide insurance cover for students injured in an accident at school or on school excursions or camps. Schools are not allowed to organise student insurance on behalf of parents. In the event of an accident parents are responsible for any costs that might arise including ambulance costs. Medical insurance of student insurance with ambulance cover is highly recommended.

Below are some relevant points from the Department of Education's policies:

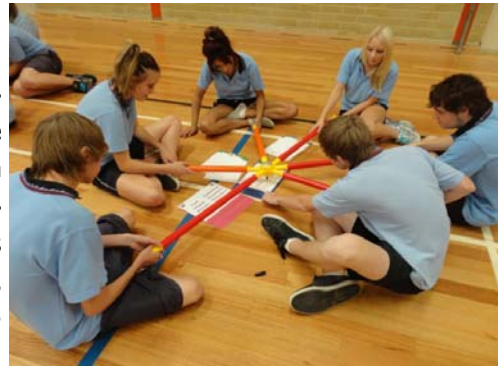
**No personal accident insurance:** The Department of Education does not provide personal accident insurance for students while they are at school. Parents/guardians may obtain personal accident insurance for their child from a private insurer of their choice. The Department of Education or schools do not broker personal accident insurance for students or any other person.

**Personal property:** The Department of Education does not have cover for the accidental loss or damage to personal property of students.

## JUNGLE SPORTS

*“A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions”. Oliver Wendall Holmes*

Andrew Barrett, General Manager of Jungle Sports, conducted a two hour Employability Skills Program with the Powering Careers in Energy Year 11 class. The program is designed to bridge the gap between school, further education, apprenticeships and careers by teaching pupils fundamental skills such as teamwork, problem solving, thinking outside the square, communication and organisation through a series of activities.



Students demonstrated initiative and utilised a number of different thought processes to solve problems.

The Jungle Sports session is funded through Chevron Australia and compliments the endorsed program running at Pinjarra Senior High School.



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The students' teacher, Mrs Gray said “It was an excellent opportunity for students to recognise strengths and gain confidence while working in a supportive, fun environ-

## YEAR 8 CAMP

The Year 8 Camp to Camp Coo롱up in Baldy proved to be a huge success this year. Over the three days, students were involved in a number of activities from low ropes, to the flying fox and swimming at the Rockingham foreshore. A number of team building games including beach towel volleyball, balloon catapult and Indonesian Independent Day games encouraged working cooperatively, problem solving and listening to others. Students also participated in a first aid session and learnt about the importance of first aid and what to do in an emergency situation. A big thankyou is extended to Justin Hill (School Chaplain) and Danny Pollard (Year 8 Coordinator) for all their time and effort in organising the camp and to all the Year 8 teachers who attended the camp. We would like to thank our Year 8 parent helper, Mr Bruce Broadwood who volunteered to assist with the camp. We greatly appreciated his time to assist with the daily activities throughout the camp.

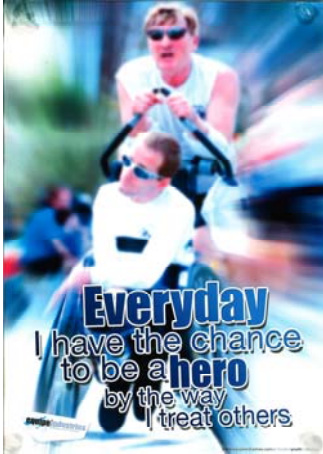


**Fiona Davidson**

**Year 8 Deputy Principal**

## CHAPPO'S COLUMN

Two weeks ago I'm very happy to say that not only did I survive a camp with 120 Year 8 students, but I thoroughly enjoyed hanging out with them and getting to know them better. Mr Pollard (Year 8 Coordinator) and I were stoked to see the students joining in with the various teambuilding, sporting and choice activities so well, and the seven Year 10 students who came on camp as young leaders were our best helpers to date! Now I've just got to catch up on sleep...



This week all of our students had the privilege of viewing a multi-media Lifeskills presentation called "Everyday Hero" which challenged them to make positive choices and to find real enjoyment in life through valuing others around them. I will be organising a few more of these Lifeskills presentations through the year.

As always I'd highly recommend the camps on offer for high school students these holidays (the cost of which I'm able to subsidise significantly). There are hiking and kayaking camps, and the annual CHIC camp for Year 7-10 girls always receives rave reviews - the girls can learn to surf, do some mountain climbing, swim in pristine bays and eat scrumptious food. Please feel free to give me a call if you'd like more details or see <http://suwa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Camps-2.jpg> for info on the camps and the Christian organisation that provides them. Thanks,

Justin Hill  
Pinjarra SHS Chaplain  
Ph: 9531 7024

## Pinjarra/Waroona YouthCARE - Supporting school Chaplaincy

Our local YouthCARE committee are well into another year of fundraising for school Chaplaincy and we'd love you to help out. Whether you could just come and turn a few sausages at one of our fundraising events or you'd like to get more involved in the ongoing efforts of our committee, any help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact John Morrell on 0438 798 997 for details.



### MOBILE PHONE RECYCLING

We currently have a mobile collection box in the front office of Pinjarra SHS and encourage you please to deposit any old phones you no longer need there. Not only does this recycling effort help the environment, but \$3 will be given to our school chaplaincy fund for every phone deposited.

Thanks so much for your support,  
Pinjarra/Waroona YouthCARE

## NURSES NOTES

### **What should I do in an Asthma emergency?**

Everybody with asthma should have their own 'action plan', or you can follow the Asthma First Aid Plan. If their condition suddenly deteriorates or, if at any time you are concerned, call an ambulance immediately and proceed with the Asthma First Aid Plan.

### **Asthma First Aid Plan**

1. Sit the person upright and give reassurance.
2. Without delay give 4 puffs of a blue Reliever puffer (Airomir, Asmol, Epaq or Ventolin)\*, one puff at a time, preferably through a spacer device\*\*. Ask the student to take 4 breaths from the spacer after each puff.
3. Wait 4 minutes.
4. If there is little or no improvement, repeat steps 2 and 3. If there is still little or no improvement, call an ambulance immediately (Dial 000). Continuously repeat steps 2 to 3 while waiting for the ambulance.

\* A Bricanyl Turbuhaler may be used in First Aid treatment if a puffer and spacer are unavailable.

\*\* Just use the puffer on its own if you don't have a spacer.

For more information about Asthma First Aid, please contact the Asthma Foundation of WA on 08 9289 3600.

## PINJARRA SHS VACANT POSITION

A position exists at Pinjarra Senior High School for an Assistant Canteen Manager, commencing start of Term 2, 6th May 2013.

The successful candidate should demonstrate qualifications and/or experience in Foodsafe and Hygiene and have knowledge of the Traffic Light Program.

### *Selection Criteria*

Assist the Manager to:

- Coordinate workers and volunteer rosters
- Control canteen stock
- Basic computer skills
- Receipt, recording and ordering
- Planning and pricing of menus
- Responsible for service and handling money
- Food preparation
- Day to day running of the canteen

This position is for approx. 34 hours per week at a Level 2 with conditions in accordance with the Restaurant, Tearoom and Catering Canteen State Award.

It is a requirement that the candidate has a working with children clearance, or will undertake prior to the appointment of the position.

**Written applications with resume and references to be delivered in person to the canteen during school hours or by phone arrangement to Mrs Vicki Nankervis, phone (work) 9531 7030.**

**Applications close Friday 5th April, 2013.**

## CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

I would like to thank those families who have already paid their school charges and contributions.

Contributions and Charges due now.

PFA Melbourne Tour due 5th April 2013.

Canberra Tour due July 2013.

We can assist parents wishing to pay their fees off with a planned payment agreement as attached with the statement sent earlier this term. Payments can be accepted in several forms e.g. online banking, eftpos etc.

Online Banking details:

Bendigo Bank

BSB 633-108 Account No.: 1204-45655

Reference: Student's name and what payment is for.

## SECONDARY ASSISTANCE FORMS

Parents who hold a Health/Concession Card or Pension Card may qualify for the Secondary Assistance Scheme (SAS) including the Uniform Allowance. The last date for application of SAS is Friday 19th April 2013. Forms are available at the school front office.

## PINJARRA SHS P&C

Our school has an active P&C group that supports our school. Our P&C meetings are published on our school calendar and on our website. We welcome new members and encourage you to attend these meetings to support your child and our school.



# Community News

## PINJARRA SWIM CLUB

Come and try something new and exciting to keep fit. Pinjarra Swim Club starts a new season from Monday 6th May and we welcome children and adults from all fitness and ability levels. For more information contact Deb Gundry on 0418 983257, Chris Thompson on 0429 447341 or pinjarraswimmingclub.com.au.

## PINJARRA GOLF CLUB

On the 10th, 11th, 12th April 2013, Pinjarra Golf Club is hosting the Australian Boys Amateur Golf Tournament. Pinjarra Golf Course is situated on the corner of Pinjarra Rd and Sutton St, Pinjarra. For more information phone 9531 2588 or 9531 1252.

## 24 HOUR PARENT DRUG INFORMATION SERVICE

The Parent Drug Information Service (PDIS) funded by the Drug and Alcohol Office of WA, is a state-wide 24 hour confidential telephone counselling, referral and information service designed to meet the needs of parents and families. For more information and/or support and advice call 9442 5000, 1800 198024 or email [adis@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:adis@health.wa.gov.au).

## MASTERMIND AUSTRALIA—ACADEMIC PATHWAYS—APRIL REVISION PROGRAM

Mastermind Australia will be conducting revision programs in the April school holidays for all Year 10 students and Year 11 and 12 WACE Students. They offer students a structured learning environment that will prepare them for success in first semester examinations. For more information contact Dr Robert Hallam on 9486 1377.,

## HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Check your eligibility by visiting [Australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus](http://Australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus) and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink on 132 468.

## CHOICE PHOTOS

Current promotion \$50 photo session includes 45 min photo shoot, 3 x 6x4 prints, 1 x CD of all your photos, 30% off any additional prints and enlargements. Contact Tim Wild on 0450 911322.

# Community Sponsors

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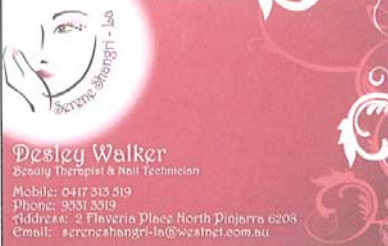
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