From the Principal

Welcome
Schools are strange places during the holiday break! There’s plenty going on, especially in the areas of maintenance, capital development and staff team-building and professional learning, but the place lacks soul when there are no children to fill the Quad, learning studios and the parklands with their energy and laughter. We have 129 new students commencing their first year at Pulteney across Kurrajong, Prep School, Middle School and one ninety. I am so pleased to welcome all of our students for the 2017 academic year.

An Evolving Campus
As most would be aware, we have a very large gap in our school landscape where the Memorial Building used to stand. If you have not seen it already, go to the following link to our website showing the first part of our time lapse recording of the demolition of the Memorial Wing: http://www.pulteney.sa.edu.au/our-school/

The development of a new, purpose-built Middle School is the first phase of our recently launched Master Plan http://www.pulteney.sa.edu.au/our-school/school-governance/strategic-plan-and-master-plan/ and we are looking forward to sharing more information about its design as the build progresses. Most importantly, we have incorporated into the design the input gathered from students and staff and we will soon begin to trial different furniture options in the newly constructed “Mod Pods” that house a number of our Middle School classes.

The Schrader Library for Middle School and one ninety students has been relocated, along with two STEM learning studios, to a vibrant new environment in The Factory (to the rear of Out of School Hours Care). Again, we’ve taken this opportunity to experiment with new layouts and interiors to further enhance the student experience.

I look forward to sharing further information about these exciting developments as they unfold.
Staff News
We welcome the following staff:
Julie Ackerman, Prep Resource Centre Assistant
Huw Bowen, Head of Sport
Monique Cauchi, Prep Student Services Officer
Gen Corbo, Replacement Year 5 Teacher, Prep School
Sandy Daher, Front Receptionist
Cheryl Dalton, HPE Teacher, Prep School
Emma Galdes, Science Teacher, one ninety
Minmin Huang, Mandarin Chinese Teacher, Prep and Kurrajong
Brooklyinne McKenna, Replacement Year 3 Teacher, Prep School

The following staff are taking on new roles in 2017:

Kurrajong and OSHC
Alice May has been appointed as OSHC Director in a more permanent capacity.
Lyndon Cullen-Reid moves from OSHC to the Early Learning Centre in the role of Educator.

Prep School
Sue Mavropoulos takes on the role of Assistant Head of Prep and has also been seconded to focus on Gifted and Talented education (Reception to Year 12) in Learning Support for 2017. Laura Gray will teach Year 4 in the Prep School and Meredith Phillips has been appointed to the role of Teacher in the Prep School Resource Centre.

Middle School
Jamie Pantsaras will be replacing Emily Clarke’s teaching in Terms 1 and 2 and John McCall will act as Assistant Head of Middle School whilst Emily is on Parenting Leave.

one ninety
Leanne Zikos has been appointed Administrative Assistant to Senior School.

We also welcome back from leave:
Karen Penn, Learning Support, Julie Taylor, Learning Support, Nicole Maxwell, Teacher – one ninety, Mharianne Strong, Teacher – Middle School, Jarrod Johnson, Assistant Head of Middle School.

Growth Mindset
During the Professional Learning Week prior to the commencement of Week One, staff attended a session led by Head of Kurrajong, Virginia Evans and Assistant Head of Kurrajong, Natalie Natsias, on their work in the area of Growth Mindset. I have written in previous editions of PRW about this researched approach to fostering resilient behaviours and a love of the learning journey.

The focus is on persistence, some call it “grit”, and challenging our students and each other to move from a fixed mindset (‘character, intelligence, and creative ability are static givens which we cannot change in any meaningful way’) to a growth mindset (‘thriving on challenge and seeing failure not as evidence of unintelligence but as a heartening springboard for growth and for stretching our existing abilities’).

As a school, we will continue to strive to apply the most innovative and impactful teaching and learning approaches, including a clear focus on growth mindset, so as to inspire a love of learning in all of our students and, indeed, within our whole community.

We are looking forward to a rewarding and inspiring year ahead!


Anne Dunstan
Principal
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BEING BLESSED BY COMMUNITY

It has been wonderful to welcome new staff and returning staff last week. It was also wonderful to greet all the students at Tuesday morning’s First Day Back assembly. It is a great privilege in my role as chaplain to be present at gatherings of the Pulteney community. We share the beautiful music of inspiring musicians, and the welcome and encouragement from student leaders and staff. I am also invited to invoke the blessing of God, witnessed in community, on everybody gathered.

In such a short time I have all heard many different expressions of what makes Pulteney such a great community. I would like to also share that I think the blessing of our Christian faith tradition is one of those things.

The teaching of Jesus is challenging; some suggest counter cultural. This Sunday the gospel reading was the very familiar Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12). Christians are often inspired, comforted and uplifted by these words of blessing, however often see the living out of these blessings as belonging to saintlier and more extraordinary people than themselves, for example Martin Luther King or Desmond Tutu. It is true that great people shine a light on goodness, but they alone could not achieve much at all. Amazing people achieve incredible things because nearly everyone else was inspired to live daily into the simple spirit of hopefulness and compassion that the Beatitudes invoke.

Deep Peace,

Michael
Chaplain
I can be contacted at any time, email michael.lane@pulteney.sa.edu.au, phone 8216 5512 / 0434 297 879 or contact the school office

Quad Café

The Quad Café provides an opportunity for parents to catch up at drop off over a coffee.

When: Friday Mornings during Term
8.00am to 9.00am

If you are available to assist, please contact Cate
Boucher on 81135636 or cate.boucher@pulteney.sa.edu.au
What’s Happening?

Pulteney USA Basketball Tour

In the early morning of December the 9th a group of 20 Pulteney students along with coaches and teachers, embarked on a basketball trip to the West coast of the United States of America. The group had spent months finalising the itinerary and raising funds through events such as the bowls evening and quiz night. This was all in preparation for a challenging and exciting stay in America to compete against other high school and club basketball teams in Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco.

As well as the basketball, students were fortunate enough to experience a cultural side to the States. We saw two NBA games, the first at the Staples Center in LA where we saw the Los Angeles Clippers take a close win against the Portland Trailblazers and the second in San Francisco where the Golden State Warriors took a comfortable win over the Utah Jazz. Not only were the games a great experience for us, but we also met with Joe Ingles, a shooting guard/small forward for Utah, who grew up in South Australia and also played for the Boomers in the 2016 Rio Olympics.

There were many rewarding experiences and memories made on the trip. Whilst in San Francisco the group was involved in community service which saw us in local stores and charity shops purchasing food and blankets for a homeless shelter in downtown San Francisco. This gave the students and myself a greater understanding of how some people still live in a country much like our own, and opened our eyes to how fortunate we are to live the life that we do.

Throughout the trip, there were many different highlights for the students. Some of these included the San Diego Zoo, the Santa Monica Pier, Disneyland, the Golden Gate Bridge and many more.

Both the boys and girls basketball teams had been busy training before the trip. With the dedication and enthusiasm shown by each member, the squad took away many successful results. The girls team winning three of their five games and individually building their skill and confidence with in the sport. The boys played four games against extremely difficult competition and were able to develop personal and team skills that allowed us to win our final game at the buzzer. After each game, both boys’ and girls’ teams would have the opportunity to meet and get to know the American students they had just played. This added to our understanding of the American culture and their high schools.

The privilege to attend the USA basketball trip has left us as students with a greater regard for the opportunities the school provides. It has also allowed us to form friendships with new people we otherwise wouldn’t have been able to make. The success of the trip has strengthened the foundation of the basketball program at Pulteney and shows the potential our school teams hold for future competitions.

This wonderful experience would not have been possible without the support and coaching of Sharon Simons and Peter Sexton and the behind the scenes work and dedication of many Pulteney staff, in particular Mr. Sacoutis and Mr. Down in making the trip a reality.

Natasha Holmes (MS12) and Tom Sibly (BH12)
Middle School

What's Happening?

Memorial Building

When Pulteney moved to South Terrace in 1921 there was a factory next door. At various times 202 South Terrace was a margarine factory and an ice cream factory. It had fallen into disuse during the war and in 1942 was gutted by fire. In 1943 it was declared a dangerous structure.

As Pulteney prospered under the headmastership of WR Ray the existing school buildings were bursting at the seams with boys, and a new building was necessary. In February 1948 the derelict factory next door was purchased for £4250.

On May 29 1948, 100 years to the day after the school first opened its doors to students, the Foundation stone for the new building was laid by the Governor Sir Willoughby Norrie. The trowel used for this is on display in Wheaton House.

George Parker, an Old Scholar, was appointed architect and the plan was for a single storey building to house the kindergarten, rooms for the expanding junior school, science labs and Headmaster and secretary's office. Due to materials constraints immediately after the war, the building was adapted from the original ice cream factory site. Work was undertaken in stages and was finally ready for use in late 1949.

In October 1950 the building was officially opened and blessed by Bishop Robin, Bishop of Adelaide. The building was to be known as Memorial Wing, commemorating the 410 Old Scholars known to have served in WWII and in particular the 65 who died. The upper story was completed in 1965 and the Schrader Library extension was added in 1970.

As a repurposed building, adapted and changed many times over the years, Memorial Building was struggling to cope with the 21st century needs of the school. The new building will cater for the needs of our students now and into the future but hopefully we can remember the history on which we are building. All the memorial components of the building including plaques and the foundation stone have been retained in the archives and their next life is currently under discussion.

Samantha Cooper
School Archivist
What’s News?

Health Centre
Hello and welcome to the new school year. Please see the following information for new and continuing families regarding the Health Centre.
The Health Centre is available to care for the health needs of all students during the school day 08:30 am - 3:30 pm.

Emergency Medication
If your child requires emergency medication in the case of allergy / anaphylaxis / diabetes / these are stored in the Health Centre. For those parents of students in year 3-12 (who haven’t already) please bring your child’s emergency medication to the Health Centre as soon as possible. You will be contacted by phone or mail if new care plans are required or medications expire. Please follow up with this promptly. If your child requires emergency Asthma medications you are welcome to keep them at the Health Centre however, asthmatic students should carry a puffer at all times. This is particularly important on days when engaging in PE, or extra-curricular activities.
Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia and the Western Sydney University have recently released a video aimed at educating parents on how to effectively communicate with schools about their child’s food allergy. Check out the Transitioning to School with Food Allergy video here.

For further information please go to www.allergyfacts.org.au or call 1300 728 000 or asthmaaustralia.org.au or call 1800 ASTHMA – 1800 278 462

Medication
If your child requires medication during school hours it is to be delivered to and stored at the Health Centre. It should remain in its original packaging with your child’s name and administration details clearly visible. Written permission for its administration should be provided to the registered nurse. Forms are available in the health centre or you can email the registered nurse at schoolnurse@pulteney.edu.au. The RN on duty will ensure your child’s medication is returned to them at the end of the school day.
Thank you for your support, we look forward to working together with you this year.

Sharon Bowering & Sally Leonard
School Nurses / Registered Nurses

Friends of Pulteney Meetings

Membership of The Friends is open to all members of the Pulteney community, and free of cost.
The whole Pulteney Community are welcome to join the Friends of Pulteney in Allan Wheaton House on the following dates.
Thursday 23 February 7.30pm
Thursday 4 May 7.30pm
Thursday 27 July 7.30pm
Thursday 28 September 7.30pm
Thursday 2 November AGM 7.30pm

School Photos
Middle School  Friday 3 February
one ninety  Monday 6 February

Please ensure students are dressed in their summer uniforms and neatly groomed for their school photos.
Pulteney Sundowner

Please join us for drinks and canapes to welcome new friends and reunite with old ones.

When: Sunday 5 February
Time: 5.00pm to 7.00pm
Where: The Sam Leaker Courtyard
rear of Allan Wheaton House
190 South Tce. Adelaide
Bookings essential
https://www.trybooking.com/OFFA
Summer Sports
Please find below the starting dates for the Prep summer sports for term 1.

Cricket
Yr 6, Yr 4/5, Kanga all start on Saturday February 11.

Softball
Yr 6 and Yr 4/5, games commence Week 3, Saturday February 18.

Tennis
Yr 3/4 – Coaching sessions start next week, Monday February 6.
Yr 5/6 Boys and Girls, games commence Week 2, Friday February 10.

Basketball
All games commence Week 3.
Yr 4/5 Boys, Monday February 13
Yr 6 Boys, Tuesday February 21, away on camp on the 14th
Yr 3 Boys and Girls, games commence Thursday February 16.

Programs will be distributed when available. Matches will be on the school website on a week by week basis. If you have any queries please contact Bill Davis, bill.davis@pulteney.sa.edu.au

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