“Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and, most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.” Pele

It was my pleasure to attend the South Australian Certificate of Education Merit Ceremony last week. I was very proud of each of our Pulteney students, some of whom were in Year 11 last year, who were honoured for achieving the highest score possible in their subject.

Throughout the ceremonies taking place around the gardens of Government House, the clear message that was repeatedly heard related to how hard each student had worked and that their efforts were supported by parents, family members and staff. His Excellency, the Governor of South Australia, Hieu Van Le (a dedicated past parent of Pulteney) reflected on his own two sons’ journey through the final years of secondary school and thanked all the parents for their unwavering and selfless support of their children – including having the chocolate biscuits at the ready after a hard day, offering their wisdom and, sometimes, a shoulder to lean or cry on.

It is traditional at each year’s Merit Ceremony to invite one student to speak on behalf of all SACE students. This invitation is equally extended to boys and girls, and to students from each of the Catholic, Government and Independent School sectors. In 2017, Ethan Murphy from Sacred Heart was invited to provide the student response speech. His emphasis was on these supports that are so vital to a young person studying in their final years. He extended a heartfelt thanks to his teachers and his parents for their expertise and also their emotional support.

Learning must be both enjoyable and rigorous. It is also the work of many, not just a single individual. I, too, extend my thanks to all of the Pulteney staff and parents who provide such outstanding care for our young people, each and every day.

Student Leadership

During this week and last we have recognised and celebrated our student leaders in the Middle School and our Prefects and House Captains who represent all students across the entire school. These induction ceremonies are an important moment for a student leader; the Oath of Service emphasises their role as a steward of Pulteney’s values and servant leader to our community. I know all of our student leaders will meet the opportunities of leadership with dedication and humility.

Anne Dunstan
Principal
BEING A DISCIPLE IN COMMUNITY

Let your light shine.

Last week in chapel we heard the Gospel from Matthew 5: 13-20. The use of salt and light as metaphors for discipleship can be very powerful and thought provoking. The physical properties of salt and light have profound impact on human physiology. Very matter-of-factly we need salt and light to be able to live. Every single cell, all brain activity relies on a perfect balance of salt in our bodies. Without light we soon became physically and emotionally ill.

In the ancient world salt was a valuable commodity. It was one of the most important ways of preserving food and had powerful symbolic meaning. It was used in baptism and water sprinkling rites. Salt symbolically purified water and enhanced its potency to repel evil and keep people safe. Salt preserves, purifies, heals, cleanses both evil and germs. It enhances the qualities of substances. We know that it enhances the flavour of food and its colour in cooking flavour of food. Salt also promotes thirst.

I read a psychological reflection that suggested that recent psychological insight into the human condition had rightly emphasised the importance of being supportive and affirming of one another. One of the outcomes of this is that people have become increasingly averse to challenging one another. Now it is essential uphold the dignity of a person regardless, but there are times when we need to make a stand for what we believe is ethically and morally right. We need to challenge others. This gives saltiness, an edge and authenticity to our relationships.

Light reveals, clarifies, heightens, focuses, and is essential for growth, warms and signals, comforts and protects. Our Discipleship, our choice to be powerful and visible encapsulates all of these potencies, enabling deeper, more authentic and meaning filled relationships.

Disciples work to heal wounds in the community, melt away prejudice and jealousies. Disciples also focus the community on the needs of others, focus on issues of justice and peace. At times of uncertainly and division, disciples call the community to greater wholeness, greater holiness.

We should not live our lives in an apologetic way, false modesty is not the same as humility. Our discipleship must be ‘Tasty’ salty, edgy- or it will be thrown to one side, trampled underfoot. Our light must shine so that all can see who we really are.

The Magdalene Centre

The Pulteney Community is a contributor to the resources of the Magdalene Centre. The Magdalene Centre provides food and household resources to hundreds of disadvantaged individuals and families. Many people are including mini toiletries. I know these are a great help and confidence booster to young homeless people getting ready for interviews.

Your child’s tutor class will be involved in leading a chapel service. This is a great time for them to intentionally contribute. Donations can be brought to the Chapel Foyer anytime.

May the God of Love, Compassion, Justice, Peace and Hope be with you.

Deep Peace,

Michael

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From the Head of Middle School

Year 7 Camp:

I have been most impressed with our Year 7 cohort. They approached their camp with great enthusiasm and they all got along with each other brilliantly. The 16 new Year 7’s have settled in well, with all appearing well connected after just one week.

Mr Atterton and I attend the camp on Wednesday and Thursday and Mr McCall spent the Monday and Tuesday with the students. We were all very impressed with the students’ willingness to give every activity a go and how well they looked after each other.

On the camp students did some touristy things like visiting the Raptor Domain, the Honey Farm, Admiral’s Arch and Remarkable Rocks, but they also experienced some action by participating in surfing, adventure caving, kayaking, sand hill sliding, and a lovely walk to Snake Lagoon. They spent two nights out in tents and cooking on trangias and two nights in dorms on Flinders Chase Farm.

The camp proved to be a great success and many thanks must go to the Year 7 Tutors Matthew Brown, Daniel Polkinghorne and Clare Reed.

Camp Reflections

As the stars shone down on our class we reflected on the camp that had just gone by. And I realised that through this opportunity I had not only learnt how to climb through the dark system of epic tunnels that was Kelly Hill Caves, but also that now we were more than a class, we were a community.

Lily Koch (M7)

I never thought I would be able to stand on a surfboard but I did, like 10 times. The instructors were really encouraging and helped me to develop my skills. They taught me things about KI and myself that I never knew.

Finn Boylen (M7)

My snapshot from camp was surfing because it was my favourite activity as around halfway through the lesson I was able to stand up on a surf board for a reasonable amount of time and not just fall off after 1-2 seconds. My record for standing up was around 10 to 15 seconds the end of the activity and I was really proud of myself for achieving my goal for surfing.

Ethan Ho (M7)
Immunisations

This year, as with previous years, our Year 8 students will have three rounds of vaccinations.

The first of these is on 2 March. On this first round students will have their first of a three dose course of Human Papilloma Virus (HPV/ Gardasil). They will also receive one dose of the Varicella vaccination to prevent Chickenpox. Please note, if a student is over 14 years of age at the time of first Varicella vaccination they will require a second dose.

The second vaccinations will occur on 30 May where the Year 8 students will have the second dose of HPV and a booster of Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough /dTpa (Boostrix)

On the 30 October the Year 8 students will receive their third dose of HPV.

Vaccinations will only be given if a valid consent form is returned prior to the day. If your child is absent on the day, they will receive a letter from Health & Immunisation Management Services advising of clinic locations to receive the vaccine they missed.

It is important to return the consent form even if you are not giving consent for the vaccinations.

All vaccinations are carried out by Health & Immunisation Management Services. We use Wyatt Hall where possible as the venue for the vaccinations and students are asked to wear their PE uniform for the entire day.

If you require further information please feel free to contact Mrs Kelly Marin, PA to the Head of Middle School, or Sister Sharon Bowering, School Nurse.

Paul Ryan

Head of Middle School

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?
2017 Student Leadership Team Induction Assembly

The morning of Tuesday 14th February offered the opportunity for Pulteney Grammar School to induct the 2017 Year 12 Forum of Prefects and House Captains. Those in attendance witnessed the students speak their oath of service which was a significant moment for them while also of equal significance for the school community.

Honesty, courage and perseverance were just a few of the qualities that their peers and teachers saw in these students. Importantly, these traits will be needed as this new cohort begins their term of office to serve our school.

We would like to congratulate the following Captains and Prefects as they begin their term.

Bleby-Howard House Captains
Millie Hanlon
Tom Sibly
Sophie Zuill

Cawthorne-Nicholls House Captains
Elliot Bell
Imogen Evans
Ellie Vivlios

Kennion-Miller House Captains
Claire Churchill
Isabella Fabbro
Caitlin Pearce

Moore-Sunter House Captains
Natasha Holmes
Sam Hore
Kirsten Kittel

Forum of Prefects
Kate Barnett
Mitchell Bender
Daniel Calderisi
Emily Conroy
Alexia Daminato
Eli Gianakis
Douglas Perrott
Sophie Radford

School Vice-Captains
Neha Athreya
Isaiah Fabbro

School Captains
Samuel Price
Isla Walker

Nicholas Brice
Head of Senior School (one ninety)

Photos courtesy of Joseph Ninio
What’s News?

Tuck Shop Ordering
This year we are rolling out a new online ordering platform for the Tuck Shop, and as with any new system it does take a bit of getting used to!
Qkr! is an app based ordering system that allows you to order recess and lunch on the go, and has also been operating to accept School fee payments and Uniform Shop orders for the past few years.
Thank you for your patience with this new system in the first couple of weeks of Term. We are continuing to work with Qkr! to ensure we provide the best possible service to the Pulteney community. If you are experiencing any issues with logging in or using your Qkr! account, please refer to the Help Notes on the School website http://www.pulteney.sa.edu.au/community/shop/tuck/
Many thanks,
Rory, Dawn & Sandy

Pulteney 170th Gala Ball
Saturday 19 August - Magarey Room, Adelaide Oval
Preparations for the Pulteney 170th Gala Ball are underway, we are getting very excited for what will be a fun filled event. Start organising your tables of 10 as tickets will go on sale on Wednesday 1 March and are sure to sell out quickly.

Friends of Pulteney - Class Representatives

One of the strengths of Pulteney is its strong sense of community. This is particularly evident at sporting and social events and comes about by the involvement of parents in all aspects of the school enriching the social, physical and educational development of their children. Class Representatives have played a successful part in building this community particularly in Kurrajong, The Prep School, and more recently in the Middle School and Senior School.

In order to continue maintain this connectivity within the school we are seeking the support of parents to act as Class Representatives for 2017.
We are looking for 1-2 candidates per class/year level as Class Reps for 2017.
We request your consideration of taking on the role with the support of the Friends.
As a Class Representative we would seek your assistance in taking on the following tasks:
Organise small parent events to get to know one another:
Coffee mornings; perhaps one per term at the Friday Quad Cafe.
Head a table for the class/ year level at the 170th Gala Ball.
Host a Bottle and Plate night, share a meal. (this could be at School).
Organising a function to include students i.e. BBQ or end of year picnic at Glover Park.
A Class Rep is invited to join our Friends meetings and/or help out supporting and promoting events hosted by the Friends such as Sports Day, Intercol, Year 12 dinners and many others.
We do not expect this role should require a huge commitment as we are hoping to have 1-2 reps per class.
If you able to assist in 2017 your support will be greatly appreciated.
Once we have received nominations we will host an evening to meet all Representatives within the school and to discuss the planning for the year.
Please feel free to contact me with any queries on 0407397935.
We look forward to hearing back from you.

Kind regards
Mark Bourchier
Director of Community Relations
From the Head of Sport

Last week I mentioned we must work explicitly to create a positive sports culture. It is not something that just happens because we occasionally talk about it. Everytime we come together in our teams we must identify the behaviours we acknowledge and reward and those we reject.

Who drives this? While coaches, teachers, coordinators and parents can provide guidance and a start, ultimately it must be the players (students) who must drive our positive sports culture, they must be the ground swell that leads to lasting change.

How do we achieve this? For a start, at the beginning of every practice we come together as a team and agree what we want to try and achieve and identify the behaviours we need to do this. At the end of the session we come back together to discuss whether we achieved our goals and why we were or were not successful. The team, not the individual, takes responsibility. The individual always puts team need before individual need. Any behaviour that puts individual need before what is best for the team must be rejected. That it is the foundation for any positive team in sport and elsewhere in life. Without this we do not have a team, we have a group of individuals.

One such behaviour is to make sure we let our team mates, coach and coordinator know in good time if we cannot make a practice or a game. Basic good manners and courtesy.

Another is that students are picked up within 15 minutes of the practice or game concluding, allowing others to move onto scheduled appointments and commitments. Where this is not possible the school is to be notified and details of alternative arrangements communicated.

How will we know if are making progress? Increasingly the team become responsible for driving standards and expectations and the coach can get on with coaching!

Huw Bowen
Head of Sport

Sport Exemptions Procedure

The Head of Sport is responsible for approving, or not, exemptions from sport. Requests must be directed to Huw Bowen and not to sports coordinators or coaches. Until such approval is communicated students must attend practice and games, to not do so puts them outside of current school policy and expectations. A request for exemption must be made for the current term of participation. Previous exemptions do not carry forward.

Training and Fixtures

All training timetables and fixtures can be found at http://www.pulteney.sa.edu.au/community/sports-and-activities/

Please be sure to visit the website to check training times, venues and fixtures, particularly in light of potential hot weather changes.

Cricket

Year 9/10 (Day 1)

Trinity College 6/202 (M. Beahan 2-28, J. Strawbridge 2-19) v PGS
Pulteney 9/126 (Sam Milewski 55 not out) defeated Rostrevor 80 (Sam Milewski 3/7, Sam Beahan 2/4)


Tennis

Girls

Premier B reserve defeated Pembroke 3 sets 27 games to 3 sets 25 games
Division 1 girls tennis team defeated Pembroke 4 sets to 2
Division 2 White were defeated by Pembroke, 1 set 17 games to 5 sets 32 games
Division 2 Navy were defeated by Pembroke, 0 sets 11 games to 6 sets 34 games
Division 3 Navy Girls Tennis defeated Pembroke 5 games to 1.
Division 3 White Girls Tennis defeated Pembroke 4 games to 2
Division 4 Girls Tennis were defeated by Pembroke 2 sets 28 games, to 4 sets 28 games.

Boys

Drive Pulteney vs Westminster. Pulteney lost 3 sets to 6 sets (27 games to 43 games)
Senior A boys tennis defeated St. Peter’s College A 4 by 11 sets to 1
Senior B boys won on Forfeit by St Ignatius
Middle A Boys were defeated by Prince Alfred College, 1 set 19 games to 8 sets 52 games.
Middle B Boys were defeated by Rostrevor, 3 sets 32 games to 9 sets 59 games.
Middle C boys were defeated by Scotch College, 2 sets 26 games to 9 sets 48 games

Rowing

A lot has been happening on the rowing front over the Christmas break with training, a mid-season camp and two regattas already completed since Christmas!

An enthusiastic group of 56 rowers and coxswains attended the January Rowing Camp at Walker Flat in the last week of the school holidays. The combination of an extended Australia Day break and fine weather however meant that the river was shared with everybody who owned a speedboat or jet ski! Despite the often rough water, all crews benefited from the opportunity to train over long stretches of water with coaches alongside – we will certainly be prepared if Head of the River is held in rough water!

Features of the camp were junior rowers spending time in single sculls gaining confidence and an understanding of the importance of good technique. Intermediate boys also snapped up the chance to try sweep oar rowing in the boys eight and the new Head of Sport Mr Bowen also dropped by to have a look!

All who attended camp are to be congratulated for their effort and application to the training regimen set out, particularly those senior girls who stepped off the plane from Germany and into a car heading up to camp! Special thanks to the army of helpers who kept everyone fed, watered, bandaged and smiling throughout the camp. These camps could not happen without the generous support of our parent volunteers and we are indebted to you all.


Richard Sexton
Head of Rowing

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