From the Principal

Excitement is building…

The Centre for Senior Learning is in its final stages of completion and the excitement is building for the students and staff of one ninety.

Over the next few weeks, the transition from the older classrooms of Wheaton House to the new Learning Studios and breakout spaces of The Centre will occur. Staff have been packing and preparing, including undertaking professional learning in the use of interactive TV technology to screen cast and display learning and teaching materials. Students will receive a full orientation to The Centre as it is a very different space from their current experience and will offer a wide range of flexible options for independent and collaborative study. Ultimately, the new learning environment will provide an excellent transition from School to further study and the world of employment.

An official opening will take place early in Term Two, followed by numerous tour opportunities for all members of the Pulteney community. Further details will be published shortly.

Important Parent Forum

Erica McWilliam, Adjunct Professor ARC Centre of Excellence for Creative Industries and Innovation, educational writer, speaker and professor will be returning to Pulteney Grammar School Wednesday 22 April and will present a Parent Forum in Wyatt Hall at 7.00pm.

Erica has been working closely with all teaching staff on developing a culture of learning. She will speak about the future of our children and the importance of a progressive, learning-focused education – a topic of relevance to all parents, educators and those who care for the futures of our children. Seats are filling fast. Please register your interest on trybooking: http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=124892

I look forward to seeing you at this very important event.

Anne Dunstan,
Principal

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From the Head of Sport

Summer Sports Captains 2015

Congratulations to the following senior students who have been selected as summer sport leaders for the 2015 season.

Captains of Sport – Alex Redshaw & Sophie Vardaro
Drive Tennis – James Rodda & James Cartwright
Girls Tennis – Ella Whiltshire & Victoria Cirocco
Cricket – Connor Dudley & Will Bourchier
Girls Basketball – Mia Valk & Jess Rule
Volleyball – Lincoln Edwards & Sarah Gilles
Softball – Sophie Ridgway & Kimmie Adkins
Swimming – Matt Hume & Jackie Van Renen
Rowing – Captain Sophie Rawson, Vice Captain Matt Hume, Captain of Boats Will Foster Hall

Summer Intercol

The 2015 Summer Intercollegiate competition against Scotch College has already commenced with swimming on Tuesday 3 March and will conclude with a range of sports on Saturday 28 March. A range of teams across all year levels will be representing the school throughout the event. All senior 1st teams will play for Intercol shields. A program with game times and venues will be available by Friday this week. A link of the program will be available in next weeks PRW.

Senior School Sports Day

Another successful Sports Day was held on Thursday March 5 in the South Parklands, with many students from Years 7 to 12 competing for their House.

After holding a small lead from the pre day events Moore Sunter just kept drawing away from the other Houses to win by over 100 points. A more detailed article including award winners and records will be published in next weeks PRW.

Winter Sports nominations (Term 2/3)

Sports nominations for the term 2/3 winter season are due by next Wednesday March 18. Students can nominate online using the link below. Homegroup teachers/tutors will give students the opportunity to nominate during a designated 4a lesson by Wednesday next week. I strongly suggest that students discuss their choices with parents as your nomination represents a commitment to an activity. If you require more information please don’t hesitate to contact me via the details below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1q-7KRYCfK9p7ZeLUXy-6jvKfY9Fyj0w4n99YY/viewform

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From the Chaplain

How are we known by God? What do we know about God?

God is never absent from us. God's love is to be found in our own humanity. To explore this topic last week I turned to Psalm 139. A psalm is an ancient form of prayer; it is poetry that used to always be sung. In ancient times people did not have access to technology as we do so they remembered a great deal of knowledge and understanding about their world in poems and songs.

This psalm celebrates the presence of God. Many people think this is one of the most amazing psalms. It uses expressive ‘big’ language to transcend the ordinary. It was both prayer and a conversation between God and God’s people for 1000’s of years. A couple of lines stand out:
The darkness is no darkness with you, but the night is as clear as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike… For you have created my inward parts: you knit me together in my mother’s womb… You knew my soul, and my bones were not hidden from you: when I was formed in secret, and woven in the depths of the earth… How deep are your thoughts to me, O God: and how great is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they are more in number than the sand: were I to come to the end, I would still be with you.

In the ancient world evil had a much greater presence in people’s everyday life. God or a faith in God empowered people to live their life freed from the fear of evil.

There are many conceptions of God. In my experience young children are the most free to imagine who God is. God is: happiness, friendship, awesome, generous, respectful, kind, loving, big, caring, cute, incredible, cool, wonderful, peaceful, beautiful, thoughtful and helpful.

That said, one of the most useful discussions I have encountered about God was while taking a Yr. 10 Religious Education relief lesson—nothing every teacher would look forward to! A heartfelt, deep discussion emerged about God being like the mathematical concept of infinity or space. We know it exists but we can’t prove it. The quote ‘God is the sphere of a circle whose centre is everywhere’, has a varied pedigree however I think it too is analogous to human potential—the ability of the human mind to think, innovate, remember, to change.

Another idea about our relationship with God came from exploring with a class of Year 7’s an understanding of Australian indigenous people’s cosmology; ‘Dadirri’ is the dwelling of the human spirit, deep within our human body that is to be found in nature. We might be tempted to name it as dwelling in our heart, soul or mind. A Yr. 7 boy connected this idea with an understanding that he had of ‘The Big Bang Theory’. He suggested that at our conception a speck of cosmic star dust is incorporated in our being. That at our conception God become part of us and that there was a speck of star dust, a speck of God in us all!

During the week I attended the funeral of a much admired and respected member of my church. He was a wonderful man who lived a full and generous life. His wife and children in their own special way attributed his generous kind nature to his faith and his firm belief in the love of God. This in turn enabled him to love. This firm belief was so much part of who he was that his Christian faith wasn’t the first or only thing you knew about him. God’s love was never absent from him. In this he trusted.

Magdalene Centre

Providing gifts of food and op shop items for the Magdalene Centre continues to be a regular opportunity for us to do something kind. Donations can be brought to the Chapel Foyer. Basket and boxes have been labelled so that we can sort and care for your donations. Thank you for your ongoing generosity

Chaplaincy Contact

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

Deep Peace,
Michael

Parenting SA seminar

At Pulteney Grammar School, the health and happiness of the children in our care is always of paramount importance. In conjunction with the parent community we strive to ensure that these children and adolescents are equipped with the relevant knowledge and skills so that they may be able to protect themselves from both physical and emotional harm. However, in this ever-changing world, it is becoming increasingly difficult to be aware of all of the online dangers and potential remedies. Seminars and presentations which help to shine light on the virtual worlds and social media platforms which children frequent are therefore very
Please note the accompanying details for an upcoming Parenting SA seminar entitled, Keeping Teens and Pre-Teens Safe Online. The free seminar is designed for parents of children aged 10 – 15 years. It will be presented by the Australian Federal Police and Datacom Systems SA (representing the ThinkUKnow internet safety program), and a child and adolescent psychologist. The seminar will address how teenagers and ‘pre-teens’ connect online, how to deal with cyberbullying, how to talk about safety, and how to make agreements and set limits.

Register to attend in person: Online:
Phone: 8303 1660
Email: health.parentingsa@health.sa.gov.au

Or
Register for webcast:
Online:

School Ski Trip 2015
To download details click here
Wellbeing

The Pack

On the Friday of week 6, the Year 10 students had the opportunity to watch “The Pack”, a performance consisting of 3 short skits about the effects of peer pressure. Presented by 2 actresses from the Bamboo Theatre Company, based in Sydney, the skits depicted various situations that teenagers may experience peer pressure in today’s society.

The first skit was about 2 young girls, one a ‘popular’ girl and the other a ‘geek’ who had been recently adopted into the ‘cool’ group. The popular girl was pressuring the geek into leaving an exam early for an album launch. The second skit showed 3 girls, 2 of which had been best friends since a young age (Grace and Leah), and the third (Sara), whom had only recently become friends with Leah and thought Grace to be a nerd. Sara persuaded Leah to make a derogatory video of Grace, which she then leaked all over Facebook using Leah’s account - despite promising her it would remain confidential. The 3rd skit was based around 2 young friends, who were convinced to drive to the bottle shop to impress some boys. The driver was only on her L-plates and lost control of the car, eventually killing one of the boys and landing herself in prison.

All three skits explored the negative consequences that peer pressure can lead to and the different roles people play in creating it. (I.e perpetrator, victim and bystander). Through a dynamic and unique medium, students unpacked a variety of alternative actions and changes that can be made to avoid these outcomes. Run in the style of a workshop, the roles of each character were carefully explained, and alternatives were discussed. On behalf of the Year 10 students, I would like to thank the 2 ladies from the Bamboo Theatre Company for their educational and interesting performance. We thoroughly enjoyed it and look forward to seeing any future performances.

Neha Athreya

Legally Blonde

The Legally Blonde Jr. production team are seeking assistance from any talented dressmakers to make a limited number of costumes in the coming weeks. If you feel you can help please email anna_williamson@pulteney.sa.edu.au

Anna Williamson

On behalf of the Legally Blonde Production Team

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Open Times for Term 1

Monday 8.00 am – 10.30 am and 3.00 pm – 4.30 pm
Wednesday 12.30 pm – 4.30 pm
Term 2 is full Winter Uniform ELC -- Year 9. One ninety students have a mix and match theme. Formal Uniform is required for Chapel and Full School Assembly and any other times when required.

New Students who commenced their education in Term 1 will need to come into the Pulteney Shop to be fitted for their Winter Uniform.

Year 7 Students will need the Middle School Uniform. Female Students can take the bib from the Pinafore as this reverts to the Skirt.

There are only 3 and a half weeks remaining for this Term. Can you please check your winter uniform for sizing and if possible come into the Uniform Shop before the end of Term.

Have a great weekend,

Jenny Hewitson,
Shop Manager.

Senior Sport Notices

Athletics SA state championships

Congratulations to Matthew Gluyas Year 12 who recently competed at the Athletics SA state championships and won the U18 2000m steeplechase, U18 1500m and also the U18 3000m.

He has been selected in the SA team to compete in the 2000m steeple at the Athletics Australia Junior Nationals this Wednesday.

Rowing

Although down in numbers due to the holiday weekend, Pulteney rowers gave a good account of themselves at the first Grade State Championship Regatta last weekend. Pulteney rowers competed in school, under age and grade events over Saturday and Sunday alongside state and national rowers with rowing of the highest order on display on both days.

As preparation continues for the Pulteney hosted regatta this weekend and the Head of the River finale on 21 March, our rowers continue to put in the work at training and regattas. On day 1, intermediate boys and girls A crews finished solid second in their school races, boys first four crossed third as did the senior girls four in their final, competing as an U/19 coxed four.

Day 2 was mainly dedicated to small boat racing which saw intermediate boys Finn Brunning, Ethan Patrick, Sam Madsen and Douglas Perrott battling in heats and finals of U/17 singles and a third grade double before the boys eight, after an indifferent effort the previous day, produced a very encouraging race to finish strongly in fourth place behind the might of Adelaide, Adelaide Uni and PAC in the first grade mens eight race.

This weekend is the Pulteney hosted regatta at West Lakes, we would love to see as much navy blue on the beach as possible so get along! We will be naming our newest four and two recently acquired singles during the lunch break which is surely worth a look? Next week is the Schools’ Head of the River Regatta, our generous supporters, Rawson Elite Appliances will provide a supporter bus from school to West Lakes and back – but numbers are limited, speak to Sophie if you would need a ride.
Results of 1st Grade State Championship Regatta

Day 1

SB Yr8/9A Coxed Quad: Dahm, Egarr, Nielsen, Horsell, Blunt – 5th
SG 1st Four: Croft, McLoughlin, Mol, Rawson, Dieperink – 4th
SB 1st Four: Cross, Radford, Laganin, Buckley, Evans – 3rd
SB 1st Eight: Gordon, Foster-Hall, Hore, Blight, Jerkic, Hume, Fewster, Nielsen, Dieperink – 6th
SG Yr9/10A Coxed Quad: Beer, Walker, Churchhill, Radford, Attanasio – 2nd
SB Yr9/10B Coxed Quad: Denham, Baigent, Rawson, DeLuca, Bleby-Williams – 4th
SB Yr9/10A Coxed Quad: Patrick, Perrott, Madsen, Brunning, Gowland – 2nd
U/19 Women’s Coxed Four: Croft, McLoughlin, Mol, Rawson, Dieperink – Heat 2nd – Final 3rd
U/19 Men’s Coxed Four: Evans, Radford, Laganin, Buckley, Cross – Heat 5th
U/17 Women’s Coxed Quad: Dieperink, Walker, Churchhill, Radford, Attanasio – 5th
U/17 Men’s Coxed Quad: Brunning, Perrott, Jerkic, Madsen, Gowland – 2nd

Day 2

U/17 Men’s Single: Heat 1 – Brunning 7th – Patrick 8th
U/17 Men’s Single: Heat 2 – Madsen 2nd – Perrott 3rd
3rd Grade Men’s Double: Div 2 – Brunning, Patrick – 3rd (by .001 seconds)
3rd Grade Men’s Single: Div 2 – Perrott 2nd – Patrick 3rd – Brunning 7th
1st Grade Men’s Eight: Gordon, Foster-Hall, Hore, Blight, Jerkic, Hume, Fewster, Nielsen, Dieperink – 2nd

Prep Sport Notices

Kanga Cricket

We are still in need of another Yr 3 or 2 player for the Kanga cricket team that plays on Saturday mornings at Unley Oval. If your child would like to play please contact Bill Davis 0407 397 938

SAPSASA Swimming

Last Tuesday 18 Yr 4-7 students competed in the East Adelaide District Day swim carnival at the Norwood outdoor pool. Well done to all students who competed on the day, many
setting personal bests in their swims.

Special mention to the following placegetters
Finlay Suttie, Yr 7, 13 yrs, 1st in 50m Backstroke, 2nd in 50m Freestyle
Mark Ducaj, Yr 7, 12 yrs, 3rd in 100m Freestyle and 3rd in 50m backstroke
Charlotte Hurst, Yr 5, 11 yrs, 2nd in 50m backstroke, 3rd in 50m butterfly
Zoe Smith, Yr 7, 12 yrs, 3rd in 50m breaststroke
Angus Winter, Yr 6, 12 yrs, 3rd in 50m breaststroke

We wish Finlay all the best when he competes at State Day on March 26.

SAPSASA events rely on parental help in the running of these events, many thanks to
Nicole Candy, Lisa Winter, Pierre Ducaj and Rebecca Sabine for their help in timing on the day.

SAPSASA Softball

Congratulations to Year 7’s Maggie Bailey and Jessie Aldridge on their selection in the East Adelaide District Softball Team. We wish them well as they compete in a week long carnival in Week 8.

SAPSASA State Teams

All year 6 and 7 students should be aware that SAPSASA selects 12 and Under State teams in 15 sports. This information should be specifically targeted towards students born in 2003. In girls cricket and boys and girls touch a few students born in 2002 may be selected. (SA has age dispensation in these sports)

The nomination process is:

To be eligible for selection students must attend a school affiliated with SAPSASA, both State and Independent Primary Schools. All students who wish to be considered for selection in a SAPSASA 12 and Under State Team must nominate on-line. The nomination must be completed and submitted by the due date by accessing the following web address www.decd.sa.gov.au/sport then click on SAPSASA, go to List of Sports and drop down to the relevant sport and locate the nomination form in the interstate section of that sport. If you have any problems please contact the unit on 8416 5900. A confirmation email will be generated within 2 working days of nominating.

Hockey

Interested in learning to play hockey? Want to find out where to play? Burnside Hockey Club invites you to attend their free Come and Try Day program being held at CBC Ifould Street, City on Monday March 16, 23 and 30 from 6.45 to 7.45pm. To book a place - email jeffdry@bigpond.com. Hockey sticks and balls will be provided. SEE YOU THERE.
Erica McWilliam will be returning to Pulteney to present a Parent Forum where she will speak about the future of our children and the importance of a progressive, learning-focused education.

**Wyatt Hall, Wednesday 22 April at 7.00pm.**

Erica’s career has involved four decades as an Australian secondary teacher, teacher educator and writer, moving from two decades in the schooling sector to a professorial role as an educational leader. She is now a Fellow of the Australian Council of Educators and an Associate Fellow of the Australian Learning and Teaching Council.

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