From the Principal

Transitions

At this time of year the focus for our students and their parents is often on transition. Whether it be preparing to attend school for the first time, in Early Learning or in Reception, moving from Kurrajong to Prep School, Prep to Middle School, Middle to one ninety or, for our eldest students, the transition to the world of tertiary study and work. Each of these transitions represent a significant milestone in a child's education.

There is clear research around the factors that support a child’s journey through transitions. These factors include a strong relationship with parents or carers, combined with strong coping resources that build resiliency in a child or young person. These coping resources include psychological and social resources such as the child’s or young person’s willingness to view change as a positive challenge rather than viewing it as a negative. We engage our students in orientation and transition activities at school so they can develop this positive mindset. Other coping resources include networks of family, friends and other supports the child or young person has around them which they can tap into throughout the transition.

At Pulteney, we aim to foster students’ sense of self-confidence about the significant changes occurring in their lives. This is promoted through a strong network of significant adults who provide mentoring and guidance, supporting young people to build their own friendship networks and working in partnership with parents and carers. There is a strong correlation between connectedness with community and young people developing the tools to thrive.

Of course, the transition not only affects the students! Parents can also experience a sense of nervousness around transitions and change and, as a school, we wish to be responsive to this through including parents in the orientation and information sessions and providing opportunities for parents in sub-schools to socialise together. We welcome any questions parents and students may have about the transition process; should you or your child wish to seek further support, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or the appropriate Head of School.


Student Leadership 2016

It gives me great pleasure to announce to the Pulteney community the student leadership group for 2016. These students completed a written application, participated in interview with the Principal, Deputy Principal and Head of one ninety and were selected through a rigorous process, including a student and staff vote, to be our next School Leaders.
Forum Leaders

Ben Adams
Eve Allen
Alice Ascari
Charlotte Brader
Victoria Cirocco
Nikita Dahm
Jack Dean
Henry Mellor
Lucy Sara
Henry Saxon
Harrison Sparrow
Zoe Twedell

House Leaders

Bleby-Howard House Leaders
Isabella Martin, James Sibly, Jack White

Cawthorne-Nicholls House Leaders
Riley Duance, Angus Lumsden, Christiana Michaels

Kennion-Miller House Leaders
Alannah Gilsmore, Kate Pettman, Josh Wills

Moore-Sunter House Leaders
Maritsa Coumi, Connor Dudley, Ella Wiltshire

A total of 42 students nominated to be selected for formal positions of senior student leadership. As Head of one ninety Mr Nicholas Brice and I explained to the Year 11 cohort, not all who nominate can hold a formal position of leadership. However, at Pulteney we place great value on service leadership and the desire to make a difference. Many students who currently lead and have led in the past have not held a formal position, worn a special badge, tie or blazer. All Year 12 students are the senior leaders for our school and I look forward to working closely with them in 2016.

Anne Dunstan,
Principal

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Ingenuity 2015

An exhibition of engineering, computer and mathematical sciences

In week 3, two of our Year 10 Mathematics classes attended an exhibition by the Faculty of Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences (ECMS) from the Adelaide University. This exhibition showcased the major projects of their final year students.

The exhibition was held at the Adelaide Convention Centre, with over 250 displays in a range of categories, chemical engineering, civil, environmental and mining engineering, mechanical engineering, computer science and mathematical sciences.

Themed displays were in the areas of health, sustainability, humanitarian and security. These displays showcased the wide range of career opportunities that exist within these fields, including the opportunity to travel and work overseas.

The GirlTech Lounge highlighted the valuable contribution that women are making in these fields.

A number of old scholars were among those who had displays. Congratulations to Nathan Lawry (2008) who won the “Best overall project for the school of mechanical engineering” and received a prize that was sponsored by Sea Gas. Congratulations also to Alice Peters (2011) who won the award for the Best Chemical Engineering Project Related to the Theme of Energy.

Nathan Lawry with Neha Athreya, Caitlin Pearce, Daisy Bai and Theresa Nickles

Nathan (2008) is enrolled in mechanical engineering and his project was also entered in the sustainability section. A number of companies have tried with limited success to harness the energy from waves to create a source of environmentally friendly renewable energy. His HTP Wave Pump project involved designing and optimising a ram pump. Using only two moveable parts, this decreases the likelihood of malfunction, wear and tear. Part of the project involved analysing optimum inlet geometries for the pump. The pump has been tested with great success in the University’s Wave Tank facility, as well as a week long test in the field off the Moonta Bay jetty.
Alice Peters with Tanya Oliver and Gwynne Martin

Alice (2011) is enrolled in chemical engineering. Her project involved exploring Borohydride fuel cells which are currently very costly due to the use of anode catalysts such as platinum. Alice investigated ways to reduce the cost of producing fuel cells. Her project appears to have been very effective by using PEDOT (a conductive polymer) as the anode catalyst. While waiting to speak to Alice, it was interesting to hear her explain the process to an interested party.

Jordan Schulz with Sam Heal, Mitchell Bender and Isaac Richards

Jordan (2011) is also studying chemical engineering. His project, titled Measuring particle-air bubble interactions using optical tweezers, is designed for use in the mineral industry where froth flotation is used for particle separation and capture. The method designed by Jordan, uses optical tweezers to measure the surface forces between silica particles and air bubbles. His aim is to use the instrument to quantify the fundamental properties of multiphase interactions and to apply the knowledge gained to various systems of economic importance within the industry.
Elliot Lewis with William Baigent and Douglas Perrot

Elliot (2011), like Nathan, has been pursuing the generation of energy, but in a completely different way. Using carbon rich materials (in his case algae), the gasification process is used to produce several products (including hydrogen and methane) that can be used for power generation. He has been involved in reactor design and simulations of reaction kinetics and the flash crystallisation of salt particles.

While in Year 11 at school, Elliot briefly dropped out of all Mathematics during second semester, before realising that he would need it for his chosen career path. Elliot found this level of mathematics challenging while at school, but worked very hard to achieve success. While talking to Elliot, he proudly fired up his ipad and showed Miss Ann Kennedy and myself pages of differential calculus he had to perform during the course of his project.

It was great to catch up with these four old scholars to see where mathematics has taken them, and the vastly different career opportunities it has opened up for them.

Below are some from some of the students about their experience on the day:

On the 27th of October, Mr. Webber’s and Ms Kennedy’s Math classes went to Ingenuity 2015 at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

My favourite project: I knew the man personally and it was great to see the end product of his hard year of work. Their project focused on alternations for surfboard fins using the ideas of a whale’s fin, jet plane wing and other real life products. They then crafted the fins to produce three that are targeted towards surfers of all abilities to improve their turns and speed on the wave.

All the projects had obviously had a lot of effort put into them and with four PGS old scholars showing their projects also, it was good to see how well they all turned out. Students from various high schools across South Australia then went to see a presentation by two professors at Adelaide University to give us an insight into what an engineering course at the university would entail.

Imogen Evans

On Tuesday two of our maths classes went to have a look at the Ingenuity 2015 Expo. This event was very helpful as it taught us about the many options we have available once we complete Year 12. One thing I found really interesting was a controllable underwater robot. This was able to travel forwards, backwards as well as spin around, and it could all be one using an Xbox 360 controller. A camera was mounted onto it so that it could lock onto items or colours and travel towards them without using the remote control. Another really cool thing was that it could fire spiral shaped torpedoes underwater. At the expo there was even a taco making machine! The Ingenuity Expo was a great experience as I felt like I explored a subject I had no idea existed.

Kalin Plumbi

Mark Webber,
Head of Mathematics
From the Chaplain

Who do we really want to be?

Last week in chapel we explored understandings of grace. I have always found exploring grace to be a life giving and affirming spiritual exercise. To have a sense of one’s own grace filled moments, and experience another’s grace, is a very powerful human experience.

How we receive it is a mystery; therefore comprehending it is challenging. We often associate grace with alluring, unassuming beauty, be it human beauty or in nature. Grace also has even deeper meaning. It is the gift of God’s love and mercy that is unconditionally given to us all; it is not part of any deal or bargain. Grace is a wonderful God given gift. One of the most recognisable forms of grace can be found when we experience unexpected unconditional generosity, most compellingly from people who can least afford it. In the chapel reading, Gospel of Mark 12:38-44, we hear about how one poor woman’s generosity helped Jesus to teach his disciples a valuable lesson about grace.

Often in church I have heard this reading used to promote financial generosity. While I get the connection, I feel that this is such a narrow and life denying approach to this text. Very ‘in house’ and inward looking. Jesus has just described very well dressed men, ‘The Scribes’, ostentatiously making a public display of their giving to the civic treasury and contrasts this with the giving of the widow. Yes, in relative economic percentage term she is far more generous. The important point is that her giving is done from a position of poverty and with no expectation of reward. Hope yes, but not an unspoken ‘done deal’ about reward or reciprocation.

We have many generous people in our communities. They do deserve acknowledgement for what they do for others and we should freely give recognition and appreciation. However it does matter what is in our hearts and what motivates us.

Grace is needed in our world. We live in a world of earning, deserving, and merit, and these too often result in judgment. Judgment usually stifles the human spirit. Everyone wants and needs grace. The gift of God’s grace that we generously give each other, makes us truly alive.

Pulteney Christmas Services

St Peter’s Cathedral Carols Service Friday December 4, 7:00pm.

Community Choir Rehearsal in The Chapel has begun. Kym Wilson will lead us Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8.00 and 8.30 am for the next two weeks. There is no need to attend all rehearsals. Consider coming to at least three, depending on your skill and confidence level.

All welcome

Christmas Nativity Service Thursday December 24, 6:00pm Chapel of St Augustine, Pulteney

Magdalen Centre

The Pulteney Community continues to be generous in its regular contributions. Each year, the Magdalen Centre provides free Christmas food and toys to hundreds of disadvantaged individuals and families. Now is the perfect time to include those items we all enjoy at Christmas.

Many people are including mini toiletries. These are greatly appreciated, especially toothpaste. I know these are a great help and confidence booster to young homeless people getting ready for interviews.
Donations can be brought to the Chapel Foyer. Baskets have been labelled so that we can sort and care for your donations.

Chaplaincy Contact
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

Deep Peace,
Michael

Physical Education Week
Last week 9th-12th November, Pulteney Grammar School helped celebrate South Australian Physical Education Week with a number of activities, culminating in Physical Education day on Friday 12th November. Physical Education Week promotes the importance of Health & PE in the Australian Curriculum, and highlights the importance of Health & PE to the learning and development of children and young people.

All students have a right to receive quality Physical Education teaching and learning programs - Physical Education Week promotes these opportunities and Pulteney Grammar is proud to have such a wonderful, contemporary and challenging Physical Education program for students to participate in.

On Friday 12th November, the school quadrangle was transformed into the sporting hub of Pulteney Grammar with a huge collection of activities for students to involve themselves in. It was wonderful to see this area filled with an eclectic mix of games and activities for our students to try and to enjoy. Some of these activities included a huge 10-metre rock-climbing wall, mini putt-putt golf, dance classes, along with table tennis, badminton and basketball.

It was great to see so many students dressed up in their favourite sporting teams colours with just about every sport represented, all enjoying the amazing atmosphere in the quad. Some notable athletes that were spotted included Michael Jordan, Manu Ginobili, Blake Griffin, Nick Barnett, Neymar Jr, Chad Wingard, Rory Sloane and Jeremy Cameron. At both recess and lunchtime, students were able to experience all the great things that Physical Education has to offer whilst being exposed to the benefits of an active lifestyle at the same time.

I would like to thank all the PE staff for their support, and giving up their own time to help organise and coordinate the activities, without such help days like this could not possibly take place.

Matt Down,
Lead Teacher – Health and Physical Education
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Open Times for Term 4
Monday 3.00pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday 12.30pm – 4.30pm
Friday 8.00am – 11.30am

Students going from ELC into Reception are asked to come into the Pulteney shop to get fitted for their summer uniform for 2016. We will make sure that we allow enough room for growth over the holiday period.

Female students going from Year 2 into Year 3 are asked to come into the shop to be fitted for their Prep School uniform for 2016. Male students are still in their current uniform.

Male students in Year 6 are asked to come into the Pulteney Shop to be fitted for their Year 7 uniform. Female students are still in their current uniform. All of these students require a house polo top for 2016.

Male and female students in Year 9 going into one ninety are asked to come into the shop to be fitted for their uniform for 2016.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Jenny Hewitson,
Shop Manager
Senior Sport Notices

Results

Cricket

1st XI

PGS 8 for 157

Dudley 59*, Adams 49, Sukumaran 27

Lost to Scotch 3 for 244

A beautiful day beckoned at idyllic Torrens Park, and a belter of a batting pitch awaited, as Scotch pounced on the opportunity to make first use. The opening overs were summarily dealt with as first Dudley (opening the bowling!) and Rundle pushing uphill were pushed to all points of the compass with relative ease as our erstwhile antagonist Eddie Steele set himself for a big follow up to his Intercol masterpiece. An opening stand of 91 was broken with an induced top edge caught and bowled by Adams. A second wicket was taken shortly after when van den Munckhof trapped the number 3 adjacent and 101 for 2 in the 27th over was not overtly concerning. However, the ensuing 18 overs illustrated the gulf between the two squads as Locke and Steele plundered the bowling with a ferocious onslaught of power hitting in a 127 run union that effectively ended the contest. At the compulsory close the task had ballooned to 245 required from the 45.

Opening with Adams and Sukumaran, the Scotchies were foaming at the mouth for quick success, but resolute were the opening pair, and whilst the run rate was subdued, 69 was posted for the first wicket and the partnership was not broken until the 20th over; a significant milestone in recent opening stands, when Sukumaran overbalanced and was stumped. Adams was joined by Dudley and hopes were briefly piqued as a further 30 runs were added in untroubled fashion before Adams was cajoled into smashing a rank long-hop straight back to a joyful bowler who pocketed the chance as readily as a street urchin pockets a $5 note found lying on the street. At 2 for 99, we were still a chance, but with the departure of an out of sorts Wills, spooning a simple chance to mid on for 6, the floodgates threatened to open, and a strangely subdued Dudley struggled to find the middle of the bat, as the Scotch attack knew just how to bowl to him, keeping the pace off the ball, sending fielders into the deep and strangling his scoring opportunities. The Middle order were then caught like deer in the headlights as wicket after wicket tumbled to injudicious shot selection and a singular inability to stop the straight ball hitting the stumps. When Creaser joined Dudley for the final over, the disparities had been exposed, and whilst we batted out time, with Dudley showing great maturity in not throwing his wicket away in a fruitless chase, we ended up some 87 runs in arrears and congratulated our opponents on their victory.

2nd XI

PGS 9 / 52

lost to Westminster 4 / 161

The score line does not tell the true story of this match from Pulteney’s perspective. Key objectives to bowl accurately, field with alertness, and when batting to occupy the crease for the full number of overs allocated were generally met. Westminster comprehensively won the match because they were by far the better cricket team, but Pulteney performed creditably.

Congratulations to Calvin Heath who played his last cricket match for Pulteney. As captain of this team over the last two years, he has lead the group with integrity and considerable ability. Henry Jorgensen, brought into the team from the Year 8/9's, showed that he is ready for senior cricket by performing well with bat and ball.
Year 8/9


After another impressive opening partnership between Jack Strawbridge and Will Craddock we lost regular wickets. Strawbridge was very unfortunate to be run out via a deflection at the non-strikers end. A positive sign for the future was the positive batting of Patrick Milewski and Henry Bleby-Williams which enabled us to achieve a competitive score of 98. Matthew Beahan’s hostile opening spell was rewarded with clean bowling three top order batsmen and reducing St.Peters to 3/13. We appeared in control when tidy bowling and fielding restricted the opposition to 7/64, but the game slipped away from us when Saints best batsman strolled to the crease at #9 and steered them to victory with 6 balls remaining.

Softball

Open B drew 14-14

Middle C defeated Immanuel 13-7

Girls Tennis

Open B PGS 0/8 lost to Saints Girls 6/36
Open C PGS 0/7 lost to Saints Girls 6/36
Open D PGS 0/9 lost to Saints Girls 6/36
Open E bye
Open F bye
Intro A PGS 5/31 defeated Saints Girls 1/11
Intro B PGS 4/25 defeated Saints Girls 1/15

Volleyball

First VI 2 defeated Adelaide High 1
25:15
23:25
25:12

Senior A Boys 1 defeated BY Immanuel College 2
25:23
25:27
23:25

Senior B Boys 2 defeated Immanuel College 1
26:16
25:27
25:23

Middle Boys (Year 9) 2 defeated Adelaide High 1
25:22
Middle Boys (Year 8) defeated Cabra 2

Middle Girls Navy defeated Saints Girls 0

Middle Girls White defeated Saints Girls 0

Rowing

Last weekend three of our senior and intermediate crews took part in the annual 'Round the Island' time trial at West Lakes. This is a 7km course full of twists, turns and a few bridges just to make life interesting for coxswains! Boats were released from the start at 30 second intervals, making the most of overtaking opportunities in the straight stretch before the island.

Conditions were far from ideal, boats buffeted by a stiff breeze approaching the final bridge known as 'the washing machine' as they approached the refuge of the finish line. The boys eight had an average row by their standards finishing in fourth place, stymied by slow moving traffic, intermediate girls continue to work hard together unfortunately finishing back in the field. Our girls first four however emerged fastest in their category by more than a minute, a great achievement by Nour Mol, Steph Beer, Sophie Radford, Claire Churchill and coxswain Myah Attanasio – congratulations.

This weekend is the Pulteney hosted regatta at West Lakes, the weather looks like being fantastic so get on down to cheer on the Navy Blues. The regatta program is a full one so there will be school rowers through to state and international athletes taking part, you are invited to enjoy an egg and bacon roll at the Pulteney tent and watch the races roll past!

Boys Tennis

RESULTS FOR THIS WEEK

Drive defeated Nazareth 6 sets to 3
Primary A1: defeated Sacred Heart 8-1
Primary A2: Pulteney won 6-3
Senior A: defeated Rostrevor 8-1

RESULTS FOR LAST WEEK

Results for Pulteney (year 7’s) A2:
Pulteney 9 (sets) 42(games) defeated St Pauls 0 (sets) 1 (game)

Results for Pulteney (year 7’s) A1:
Pulteney 8 (sets) 42 (games) defeated St Pauls 1 (set) 9 (games)

Middle A:
Lost 7-2

Middle B: Pulteney defeated 6 St Peters sets to 4 against

Drive: defeated Mercedes 6 sets 53 games, 3 sets 38

Senior A: defeated St Igs 9-0

Senior B: Lost 1 set to 11 and only won 14 games out of 72

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**Prep Sport Notices**

**Basketball**

This week sees the last games of basketball for the year. Can singlets please be returned, washed to Mrs Reynolds. Please mark off name when returning.

**Swimming Carnival**

Last Friday 11 PGS students from Yr 3-7 attended an Independent Schools swim carnival at Immanuel College. We had a few personal bests and some good individual performances.

Congratulations to:
Mark Ducaj – 2nd – 100m Freestyle, 2nd 50m backstroke, 3rd 50m Freestyle
Finlay Suttie – 4th – 50m backstroke
Charlotte Hurst – 5th 50m Freestyle
Rory O’Callaghan – 5th 50m Breaststroke

Many thanks to Lisa Winter, Pierre Ducaj and Jody O’Callaghan for helping out with timing at the carnival.

**Softball Carnival**

Last Sunday our Yr 5/6 softball team participated in the Southern Area SB association lightning carnival at West Beach softball headquarters. The played 5 games throughout the morning, won all 5 games and collected the A2 trophy to hold until next year. Well done to the following girls, Ellie Georgaris, Amelia Nikoloff, Liza Molony, Jaime Kelly, Emilia Dolphin, Lili Keene, Stephanie Mifsud, Elise Myatt, Ereni Vithoulkas, Caitlin Marshall, Jade Leane and Laura Fitzpatrick.

Many thanks to Jayne Fitzpatrick who was our scorer and to Ms Robyn Cox, coach of the winning team.
Results

Boys Tennis

B3 defeated Rostrevor 5-4

Basketball

Yr 4 Boys Blue defeated Black Forest 22-10
Yr 4 Boys White defeated St Johns 23-11
Yr 5 Boys Gold defeated PGS Navy 16-6
Yr 4 Girls White defeated PGS Blue 18-10
Yr 6 Girls Red defeated PGS Black 21-19
Yr 3 Boys Gold drew with St Anthonys 20-20
Yr 3 Boys Navy defeated St Anthonys 12-10
Yr 3 Girls Blue lost to St Johns 0-28
Kurrajong & Prep Art Exhibition

27th November
Open 8:00 – 10:00 am & 2:30 – 5:00pm
Official Opening at 4:00pm
Corner Symonds and Gilles st
Christmas Cherries
Pulteney Grammar School
USA Basketball Tour Fundraiser
Premium quality South Australian Cherries

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