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Important Dates

22 - 26.05.17	Year 8, 9 and 12 Exams
25 - 28.05.17	Careers Expo
25 - 29.05.17	PFA Tour to Melbourne
29 - 01.06.17	Year 10 Exams
31.05.17	Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 AIME Excursion
01.06.17	Year 8 Immunisations
02.06.17	Professional Learning Day – no students
05.06.17	WA Day Public Holiday
06 - 09.06.17	Year 11 Exams
13.06.17	Year 11 Elevate Sessions Year 11/12 Arts, Photography AGWA Excursion 9AEP Excursion to Literacy Centre
14.06.17	Assembly
15.06.17	Year 12 Human Biology/Physics Students to Perth Zoo

PRINCIPALS REPORT



The school year is flying along with many exciting opportunities for our students.

Coming up next week on Thursday 25th May we have the PFA trip to Melbourne where the students will visit the AFL clubs, MCG, Sporting Museum and many other highlights. Planning has been completed for Year 9 students going to Canberra for a

week to visit Parliament Houses, Australian Institute of Sport, the War Memorial and many other places of interest in our

nation's capital. A visit to the snowfield is also included in their itinerary.

At our recent assembly a group from our Year 12 Dance class performed for the school. The students were great and were a credit to their teacher Natalie Townsend. At the same assembly we acknowledged all those students who had attended every single day so far this year. It was great to see so many students received certificates for achieving 100% attendance.

At the assembly, I spoke to the students about how important regular attendance was and the need to cover work in class. At the moment this work is being assessed as all Year 7 and Year 9 students completed NAPLAN last week. This week our Year 12s are doing state-wide 'externally set tasks' or EST's and then ATAR students are doing their formal exams as well as the Year 10 students the following week (Week 5). The week after that (Week 6) our Year 8 and 9 students are doing their exams.

On Friday the 2nd June all schools in our Network will be undertaking a conference at Pinjarra Senior High School. The focus for this pupil free day will be the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) initiative which is running Australia wide.

Week 7 of this term will see the Year 7 students complete their final exams. As you can see, the school is busily assessing all of our students. The reporting of these assessments to our parents will then take place, at the end of Term 2.

Parents and carers need to be aware we will be sending these electronically, therefore it is essential that the school has 'up to date' email addresses provided to them as soon as possible.

Whilst all this is going on our Country Week teams are in training for their big event in the last week of this term. The school is sending a contingent of over 100 students to Perth this year.

The recent Parent-Teacher evening was very well attended and many parents took the opportunity to have appointments with their children's teachers.

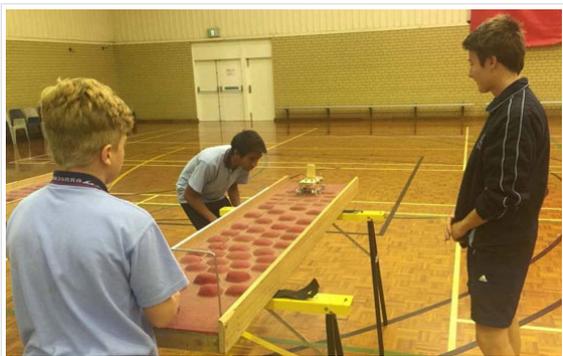
The community needs to be aware there has been a modification to the structure of our school day. Advocate period is where students spend a short period of time each day with staff in a pastoral care environment. Traditionally this has been at the start of the day. This Advocate period now takes place after recess. The main implication is that teaching and learning will be taking place first thing each day. This means that students will need to ensure they are at school, ready to go before 8.40am. We would appreciate the cooperation of parents and carers to assist in making this happen. In addition, please note that the final bell will be going at 2.30pm on Mondays and 3.05pm Tuesdays to Fridays.

I take this opportunity to thank parents, carers and the community for their ongoing support of this school and assure them we will continue to strive to provide the best opportunities for their children.

Rob Lawson
Principal

SOUTH WEST REGIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

On April 3rd the Year 9 Academic Extension Program students travelled to Bunbury to compete in the South-West Regional Science and Engineering Challenge. This was a day-long competition designed to provide students with a positive experience of science and engineering by incorporating hands-on activities that tested students' critical and creative thinking and problem-solving skills. The activities included; designing and making a very large catapult, constructing a vehicle to quickly transverse an undulating surface, and designing and building a 'bionic hand'. The students had a wonderful time and produced some amazing results. After a very long day the students placed 6th overall in the region, a very impressive result.



CONGRATULATIONS

Alicia Jokic, Year 9 and Tehlia Jokic, Year 8 recently competed at the BMX National Championships in Brisbane at the Sleeman Sporting Complex. Alicia made the national championships final and is now 6th in Australia for the 15 year old girls division. Tehlia made the national finals as well but unfortunately crashed, though she still came away being 7th in Australia for the 13 year old girls division.

Jorjah Reed, Year 11 competed on behalf of Pinjarra Senior High school in the Harvey CNC Horse trials on the 15th and 16th of April, which consists of three phases; show jumping, dressage and cross country jumping. She won all three phases on her dressage score and going clear both show jump and cross country. She was jumping in the C grade event EVAJ 80cm.

Jorjah and two other students from Year 7 also competed at the WA Equestrian Interschool Championships on the 20th - 24th of April 2017 where Jorjah competed in the Secondary Novice Dressage event against 36 other rider combinations and came home with a fantastic score and 4th place.

Pictured are Jorjah and her horse Datz Mi Boi a gorgeous off the track thoroughbred, (Taken by Surprise).



CHAPPO'S COLUMN



With Term 2 well under way we've really enjoyed more time working with and supporting individual students and less time run off our feet with programs. I (Justin) have made the decision not to coach a

team for Countryweek this year so that has freed up a heap of time, although I'm sure I won't be able to resist going to Countryweek for at least a day to hang out and see how everyone's going!

It was great to hear some of our students raving about the holiday adventure camps they went on in April and those interested in camps during the next break need to apply now to get a spot. See the link below.

<http://www.suwa.org.au/su-community/camps/winter-camps-2/>

There are some great programs that run weekly for youth and adults and details for these can be found on the flyers in this newsletter, as well as the free bus on offer to take students to one of the big Mandurah Youth Groups every Friday night. The bus stops/times below are organised by Homestead for Youth and more information you can call Marty and Carla on 0429 086 522 or 0449 939 597.

BUS TIMES: pick-up and drop-off

Pinjarra Bakery- 5:30pm - 9:10pm
Ravenswood Car Park - 6:00pm -9:00pm
Coodanup College - 6:10pm - 8:50pm

Justin Hill & Felicity Brown
Pinjarra SHS Chaplains

PINJARRA/WAROONA YOUTHCARE – SUPPORTING SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY

Our YouthCARE committee continues to support our local school Chaplains through ongoing fundraising initiatives. If you would like to get involved with a great team of volunteers who are passionate about making a positive difference in our school and wider communities, please contact our Chairperson, Deonne Kingsford on 0411 595 512. We meet once a month to hear updates from our Chaplains and to plan future fundraising events.

Thanks so much for your support,

Pinjarra/Waroona YouthCARE