



26 NOVEMBER 2009

Dear Parents

I am thrilled with the progress of students, their wonderful achievements and their preparedness to accept challenges. Their focus, enthusiasm and energy is only matched by our staff. I have every confidence in our teaching staff, who excel in their preparation and commitment to students, school and 'excellence'. I thank them sincerely for their tireless efforts.

Our support staff similarly provide for our students, often going well beyond reasonable effort to ensure all children are organised, safe and happy. Without the enormous assistance they provide, our School would not function so efficiently.

I would also like to thank parents who have accepted the invitation to be a part of the Peninsula Family by communicating directly, honestly and positively, so that in partnership, we are able to provide the very best for each and every student.

On behalf of all staff, I wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and a safe and successful New Year. We have appreciated your support and we look forward to a productive and enjoyable partnership again in 2010.

Class Placements:

Class placement confirmation will be included with the End of Year Report mail out. Students will visit their 2010 classroom and teachers on Friday morning as part of our Orientation Day. Thank you for the correspondence I have received this week. The short notes of affirmation for teachers and the improvements parents have noticed in their children throughout the year are most pleasing. We enjoy a hard working staff at The Peninsula School, who at every opportunity plan to assist, teach, guide and develop our students. Sometimes the improvements day by day are small, but across a school year are significant. Thank you also to those parents who articulated valid educative or

development requests for student placement in 2010. Due to teacher knowledge of student needs, most requests serve as a valuable reminder. My invitation to parents to provide relevant, appropriate information to assist the promotion list process is always to achieve the best learning outcomes for students.

HPV Winners:

Last weekend, our Human Powered Vehicle team performed consistently across three disciplines to take out **Overall Winner 2009 RACV Challenge**. Supported by pit crew and parents, our team qualified well and put everything they had into a fabulous and exciting finish. For those who have never experienced the RACV Challenge, it is difficult to fully appreciate the efforts and endeavours of students, staff and parents. The event attracted 75 teams in the primary division, over five hundred student riders and the equivalent in support crew. Teams compete in an environmental drama presentation, an oral design and mechanical test and the 14-hour endurance challenge, riding the three wheeled Human Powered Vehicles. Congratulations to those parents and teachers who trained, supported, built and managed our team in 2009.



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Don't Forget:

Friday 4 December	End of Year Assembly : 10.00—11.45am Dismissal
7, 8 & 9 December	"Alice in Wonderland" Evening Performances

Year 6 Graduation:

Students, teachers and parents are assisting in the organisation and preparation of the Year 6 Graduation for 2009. Program refinements this year will enhance the evening and complement the sense of occasion that is a part of a graduation. I anticipate that all students will thoroughly enjoy this opportunity to celebrate their years at The Peninsula School, including Grade 6. Parents are invited to an informal supper in the Pavilion following the formal aspects of the Graduation on Monday 30 November. Students are required at school for a 5.45 pm start.

Class Parties:

In order to keep our cleaners' task to a minimum Class parties are scheduled for next Tuesday 1 December. Classes will organise their own little end of year celebration. I encourage parents to carefully consider the healthy food options wherever possible. Teachers will encourage the eating of nutritious foods first then moderate amounts of treats to follow.

Music Exams:

Over thirty Junior School students submitted for AMEB exams last week conducted by Trinity Music. I look forward to hearing of results that reflect the effort put into practice and rehearsal.

Final Assemblies:

During the last week of term, our School will host two assemblies for students and families. The first is to be held on Monday 30 November, in Ansett Hall from 9.30 am. This is our *End of Term Assembly* and we present the term awards to students as we do at the end of each term.

The second assembly is our *Final Assembly*, to be held again in Ansett Hall beginning at 10.00 am on Friday 4 December, where we will be joined by Board Members, Mr Hille, special guests and the ECC. At our Final Assembly, awards for year-long performance are presented and students will be dismissed for the year at the end of this assembly, approximately 11.45 am.

For students who are required to travel on buses, alternative arrangements will need to be made for the Friday dismissal. Please contact me via the Junior School Office if your child requires supervision until buses arrive, so that suitable arrangements can be made. I look forward to seeing you at these assemblies.

Production News:

Tickets for our Junior School Production: *Alice in Wonderland* are currently on sale. Performing over three evenings in December, the 7th, 8th and 9th, these tickets traditionally sell out very quickly. Please note that these performances are held on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the week after our Final School Assembly and classes will have ceased at this stage of December. Year 6 students will however be invited to the Year 7 Orientation Day activities to be held on Tuesday 8 December.

Booklists 2010:

Please be reminded that Booklists are due back at school by 27 November. Please forward any questions regarding the Book lists via the Junior School Office. Booklists are also available via the School website.

Dates for 2010:

School concludes this year on Friday 4 December, as indicated above. Classes begin next year on Monday 1 February at our usual starting time. We will host an Orientation Morning for students new to our School on Friday 29 January. New students are invited to an assembly, visit their classroom again and bring in their stationery supplies and books so that they are organised for the start of School on the following Monday. I invite Junior School students in Years 2 – 6, 2010, to similarly visit on Friday 29 January. Teachers will have lockers organised and will greet all students in class rooms between 10 am and 11 am.

Our timetable for 2010 is ready to go and teachers will begin the academic year, period 1, Monday morning 1 February.

Have a refreshing, safe and restful holiday and a festival family Christmas.

Regards



Jon Pittard,
Head of Junior School

Junior School Food Garden



Throughout the year the Junior School has achieved many things that have helped our environment! We would like to give a big thanks to Josh Purcell's father and his company "*Tanks-a-lot*" for donating two water tanks and a pump worth thousands of dollars to our Food Garden. We are very happy with the results as they are now more than half full with rainwater! Also we would like to thank *Bunnings Warehouse* for donating Veggie and Herb Seedlings to our food garden, which are also growing tremendously well! The *Sullivan family* have also very kindly donated many fruit trees to the food garden as well. *Renee Vigliarone, Sustainability Leader*

STRING News



End of Year Performances

All of our Junior String Ensembles will perform next week at either the Monday or Friday Assembly. Please read the following notes carefully so that your child has their instrument and music at School on the correct day! The students have been working well in rehearsals and class to be ready for their performances.

Yr 2B String Program students and the **Corelli Strings** (Yr 2A String students & Yr 3 String students) will perform on **Monday 30 November** at the End of Term Assembly.

These students need to be at School on time on Monday morning to enable adequate tuning-up time and a short rehearsal in the Ansett Hall prior to the performances. The Assembly begins at 9.30 am, but the students are required at school by 8.30 am please.

Paganini Strings will perform at the Junior End of Year Assembly on **Friday 4 December**. Students need to be prepared with their instruments and music. The Assembly commences at 10 am, but again, the ensemble personnel will be required prior for tuning-up followed by a short rehearsal. Rehearsals will be our regular Thursday lunchtimes plus a short extra rehearsal on Wednesday 2 December.

Parents and friends are most welcome to come along and hear these performances as part of the Assemblies.

String Exams

It has been a busy and exciting time in the String Department recently. Thirty-five of our students in the Junior and Middle Schools sat *Trinity Guildhall* Examinations in Violin, Viola & Cello on the 16th and 17th of November - 26 of them Junior students. The results were outstanding, and the goal of the examination provided positive motivation for preparation and improvement. Mr Dowdell, Mrs Smithies and myself are very proud of the students and their achievements!

We look forward to seeing you at one of our Assemblies next week.

Mrs Sue Dowdell
Head of Strings



Student of the Week



WEEK ENDING 20 NOVEMBER 2009

Lachlan Wharington	2A	his research and care in presenting his information report on snapper
Zac Vigliaroni	2B	his amazing effort during the last 2 weeks. 12 quizzes in 10 days,
Joshua Fahmi	3A	his tremendous improvement over the course of the year
Dylan Burns	3B	a huge improvement in his organisational skills. Well done Dylan
Grade: 4A		their exceptional work habits and excellent behaviour for Mrs Lawson, whilst Mrs Sugars was at HPV
Hugh Homberger	4B	his improved attention to detail when writing
Alexandra Karamesinis	5A	excellence in algebra, cartesian planes and geometrical calculations
Matilda Grant	5B	her enthusiastic approach to all learning tasks
Hana Ridoutt	5C	her conscientious approach and excellent results in all learning areas this term. Well done Hana!
Tyson Montague & Sam Harrison	6A	demonstrating their accomplished IT skills using photo morphing software
Jordan Collins	6B	working well at all set task and for being a polite and cooperative class
Harrison Mein	6C	devising excellent topic sentences for online reports
Sophia Rasch	6D	working extremely conscientiously at all times
<i>FRENCH</i>		
Rhys Tingwell	6A	exceptional focus during all French activities
PE		
Amy Warnock	5A	great teamwork and sportsmanship in every activity
MUSIC		
Holly Gray	4A	Beautiful posture and singing in Strauss Choir
ART		
Renee Vigliaroni	6D	her hard work and assistance in the Art room
LIBRARY		
Evie Langdon	6D	her enthusiasm and keen interest in library sessions



Extend Out of School Hours Care!

What did we get up to last week?

Last week was yet again great fun for all who attended Extend Outside School Hours Care at The Peninsula School. This week we did hula hoop competitions, played cricket and running games and also also enjoyed cooking puff pastries and watching Toy Story 2 on Wednesday!



Of the week is **Charlie J.** for playing nicely with others and being a pleasure to have at after school care.

After Care 3.00pm – 6.00pm

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