2013 seems to be flashing past. Already we are over halfway into our third assessment period. Planning and course selection for 2014 is being finalised and our Year 12 students are fast approaching their last days in High School. I take this opportunity to thank the school community in general for their support of both their students and the school in general.

At the forefront of all the school’s planning is student achievement and wellbeing. These factors are strongly influencing our current discussions and review as a forerunner to developing our new site improvement plan. Broad consultation will occur across the school community and consideration given to systems, Regional and local requirements and expectations.

Schools, as you are aware, are dynamic, ever changing communities. In the process of managing these daily events we sometimes forget the important protocols which serve to ensure student and staff wellbeing. I am aware that a recent return to required and necessary protocols regarding visits from both parent and other visitors was met with some negativity. I would like the community as a whole to view current changes from a “glass half full” perspective. Every consideration is given to meeting DECD requirements whilst ensuring all our students receive a rich and meaningful curriculum in a safe and caring environment.

This return to required protocols should not negatively impact on the day to day school operations. I remain committed as do the staff to building and maintaining a close and positive relationship with the whole school community.

Many would be aware of the current media exposure being given regarding social media and negative impact this can have on individuals when inappropriate posts and harassing messages are involved. Pasadena does not tolerate this behaviour from its students. I see that as a community we have an advantage in this regard. Being part of the Pasadena community is a bit like being in a “fish bowl”. Everybody knows everybody and have expectations and understandings of how “each are”. When changes occur in student behaviour we are quick to recognise this and respond according to individual needs. It is important that everyone is sensitive to changes and reports/discusses any concerns.

On a very bright note the recent opening of our Trade Training Centre was an outstanding success. Involving some hard work from our Year 12 Hospitality students the highlight of the event was a very fine spread enjoyed by a range of attendees including those from local schools and the region. The Trade Training Centre will provide all Pasadena students and those in the South real opportunities to gain Certificates and enter the world of the “Tradie”. I congratulate all those involved from the early concept to operation.

Being in the privileged position of Principal of Pasadena High School until the end of the year I look forward to your continued support as we work together to realise the best possible outcomes for all our students.

Marcia Ross
Principal
Australian and Young Australian of the Year (SA) Visit

On 7th August, Pasadena students had the honour of meeting the SA Australian of the Year Sonya Ryan and SA Young Australian of the Year Vanessa Picker. Our students learnt that through the tragedy of losing her daughter Carly to an internet predator, Sonya has developed the Carly Ryan Foundation that promotes online safety. Sonya is also working with Senator Nick Xenophon and a federal government working committee to introduce legislation and strict internet safety nets to protect the vulnerable and easily impressionable in our community. Sonya also mentioned the development of a free phone app “Crisis, Connect and Capture” that will send a Google map location, a message and even a photograph of a location, car or suspicious character from a person in distress. Some of our students have volunteered to trial the app when it is ready.

Vanessa Picker has a passion for sport and has been heavily involved in State level Women’s Cricket for a number of years. Vanessa graduated from Adelaide University with a Degree in Social Entrepreneurship and has travelled overseas on a number of occasions. Her Play Forward initiative collects pre-loved sporting equipment and distributes it to disadvantaged and marginalised communities so that sport can become an avenue to build self-confidence and esteem.

After hearing from these inspiring people, there could not have been a student who left the assembly without the realisation that doing something good for people other than themselves, not only helps the other person, but cannot help but build them up as well.

From the Deputy Principal

As the recently appointed Deputy Principal (for the remainder of 2013), I thought it an excellent opportunity to introduce myself in this newsletter. I have been a teacher now at Pasadena High School for 10 years, with teaching specialties in Maths and Biology. I have had the privilege to teach many of your children over the years and have developed positive relationships with the students. I am very well aware of the issues that Pasadena faces as a small school, but I also recognise the benefits! The apparent reputation that Pasadena has in our community is of concern to me, as I see only diamonds here in our students. I would ask that you help reshape any misrepresentation of our school by sharing your positive experiences in the wider community. I know many of you are happy with the personalised education your children experience at Pasadena. I am eager to add my ideas to the already talented leadership team and will endeavour to implement innovative and positive changes that benefit the entire Pasadena community. I invite you to add your voice to the Governing Council of the school, as your input is very valuable. Although my tenure is only temporary, I hope to be a progressive influence on the future direction of our school, and look forward to reporting those positive initiatives to you at the end of my tenure.

Angela Thomas
Deputy Principal

Ice Factor

On 31st July students selected by the Ice Factor coaches and mentors were presented to the Governor, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce and his wife Mrs Elizabeth Scarce at Parliament House. The students were invited to look through the private rooms on the ground floor and were served refreshments in the ballroom.

Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce attended Elizabeth High School and has a keen interest in the Ice Factor Program. Ms Marie Shaw QC also addressed the 120 students from participating Ice Factor schools across the state before introducing them to the Governor. Pasadena High School students felt privileged and honoured by the invitation.

Nici Wahlstedt and Paul Howlett
Ice Factor Managers
**Australian Basketball Stars slam dunk Pasadena High School Students**

Pasadena High School is using the expertise of Australia’s best basketball players. The Special Interest Basketball Program run by former Canberra Cannons star and now teacher Brendan Mann, is building on strong basketball roots by engaging with former coach Phil Smyth. Pasadena is South Australia’s only special interest basketball school and offers students the unique opportunity as part of their education options to undertake the certificate in Sport Coaching, enabling students to become accredited coaches while still at school. Students can acquire a national level 1 coaching accreditation. This qualification opens up many future career pathways for students and is grabbing the attention of the budding young coaches at the school. Year 10 Pasadena student Jomari said he “enjoys the course because you get to learn new ways of coaching from teachers who are experienced in sport.”

However, it is the community links based at the school’s impressive stadium that are making the real difference. It is also home to the Sturt Panthers. These links reach to former 36ers coach Phil Smyth who played for the Canberra Cannons, Adelaide 36ers and Sydney Kings and was also an Olympic squad member. Mr Smyth and Steve Breheney in conjunction with Sports SA have established a basketball academy for students who have finished year 12 at the school site.

For Pasadena students this means access to experienced basketballers providing the opportunity to further develop in the sport with the ultimate prize of playing in the NBL or a USA College. Mr Smyth said “the fact we are here, kids get a chance to see what we are doing” and provides the Pasadena students with a great chance to interact, on the court and in the coaching area. For students this means shooting goals for their education, opening up pathways to playing and coaching options, and building networks amongst elite basketball players. This contact can heighten their learning options beyond normal school sport programs.

Pasadena Sports Coaching teacher Malcolm Greenslade, shares the excitement. Mr Greenslade, a former Sturt, VFL football player and State U16 Assistant coach, brings more depth to the program emphasising the importance of the schools links with the basketball community “we hope that there will be closer contact and broadening an engagement with the basketball academy for our (Pasadena High School’s) sports coaching program. It is another avenue to further meet the needs of our students in our program”. Brendan Mann, Pasadena High School and former Canberra Cannon said basketball at the school “provides students from a range of abilities to develop fitness and skills in the sport, providing great opportunities in the future through building relationships as a player and through many other pathways.”

With the experience of Australian standard basketballers bouncing around Pasadena’s students, basketball at the school is in good hands.

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**Basketball Report**

This year there has been endless amounts of basketball played by the boys at Pasadena. There have been many zone basketball competitions and a few knockout competitions plus lunch time trainings and basketball classes. Out of all of this basketball there was one competition in particular that brought out the fierce Pasadena Basketball skill and spirit. The Open Boys Knock Out Competition. The team consisted of players of all year levels from year 8 to year 12. The team placed in pool C came up against Seaford, Victor Harbour, Eastern Fleurieu and Oakbank High Schools. Pasadena battled each team putting their hearts on their sleeves, but in the end only one team goes through to the next round and Victor Harbour came out on top. Pasadena won 2-4 games which was a positive result. Each player learnt something about their own personal basketball skill level this day, and all demonstrated their improvement in the after school zone competition.

The after school open boys zone competition has been running over terms 2 and 3. Pasadena has two teams entered in the tournament both competing well against other schools such as, Brighton, ASMS and Urrbrae. Both teams finished the season with wins defeating Brighton and Urrbrae and displayed great effort and team work. Well done boys.

*Patrick Payne*

*Basketball Manager*

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**Basketball Report**

**Photo (L-R) Phil Smyth, Basketball Academy, Jomari, Pasadena High School, Brendan Mann, Pasadena High School**

**Pasadena Green team:**

Back row – Harry, Aaron, Jordan.
Front row – Phil, Jomari, Dale.
Basketball Camp Term 4 – Mt. Gambier
In week 7 term 4 a selected group of boys will be invited to attend the basketball camp in Mt. Gambier from Monday 25th November to Wednesday 27th November. We will be training throughout the camp and playing in a competition against Mt. Gambier High School and Henley High School. Due to the nature of the competition the boys selected will be from year 8 to 10 who have a solid background in basketball and who have demonstrated good performances when representing the school this year. The boys invited will be informed by the end of the term and relevant paper work will be distributed with cost and accommodation details. I am aware that we are having a middle school camp early in term 4 so we are planning to keep costs to a minimum. If you have any questions regarding the camp once the paper work has been handed out, please contact me at school.

Brendan Mann
Basketball Teacher/Coach

Vale Maxine Ennis
I would like to acknowledge the life of Maxine Ennis a dedicated volunteer of the Pasadena/Daws Road High School community who died suddenly on Tuesday 16th July aged 74 years.

Maxine was an ex parent of Daws Road High School and very involved member of Colonel Light Gardens Uniting Church, Colonel Light Gardens and District Inter-Church Council and founding member of the Repat Museum with her husband David.

As a member of the Inter-Church Council, Maxine with David supported the establishment of the Chaplaincy and Christian Pastoral Support Workers programs from the early years in the late 1980’s to the present. She was a valuable support to me and many of the community activities organised through the local churches. These included assisting with the annual activities for Middle School students, including Pancake Day, organising and presenting Easter and Christmas seminars and attended school events. Maxine was always able to support and prepare food items for these activities, eg Hot Cross Buns, Christmas cake, staff morning teas, student BBQ’s and Year 12 breakfasts.

Maxine’s caring and friendly nature, which sprang from her Christian faith, always shone through in her contact with and interest in students and staff. This also included her written messages of support through cards, especially those she handwrote for all Year 12 students at the end of the year.

I and my family have very much valued Maxine’s listening ear, supportive and encouraging words over the many years in my role as Chaplain/Christian Pastoral Support Worker in this school community.

The school community will miss her greatly.

Philip Bell
Christian Pastoral Support Worker

Look who Dropped in………
Brad Newley, former student at Pasadena High School and now Australian and Olympic Basketballer.
Caught Brad for a photo shoot with two of our Middle School Basketballers and their coach and teacher Brendan Mann. Brad is currently playing in the Spanish League and is based in the Canary Islands and returned to get a few shots in on our court.

Malcolm Greenslade
VET News

As students make decisions about subject choices and investigate future pathways for 2014, it is important to consider whether a Vocational Education and Training (VET) course is a suitable pathway to a chosen career.

In order to assist with this important decision, there are a number of resources available for you to refer to in addition to the Pasadena High School Course Handbook:

1. The Inner South Schools VET Programs Booklet – These courses are offered by the schools in our region and provide high quality, cost effective training in a number of industry areas. This has been provided to interested students through their Care Group teachers.
3. Job Outlook – A government website dedicated to providing up to date career information. It includes information on the training and skills required for a chosen career as well as future job prospects and earning potential. Visit http://www.joboutlook.gov.au
4. Trade Schools – If your child is considering a trade and would like to begin training whilst completing their SACE, then the Trade Schools http://www.tradeschoolsforthefuture.sa.edu.au/ can help to make this a reality. Appointments to see one of the regional brokers can be made through me at any time.
5. Training guarantee For SACE Students – The TGSS is for students who are dedicated to completing their SACE and have a definite career pathway in a skills shortage area. Students who have completed a VET course in 2013 and wish to explore their options for next year could take up this funded training opportunity. Please see me for more information or visit http://www.skills.sa.gov.au/training-learning/training-for-school-students/training-guarantee-for-sace-students

As Term 3 progresses, VET courses in a wide range of other career fields will become available. These include music, photography, aged care, child care, hair, beauty and make-up. Availability of courses will be advertised through the Student notices and the display area in the Resource Centre.

In the Library

The library has seen some exciting developments with the addition of a graphic novel collection. This has been a popular choice with leisure readers. The graphic novels were chosen from across a wide range of genres including Japanese manga and all the classics from Superman to Dr. Who. Graphic novel fan and Year 11 student Travis said, “from all the schools I’ve been to most do not have graphic novels, so that is why it’s a great idea. Plus it is something new for students to read and it’s good for Pasadena Unit students.” The reading room also saw a revamp, with the addition of the famous red couch making the room a popular spot to hang out during recess and lunch.

The library also ran a “Who do they think they are” competition, with Pasadena staff members bringing in baby photos of themselves and a display made to guess who they were. The competition ran for several weeks and saw Year 12 student Andy make the right match ups and take out the prize.

Finally, an internal chess competition was run in the final week of last term 2, with students battling it out against each other in fast 5 minute rounds of chess. Within a fun and friendly atmosphere, Year 8 student Abror out moved everyone to take out the competition.

Nick Porter
Library Manager

Gindaja Aboriginal Performance

Pasadena High School will have the pleasure of an exciting performance, for the whole school, in the Tower Arts Centre on Wednesday 4th September at 1.30pm. Sean Dewar comes from the Yindinji Kilmoy clan of Northern Queensland and his totem is Gindaja, meaning cassowary. He has performed all over Australia and has toured extensively throughout Europe, Japan, Taiwan and the Pacific.

Sean shares many different aspects of his culture through demonstration, explanation and participation; combining traditional and contemporary elements. Such things as the Didgeridoo, bush foods and Aboriginal costume will be entwined with rap dancing and beat box. Sean strikes a special balance between entertainment, humour and an informative cultural presentation.

Gary Rosser
Drama Department
LOV a Surprise Party

On the Wednesday of the last week of July, 10 Unit students were lucky enough to attend the annual Ladies of Variety Surprise Party at the Adelaide Convention Centre on North Terrace.

The Ladies provided a free coach to collect us from school and take us to the City. Many of us did not know what to expect but when we walked into the large convention room we were amazed beyond belief! Balloons were everywhere - hanging down from the ceiling, rising high from the tables and disco lights and big screens on the walls.

When we found our table there were party hats, streamers, lollies, chips and soft drinks to welcome us.

After having a few snacks we decided to have a walk around; quickly we found the face painters, tattooists, balloon artist and photo booths. Giorgio quickly turned into Burt from Sesame Street, Sophia and Skylar became puppy dogs and Moira a butterfly. Some of the boys had a small tattoo and a balloon designed for them but everyone had their photograph taken in the booths.

Soon it was time to have some lunch which consisted of mini burgers, mini hotdogs and hot chips, followed by party cakes. Luckily, the music and dancing soon followed so the students could dance off their excess energy. Live music was provided by a band and they got everybody up dancing!

Pasadena Unit was one of the last schools to leave as we were having so much fun but we all enjoyed ourselves and left with balloons, party hats and many good memories.

Ladies of Variety organise many events throughout the year to support students with a disability. The time and effort put into each event is huge and much appreciated students and adults alike.

Thank you to Ladies of Variety.

Linda Thurlow
PHS Unit Teacher

Christian Pastoral Support Worker Position Vacant Advertisement

CHRISTIAN PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER
(Previously known as “School Chaplain”)
Pasadena High School

Schools Ministry Group along with the Colonel Light Gardens Inter Church Council are seeking applications for this 16 hour per week position, commencing Term 4, 2013.

The position exists to offer support to students, staff and the school community.

A Job and Person Specification, including details on “How to Apply”, is available from Schools Ministry Group on 8378 6800 or mail@smg.asn.au

Closing date: Friday September 6th – 5:00 PM

For details about the next Information Session go to: www.smg.asn.au
AUSTRALIA’S GOT TALENT…

We certainly do and so does our German class

Meet the judges:

Meet the judges:

Tom and Sam

Jack and Todd

Our judges had difficult decisions to make with the talent they saw.

Performers: Manav and Abror

Performers: Dale and Todd

Students used their German language skills to perform from start to finish. 😊

In our German class:

EVERYONE IS A WINNER!

Dale, Todd, Manav, Abror, Tom, Sam, Jack, Phillip and Julius.
Year 9 Art Gallery Excursion

The year 9 Art class with Ms Zupancic and Mr Clark, visited the “Heartland” exhibition at the Art Gallery of South Australia.

The 45 artists’ work included in the exhibition, came from across and beyond the state of SA –from the Riverland, desert, coast and city. Many of the artists have always lived and made art in SA while others have been inspired to create art by their South Australian experience.

The Year 9 students completed a tour of the gallery and the “Heartlands” exhibition. They then did a workshop and created a cardboard sculpture by cutting up card to create their own work inspired by one of the artists.

When the students came back to school they then created their own art works inspired by the “Heartland” exhibition.
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