Vision Statement: Pasadena High School is a vibrant, efficient, effective and well-respected learning community which meets the current, future and diverse needs of every student and prepares them as resilient, lifelong learners capable of successful engagement in a technological world, global community and sustainable environment.

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2014 TERM DATES
• Term 1 28th January - 11th April
• Term 2 28th April - 4th July
• Term 3 21st July - 26th September
• Term 4 13th October - 12th December

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Another year passes, a new group of students is set to begin their high school experience next year, we have said farewell to our Year 12’s and both staff and students are looking forward to a well-earned break.

It has been an exciting and satisfying year of change and challenges. Teachers have successfully planned for and implemented aspects of the Australian Curriculum, planning for the remaining areas continues to progress and all teachers are in the process of completing the Literacy for Learning professional development course to better address the literacy demands of all curriculum areas.

Our programs have once again been complimented by the involvement of outside groups and agencies including valuable input from SAPOL regarding safe partying and Cyber Safety. Gindaja, an Aboriginal dancer and storyteller both entertained and informed students as part of our P2S program. Students had the chance to show off their moves when Footsteps Dance Company held session early in the year; they are already scheduled for next year to get students moving right from the start. Trevor Borg, from Campus Life, a service supported by Mitcham Council, has worked with a group of middle school boys on aspects of positive interactions and leadership skills and Encounter Youth has also had input regarding safe partying. Marion Youth and Shine have supported the school and students once again to provide students with the information they need to be able to make safe and informed choices in all aspects of their lives.

Further to this I would encourage parents and carers to keep open lines of communication between themselves and their children. With the longer days, increased amount of free time, warmer weather and ready access to all forms of electronic media it is quite easy for young people to get themselves into situations which put them at risk. It is important that we monitor and regulate activities and talk openly through situations as they arise. My hope is that all our young people can return to school in 2014 having had a safe and enjoyable holiday.

As this is the last Newsletter for 2013 I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole school community for their support of the school over the year, in particular thank you for the personal support I have received in the second half of the year as I stepped into the Principal’s position. I wish you all a relaxing and joyous festive season and look forward to working with you once again in 2014.

Marcia Ross
Principal

Christmas Snowflakes
In another collaborative project, Middle school students made Xmas snowflakes to decorate Daw Park Hospice. Year 8 and 9 students made the individual flakes in P2S. Tahlia and Dulma volunteered to join them together to create the whole snowflake. These were then hung in the Daw Park Hospice.

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From the Deputy Principal

Well, time does fly! Here we are at the end of the year already, after a very busy term. Our middle school students have just completed their panel presentations and are winding up their year with numerous activities. The senior students have had staggered finishing dates with the Year 12’s finishing on the day of the last exam, with a farewell assembly and lunch.

Our middle school and unit students both enjoyed their respective Murraylands Camps – enjoying wake boarding, sailing and canoeing amongst other things. It was the first camping experience for Miss Golic, who’s actual experience in no way matched the stories she had heard of camping in the Australian bush! A good time was had by all.

I was a very proud participant of the Year 12 Graduation and Formal. Having taught many of the students either Maths or Science during their time at Pasadena, and meeting and speaking to you, the families of these students over the same period, I cannot but feel a twinge of sadness as I farewell another cohort and wish them well on their journey in life. My own daughter will testify at how attached I become to my students (as I am sure other teachers here do too), and wonders if her teachers ever felt the same way about her. Gemma and Alexandra delivered wonderful and moving valedictions and leave Pasadena with great memories of their experiences here. I wish them and all the other graduates, a safe and wonderful future.

As I come to the end of my tenure as Deputy Principal, I would like to thank the staff and students for their support during my debut foray into senior leadership. I have learnt a great deal and hope that the contributions I have made are lasting and positive. These include initiating the formation of our Media and Promotions Committee, which has been ably chaired by Mr Nick Porter; creating a timetable that will stand the school in good stead for the complete implementation of the Australian Curriculum in 2015; introducing the teaching staff to the AITSL training web site that allows teachers to maintain their training with respect to the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers (an essential part of the new Teachers Registration Regulations) and supporting the school support staff in completing new certificate qualifications in classroom support. I have, of course, also been busy with other, sometimes extraordinary tasks that have added to the experience.

I will close now wishing everyone the best for a safe, relaxing and wonderful Christmas season and hope to see you all again in 2014.

Angela Thomas
Deputy Principal

Christian Pastoral Support Worker

Hello friends.
Last year, around this time, I decided that I wanted to bless a family who had grown dear to my heart and supported me through a lot of hard times over the previous few years. This family, I must say, is very unique and extraordinary. There are five children in this family and the oldest is seven. I have heard people refer to having so many children as irresponsible and unwise but if you were to meet this family you would find some of the most well behaved, polite and happy children. My way of blessing this family was to take their children to the zoo for the day.

As you could imagine, this seems like an impossible task but I was eager for the challenge and to be able to give a gift of a day to relax for the parents and a visit to the zoo for the children believing this to be an opportunity they would love. The day was a great success and when I pulled into the driveway with a car full of exhausted children and saw the relaxed faces of the parents I knew that this had been a great idea for a Christmas present for the family.

The interesting thing is, though I had given many gifts to those children over the years, (toys, chocolate, lollies, clothes) a year later the children still thank me for that day and talk about it. They do not talk about the animals but about the things we did together and the funny things that happened on that day. It is actually the time we spent together on that day that the children remember and the fun that they had spending time with me.

This has really impacted the way I am thinking about the gifts I am giving this year and I reflect that the Christmas season is not about the amount of money we spend or the size of a gift or the amount of presents but it is about sharing our love with people and going out of our way to bless the people around us. If we look back to the first Christmas we can see that the gift given was one of love and sacrifice.

I hope you all have a Christmas season filled with love and joy.

Zane Gibson
Christian Pastoral Support Worker

Basketball Report – Term 4

It has been a busy term for the basketball program. Players had the opportunity to compete against a number of schools in a round robin tournament in week 4 at Pasadena. This allowed the team to test their skills against strong opposition and develop a better understanding of the game. The team performed well throughout the day and a notable highlight was a coast to coast buzzer beater from Jomari to defeat Wirreanda.

Pasadena v Mt Gambier High. Liam about to get things underway with a jump ball.
Basketball Camp – Mt Gambier
The games continued with a 3 day basketball camp in Mt Gambier in week 7. It was a demanding day of 5 games against Mt Gambier (2 teams), Tenison, Millicent and Henley High. The effort from the team was pleasing. I look forward to more opportunities for the players to develop both their individual and team skills next year.

Phil, Julius, Jack and Tyson enjoying a pre-game meal prepared by Mr Howlett at the Blue Lake Holiday Park in Mt Gambier.

Liam looking to inbound the ball to Jordan against Tenison.

The team had a tour of the Blue Lake!
Back row (left – right): Mr Howlett, Harry, Liam, Jordan, Tyson, Joel and Mr Mann. Front Row: Jomari, Phil Reyes, Julius.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Sturt Police, your local school and community members seek your support during the holiday period. History shows that during holiday periods some schools experience an increase in property damage, thefts, break-ins and anti social behaviour.

As a person living or operating a business close to a school we encourage you to be extra vigilant during this period and report any suspicious or criminal behaviour to police at the time it is occurring on 131 444.

If you have information which may assist police investigations please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Personal safety is paramount and we ask you to strongly consider this when observing and reporting information.

Your assistance is appreciated by police, your local school and your local community.

Sergeant Michael Quinton
Sturt Local Service Area
Ice Factor Final End of Term Tournament 2013

We arrived early at the Ice Arena very hyped up and raring to go. We found our usual spot and began to get ready. Suddenly we were approached by Sami and asked to go on first as the other teams had not arrived.

Consequently, we played the Bears who scored a quick goal against us early in the game. We responded and Jack W scored a goal assisted by Joel. After a miss hit across the face of the opposition goal the Bears scored again. Jack W scored to level the game assisted by slick passing shots by Sam and Tyson. The Predators seemed to be a little unprepared and were not as aggressive as they could have been in attack and the game ended in a draw 2-2.

We played the next game against the Titans immediately after and thanks to Tyson’s tenacious efforts scored both goals for the Predators who kept the opposition scoreless.

Next we played a hard-fought game against Fremont losing 2-3. Tom played well in goal and it was unfortunate that one goal got through when our defence was caught out of place. Tyson played exceptionally well, stealing the puck and taking the opposition on and driving for goal unassisted. He missed this opportunity but shot another soon after, assisted by Irish. Harry and Sam were persistent shooting for goal and finally Joel scored, assisted again by Irish. Unfortunately, we were unable to equalize.

In the next game Predators went out hard and won 4-0 against Findon in a great team effort. Harry scored an exceptional goal, assisted by Irish with Sam again persistently shooting. Joel scored the next goal, assisted by Harry and JJ had a great, but unsuccessful shot. After a great tussle in front of goal Jack W scored twice, assisted by Harry and then by Sam. Tyson set Joel up for another attempt, but was not rewarded.

In a very exciting game we won the next game against Purple Reign 2-0. Harry scored our first, assisted by Irish. Sam showed silky skills with a super backhand shot and Tyson just missed a shot and proceeded to collide with Irish. He redeemed himself by shooting the next awesome goal, assisted by Jack W. Tom in goal was magnificent.

We were able to keep Hamilton Hornets scoreless but were unable to score ourselves despite 2 great shots by Sam and Irish with the final score 0-0 due to constant effort in defence by Todd, George and JJ.

Overall we were awarded second place even though we had drawn with the team in first-place. This was due to the fact that we had drawn two games and been awarded only half points for these.

Predators were awarded the Division II Champions trophy (for commitment, skill, work ethos and maturity) for the second year running and Sam was most valuable player in the whole tournament and he was given a signed Adelaide Adrenaline Jersey. This was a similar accolade as Irish’s term 3 Don Anderson Award.

Once again we have had a fantastic year and the players excelled both on and off the ice. The skills they have achieved this year have been invaluable and all have developed in various ways which have enhanced their performance at Pasadena High School.

Nici Wahlstedt
Team Manager

CHANGES TO SCHOOL BUS SERVICES EFFECTIVE TERM 1 - 2014

We would like to advise you about changes to the services we provide to you on behalf of the Department of Planning, transport and Infrastructure (DPTI).

In order to simplify the identification of school services across the entire network we are changing school bus designations away from a single letter, e.g. School Bus “A”, to a 3 digit number thus providing each service with its own unique identifier.

For some schools there have also been changes to the times and/or routes operated in order to better meet the needs of their students and also to accommodate operational changes across our entire network.

The specific changes relevant to your school are as follows:

School Bus route number change only
OLD ROUTE No School Bus B, NEW ROUTE No - 973 School Bus, PM Service, Pasadena High School to Marion Centre Interchange

“Route number change only”

As stated, these changes will take effect as of term 1 2014. Should you have any queries or concerns regarding these changes please call 8377 6400.
Unit Murraylands Camp

As in all our previous years for this camp we were blessed with perfect weather as we set off on Monday 4\textsuperscript{th} November for the annual 3 day senior camp at the Murraylands Aquatic Centre.

For the 19 year 10, 11 and 12 students who attended, this was a great opportunity to experience many new and challenging activities. All students participated in kayaking, sailing, small boat handling and knee boarding with a few also successfully mastering the skills required to water ski. Well done to you all.

On Monday night the students participated in an enjoyable game of ten pin bowling at Bridge Bowl before we went shopping to spend some of our pocket money.

Tuesday night the group dined at the Murray Bridge Hotel where roast of the day, fish and chips and schnitzels proved to be the most popular menu items. Students displayed excellent manners and social skills while they enjoyed spending time with each other and eating delicious meals.

Thank you to Josh and Alex for cooking French toast for the group on Tuesday morning. It was delicious.

A big thank you must go to Linda Thurlow and Phil Bell for supporting me to make this, once again, a most rewarding experience for staff and students alike. Also thank you to Liz Johnson for all the work she put into organising the camp for us.

\textbf{Jill Nichols}
\textbf{Senior Leader}

\textbf{ATTENTION WESTBOURNE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL OLD SCHOLARS}

Westbourne Park Primary School is calling out to all old scholars to make contact with the school now in preparation for the upcoming centenary celebrations in 2014. To stay up to date on centenary celebrations either visit the website and subscribe to email updates \url{www.wpps100.com.au} or phone the school on 8271 7430.

\textbf{DENTAL CARE FOR YOUR CHILDREN}

It is important for children to have strong, healthy teeth and gums.

All children (0 – 17 years) are welcome to attend School Dental Service clinics.

Dental treatment is free at School Dental Service clinics if:
- Family Tax Benefit Part A is paid for your child, or
- Your child is covered by a School Card, Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

The School Dental Service will bulk-bill under the new Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule that starts in 2014. Under this scheme, most children aged between 2-17 years will be eligible to claim up to $1000 of Dental services over 2 years.

If your child already attends a SA Dental Service clinic, contact us when their next appointment is due. If your child does not already attend one of our clinics, please phone us to make an appointment in 2014.

For more information contact your local clinic: Clapham 8374 2053.

Clinic list found at \url{www.sadental.sa.gov.au}
LIFE CYCLES

Daw House Hospice has been working with Pasadena High Art Dept on a collection of introspective art works by students which highlight what illness, death, loss, grief and change means to them.

A workshop developed in collaboration with Jane Smeets, art therapist, Daw House Hospice and Anna-Maria Zupancic, Art teacher, Pasadena High School, explores feelings of inner self as a medium for students creating art work.

Students immerse themselves in a self-reflective process, which includes rituals and mandalas. They then explore expressionism and artists who work from the internal world as a starting point for their art, rather than the external world as their observation point.

The aim of the program is for students to access creativity through experiences that engage in reflective processes through the final creation of a piece of art work that summarises the understanding and journey they have undertaken.

The focal point for students is the transformative process of lifecycle exploration from birth to death, which transverses the natural cycles of life and development throughout the years. By placing the context of life into a value mindset students begin to understand the cycles of life they will face through their developmental years, their interactions with others and from their own emotions and feelings.

An exhibition of their work will be on display during the Fringe 14 Feb to 15 March in 2014 during school hours and on Saturdays 1-5pm at the Tower Arts Centre.
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