Staff and students at Pasadena High School have achieved a great deal in Term 1, the longest of our four terms in South Australia. Some of the achievements are described here:

Teachers have continued the implementation of the Australian Curriculum through the collaborative development of planning processes and looking more closely at numeracy and literacy improvement strategies. Many teachers have engaged in additional professional learning to ensure they have the latest information regarding Australian Curriculum and SACE.

Leaders and administrative staff have worked with an external provider to commence the development of high quality, fast and reliable information technology across the school. We look forward to seeing the outcomes of this work along with new devices for classroom access.

Our groundsman, business manager and local trades people have worked together to ensure the facilities and grounds at the school are looking and functioning at their best. We are all enjoying the improved environment.

More details regarding the events and achievements from this term are explained in this edition of the newsletter.

Governing Council
The Annual General Meeting of Pasadena High School’s Governing Council was held on March 16 2015. It was a great opportunity to recap the year and achievements of the school and the Council.

The Annual Report 2014 was tabled (see the school’s website) as was the financial report. These were briefly discussed and accepted. We welcome two new members to the Council - Ms Angelina Baron and Mr Pase Reng Pan. We are pleased to announce the Chairperson for 2015 is Ms Helen Shepherdson.

The school and Governing Council sincerely thank Mr Jeremy Jury who has contributed richly to Pasadena High School as Chairperson and member of Governing Council over recent years. His leadership and commitment to the school is valued and appreciated. The council also thanks Mr Filipe Nhamassua for his contribution to the governance of the school in 2014.

Ms Helen Neale and Ms Melinda Zins continue their commitment to the governance of the school in 2015. We look forward to working collaboratively to continue the improvement journey of Pasadena High School.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school. We are pleased with the progress and improvements made to date and look forward to greater achievements across all areas of the school.

I wish all students and their families a refreshing and enjoyable holiday break.

Wendy House
Principal
New initiative to replace Parent Teacher interviews in Term 2

Pasadena High School staff have agreed to trial Student Led Conferences in lieu of Parent Teacher interviews in Term 2. Building on the success of the Student Led Conferences undertaken by Year 8 and Year 9 in November 2014, students will prepare a folio of evidence of their learning to present and discuss at their conference. Students will be supported by their Care Group teacher to prepare for and present their folio. They will demonstrate their achievements so far and to set their own learning goals for the remainder of this year. Parents have the opportunity to ask questions and add ideas to support their learning achievement. Care Group teachers will support each student during the process by asking prompt questions and adding additional information to the conversation. The process enables students to reflect on and articulate their own learning. The Student Led Conferences will be completed by all students including students from the Disability Unit. Families should allow approximately 15-20 minutes. The conferences will be offered on Monday 4 May from 2.15pm until 7.00pm. An opportunity for families to register for a preferred timeslot will be provided.

50th Anniversary celebration - Sunday 6 September
11.00am to 5.00pm

Pasadena High School celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. We are planning a significant celebration day to be held on Sunday 6 September 2015. A great day of celebration is planned. We are seeking to borrow memorabilia, old photos, and uniforms from previous eras. Please contact the school if you can help.

You’ll see Battle of the Bands winners, school uniform fashion parade, memorabilia and photo displays, celebrity old scholars and roll call from each decade. Food and hospitality, photo booths, and commemorative souvenirs will be available. Please contact the school if you have some items for display. A planning meeting will be held at the school on Monday 25 May from 6.00pm. Refreshments served. Please register your intention to attend the meeting by calling 8152 6800.

Pacific School Games

Pasadena High School is hosting the international offices of Pacific School Games. The Games will be a significant international sporting event – like the Olympics. Students aged between 10 – 19 years from at least 12 countries, including every Australian state and territory, will compete from 21 – 29 November, 2015 in the sports of Swimming, Diving, Basketball, Touch Football, Baseball, Softball, Football (Soccer) and Table Tennis, as well as Goal ball for the visually impaired. Pasadena HS will host the basketball. The organisers expect more than 4,000 participants and up to 10,000 visitors bringing $14M to the state.

SRC Training Day

On Monday 16 March, the whole Student Representative Council team was able to travel to the Mitcham Council Civic Building. There we met with Ulus Fuat, the Youth Development Officer, who spoke about many opportunities for our students to become involved in the local council. We hope to get representatives on the Youth Advisory Committee to help plan local events for young people. We also met with Glenn Spear, the Mayor of Mitcham Council, who spoke with us about the importance of education in leadership, and his pathway to becoming Mayor.

After many activities where students learned more about each other, elections were held for executive positions.

Congratulations to our Senior School presidents, Tayla and Jack, and Middle School presidents, Ruby and Tara.

Well done to all the SRC members and I look forward to seeing the ideas you will bring to Pasadena this year.  

Karen Jones
Student Wellbeing Coordinator

The SRC training day was very well prepared, educational towards our leadership and skills, and very enjoyable. We got the chance to meet with the Mitcham Council Mayor, which was a great opportunity, because we learnt a few things about his job, a few things about him, and a few other things about being in the council. We had little activities during the day, about leadership, and during the end of the day, we got the chance to speak in front of the whole SRC group, to apply for other jobs within the SRC; like Middle and Senior school president, treasurer, etc.

I thought the day was very interesting, as did everyone else, and it was a great day, just to learn more about how being a leader can impact on so many things throughout the future.

Ruby
Middle School Co-President

Wendy House
Principal
Senior Photography – Adelaide Fringe Excursion

Recently our senior photography students attended the Fringe show, *Light. Camera. Action! The Live Light Painting Experience* at Soul Box in the city. Presented by photographer Vix Ferguson, the event showcased her talents in creating works of art using a variety of light sources with long exposure photography. The evening was a terrific experience for the students able to make it there – we were introduced to the history of the art and given some hands on practice in making some pretty terrific images. The goal is to make the creation of these photographs an intrinsic part of the art experience and just as important as the final product itself.

Students with sparklers joined Vix onstage to create “lightning rain” effects and were rewarded with a great photograph of Danielle sheltering under an umbrella. (Dulma and Mitch are on the far right). The show demonstrated a variety of effects that students can create using a few light sources and a lot of imagination. After the demonstration the students had the opportunity to chat with Vix and all are keen to practice the technique back at school. Mitch has already begun experimenting in our photography studio and students are busy coming up with ideas as to how they can put on a live light painting show of their own!

Opportunities like these are integral in exposing photography students to a range of works, styles and experiences that contribute to their technical and artistic mastery of this visual medium. Our end of semester exhibition is a perfect time to showcase their achievements and students can elect to include a light painting as one of their pieces. At our next excursion we will be looking at *Industrial photography*, and visiting areas around Port Adelaide and Kent Town for inspiration.

*Rosie van Heerde*
*Photography teacher*

Mind Matters

Last year, several teachers from Pasadena attended initial training to look at implementing a program called Mind Matters at the school.

Mind Matters is about young people; their health and wellbeing. It helps schools to support young people to achieve their goals, build relationships and cope with challenges.

Mind Matters is a framework that aims to promote mental health, prevent problems and enable early intervention. Mind Matters:

- Supports schools around Australia to foster the mental health of their students
- Provides training for schools using the framework
- Assists secondary schools and health services to work more closely together
- Encourages secondary schools and families to work more closely together
- Provides useful resources and links for young people, families, teachers and schools

As this program gets up and running at the school, you will be given more information, and a chance to influence how it looks at Pasadena.

*Karen Jones*
*Student Wellbeing Coordinator*
Harmony Day

Harmony Day is celebrated around Australia on 21 March each year. It’s a day when all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity. The day is also the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

At Pasadena we are lucky to have students and staff from over 15 different countries. Our celebration on Friday 20 March allowed us to participate in various events to acknowledge the benefits we have as a multi-cultural school community.

Students participated in 5 different team building, cooperation and educational activities:

- **Theatre sports**
- **World sports**
- **Team games**
- **Art, creating a school mural**
- **Multicultural cooking**

At the whole school assembly, we were able to see some fantastic traditional dress from students and staff at the school, listen to students give a welcome in different dialects, and participate in a flag ceremony to show some of the different countries that are represented at Pasadena.

Students from the Year 12 photography class were able to act as our official press photographers for the day.

A big thank you goes out to the staff, students and parents who contributed towards the day. Special thanks goes to Tarik and Samar Elmerheb, parents and owners of Café on Henley, for donating provisions for Manoush, a Lebanese pizza, which students made and ate for lunch.

Karen Jones
Student Wellbeing Coordinator

Our school Harmony Day turned out to be a great success. We had many activities including Drama, Home Economics, World Games, Art and cooperation games. It was great to see everyone dressed up in their allocated colours, celebrating the school values of respect, relationships, creativity, excellence and citizenship, and sharing in the school spirit. The only hiccup for the day was when we had an unexpected practice of our fire drill, but other than that, the day was full of fun and happiness. Can’t wait until next year.

Tara
Middle School Co-President
Year 12 Unit Science Excursion to Blackwood Recycling Centre

On Wednesday 11 March the Year 12 Unit class enjoyed an educational excursion to the Recycling Centre at Blackwood. This was a great way to consolidate their classroom learning on recycling; they also had the opportunity to find out how the recycling materials that they have collected over the past few weeks from the school community is processed and recycled.

At the recycling centre the students observed how their materials, which included drink cans, plastic bottles, drink cartons and milk cartons were separated, placed in different bins and money paid out as a refund for their endeavours. They also learnt the importance of safety measures at the site and the need to wear steel-capped boots and high visibility vests.

A key area taught this term was to find out what materials can be recycled and what happens to them at a recycling centre. This excursion clearly met this aim and the students are now extending their learning by researching the different ways in which recycled materials can be used.

Linda Thurlow
Unit Science Teacher

Unit Excursion to the Regal Theatre

On Wednesday 18 March students from the Unit attended a free movie event to see “Penguins of Madagascar”. This was generously provided by the Ladies of Variety SA at no cost to the students. This excursion provided students with opportunities to further develop their social skills of responsibility and respectfulness at a community event and to represent Pasadena High School. All students were successful at achieving this.

Liz Johnson
Teacher in Charge

Year 10 Unit Science Excursion to the Botanical Gardens

The Year 10 Unit students recently enjoyed an excursion to the Botanical Gardens to observe the evolution of the earliest land living plants to modern day flowering plants. The students have been studying the theory of evolution by natural selection and were able to observe the wide variety of different ferns, conifers and flowering plants.

The visit began in the Simpson Shade house where the students observed and identified the diversity of ferns from across Australia and the world; from their observations they selected 3 ferns and compared and contrasted their similarities and differences.

Adelaide Botanical Gardens has a great collection of Cycads. Most species of cycad are now extinct but Adelaide has a good selection of these seed-producing plants which thrive today. The students could easily identify the seeds of the plant as they were clearly visible as an outshoot of the woody trunk. Comparisons were made with the conifers around the gardens in terms of leaf shape and seed structure.

Many flowering plants continued to bloom and the students were able to observe a wide range of different flowers, name them and explore their similarities and differences.

The students took lots of photos which were then used back in the classroom to finalise their investigations and to complete their studies.

Linda Thurlow
Unit Science Teacher
Year 11 Unit English Work

This term Ms Nichols’ Year 11 Unit students have completed some extension tasks in English. Here are some examples of their work:

Name 10 things you can do with a boring book
Put the book back on the shelf.
Don’t read it.
Take a break from it.
Throw it in the recycling bin.
Give it to the Salvation Army or Vinnie’s Store.
Keep it for a garage sale.
Sell it on Gumtree.
Send it to someone else.
Use it as a Frisbee.  

by Rylee

A mouse is chasing a large cat around your house. Why?
Because the mouse wants to play with the cat.
The mouse wants to be friends.
The mouse wants to have a race with the cat.
The mouse wants to feed the cat.
The cat is too busy to play with the mouse.
The mouse likes playing with the cats.
The mouse thinks the cat is its mother.
The cat is taking the mouse outside.
The mouse thinks the cat is its father.  

by Kit

Sharks should be kept in backyard pools
To put people you hate in them to feed them to the sharks.
To do a documentary or television show on sharks.
To take care of a shark.
To put people who break into your house in.
You could feed the shark meat and your leftovers.
To watch the shark to see how it behaves.
To tell people that sharks aren’t that bad like in the Jaws movies.
To get people to pay to go snorkelling in a cage.
To see if a shark will eat you if you go in the pool.  

by Brandon

Make a list of ways you can encourage children to read more books
Saying if you read you can have a reward.
Telling children if they read they can get a job.
Telling children they can learn lots.
Telling children you could get good grades.
Saying you could drive because you can read the signs on the road.
Telling children you can catch a bus by yourself because you can read the signs.
Telling children they can read the time.
Telling children if you can read you can live independently.
Telling children if you read at school you can read what the teacher is writing on the board.
Telling children if you can read you can fill out forms.  

by Tom

Year 11 Unit Scientific Studies Excursion

On Thursday 19 March the Year 11 Unit students attended an excursion to the Adelaide Botanical Gardens as a part of Scientific Studies.

This gave the students the opportunity to socially interact with members of the public, practice life skills, perform curriculum based learning outside of the school environment and to be physically active in the fresh air of the gardens.

The aim of the excursion was for the students to explore different garden designs and research the common vegetables that are suitable for their school vegetable garden, which the students will be planning in the coming weeks. We also investigated the different vegetable families on display in The Museum of Economic Botany and discovered that many of our favourite vegetables are actually fruits. The twin coconuts were also very fascinating and gave lots of the students the giggles because of their “buttocks shaped” appearance.

All the students had a fantastic day. A big thank you to; Linda Thurlow for organizing the event, SSOs Gemma Stewart and Ruby Caulfield for helping to manage the day and all the students for making the day so enjoyable.

Leah Markey
Unit Teacher

From left to right: Tom, Jac, Linda Thurlow, Sae Hou, Rylee, Gemma Stewart, Sam, Kit, Kat and Ruby Caulfield in front of the Frome Road entrance gate to the Adelaide Botanical Gardens.
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