

## College Principal's NEED TO KNOW 26 November 2021

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### **Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Penola Friends,**

As you are aware, Mrs Cairns has been on leave for the last 2 ½ weeks and Mrs Petrovski has led as the Assistant Principal and I have led as the Principal. During this time, I would like to commend the students for their sustained effort and diligence during class time and the way they have supported our Year 12 HSC and Yr 11 Early Commencement and Accelerated students as they have completed their HSC examinations away from the rest of the school community. Today is Day 14 or 19 HSC exam days.

The current COVID safe guidelines that we have routinely established here at Penola have continued and we are extremely appreciative of the support from our students, parents, staff and wider community. These COVID safe procedures include the daily cleaning of our school by our cleaning contractors, opening the rooms and windows each morning prior to students arrival, turning on fans and air conditioners to remain on throughout the day, hygienic practices are promoted for staff and students, wearing masks indoors and we remain in our year group courtyards for break times currently.

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## Academic Awards Ceremonies Year 7-10

On Wednesday 24th November 2021, we celebrated the accomplishment and achievements of our students. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions we were unable to invite our parents and families and I hope all of our happy student photos on our Penola Facebook pages fill each family with pride.

## Principal's Awards Years 7 to 10

### Year 7

Lucas Asciak  
Ruby Atkins  
Luke Bailey  
Jack Barry  
Isabella Bolton  
Bethany Burrell  
Cordell Dean  
Kobi Devine  
Jayden Harvey  
Tristan Irani  
Chloe Luczak  
Liam Moldez  
Ollie Mosbey  
Ashley Rodriguez  
Emerson Schroder  
Neva Spiteri  
Kim Tran  
Lara White  
Kaia Woodward  
Olivia Zizik

### Year 9


Blake Desira  
Sethumi Kodippili  
Montana La Rosa  
Harry Lewandowski  
Charlyse Russo  
Charlie Thomas

### Year 8

Ayvah Atkins  
Zoe Cladingboel  
Brooke Enman  
Leilahni Isaia  
Morgan Leita  
Tye McCabe  
Adrianne Moffitt-Bourke  
Charlotte Moran  
Sophie O'Leary  
Blake Pareezer  
Sofia Prybysh  
Olivia Talbert  
Amarlia Wallis

### Year 10

Ezthrella Berthriz  
Zavier Button  
Espri Footman  
Amelia Lee  
Jessie Lustri  
Brooke Morgan  
Chloe O'Hara  
Chaya Ott  
Tori Robertson  
Luke Sammut  
Zac Stevens  
Lachlan Troy  
Taylor Whana



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**MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT**

**PENOLA**  
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

 **Vinnies**

**WEAR YOUR PDHPE UNIFORM  
FOUR ACTIVITIES  
1 VINNIES ADVENT LITURGY  
BRING A GIFT CARD FOR VINNIES  
2. OZTAG & VOLLEYBALL  
3. PROTEST POSTERS WITH THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM  
4. WELLBEING – A TIME TO CHILL WITH FRIENDS**



**DECEMBER 3 | FRIDAY**

**DIGITAL DETOX DAY**

**A WELLBEING INITIATIVE BY THE  
STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM**

As we walk in the footsteps of St Joseph this Advent Penola Catholic College is having a Digital Detox Day organised by the Student Leadership Team. **St Vincent de Paul, “Vinnies”, will be with us throughout the day. Our Christmas Giving Tree will be presented to Mrs Mary Cook during the Advent Liturgy, including all our GIFT CARDS.** Please take your WOOLIES GIFT CARD to the Vinnies Christmas Tree in the library and register for your HOUSE POINTS. Purchase any ONE of the cards shown in the table below. These are GROCERY ONLY CARDS.



Action	Led by	Timeframe
Assembly, Roll Call & Gathering Prayer	College Captains 2022 and Farewell to Mrs Cairns	8.48am - 9.35
Session 1	Teams	9.35-10.30
Break 1	Staff	10.30-11.00
Session 2	Teams	11.00-11.55
Break 2	Staff	11.55-12.25
Session 3	Teams	12.25-1.20
Break 3	Staff	1.20-1.50
Session 4	Teams	1.50-2.45
Dismissal	College Captains 2022	2.45-3.00

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Students are to wear their PDHPE uniform on the day

Each Year group will experience a Team activity from the Liturgy Team, Recreation Team, Stewardship Team and the Wellbeing Team.

	<b>Recreation Team OVAL</b>	<b>Wellbeing Team LEARNING PLAZA</b>	<b>Stewardship Team ASSEMBLY AREA</b>	<b>Liturgy Team CAPA SPACE</b>
Session 1	Year 7	Year 10	Year 9	Year 8
Session 2	Year 8	Year 7	Year 10	Year 9
Session 3	Year 9	Year 8	Year 7	Year 10
Session 4	Year 10	Year 9	Year 8	Year 7

## RECENT EVENTS

In the past few weeks we have;

- Guided our Year 12 2021/2022 students and families with an Assessment Information session during school time and after school for families on zoom.
- Conferenced with our Year 12 2021/2022 students and families with Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews.
- Welcomed our new Year 7 students with an online orientation session and also a Parent Zoom session. Our current Year 7 2021 students helped create a welcome video and also joined our Leadership Team in the Orientation zooms with our new students. Congratulations and thank you to Jayden Harvey, Ollie Moseby, Lara White, Stephanie McKay, Jett Mataiapo and Ben Robinson.
- Miss Wilson's Primary Industry class achieved 4th place in the UNISTEER competition.
- Mr Sullivan's PTech class presented at the CSIRO Virtual Showcase on a project for Penrith City Council. one team who was given the opportunity to present their project to CSIRO and Penrith City Council at a 2 hour virtual showcase this afternoon from 4pm.  
Harry Lewandowski, Charlie Thomas and Trent Young did a fantastic job representing our community to a large range of industry and local business leaders, CSIRO leaders and Penrith City Council members including our Mayor Karen McKewon.
- Reports Year 7-10 are available on the Compass portal 26/11/21 at 4pm.



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## FINAL DAY FOR STUDENTS TERM 4 2021

The last day for student learning this year will be **Tuesday 14 December 2021**.

**Wednesday 15 December 2021** is set aside for **Parent Teacher Interviews**

(Online via Zoom).

## RETURN DATES FOR STUDENTS TERM 1 2022

The first day back for Term 1 2022 will be as follows for the following cohorts:

Year 7	Tuesday 1 February 2022
Years 7, 11 and 12	Wednesday 2 February 2022
Whole School (7-12)	Thursday 3 February 2022



## COVID SAFE GUIDELINES

The Penola Catholic College community will continue to follow the Guidelines for a COVID safe school based on the advice from NSW Health to promote the health, safety and wellbeing of our staff, students and parents at all times.

- We ask that all students Years 7-12 and staff to wear masks at school (except outdoors)
- Request that physical distancing practices are adhered to at all times
- Follow hand hygiene practices by washing and sanitising regularly
- Cleaning of spaces daily and throughout the day that are used by students and staff
- Expecting and promoting students stay in their year group courtyard areas during break times. No whole school assemblies will be held during Term 4. Year group assemblies will be held weekly.
- All parents, contractors and visitors will need to check in using the QR code when coming onsite and should they be double vaccinated. Our welcoming Office Team will be checking and supporting our visitors to meet these expectations.

May the courage and compassion of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop be with you and your families, as you face the challenges that life presents to you all.

God Bless you and your family

Mrs Peta Sparkes

Acting Principal Leader