

THE STUDENT VOICE

EXTRA! EXTRA!

MEDIA CREW

HONOURING A LASTING LEGACY

Current Penola High School students have paid tribute to former student Tom Foran as preparations begin for essential stairway reconstruction works that will unfortunately require the removal of the mural dedicated to his memory.

For many years, the mural has served as a significant and meaningful reminder of Tom's connection to the school community. Students, staff, and visitors have reflected on the mural as a symbol of remembrance, respect, and the lasting impact Tom had on those who knew him.

While the physical mural will need to be removed to allow for the redevelopment of the staircase area, the school community is committed to ensuring that Tom's legacy continues to be honoured.

Members of the Student Voice Committee acknowledged the importance of preserving this memorial and have pledged to work closely with students, staff, and Tom's family to explore ways the tribute can be recreated in the future.

Student Voice representatives believe it is important that future generations of students continue to understand the significance of the memorial within the school's history.

Although the mural's removal marks the end of one chapter, students are determined to ensure that Tom Foran's legacy remains an enduring part of Penola High School's story for years to come.



VALE NEALE DANIHER: A LEGACY THAT WILL NEVER FREEZE

At Penola High School, one of our values is respect, and at this point in time, there is nothing more respectful than acknowledging an Aussie legend who is no longer with us.

Neale Daniher was a hero to many, and if he wasn't their hero, they knew who he was and what he stood for. Neale was an AFL legend playing for Essendon, where he won the Bombers' B&F in his 3rd year and was appointed captain in his 4th, which is rare. In his playing days, his teammates and even coaches often came to him for advice because of his footy brain. He was a kind, natural leader of that footy club, but unfortunately, his career didn't plan out how many thought it would've. Neale suffered multiple severe knee injuries, which forced him to be in rehab most of the time, where he missed out on playing the game he loved with his best mates. Eventually, due to Neale's strong resilience, he was able to make a few returns, but there was nothing better than playing with his 3 brothers in an AFL game, which is still a record to this very day. After his playing days, he became the Melbourne head coach, where he was loved and respected but known for pushing his players to be their very best, which led them to make a grand final in 2000.

But in 2013, Neale was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease, or MND, which is a disease that affects the nerves responsible for controlling muscles and movement. There is currently no cure for MND, and many people who receive the diagnosis face a difficult and uncertain future. However, rather than focusing on his own challenges, Neale chose to use his platform to raise awareness and support for those living with the disease.

Through determination, resilience, and his positive attitude, Neale fought the "beast," as he called it, and managed to survive the next 13 years when the average life expectancy was 2-3 years after diagnosis. During his fight, Neale founded FightMND, an organisation dedicated to funding research and finding effective treatments for MND. One of the most recognised fundraising events became the Big Freeze at the AFL King's Birthday match, where celebrities and football identities slide into a pool of icy water to raise money and awareness. Thanks to Neale's leadership and the generosity of Australians, FightMND has raised millions of dollars to support research and bring hope to families affected by the disease.

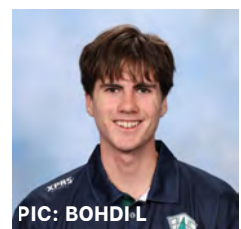
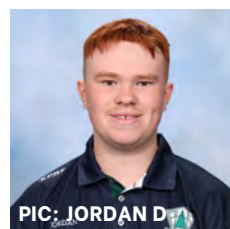
Neale's courage, resilience, and selflessness inspired people far beyond the football community. He showed Australians the importance of never giving up, helping others, and facing adversity with strength and dignity. His legacy will continue to live on through the lives he touched and the impact he made in the fight against MND. On behalf of all the Students, Teachers, and other staff at Penola High, we would like to pay our respects to the great man who was Neale Daniher.

Let's all play on for Neale.

And if you want to donate to Fight MND, type this link into your browser:

<https://support.fightmnd.org.au/donate>

PLAYING ON FOR NEALE



“WHEN YOU CLIMB A MOUNTAIN; IS IT TO SEE THE WORLD, OR FOR THE WORLD TO SEE YOU?”

As we head into the final weeks of the term and semester, we will all be searching for that sense of achievement of completing our set tasks and reaching our goals. Students will be trying to complete assignment work and get that last assessment of the term finished, while teachers will be applying pressure and challenging students to complete everything required to maximise their individual results.

The sense of achievement is an important one. Knowing you gave everything your best in working towards completing a goal. This applies to all things, and not just classwork at school. No matter the means, be it school, home, work, or personal goals, when successfully getting to the end, how do you reflect on this success?



**DON'T EVER FORGET
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FIRST PLACE**

At times we seek the praise and validation of others, and this is often merited. We all love to be acknowledged for our success. But the key factor to consider is to think about your own level of personal satisfaction. Have pride in your own accomplishments and be proud of what you achieve.

The external rewards are fleeting, while the internal ones carry greater weight and emphasis.

So when you get to the top of the mountain after a tough climb, by all means take the praise with what you have achieved, but don't ever forget to admire the view from having gotten there in the first place.

SWEET SKILLS AND TRADE SECRETS



FROM KITCHEN TO CREATION: STAGE 2 STUDENTS INSPIRED BY DESSERT MASTERS

We tasted, and pulled apart desserts to see how they were made. Students were shown popular cakes that are ordered for weddings and special events and were told trade secrets for creating show stopping cakes and challenging techniques.

Students are now keenly sketching and researching ideas that they will begin practicing for their creations.

As part of their upcoming assignments, Stage 2 Food and Hospitality students Alissa and Madison, traveled to Mount Gambier to meet with experts, Pastry Chef Ginaminda Wimalasinghe, and owner Toni Vorenas of Metro Café, and Bakery and Chef and owner Nick Katris, of Thyme at the Lakes.

For the students next assignment they will need to plan and present a “wow factor” single serve dessert suitable for a Function Centre, which includes at least two high risk ingredients. The dish needs to include at least three elements and be plated as an individual serve. Chef Nick, of Thyme at the Lakes, welcomed us into his kitchen and students were able to see three desserts being put together for service. One dessert was going to be added to the menu next month and so we were able to see the experimenting and practicing with two Chefs and an apprentice.

Next term students will plan, prepare and present a specialty cake, reflecting on the changing style of decorated cakes, including both the cake style and decorating techniques used.



CAMPUS CATCH-UP

KYLIE HOFF - HASS EDUCATOR

Year 7 and 8 students recently swapped the classroom for the streets as they took part in an exciting combined HASS lesson exploring the history of Petticoat Lane.

Working in teams, students completed a scavenger hunt designed to uncover fascinating facts and stories connected to the local area. As they navigated the lane, students used their observation, problem-solving and teamwork skills to solve clues and gather information about the site's historical significance.



The activity provided a hands-on learning experience, allowing students to engage with history in a fun and interactive way. By exploring a real-world historical location, students gained a deeper understanding of the people, events and stories that have helped shape the local community.

CLUES, CURIOSITY & LOCAL HISTORY



The scavenger hunt was a great opportunity for students to work collaboratively, think critically and learn beyond the classroom walls. Most importantly, it showed that history can be discovered in unexpected places and that learning can be both educational and enjoyable.

A fantastic afternoon was had by all, with students returning to school having gained new knowledge and a greater appreciation for the rich history found right on our doorstep.

HASS ON THE HUNT! UNLOCKING THE SECRETS OF PETTICOAT LANE.



SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: PLAY ON!

SCOTT MCCULLOCH - 7&8 BASKETBALL COACH

HOOPS, HUSTLE AND HEART

The highlight of the day, however, belonged to Ebony. As a dedicated Goal Shooter in netball, rebounding is second nature. After securing a defensive rebound in basketball, instinct took over and she immediately put the ball back up at the same end she had just defended. It provided one of the biggest laughs of the day and a moment that won't be forgotten anytime soon.

The boys played hard throughout the day and were involved in three competitive matches. While they did not come away with a victory, they achieved the two main goals set before the tournament - to work hard and to have a go. Their effort, teamwork, and willingness to keep competing right until the end of each game was pleasing to see, and they should be proud of the way they represented the school.

A huge thank you to Trish Wooding for scoring, Emma Lydeamore for coaching and Nathan Reeves for being on injury patrol for my daughter.



On Thursday 29 May 2026, a team of nine girls and eight boys travelled to Naracoorte to compete in the annual Year 7/8 Basketball Tournament.

The girls played some excellent basketball throughout the day, led by Skye and Ebony. They were highly competitive in all of their games, suffering narrow losses to both Naracoorte and Keith. The Keith game was particularly heartbreaking, with one of our taller players scoring the first seven points of the match before being injured while attempting to score her ninth. The injury changed the game, Coach McCulloch and Lydeamore may never quite recover from what could have been.

7/8 B'BALL TOURNAMENT



SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: PLAY ON!

SAMUEL BIRCHARD - OPEN BOYS FOOTBALL ASSISTANT



PRIDE IN THE PENOLA JERSEY

Penola produced two determined performances against Naracoorte and Kingston, with strong teamwork, brave defensive efforts, and several exciting passages of play highlighted across both games.

Against Naracoorte, consistent contributions came from Tayte, Bodhi, CJ, Preston, and Harvey throughout the match. Early in the game, a clever passage of play involving Virtanen set up Preston for a mark inside 50 and Penola's opening score. Jack Barry's bravery was evident all game, particularly through his intercept marking and defensive pressure. Oscar also created an exciting moment with a strong mark that helped spark a run of play. In the final quarter, Wyatt delivered an excellent clearing kick to Harvey on the wing, while Jordan's run from the backline linked with Harvey and Tayte before Tayte finished with a goal. Despite some missed opportunities, including a clearance from Preston to the substitute that narrowly missed the target, Penola fought hard across all four quarters.

Against Kingston, Penola again showed resilience despite the loss. Bodhi kicked the first score of the game, while Jordan saved an important goal in defence. Harvey added a major with only seconds remaining in the first quarter to give the side momentum. Wyatt later punched the ball clear in a strong contested effort, while Harvey combined with Tayte for another goal. CJ was influential throughout the game, setting up multiple scoring opportunities, including a handball to Tayte for a goal and a pass to Preston to open the third quarter. Preston followed with another excellent goal moments later. One of the highlights of the game came through a brilliant run from the backline involving Jack Barry, Harvey, Tayte, Preston, and Oscar, ending in a well-worked team goal. Penola finished strongly, continuing to compete hard until the final siren.

Overall, both games showcased Penola's determination, teamwork, and willingness to work hard for one another, with many players contributing important moments across the ground. A special thanks goes to Jack Hutchesson for his excellent goal umpiring and Liam Sharam for doing his best as the water boy.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

Can you find the 10 differences between the two pictures?



Look closely and have fun!

Joke TIME!

Why did the educator wear sunglasses to school?

Because their students were so bright!

Why did the maths educator bring a ladder to class?

Because they wanted to take their lessons to the next level!

Why was the maths book sad?

Because it had too many problems!

Why did the student stare at the juice box?

It said "concentrate."

DO YOU HAVE ANY JOKES?

Do you think you have what it takes to make the community laugh?

If so, we want to hear from you! Please send any "appropriate" jokes through to:

Email Media Crew:
Chloe.Neale297@schools.sa.edu.au

or

Alissa.Sedman460@schools.sa.edu.au

THE HOT SEAT WITH TRACEY DOWDELL CO-EDUCATOR

What's your go-to coffee order or favourite snack?

- I don't like coffee, but love a hot chocolate and my favourite snack is cheese and crackers.

If you could teach any subject, what would it be and why?

- I would teach Home Ec, because I like cooking and would love to see the students be proud of their cooking.

What's something about Penola High School you want the world to know?

- That it is full of great students and staff. Everyone has been so welcoming since I started this year.

If you could have any superpower for a day, what would you choose?

- I would choose to be able to read people's minds, so I would have better insight in how to help them.

What's your favourite way to relax outside of school?

- I love to watch the footy, however, it can become not relaxing if Port Power is losing.



JOIN THE TEAM IN GREEN



Did you know that towns in regional South Australia rely on volunteer ambulance teams made up of locals who generously step up to support their community?

Have you ever considered volunteering? SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) is calling on Limestone Coast residents to 'Join the Team in Green'. By becoming an ambulance volunteer, you'll be part of a dedicated team and make a meaningful, life-changing difference in your community.

Ben Murray, pictured below, is a volunteer based in Keith and says being a volunteer is a truly valuable experience for everyone.

"Give it a go. You don't need any prior medical knowledge, and we have volunteers from all different backgrounds. I find it extremely rewarding being there for people when they need us. I'm a farmer, so I find it very interesting as it's nothing like my day job," Ben said.

With flexible training options and the ability to fit shifts around family, work or social commitments, volunteering with SAAS offers the chance to gain nationally recognised clinical skills while giving back in a meaningful way.

Volunteers receive comprehensive training at no cost, ongoing peer and leadership support, free Ambulance Cover for themselves and immediate family members, and the chance to be part of a close-knit, community-focused team.

"SAAS will teach you all the skills needed. As long as you have a full driver's licence, a desire to learn something new and a want to make a difference to people in your community," Ben said.

If you're ready to join the team in green and become a SAAS volunteer, visit www.saasvolunteer.sa.gov.au or call 1300 175 584.

SAAS is recruiting volunteers for the following Limestone Coast stations:

- Keith
- Penola
- Robe

JOIN THE TEAM IN GREEN

Volunteer with SAAS today.
1300 175 584
saasvolunteer@sa.gov.au





THE TERM 2 TIMELINE

FRI 29 MAY 2026

Y7-8 BASKETBALL

TUE 2 JUN 2026

Y12 FOOD & HOSPITALITY EXCURSION

MON 8 JUN 2026

PUBLIC HOLIDAY - KINGS BIRTHDAY

MON 15 JUN 2026

GOVERNING COUNCIL

WED 17 JUN 2026

Y10-12 FLINDERS ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP

THU 18 JUN 2026

Y7-12 OLYMPICS UNLEASHED VISIT

THU 18 JUN 2026

RU OK? DAY

MON 22-FRI 26 JUN 2026

Y10 WORK EXPERIENCE

TUE 23 JUN 2026

Y9-10 NETBALL

THU 25 JUN 2026

SE TEN PIN BOWLING

THU 25-FRI 26 JUN 2026

Y6 TASTER DAYS

FRI 26 JUN 2026

LAST DAY OF TERM 2 - 2:15PM DISMISSAL