Dear Parents,

Welcome to Choir 2015. We look forward to a fantastic year of singing!

This year we again welcome students from Mary MacKillop Memorial School. They will join us here at Penola Primary to form a combined choir – The Penola Combined Schools’ Choir. Nicole Lear will be working alongside me and will be an asset to our choir. We will work with our students to teach a very exciting range of songs from this year’s Primary Schools’ Festival of Music and a range of other material. This state-wide choir festival is celebrating 124 years of operation this year.

This year’s program is an exciting one, with a selection of songs pertaining to the centenary of Anzac. Song lyrics can be a very powerful learning tool to teach the children about particular events and areas of interest.

Choir sessions will be on Tuesdays from 2.00 to 3.00pm in the T-section of the old hall. Sessions are beginning this week now that swimming has finished.

Participation costs for students include $13.00 for a song book and CD. There will also be minimal bus travel costs to regional rehearsals throughout the year. Families are invited to attend the South-East Festival concert in term 4. Ticket prices are kept to a minimum, at around $12 per ticket.

All students will have the opportunity to perform on stage as part of the South East Primary Schools’ Music Festival, which is to be held at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre in Mount Gambier, in week 2 of Term 4 (October). The students in our school choir will perform on one of the 3 nights, along with other students from about 30 other schools in the region. Choir members are also invited to audition for solo parts, Dance Troupe and Compere roles, in addition to their participation in their school choir.

It is great to have many enthusiastic students looking forward to this year’s choir program. I am confident we will have a very enjoyable year of singing and performing.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards

Kathy O’Connell