

Newsletter Term 1 Week 1 2018



Welcome back to the new school term for 2018. We hope you have enjoyed the holiday break and that the time you spent with your respective families was a fun and relaxing time. I got to spend some time with my family and got to meet and spoil our latest grandchild, Molly Pearl. So exciting!

Our school extends a warm welcome to our new teacher Madison Strauss. Madison is in her first year of teaching and impressed us so much when she spent some time in Mrs Gray's classroom last year on her 4th year placement, that we have appointed her for a 1 year contract teaching. She is teaching the Year 2/3 class, which includes some of the students she taught during her practicum. We all look forward to having you in our school Madi.

We are also thrilled to announce that our Aboriginal Community Education Officer (ACEO) for 2018 is Karin Garret. Karin and her family live in Poonindie and Karin's children attended this school not that many years ago. Karin brings to our site a wealth of expertise and knowledge to share with staff, students and families as she has spent many years in education in Port Lincoln in various roles in aboriginal education. Welcome Karin.

Another new staff member, Sharon Phillips will be working as an SSO in the 6/7 class on Tuesdays and Fridays. Welcome Sharon.

We are excited to see our enrolment number at 102. The last time the school had an enrolment number over 100 was in 2002! We welcome our Reception class members and their families too. Our new Reception students are: Zayden Davis, Grace Hocking, Isaac King, Andrew Minto, Tessa Modra, Lucas Monfries, Destiny Roderick, Otto Schutz, Jayden Tonkin and Archer Turner

Apart from the Reception students we would also like to welcome other new students and their families: Isabella O'Halloran-Irving, Archer Coleman, Jayden Wilsdon, Marley Coleman, Jayden King-Parker, Jesse Baldock, and Jason Stone.

Until next newsletter in week 4, **Robyn**



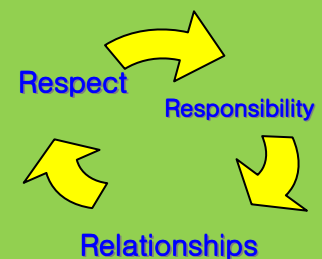
Fly high - See far

Principal: Robyn Kenny

Our Mission

Engaging students in active learning to become citizens who contribute to our wider community

Our Values



Our Vision

Our students show a high level of independence and interdependence in their learning, with strong personal resilience.

TERM DATES 2018

Term 1 - 29/1 - 13/4
Term 2 - 30/4 - 6/7
Term 3 - 23/7 - 28/9
Term 4 - 15/10 - 14/12

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Pastoral Care Worker

Hi!

I am excited to be back amongst you all 😊

I hope you all had a great break over the holidays and are refreshed for another year of comings and goings. Please feel welcome to say hi and I look forward to meeting our new parents and reconnecting with our 2017 parents too.

"Brekky Program" will start again next week (Tuesday and Wednesday mornings). This is offered to all students wanting to top their tummies before starting school. If you have any queries please contact me at the school.

"Recess and lunchtime Activities" will start next week and is offered to all students.

* Tuesday recess time: colouring in.

* Wednesday lunch time: Craft activities.

This is a great time of being creative while chatting to each other.....

I'm hoping to have my "Pamper Evening" for girls and "Lego, Paper Plane Evening" for boys again this term so keep a look out for the concert forms that will be sent home in the next few weeks.....

So look forward to seeing you around, Take Care

Helen

Quote from the cancer council

"Laughter is a smile that bursts"

"Keep Smiling!!"

Helen is the Pastoral Care Worker at Poonindie CLC providing a chaplaincy service to support the pastoral care and wellbeing of students and staff. Her email is: Helen.schramm185@schools.sa.edu.au

The real secret of success is ENTHUSIASM.



**Poonindie Early
Childhood Centre**

Kindy News

Welcome back everyone! We started the year with 12 children; 4 girls and 8 boys.

We welcome Adrian Habner and his family to Poonindie Kindy.

We are looking for potentially rich materials to add to our collection of loose parts.

If you have any of the following items you wish to donate, we would really appreciate them.

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| - cardboard tubes | - bamboo |
| - scarves | - plastic lids |
| - small logs | - jar lids |
| - plants | - photo frames |
| - driftwood | - buttons |
| - washers/nuts/bolts | - cotton reels |
| - pegs (plastic/wooden) | - wooden planks |

Have a fabulous term

Thanking you

Shanny Carter



Madison Strauss is sharing the old assembly room, with Rory Hunt 4-5 Class, teaching the 3-4 Class.



Karin Garrett is our new Aboriginal Community Education Officer (ACEO). She is here on Thursday and Friday.

LOOK WHO IS NEW TO OUR SCHOOL !



Linda Doudle is an SSO helping Tammy and Emma in the R-1 Classroom, you may have seen her around at the end of last year



Sharon Phillips is a new SSO helping Clint Beard in the 6-7 Class on Tuesday and Friday.

2018 Class Structure

Tammy Stratford
Monday-Wednesday in R-1 Classroom opposite Admin building
Linda Doudle SSO

Emma Anderson
Wednesday - Friday in R-1 classroom

Caroline Gray 1-2 classroom on edge of oval
Sharon Walker SSO

Madison Strauss 3-4 classroom shares old assembly room with

Rory Hunt's 4-5 classroom they also share Jenny Sinclair SSO

Clint Beard 6-7 classroom same room as last year. His SSO's are Jenny Purdie and Sharon Phillips



2018 SCHOOL FEES

Every family will receive an invoice within the next couple of weeks for the annual school fees of \$235 per child.

The 2018 school year brings changes to eligibility for Schoolcard. Below is a snapshot of the income limits.

Eligibility for School Card assistance is dependent upon the combined family gross income for the 2016-2017 financial year being within the following School Card income limits:

Number of Dependent Children	Gross Annual School Card Income Limit	Gross Weekly School Card Income Limit
1	\$57,870	\$1,113
2	\$58,903	\$1,133
3	\$59,936	\$1,153
4	\$60,969	\$1,173
5	\$62,002	\$1,1937
Each additional dependent child	\$1,033	\$20

If you meet the requirements we urge you to come into speak with Vicki as soon as possible so she can provide you with the paperwork and further explanation if required. *We appreciate early applications so that the necessary procedures can be put in place for our school to receive the funds your child deserves.*

If you believe you may require the *option of paying your school fees in instalments over the year* can you also please approach Vicki within the next 2 weeks so she can make the necessary arrangements for this to happen. Please do not leave it until term 4 to make contact with us about this option as by then we are into the DEBT RECOVERY phase and reluctantly are required to pursue this option for unpaid fees as per our Debt Collection policy endorsed by your Governing Council. *If you are able to pay fees in full we appreciate accounts being finalised by the end of term 1 which is Friday 13th April.*

Your school fees play an important role in providing the stationary that your child uses on a daily basis. The fees also contributes to costs associated with IT which are escalating every year, and many other items that your child uses at school. We encourage and appreciate prompt payments.



Acquaintance Evening

Wednesday 14th February 2018

Come along to:

- Meet families new to our school
- Meet our newest staff members
- See our SRC, School Captains and Sports Captains inducted into their roles.
- Hear class teachers talk about their programs and other class matters

Volunteers to required to begin cooking the BBQ at 5.30pm. (See Robyn)

6.00 SRC Presentation in the school yard on the Basketball court,
(weather permitting.)

6.30 BBQ available for all - MEAT PROVIDED
(please bring small salad or sweets if possible)

7-7.30 Open classrooms for all to visit. Teachers are available in their classrooms for information giving, answering questions etc.



Everyone is invited to join us for our

Harmony Day- Louth Bay Picnic

Friday 16th March, 2018

- An orienteering course for all students and parents will commence at 10:30am, the starting point to be near the entrance to the Louth Bay Beach.
- This will be followed by fun activities on the beach including running races, treasure hunt and hose dives.
- Shared Lunch will be eaten at approx.12:30pm. Could families please bring a plate of lunch to share. Water will be available for drinking.
- A sandcastle competition is held. Please bring along buckets, spades and anything useful for this event.
- For those who are not able to meet us at Louth Bay, the school bus will be departing Poonindie School at 10:00am and returning at approximately 2:00pm. when parents are welcome to collect their children. Consent forms will be sent home in week 3 for this to occur.
- The colour theme for Harmony Day is orange. We encourage participants to wear the colour orange in any way desired. School uniform is optional on this day.
- Everyone is welcome to join us. The Louth Bay picnic is a traditional event that the school has held for over 100 years and is a wonderful, fun filled day.

Governing Council news for Families

Welcome to all the new Families and the returning ones as well. Its going to be a great year at Poonindie School in 2018. There are a few ways you can be involved in the school and your child's schooling experience and we love all our families to be included and be a part of our school.

The biggest one is to join our Governing Council. This is made up of Parents, Caregivers, Staff, SSO and Students. It's a great way to meet all the teachers and other parents in a relaxed environment. The GC meets twice a term usually on Wednesday (but can be changed to suit) at the school in the library. Committee members are always wanted as well as people willing to take on a position, such as Chairperson, Secretary etc. . You get to hear more about how the school is run as well as find out more about the Partnership with other schools, have a say about various things the school can be involved in and just to have a voice and make a difference.

This year is also our Fundraising year and in the past we have held Our Poonindie Spring Fete. We have successfully held this Fete every second year since 2011. Again we will be looking for families to volunteer their time to make this one another success. As it has been run so many times everything is in place to make it happen very smoothly but we are always looking for new ideas and new people to help organise it.

Poonindie School holds various Fun Days over the year which Families are encouraged to help out and feel included. Some of these are Sports Day, Harmony Day, Combined Sports Day with Ungarra and Port Neil, Concerts as well as other themed days organised by our Student Council Representatives.

You of course are also welcomed into the classrooms to help out with Reading or other activities, help cover books for Mrs Purdie in the Library, volunteer to do some work in the Vegetable gardens or ask a teacher for other ideas.

I hope you enjoy your year at Poonindie School and feel encouraged to volunteer some time to help out around our wonderful little school.

Are you familiar with DECD's Attendance Policy?

Here are some points from this policy for your information. The full policy can be found on the DECD website

The DECS Attendance Policy provides clear expectations about the role and responsibilities in relation to attendance.

The Education Act 1972 requires that children of compulsory school age be enrolled at school. A condition of that enrolment is that a student is required to fully participate in the education program arranged and approved by the enrolling school. Such participation is to include engagement and attendance as required by the program.

A child who is at least 6 years old but not yet 16 is of compulsory school age. Every child of compulsory school age, irrespective of distance from the school or whether disabled or not, is required to be enrolled at a government or non-government school, or the Open Access College, and is required to fully participate in the education program arranged and approved by the enrolling school.

Schools are required to monitor any failure by a student to participate as required. The school must ensure that any unsatisfactory participation or unexplained absence is investigated. Schools may ask for the assistance of relevant agency officers including student attendance counsellors who may consult with other interagency personnel to resolve participation issues.

Absenteeism due to illness must be monitored. It is reasonable for a principal to ask for medical evidence of cause for absence for a student who has been absent due to reported illness for three or more consecutive days. Similarly, where a student is absent due to reported illness for ten or more days in any term medical evidence might indicate that a care plan is required from the treating health professional to enable the school to provide safe health support for the student to enable improved attendance.

Where a student of compulsory school age is absent from her or his education program, the parent/caregiver is required to present a written explanation for that absence within a reasonable time. Ideally, for safety reasons, this explanation should be received on the day of the absence or within three days of the commencement of the absence at the latest.

Unsatisfactory participation by a student in his or her education program is defined as: Failure by a student to regularly attend at school during agreed times or participate in a meaningful manner in his or her planned education program. Unsatisfactory attendance of students of compulsory school age must be reported to a student attendance counsellor.

It should be noted that the Education Act 1972 provides for prosecution of parents/caregivers/guardians in certain circumstances for students who fail to attend at school. Individual circumstances will determine whether a prosecution will be considered under the Education Act.

There are clear guidelines surrounding what is considered **Habitual and Chronic Non-Attendance**

- **Habitual Non-Attendance:** Where a student has 5 or more absences per term (average of 1 day per fortnight) then the issues of absenteeism for that student should be analysed by the school for possible chronic non-attendance
- **Chronic Non-Attendance:** Where a student is absent for 10 days or more per term (average of 1 day per week) then the issues of absenteeism for that school should be analysed for possible chronic non-attendance

Skoolbag is a free iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/ Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name "Poonindie Community Learning Centre" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store, and follow the instructions below.



Skoolbag

Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "Install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "Install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



Android Users

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3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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Fit Kids Sessions

**Fun sessions for Kids based on
Fitness, Games, Dance and Yoga.**

Monday 4.00pm – 4.45pm

Fit Kids Sessions for Kids aged 5 -10years

5th February – 2nd April 2018

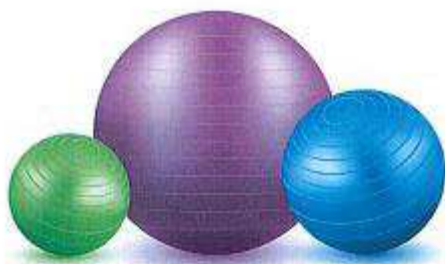
(8 week Program)

\$60 Paid up Front or \$8 a Session

Ladies Old Bowling Club

Bowling Ave (off New West Rd)

*All sessions are designed to improve your child's
Co-ordination, Balance, Confidence and Movement
through Games, Dance, Play and Yoga.*



**Fitness for
Every Body**

Cherie Doudle

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