



From the Principal



A very warm welcome back to the '2020' school year!

I am delighted to be leading the Poonindie Community Learning Centre into the future! I will make it my priority to get to know ALL students and their parents/caregivers in the first couple of weeks, and create a positive partnership for your child's education journey, here at Poonindie!

I trust that you all had a wonderful holiday break – it was great to see lots of eager faces at the morning mingle last Friday; hopefully this helped to settle some of those back to school nerves that many students experience, teachers included! We also had lots of 'excited' faces join us, who could not wait for the school year to start, to reconnect with their peers and teachers!

A very special hello to our **15 new Reception students** and their families who have joined our learning community: Miranda Brown, Jacquelah Coffin, Sophie-Lyn Fauser, Stacey Holness, Billie Kirkwood- Frears, Indianna Letton, Izzy Miller, Alana O'Keeffe, Brady Parker, Kai Phillips, Ever Rowland, Kayden Stratford, Samuel Tonkin, Oliver Turner and Kaiden Vermeulen. *I hope your first week with Mrs Stratford is extraordinarily special – watch out for some tired little people mums and dads...early tea, bath and bed is the key!*

Welcome and *best wishes* to Matthew Quilliam (Year 1), Elsa Burgar and Mia Schlink (Year 3), Seth Schlink (Year 4), Sam Beard and Will Burgar (Year 5) all of whom are also new to our school; and returning student Paige Edmonds, (Year 6). I will 'check-in' with you all to see that you have settled into classroom routines, and have a buddy, on the first day.

This year our teaching staff consists of: Tammy Stratford (R/1); Emma Anderson (1/2 and Student Wellbeing); Mikaela Heath (3/4); Brea Letton (5); and Clint Beard (6/7). We welcome Grant Eckermann to the team, Grant comes to us from Port Lincoln Primary, with a broad teaching experience. He will teach non-contact Science/Technology and fulfil an Aboriginal Education Teacher role. Luke Frears will teach non-contact Music/History and Social Sciences and Bu Ling will continue to teach Indonesian, Reception to Year 7. We have been fortunate to have continued funding for the Pastoral Care Worker, Helen and we welcome back our awesome SSO team and Aboriginal Community Education Officer, Karin Garrett.

Regards, Sally Cormack

Our Vision

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

Our Mission

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

We promote the values of:

- *Responsibility**
- *Respect**
- *Relationships every day!**

****In 2020, we have a whole school focus on writing improvement****

2020 Term dates:

Term 1: 28 January - 9 April

Term 2: 27 April – 3rd July

Term 3: 20 July – 25 September

Term 4: 12 October - 11 December



**Meet Mr Eckermann
Science/Technology &
Aboriginal Education
Teacher!**

**Please note we
have a pupil free
day approved by
our Governing
Council on
Monday 24th of
February for our
writing focus!**

Student Wellbeing and Inclusion Coordinator

Welcome back to an exciting year at PCLC as we continue to improve and develop under the leadership of Mrs Cormack. I am so thrilled to be working in an extended role this year - Wellbeing & Inclusions Coordinator and 1/2 teaching role.

For those who don't know me, my name is Emma Anderson and I've had the privilege of teaching at Poonindie for 10 years. I have a deep passion for student development, engagement and inclusion. I'm married to Daniel and have two beautiful children. I have worked from year K-11 in country schools across the state.

My role this year is heavily focused on developing and maintaining strong and healthy relationships for everyone. This will include working closely with the SRC cohort to strengthen student voice and plan for upcoming events and activities.

Teaching staff have already been planning many new and exciting activities for our school and I am looking forward to connecting with you all over the year.

Poonindie has a strong and dynamic relationship with the community and I look forward to working with you in 2020

Emma Anderson

Pastoral Care Worker update

I have enjoyed getting to know the new faces and their families and to reconnect with the existing students, this morning!

The breakfast program will be in full swing, this is available for all students, so they are ready to learn!

Art and craft activities will be starting next week, during recess and lunch periods. I will have my mailbox set-up between the library and the staffroom again for student/family concerns or questions to be placed into, if they wish. This is confidential.

I am looking forward to working closely with students, staff and families again in 2020 – and I shall be working closely with Emma, in her wellbeing and inclusion role.

Helen Schramm



Back to school reminders:

Arrival and Attendance: Our school times are **8.50am – 3.20pm**. Students who are not travelling on buses are to arrive in the morning no earlier than **8.30am** please. Students who are travelling on buses after school, will be supervised in the library by a yard duty teacher until the bus arrives. All other students will need to be promptly collected at **3.20pm**, in fairness to staff who have other teaching responsibilities including training to attend. Our school prides itself on a culture of high attendance – we need to keep this up! **There is a clear link between regular attendance and the academic and social outcomes of students.** On Monday the 3rd of February we have our school census day. We must strive for 100% attendance so we can secure our funding entitlements for the year!

Parents must inform the school of their child's absence and the reason for the child's absence. This may be done by either a note in the child's diary, a letter to the child's teacher, phoning the school, personal approach to the teacher or via the Skoolbag App and Seesaw. Thank you for your cooperation!

Uniform: All students need to dress in school uniform each day. This includes a broad brimmed hat for Term 1, in line with our sunsafe policy.

Parent concerns:

We aim to work collaboratively with parents to maximise the outcomes for every student. The school has a Grievance Procedure for parents, which should be followed if a concern arises that needs to be discussed. Parents are encouraged to make a suitable time to meet with class teachers to discuss any concerns. If the matter isn't resolved at this level then parents can approach Mrs Cormack (Principal) as a follow up measure.

Bus and Bushfire safety



In line with current policy and guidelines for students that travel to our school or Port Lincoln by school bus, the following is provided for your information.

The threat of bushfire during extreme conditions is real and unpredictable. There is potential danger to passengers travelling on a bus in these conditions.

The safety of all in the bushfire danger season is our highest priority.

Please note: our school is rated as an R2 site and will be CLOSED on a day that is forecasted Catastrophic (Code Red) in this fire level ban district (Lower Eyre Peninsula).

Where a bus run is cancelled after the beginning of a school day, Students will be housed safely during and after school until a parent or family member is able to collect them safely from the school.

No school excursions will take place if there is a total fire ban called on the day of the excursion.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- During the bushfire season ensure that you are available at the designated *stop*, to drop off and collect children.
- Ensure that you have made prior arrangements for your child to be collected from the bus, *if you are not available*.
- Ensure that children take *water* with them on the bus.
- Maintain communication about the situation by keeping your radio tuned. Remember that during bushfire, electricity may be lost, and you will need a battery powered back up radio. ABC is the official CFS station = AM 1485, 639 or 891.
- Keep the CFS app on your mobile device.
- It is policy to always check and notify our office before taking your child/ren out of the school on any day but especially important on a Bushfire Day. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

We will be implementing bushfire drills twice a term, in Terms 1 and 4.



**Thanks for
coming to our
Morning
Mingle!**

*The staff at the Poonindie Community Learning Centre would like to wish
all students and their families
a WONDERFUL start to the 2020 school year!*

Term 1 2020 calendar	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	27 January Australia Day Holiday	28 January ☺ Day 1 2020! Welcome Assembly 11.30	29 January	30 January	31 January
2	3 February Fire Drill Week School Census Day	4 February	5 February Governing Council Catch-up 5.30pm	6 February	7 February ASSEMBLY
3	10 February	11 February	12 February Acquaintance Night 5.30-7.30pm	13 February	14 February
4	17 February	18 February	19 February	20 February	21 February ASSEMBLY
5	24 February Student Free Day 7 steps to Writing Success PD	25 February	26 February 5 Aquatics	27 February 6/7 Aquatics	28 February 6/7 Aquatics
6	2 March SWIMMING Fire Drill Week	3 March SWIMMING	4 March SWIMMING	5 March SWIMMING	6 March SWIMMING ASSEMBLY
7	9 March Adelaide Cup	10 March	11 March	12 March	13 March Sports Day
8	16 March	17 March	18 March	19 March	20 March HARMONY DAY PICNIC ASSEMBLY
9	23 March	24 March	25 March	26 March	27 March
10	30 March Parent Interviews	Parent Interviews	1 April Parent Interviews	2 April Parent Interviews	3 April ASSEMBLY
11	6 April	7 April	8 April	9 April Last Day Term 1 2.20pm dismissal	10 April Good Friday