



## Welcome to week 6

Hello everyone!

This term is slipping away on us all at a rapid pace! It has been a very eventful beginning to 2020 with some highlights, coupled with some sad news in our community, but we continue to move forward supporting each other in difficult times. Please continue to access the wonderful support offered by our Pastoral Care Worker, Helen.

This week we have our *Annual General Meeting for the Governing Council*. Please consider taking a position on the Governing Council and playing an active role in the operation and decision making here at the Poonindie Community Learning Centre. *The AGM will be held on Wednesday 4th of March, 7pm in the school library.*

Some of the highlights of the past weeks include:

**\*Pillow Case and Leave it to Z Red Cross Emergency Response Programs:** These programs were well enjoyed by our 3-7 primary classes. The pillow case program was originally inspired by events during Hurricane Katrina in the US. While evacuating the campus, students of a local University used pillowcases to carry their cherished and basic possessions. After hearing this, Red Cross staff developed the concept of using a pillowcase as an emergency kit. The program quickly grew into a preparedness education program that has since become known as the Pillowcase Program. Here are Miss Heath's 3/4 students proudly showcasing their amazing decorated pillowcases to take home, to start their own personal emergency kit!



### 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> July

**Term 3:** 20 July – 25 September

**Term 4:** 12 October- 11 December

**Aquatics Program at Coffin Bay and Basketball in Tumby Bay:** Last week our 5 and 6/7 classes participated in their annual Aquatics Program. The highlights included: canoeing, snorkelling, small boat handling and paddle boarding.



At the same time, we had approximately 17 students' travel to Tumby Bay to compete in SAPSASA basketball. By all accounts, the day was well enjoyed with our students demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship😊😊😊. All students tried their best, there were some close games including the Division 2 Boys, where there were two draws.

**Pupil Free Day: 7 STEPS TO WRITING SUCCESS:** As you are aware, the Poonindie Community Learning Centre has a deliberate focus on Writing Improvement. On Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February all classroom teachers and SSO's along with a staff member from Lake Wangary and Wudinna Area School, participated in 7 steps for writing success training to improve our teaching of writing. One of the first steps is to teach students to write *"SIZZLING STARTERS"*. That is, to use a range of authorial choices to make their narrative and persuasive introductions far more interesting and engaging to the reader. Classes have been focusing all week on sizzling starters to their stories...we are already seeing a difference! Here are some examples from Mr Beard's 6/7 class:

*In an instant, everything started to slide across the room. I started to panic... why is this happening now? I cried out to see if my sister was ok, no reply. (Delta) He pushed the button and then everything changed. Food disappeared, furniture vanished, one by one everything he saw vanished until nothing was left but him. (Zac J)*

## Important school reminders:

**Headlice:** Due to the repeated outbreak of headlice, please be vigilant in checking your child's hair for eggs or live lice. Please remove and treat your child's hair/wash sheets as required.

**Peanut Free Site:** We currently have a student with a severe allergy to raw peanuts. We are required to have a peanut free site - no raw peanuts or peanut paste please. The student is at risk if they touch peanuts as well as ingest them. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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. **All R-2 Students must be collected by an adult.**

Our school promotes 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.**

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/Seesaw App. Thank you for your cooperation!

**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.

# Fundraiser for Phil Haereroa-Rogers

**Wayne Stevens is kindly setting up a stall this Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> of March for Phil. He is requesting for donations of cakes/slices/biscuits to raise funds to support the hardship of the family, including medical and living costs in Adelaide.**

**Wayne will be setting up in front of Drakes Supermarket, Port Lincoln.**

**Please label your cakes/slices/biscuits **with the ingredients** and deliver to the school on Friday. Thankyou Wayne for your heartwarming support!**



**We are a 7  
Steps to Writing  
Success School!**

seven steps  
TO WRITING SUCCESS

- Step 1 Plan for Success
- Step 2 Sizzling Starts
- Step 3 Tightening Tension
- Step 4 Dynamic Dialogue
- Step 5 Show, Don't Tell
- Step 6 Ban the Boring
- Step 7 Exciting Endings / Endings with Impact



## Pastoral Care Update

Welcome to week 6 of this very busy term! This week I am starting to work through a 'friendship booklet' with a group of 6/7 students. This involves chatting about how to be a friend and how to initiate and maintain positive and healthy friendships. If you would like some additional information, please feel free to call me ☺. Our recent pancake morning was a great success, thank you to Renee Turner, Jasmine Schutz and Tamara Modra for their amazing support! We look forward to offering another fun morning in the winter months.

I will be having my pamper and lego evenings early next term – keep an eye out for the leaflet about this which we will try to get before the end of this term.

I am looking forward to catching up with you all next Friday at the Sports Day and the following Friday at Harmony Day Picnic.

Take Care, Helen.



All parents/caregivers are invited to attend

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# AGM

for the

Poonindie Community

\* Learning Centre's

Governing Council

When: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2020, 7pm

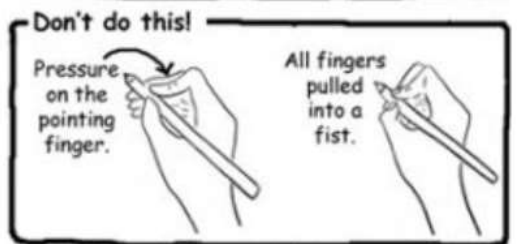
Where: School Library!

Become actively involved in your child/children's education!

Guest Speaker: Sally Cormack (Principal)

Creating a shared vision for improvement/nature play spaces

RSVP: [sally.cormack72@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:sally.cormack72@schools.sa.edu.au)



**When supporting your child to write and draw at home – the above diagram shows the correct grip – tripod.**

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 Red Cross Emergency Preparedness Programs	12 February Acquaintance Night 5.30-7.00pm	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 Governing Council AGM 7pm School Library	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