

From the Principal



Hello families,

This week we held our Pupil Free Day. This created the much needed time and space for our teachers and SSO's to develop a site specific 'genre map' which is a schedule for the teaching and learning of various types of writing across the school including recounts, information reports, narratives and persuasive texts in accordance with the Australian Curriculum year level requirements. Staff also established some consistent teaching agreements across the year levels, including the way we all teach students to **plan** their writing, **structure** of each genre, **paragraphing** and **editing**. This will enable students to move through the various year levels at Poonindie School and experience consistent teaching and learning approaches and language. Obviously as students move to middle and upper primary, the curriculum demands increase and the level of language sophistication also increases. As we have invested heavily in the 7 steps for Writing Success and Brightpath which is a writing assessment tool, these feature strongly in our new whole school agreements! It was a successful day and staff achieved what they set out to do.

We officially **welcome our 2 student teachers**, Kate Pilgrim (Yr 5) and Lucy Kolega (Yr 6/7). Kate and Lucy are completing their final year practicum with us (University SA) and their last day is Wednesday 23rd of September. As this is their final practicum, they will be required to take an increasing responsibility for the design and delivery of the learning program in both classrooms. The classroom teachers will always be present in the classrooms to coach and mentor the practicum teachers.

Please take the time to look at our **revamped website**:

<https://poonindieps.sa.edu.au/>

Our new school values feature....Thank you for your input!

We promote the values of:

- *Accountability**
- *Innovation**
- *Respect**
- *Resilience**
- Every day!**

On a final note, in the next part of term 3, students have and will be **undertaking a range of departmental assessments** including the Year 1 phonic Screen, Years 4-7 Wellbeing and Engagement Survey, PAT- R (Reading), Pat -M (Mathematics), Pat-S (Spelling), Pat-V (Vocabulary) and Pat Science. Year 1 and Year 2 state-wide Running Records (Reading) will also be conducted. These various assessments will enable teachers to track **growth** from 2019 and plan for differentiated learning in term 4.

Kind regards,

Sally Cormack (Principal)

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

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

Combined Small Schools

Sports Day

with

Ungarra Primary School
& Port Neill Primary
School

Thursday 17th of
September @ Ungarra
Please return form ASAP
indicating if your child
will require bus
transport 🚌

YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL



In 2022

**Government Primary
Schools across SA will
no longer have Year 7
classes**

**Year 7 will be moving
into high school**

**This move is in line
with other states and
territories across
Australia**

Getting ready for the move

Primary and high schools are working hard to plan for the move of year 7 to high school in 2022.

If your child is in year 5 or 6 this year, they'll be graduating from primary school next year. Primary schools are thinking now about how to make your child's last year in primary school a positive experience.

High school planning is also in full swing to welcome year 7s and year 8s together in 2022.

Primary and high schools are working together at every level to make the move a success for your child.

Stay engaged with your school to keep updated with the latest information.

Where to find out more

Stay informed through your school and the Department for Education's website: www.education.sa.gov.au/7toHS

Or share your feedback with the project team by emailing: Year7toHS@sa.gov.au.

Louth-North Shields Bus Driver required

Julie Branford will be retiring at the end of 2020! She is taking long service leave for the next 2 terms and we welcome Sandra Andrew as the temporary relief driver. Julie has been an incredible bus driver who has committed to our families and school for '35' years – a remarkable innings. We are desperately seeking a long term replacement. Please come and see Vicki if you are interested to find out what is required including heavy vehicle licenses, DFE accreditation and child related police clearances. The job is 10 hours per week and the bus can be housed on a private property or at the school. This would start ASAP.



Year 1 and 2 Excursion to Impact Signs



On Friday the 14th of August my Year 1 /2 class and I went to Dads workshop. He works at IMPACT SIGNS. He designs and prints stickers and signs for people like the Surf Shop, Hungry Jacks and he has made 2 signs for our school.

Mrs Cormack, Mrs Anderson, Jenny and 2 mums joined us. Thanks to the mums for coming.

It was lots of fun going on the bus and we say thank you to our bus driver, Sandra for taking us.

By Grace Hocking Year 2



The sign made for our school

Pastoral Care Update

Hello all! I hope you have been enjoying the sunshine over the past few days☺

I have sent out a form for each family to fill in and return ASAP about contributing to our 2020 Recipe Book.

Please look for it in your eldest child's bag.

Last Wednesday, I accompanied some students along with Mr Frears to choir practice in at Port Lincoln Primary School. I really enjoyed listening to the students sing and it was great connecting with the students on the bus trip.

Thank you to Hayley Wiseman who has offered some homemade apricot jam for our breakfast club in the morning – if anyone has any spare homemade jam; our students would be very grateful!

Kind regards, Helen

"You don't have to have it all figured out to move forward. Just take the next step" (Author unknown).



This week is SSO Week and we thank our amazing SSO team and our ACEO (Karin Garrett) and PCW (Helen) for their contribution to our school community. If you have a chance to thank them – please do so!

Sally Cormack

Meet our final year Practicum/Student Teachers



To Parents & Caregivers,

My name is Lucy Kolega and I am a University of South Australia pre-service teacher currently in my fourth and final year of study.

I will be completing my final placement in the year 6/7 class with Mr. Beard and Sharon from Week 6, Term 3 until the end of Week 10, so a total of 5 weeks.

I am extremely grateful and excited to be working at Poonindie Community Learning Centre with Mr. Beard, Sharon and the Year 6/7s. I am hopeful that I will be learning LOTS as well as teaching and gaining experience in working with upper primary students.

Lucy.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

My name is Kate Pilgrim and I am currently undertaking my final placement here at Poonindie Community Learning Centre. I completed one year of study in Adelaide at the University of South Australia and have completed the last three years externally here in Port Lincoln. I will be working in the Year 5 classroom from week 6 onwards, alongside Brea Letton and Mel.

I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the Poonindie Community and I am looking forward to getting to know all the staff and students. I would like to say a massive thank you to Brea, Mel and the Year 5 students for welcoming me with open arms! I know I will be continuously learning and developing new skills and can't wait to put it into practice.

Kate.



	Monday 20 July	Tuesday 21 July	Wednesday 22 July	Thursday 23 July	Friday 24 July
1	Welcome back Term 3!		Newsletter sent out Staff Meeting Night	STEM 500 Training – Clint and Tammy	STEM 500 Training – Clint and Tammy
2	27 July Sally/Emma out - Portfolio Schools Masterclass	28 July	29 July Staff Meeting Night	30 July Mel Quinn – Writing Workshop with Mr Beards 6/7 class (AM)	31 July
3	3 August	4 August National Aboriginal and Torres St Islander Children's Day 2020 	5 August Newsletter sent out Staff Meeting Night Governing Council Meeting 7pm	6 August	7 August
4	10 August	11 August	12 August Staff Meeting Night	13 August	14 August
5	17 August Year 1 Phonic Screen	18 August	19 August Staff Meeting Night	20 August	21 August School Photos
6	24 August Student teachers starting: Kate Pilgrim (Yr 5) and Lucy Kolega (Yr 6/7) ***Pupil Free Day***	25 August	26 August Newsletter sent out Staff Meeting Night	27 August	28 August
7	31 August PAT M/R window for testing opens 31/8 – 23/10 Year 1/2 Running Record Levels state-wide collection	1 September	2 September Staff Meeting Night Governing Council Meeting 7pm	3 September	4 September
8	7 September	8 September	9 September Staff Meeting Night	10 September	11 September
9	14 September 11.30 Parent Interviews – for those requested	15 September Parent Interviews – for those requested	16 September Newsletter sent out Parent Interviews – for those requested	17 September Parent Interviews – for those requested SPORTS DAY UNGARRA	18 September
10	21 September	22 September	23 September Final Day for Student Teachers	24 September	25 September Last Day Term 3 2020 2.20pm dismissal