



# Poonindie Community Learning Centre Newsletter

TERM 4 2020 WEEK 5

## From the Principal

A warm welcome to Week 5 Term 4 – 4 weeks remaining of the 2020 school year!

This week marks the beginning of an important celebration on the calendar – **NAIDOC** (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) Week. The theme for 2020 NAIDOC week is “Always was, always will be”. As a school community who value diversity and embrace cultural inclusion, we are running a class art competition. Students are to work on either an individual or group piece representing Aboriginal culture and cultural inclusion and submit a class entry. We are planning to use the winning piece as a backdrop to an Acknowledgement of Country sign that we would like to mount in the entry of our school. Many schools around SA have developed this which is a sign of respect to our first nation people.

I have some important announcements to make around **staffing** for the Poonindie Community Learning Centre for 2021.

Sadly 2 of our staff members will be moving on.

**Tammy Stratford** has a transfer to Tumby Bay Area School for 12 months. Tammy has provided 20 years of outstanding service to the school community. She travels daily from her farm at Ungarra, a round trip of 140km. Tammy has not made the decision lightly; she is very committed to this school but for family and personal reasons, has made a hard decision to be closer to home.

**Mikaela Heath**, our 3/4 contract teacher, has accepted a position at the Barmera Primary School. Mikeala has a close network of friends in this area and is looking forward to being nearer to them.

I wish both ladies all the best and I know they will be sadly missed here! In light of this recently confirmed news, I am busy recruiting teachers for 2021. A panel will be running this Friday for the Junior Primary position. We will keep you all posted about outcomes and assure you all we will be recruiting high quality teachers.

- **PUPIL FREE DAYS** – there are 2 consecutive Pupil Free Days approved for this term – Monday 23rd of November and Tuesday 24th of November. Staff will be travelling to Wudinna Area School to observe the 7 Steps to Writing Success and Brightpath strategies in action, both of which are being implemented in our site. This will provide the opportunity for our teaching staff to interact with the same year level teachers, exchange ideas and approaches that have proven successful with different year levels. The second day will be drafting our 2021 Improvement plan based on our 2020 data.
- **END OF YEAR EVENT** – You will receive a special invitation to this event attached to this week’s newsletter and a hard copy on Thursday for the Fridge!





Accountability      Innovation      Respect      Resilience

- SCHOOL CLOSURE** – We are entitled to 4 Pupil Free Days a year for Training and Development purposes (our final 2 are this term as previously outlined) and 1 school closure day. This is usually for a day of local significance (i.e. Adelaide Show/ EP Field Days/Poonindie Fete). This year our Governing Council have endorsed for our Pupil Free Day to occur on the day following our end of year event – Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of December. There will therefore be no school or staff on duty on this day.

*Have a wonderful week! Sally Cormack*




  
**THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
**OF DECEMBER @ PCLC**  
 STUDENTS TO ARRIVE AT  
**6.30PM** WITH THE CONCERT  
 BEGINNING AT **7PM**  
**BYO PICNIC RUG AND NIBBLES NO**  
**NUT PRODUCTS PLEASE**  
 SOME SEATING WILL BE  
 AVAILABLE  
 COFFEE CART IN ATTENDANCE  
 BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE  
 ALCOHOL AND SMOKE FREE EVENT  
 NOTE- SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY  
**FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DEC**


## WHAT'S GROWING IN THE SCHOOL GARDEN?

- Strawberries
- Spring Onion
- Pumpkin
- Tomatoes
- Capsicum
- Snow Peas
- Zucchini





## BUSHFIRE SEASON 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 implement bushfire drills twice a term, in Terms 1 and 4. Our bushfire safe building is the Admin Building onsite as it is a brick fire proof building. We have bushfire kit and supplies ready to go.*

Our Governing Council have established a bushfire communication tree. If a nearby fire becomes a threat to our school, the Principal or officer in charge will ring the Governing Council members who will make contact with nominated families.





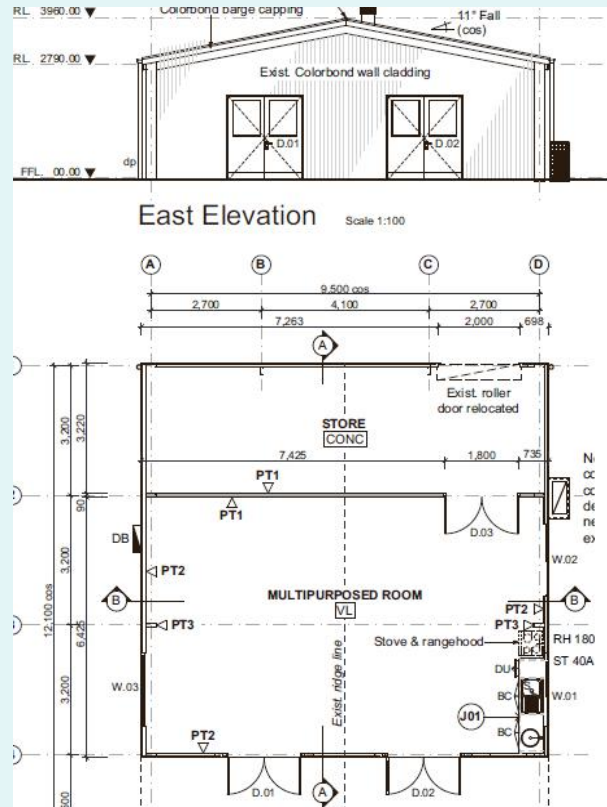
## New Multi-Purpose Room

### In the pipeline

EXCITING things are happening at the Poonindie Community Learning Centre in 2021! We are planning to convert our storage shed into a multi-purpose room. This will allow for Indonesian, Art, Lunch time Craft activities with Helen, Breakfast Club and many more things to be housed!

The shed will be lined and fitted to meet the Department for Education Building regulations and requirements. Air-conditioning/ heating ventilation etc is all included in this.

We will be having a jumble sale to move on any of the unwanted furniture and contents in storage. The back section of the shed will still be a storage area.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE POONINDIE SAPSASA SOFTBALL CONTINGENT



*During week 4, we had four of our Poonindie students attend the SAPSAS Softball in Adelaide for four days. Fletcher Beard was representative for Lower Eyre Peninsula boys' team in Division 2. He had a fantastic week playing many different positions on the field and took some amazing catches. The LEP boys won equally their division.*

*We also had Ella and Rahni Wiseman and Chelsea Shepperd representing Poonindie in the LEP girls division 1. The girls had 4 wins and 4 losses, and enjoyed a fantastic team spirit and had a lot of great plays during the week.*

*Well done to all the students who displayed the true Poonindie spirit.*



## Poonindie Community Learning Centre – Term 4 2020 Calendar

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>	12 October <i>First Day Back Term 4 2020</i>	13 October	14 October <i>Materials and Devices 2021 (Newsletter)</i>  <i>Staff Meeting</i>	15 October	16 October
<b>2</b>	19 October <i>BOOKWEEK 2020 FIRE DRILL - EVACUATION</i>	20 October  <i>2021 Transition (Preschool)</i>	21 October  <i>Staff Meeting</i>	22 October	23 October  <i>Book week Dress-up Assembly</i>
<b>3</b>	26 October	27 October  <i>CEO Visit to Port Lincoln</i>	28 October  <i>CEO Visit to Port Lincoln 2021 Transition (Preschool) Staff Meeting</i>	29 October  <i>CEO Visit to Port Lincoln  7PM – Governing Council Meeting</i>	30 October <i>WORLD TEACHERS DAY</i>
<b>4</b>	2 November	3 November  <i>2021 Transition (Preschool)</i>	4 November  <i>Staff Meeting</i>	5 November	6 November
<b>5</b>	9 November <i>NAIDOC WEEK 8-15<sup>th</sup> NOV</i>	10 November  <i>2021 Transition (Preschool)</i>	11 November  <i>Staff Meeting</i>	12 November	13 November  <i>Assembly</i>
<b>6</b>	16 November	17 November	18 November  <i>FIRE DRILL - EVACUATION Staff Meeting</i>	19 November  <i>Sally and Grant Fire Warden Training Hindmarsh</i>	20 November  <i>INVACUATION</i>
<b>7</b>	23 November <i>Pupil Free Day Wudinna (7 Steps and Bright path Observations</i>	24 November <i>Pupil Free Day Debrief from Wudinna/SIP planning for 2020</i>	25 November  <i>Staff Meeting</i>	26 November  <i>7PM – Governing Council Meeting</i>	27 November  <i>TRANSITION</i>
<b>8</b>	30 November	1 December	2 December  <i>Staff Meeting</i>	3 December	4 December  <i>Assembly  TRANSITION</i>
<b>9</b>	7 December	8 December	9 December  <i>Staff Meeting</i>	10 December <i>LAST DAY 2020!!! 2:20pm dismissal Reports sent home End of Year outdoor event in evening!</i>	11 December <i>SCHOOL CLOSURE</i>