



# Poonindie Community Learning Centre Newsletter

WEEK 7, TERM 2 2021

## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

**Wow** this term has just flown by – here we are in week 7 *with only 4 weeks to go!*

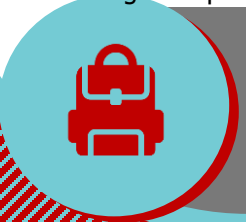
Since the last newsletter, we have welcomed back 4 siblings to the Poonindie Community Learning Centre from Tumbly Bay: Oliver Turner (Year 1); Akeyla Coleman (Year 4); Isaac Ambados (Year 6) and Kaylee Ambados (Year 7). It has been so amazing to have the family back and thankyou to all of our wonderful students who have embraced their old friends in such a beautiful way! *There is no doubt that the Poonindie students are the very best!*

In the last week, we had a whole of school excursion to the Poonindie Mission located on the outskirts of the township as part of our Reconciliation Week activities. It was an incredible, culturally rich experience and now will be an embedded component of PCLC'S Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) curriculum. Students and staff learned about when the mission operated, why it had opened, we toured the old Lutheran church (a 2 storied building), old school house, the bakery and outside oven, the station masters home etc. Josie Hage, who lives adjacent to the mission and her friend Barbara, took us on the tour. It is important that our students respectfully understand the history of our first nation people, particularly in our local area. Please enjoy the photos and comments from students, on the next few pages!

### Important Reminders

\*Parents/Caregivers must observe **speed limits** as they enter/depart Hirschhausen Road in the school zone. The speed is **25km** per hour. Unfortunately we have witnessed speeds in excess of this in recent times which poses as a safety issue for our students.

\* **Grievance procedures:** We pride ourselves on providing the best possible teaching and learning environment for students at the Poonindie Community Learning Centre. We understand that from time to time, issues may arise that do require a follow-up conversation. We remind parents to follow our Grievance Procedure (this is on our website) which requires approaching the classroom teacher (not SSO's please) as the first point of call to arrange a mutually convenient time to talk through the problem. If the issue cannot be resolved at this level, parents are to make a time with



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me to work through it. We are approachable, we listen and we work very closely as a team in the best interests of every child. Outside conversations eventually find their way back to our school and can be undermining. Thankyou for your support!

**\*YEAR 6/7 Camp Fees:** Camp fees need to be paid by next Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of June at the latest. The cost is **\$250** per student. This camp has been significantly sponsored and this is a very reasonable cost given the amazing itinerary for our students.

**\*COVID-19 Sign in:** It is still a mandatory requirement that parents sign in at our front entrance in the morning using the code. This code is also displayed in every classroom. If you don't have your mobile phone – a paper sign in sheet is located by the front gate. Unfortunately COVID-19 is still prevalent in SA and across our country so we cannot be complacent with this. Thankyou to our parents who consistently do this every day! You are amazing!

**\*Illness:** please remember to keep your child at home if they are unwell and allow adequate time for recovery. Yes we do have an attendance target but we don't want sick children coming back into school before time. There have been a couple of Gastro cases which end up going through the class and eventually to teachers and siblings at home.

#### Primary student use of mobile phones and personal devices:

All government SA Primary Schools, Area Schools and Secondary Schools are required to have a mobile phone policy. We have recently developed ours using a generic template, for consistency in Primary Schools across the state. It has recently been endorsed by our Staff, Student Voice and Governing Council.

*A summary of this policy:*

The department's position is that primary aged students cannot use their mobile phones and personal devices at school during school hours. Digital devices include, but are not limited to, smartwatches, tablets or laptops that are not part of a separate Bring Your Own Device arrangement. This policy applies while students are travelling to and from school on a departmental school bus, at school, or attending an authorised school activity such as an excursion/camp during school hours.

If there is a legitimate reason for an individual student to have a device with them (i.e. for safety while travelling or after hours contact with a parent), **a prior exemption must be approved by the Principal** and the device will be stored in the front administration for the day, for the student to collect at the end of the school day.

Donations still required – Bring them in please!

To develop our nature play area even further and to reinstate our creative loose parts play outdoors for the up and coming winter months, we are looking for donations of the following items. Bring them in if you can!

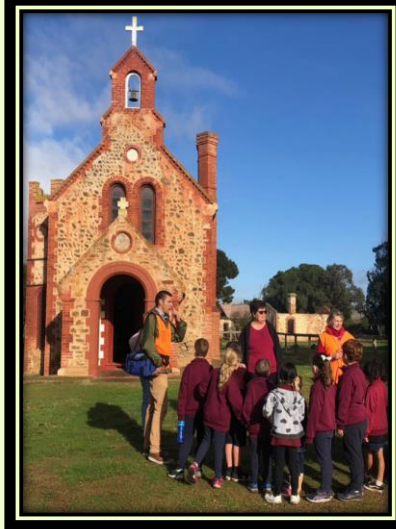
- Short, narrow logs with no bark suitable for building bridges across the creek in the nature play
- Shells
- Large gumnuts
- Wood pallets that are in good condition
- Plastic pipes
- Rope
- A couple of old tyres
- Scrap pieces of synthetic Lawn
- Telstra wooden reels



*Have a great Week! Sally Cormack - Principal*



## Poonindie Mission Excursion – HASS

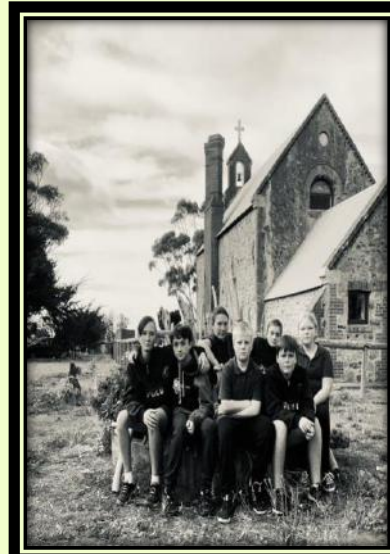


Solomon: The old church was a school house where Aboriginal children were taught. Upstairs was for the older students.

Tessa: I know that the church is still open today and they have a service every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.



It was a very educational experience. The mission opened in 1850 and closed 1894 so it went for a period of 44 years. The outside oven was used for baking bread. Charli and Kiarna.





The next step in our *Year 6/7 to PLHS* transition process is for families to meet with one of our school leaders. This informal 30-minute conversation is an opportunity to share information and to address any queries or concerns.

*Family Connection Conversations* will be held over the last four weeks of this term (Monday June 7th to Friday July 2nd) at the following times:

- Mondays & Wednesdays: 9am–6pm
- Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays: 9am–4:30pm

Bookings can be made by visiting the *School Interviews* website at [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and entering the event code "sy5cp".

Alternatively, please feel free to phone PLHS on 8683-6000 during school hours; our staff will assist you to make your booking.



We can't wait to see you at PLHS in 2022!  
[www.plhs.sa.edu.au](http://www.plhs.sa.edu.au)



## Have you paid your 2021 School Fees??

*These are \$246 per student.*

School fees support the operational costs of our site including art supplies, learning resources and consumables.

Please settle your fees ASAP ☺

Direct Debit Details:

Account Name: Poonindie Community Learning Centre

BSB: 105-036

Account number: 161056540

Please email Vicki: [vicki.matthews584@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:vicki.matthews584@schools.sa.edu.au) once paid

## Pastoral Care News.....

It has been amazing to have all of this rain and see the paddocks and hills getting greener!

Last Friday I helped to supervise our students on an excursion to the Poonindie Mission. It was a fantastic experience to learn more about the local history. Our students were very interested in hearing from Josie and Barbara about the different buildings, how the land was so fertile to grow vegies for the district and they had a very good cricket team!

Thankyou to the families who got their last minute recipes in. I have some amazing drawings from students to be included so it is all coming together.

Thankyou to Marty and Jasmine Schutz for donating honey for our breaky program. It is so yummy and the students love it. Anyone needing honey should check out "Eyre Honey". Also a big thanks to Bakers Delight who donate the bread and it is always used up.

Keep warm and I look forward to seeing you around

Take care

Helen Schramm.



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INTO ENOUGH"

Author unknown.

## Poonindie Community Learning Centre - Term 2, 2021.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	<i>26th April</i> <b>Anzac Holiday</b>	<i>27th April</i> <b>10.40am Welcome Back Assembly</b>	<i>28th April</i> <b>Newsletter</b>	<i>29th April</i>	<i>30th April</i>
2	<i>3rd May</i>	<i>4th May</i>	<i>5th May</i>	<i>6th May</i>	<i>7th May</i>
3	<i>10th May</i> <b>NAPLAN PREP DAY – no tests</b>	<i>11th May</i> <b>NAPLAN</b>	<i>12th May</i> <b>NAPLAN Newsletter</b>	<i>13th May</i> <b>NAPLAN</b> <i>6 pm Port Lincoln High School Yr 6/7 Transition Parent Information session @ PCLC</i> <b>Governing Council Meeting 7pm</b>	<i>14th May</i> <b>NAPLAN Assembly – Mrs Andersons Class/Mr Frears</b>
4	<i>17th May</i> <i>AEDC collection</i> <b>NAPLAN catch- up</b>	<i>18th May</i> <b>NAPLAN catch- up</b>	<i>19th May</i> <b>NAPLAN catch- up</b>	<i>20th May</i> <b>NAPLAN catch- up</b>	<i>21 May</i> <b>NAPLAN catch- up</b>
5	<i>24th May</i>	<i>25th May</i>	<i>26th May</i> <b>Newsletter</b>	<i>27th May</i>	<i>28th May</i>
6	<i>31 May</i>	<i>1st June</i>	<i>2nd June</i> <i>Gymnastics</i>	<i>3rd June</i>	<i>4th June</i> <i>Poonindie Mission</i> <b>Assembly – Mr Beard's class</b>
7	<i>7th June</i>	<i>8th June</i>	<i>9th June</i> <b>Newsletter</b>	<i>10th June</i> <b>Governing Council Meeting 7pm</b>	<i>11th June</i>
8	<i>14th June</i> <b>Queens Birthday</b>	<i>15th June</i> <b>Pupil Free Day</b>	<i>16th June</i> <i>Gymnastics</i>	<i>17th June</i>	<i>18th June</i>

<b>9</b>	21st June YEAR 6/7 CAMP ADELAIDE	22nd June	23rd June <b>Newsletter</b> <i>Gymnastics</i>	24th June	25th June <b>Assembly – Mrs Tempest’s class</b>
	28th June	29th June	30th June <b>End of Term Note</b> <i>Gymnastics</i>	1st July	2nd July Semester 1 Reports home <b>End of term Assembly 1:50 pm 2.20 dismissal</b>







