



Poonindie Community Learning Centre Newsletter

WEEK 3, TERM 3 2021

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to week 3 of term! What a messy start we have all experienced with the COVID-19 curveball hitting us all day 2 and sending us into a 7-day lockdown and remote learning situation. Thank you all once again for your understanding, resilience, and ability to adjust quickly to this situation. We are hoping that life will be as normal as possible now we are on the other side and we urge all students to be back and attending school.



It is unfortunate that this timing coincided with the Year 5/6 camp to Adelaide, however we are doing our best to re-schedule this and at this stage it is looking like Week 3 Term 4 (25th to the 29th of October). The accommodation arrangements have had to be changed to the Westbeach Parks Cabins which are fantastic, due to the unavailability of Warradale at this point. I am sure that the students will hold out until then...it will be a lovely way to finish the year off and maybe the weather will be a bit warmer too!

COVID 19: Following the 7 day state-wide lockdown, certain restrictions have been put in place to be implemented in all departmental schools across SA. These include:

- Limiting the amount of adults' onsite – hence our STOP and DROP routine at the front gate. We know this is not parent-friendly however we need to follow the guidelines as communicated through the department and SA Health. There are yard duty teachers who will happily assist your child to enter the school grounds either from the oval or the front gate. It is a great opportunity to build those independent skills in our young children too.
- Signing in either on our paper contact record or via the QR code is mandated for all staff and adults who need to come onsite i.e. go to the front office to see Vicki. Any adults entering our site must wear a mask. Our staff are required to wear masks in the staffroom but not during teaching and learning activities.



*School Values: *Accountability * Innovation * Respect * Resilience*

- Assemblies can occur as long as parents socially distance (1.5m distance) and wear a mask. Our assembly is on Friday 6th of August

Thankyou for your understanding and cooperation around these departmental guidelines! Please note these restrictions may be lifted in the near future so we can resume our normal practices!

Student Uniforms feedback— Following our recent school uniform blitz – we have had a great response. Thankyou for taking pride in our school and encouraging students to wear uniform. Thankyou to those students who, without reminding, consistently wear school uniform – you are fantastic role models. It is really appreciated!

Parent Opinion Survey – We encourage parents to partake in the Annual Parent Opinion Survey which occurs in term 3 of the school year. It is centrally coordinated to avoid adding administrative workload on schools. Parents and caregivers in our school community will be sent individual survey links.

The parent engagement survey measures the level of engagement parents have with their child’s school.

The survey asks families about how they perceive their child’s school, including how well the school:

- supports their child’s learning and wellbeing
- communicates with students and families.

Survey results will help us understand:

- what we are doing well
- where we can improve
- what’s important to parents and caregivers.



Completing the survey

The survey will be open for 4 weeks, from Monday 2 August to Sunday 29 August. The survey is open to parents and caregivers of school-aged children and young people. It takes less than 10 minutes to complete. Keep an eye out for an email!

Have a lovely week! Sally Cormack - Principal



Pastoral Care update – Helen Schramm

Hi Everyone

I hope you are all keeping warm and safe with this wintry weather! Our multipurpose room is looking amazing – the lino has gone down as we speak and it is looking like a real room not a shed! I cannot wait to be able to use this!

Breaky, craft and colouring in are still popular and I love the students' enthusiasm as they attend all.

Craft supplies needed:

I am wondering if any of you have any spare old pillows (for stuffing) old sheets (I'll be cutting these up) or any spare buttons – maybe grandma has some in her sewing box?!?

Today I am off to share what's been happening in our school at the Ministers Association. They love to hear about our adventures at Poonindie Community Learning Centre!

Take Care, Helen.

Saying of the week: Be kind whenever possible, it's always POSSIBLE! (Author unknown).



Student wellbeing and inclusion update

As a community we have been challenged by the ever-changing world of COVID-19! So how can we continue to be resilient and share the G.E.M principles?? Here's an activity to practise empathy and kindness:

- 1. Reflect on someone in your life who could benefit from an act of kindness today. It could be a friend who would love some affirmation about their work, your pet who deserves an extra treat, or a family member who would love a phone call or text message.*
- 2. Make a plan for who you are going to gift an act of kindness to, and what you are going to do.*
- 3. If you want to add accountability to your plan, share it with someone else and encourage them to do the same thing.*
- 4. Follow up with each other in a few days' time, to ask how it went!*

Even our staff are getting on board and celebrating each other- Paying it forward! We would love to hear if you take up the challenge!

TALK FROM THE SRC CORNER... Students in SRC have been busy working out our new school values signs for the front of the school. We have been in contact with some excited parents who are keen to start a 'Parent & Friends Group' to organise some lunch opportunities throughout each term (when COVID restrictions lift) and we are in discussions about improving our 'Student Reward System'. We can't wait to share our decisions in weeks to come.



1-2's launch off into SPACE!



We have a special space reading area in the classroom! We are making rockets to go in there as well!



Our solar system – paper mache planets!



Mercury

Venus

Earth

Mars

Jupiter

Saturn

Uranus

Neptune



Poonindie Community Learning Centre - Term 3 Calendar.....

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	19 th July Day 1 Term 3! Have you paid your school fees for 2021? Please see Vicki!	20 th July	21 st July Staff Meeting Night	22 nd July	23 rd July
2	26 th July	27 th July Evacuation practice	28 th July Staff Meeting Night	29 th July	30 th July
3	2nd August	3 rd August	4 th August Staff Meeting Night	5 th August	6 th August ASSEMBLY Mr Beard 6/7
4	9 th August Return bus forms for 2022 this week!	10 th August	11 th August Staff Meeting Night	12 th August Governing Council 7pm	13 th August
5	16 th August	17 th August Year 1 Phonic Screen	18 th August Year 1 Phonic Screen Staff Meeting Night	19 th August	20 th August
6	23 rd August	24 th August Invacuation practice	25 th August Staff Meeting Night	26 th August	27 th August ASSEMBLY Mrs Letton 5/6
7	30 th August Commencement of PAT Testing Window	31 st August	1 st September Staff Meeting Night	2 nd September	3 rd September

8	6th September	7th September PAT TESTING 3-7 Reading	8th September PAT TESTING 3-7 Maths Staff Meeting Night	9th September PAT TESTING Other Governing Council 7pm	10th September
9	13th September PROPOSED PUPIL FREE DAY PERSUASIVE WRITING MODERATION	14th September Parent Interviews	15th September Parent Interviews No Staff Meeting	16th September Parent Interviews	17th September ASSEMBLY Mrs Anderson 1/2
10	20th September	21st September	22nd September	23rd September	24th September Last Day T3 2021 2.20pm dismissal