



Poonindie Community Learning Centre Newsletter

WEEK 5, TERM 3 2021

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Here we are already in the **halfway mark of this term!** Thankfully we are starting to see the warmer weather creep in now which makes it perfect for the students to engage in outdoor play during recess and lunch breaks. Last week I did the final sign off with our Facilities Manager for the new multipurpose room, which is very exciting. Please feel free to come in and have a look – but keep your masks on please!

The building will house breakfast club, be used for non-contact lessons such as the Arts – music, dance, drama, media and visual arts and also for science lessons. The students, teachers and Helen our Pastoral Care worker are so excited about this fantastic addition. A special acknowledgement to previous Governing Councils and the parent community who have fundraised in previous years for this amazing new asset! Students are also keen to use the room for cooking lessons, using the produce that is grown in our school garden. We are starting to relocate some of the flowers now to make room for a spring veggie patch.

Many parents are still unsure if they are allowed to enter the site. We have been instructed to continue to minimise the amount of parents/ adult traffic onsite, however we do recognise there are times that parents would like to make contact with teachers. **Please wear a mask** if you enter school grounds to catch up with a teacher in person. We certainly don't advise that parents gather in groups on the school grounds. Thank you for your understanding and appreciation that these are the guidelines that we have been asked to implement and follow which are no different to entering other schools, local businesses including supermarkets. Parents are certainly allowed to come to our school assemblies which are coming up in week 6 and 9 of term. Social distancing and masks for adults and we are good to go!!!



This week we celebrated SSO week!



School Values: Accountability Innovation Respect Resilience

Friendly reminders:

- **Pupil Free Day** – Monday 13th of September. This date is confirmed and has been approved by our Governing Council. Staff will be assessing and moderating the second collection of students persuasive writing – we are anticipating that we will see great growth from term 1!
- Please complete and return the form sent home Friday if your child is **not returning to Poonindie Community Learning Centre for 2022**. We are currently in the throws of working through class configurations and staffing, with the knowledge that we no longer have Year 7 students onsite from the commencement of 2022 year. We need an accurate indication of numbers so it is important to let us know as soon as you can!
- **Parent survey closes Sunday 29 August**

The parent survey is a great opportunity for schools to get valuable insights into parent engagement and parent satisfaction. Across South Australia there have been 16,000 parents respond to the survey - including **10 so far in our school**. **We would like to get at least 50 responses back for PCLC!**

Here is a unique link if you have not yet had the chance to respond to your email/text:

https://educationsa.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8oi3YL6pkNAPf8?RID=CGC_aAqCKsAOI3e6rce&Q_CHL=email

WE VALUE YOUR VOICE AND WE DO STRIVE TO CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE THROUGH FEEDBACK!

- **Outstanding school fees:** There are many fees still outstanding for this year. Student amenities support our ongoing operations including covering utilities. Without your fees the school struggles to provide the resources to support a high quality learning environment. Please make a concerted effort to settle these or start a payment plan. Student fees are set at \$246 per student. That equates to \$2.40 per week!

Thankyou and have a great week

Sally Cormack - Principal

Groundsperson

Bryce will be retiring on the 30th of September after many years of dedication to PCLC. He will return in the capacity of a volunteer. We therefore are putting our feelers out to anyone who is interested in this position.

Hours per week: 9 hours (can be done over a number of days however the bins will need to be put out on the edge of the road every Tuesday for collection)

Tasks: Maintaining oval and lawned areas (ride on mower), irrigation system, pruning trees and shrubs, general blowing and cleaning up of leaves, putting bins out weekly and general handy person tasks.

Written expression of interest and 2 referees to Sally Cormack/Vicki Matthews please.



FROM THE RECEPTION/YEAR 1 CLASS – MRS BRIONY TEMPEST



The Very Cranky Bear

We are learning to:
use **adjectives** to describe characters in stories.

Mrs Tempest's Reception/Year 1 students have been working on Character descriptions for their story writing. They have been using adjectives to describe a character in a mentor text... "The Very Cranky Bear". Well done R-1 Students!



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Pastoral Care Update – Helen Schramm

Hi everyone!

I hope you are all well. I have certainly enjoyed the few warmer days that we have had recently!

We have had our first week of cooking breakfast from the new room – it has been so great! I've really appreciated having hot water to wash dishes in and a warm room to serve breakfast from!

We have a few items that we require for our new space – including a kitchen bin, a few cooking utensils. I will make a list and maybe parents may have these at home that you are not using or maybe are willing to donate small amounts so these can be purchased. Thankyou in advance!

Our "Recipe Book" is on the printer as we speak – watch this space! We will let you know when these are ready to purchase.

I am hoping to have a Pancake Day next Tuesday as a little celebration for students around the completion of the new room. The Pancake Day that Mr Rowsell put on last term was a real hit so I think it is time to offer this again!

Looking forward to seeing you around!

Kind regards

Helen

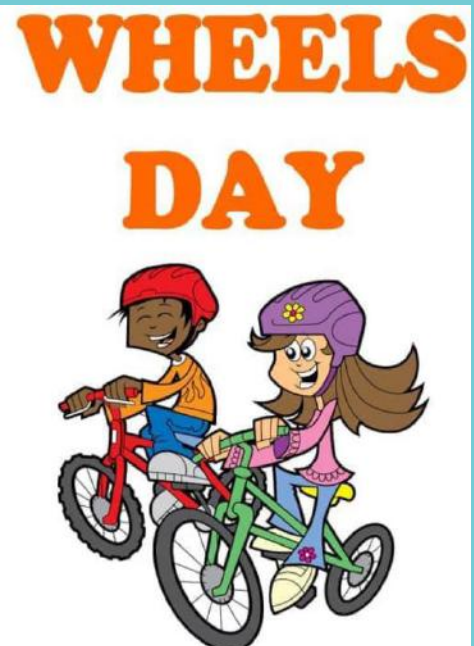
Quote for the week: "Kindness is a gift that everyone can afford" (Author unknown).

Wellbeing and Inclusion update – Mrs Anderson

Wheels Day: Student Voice have voted to run a Wheels Day on the last Friday of the term – **Friday 24th of September**. We will be having a sausage sizzle lunch - \$2.00 per sausage and bread, which will be cooked by parent volunteers. Money raised will go to a charity **Make a Wish Foundation**. More details will be sent out closer to the event.

New Room Name: Student voice have voted to name the new room onsite as the **"Innovation Hub"**. This is fitting with our new school value – Innovation. Students hope it will be a place that they can create, discover, explore, and innovate with their peers through the Arts, Science, Tech, and cooking areas.

Coffee Cart Day: On Friday 17th of September, we will have the **Coffee Cart** at Poonindie School. Students will be able to order hot chocolates or iced chocolate drinks. Staff will look forward to a 'real coffee'! Order forms will be out soon for this...the Coffee Cart will donate \$1 to our school for each purchase.



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 Virtual 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 Lower Eyre Peninsula SAPSASA 6/7 Girls Football and Boys Netball Competition	25 th August Staff Meeting Night	26 th August Invacuation practice	27 th August ASSEMBLY Mrs Letton 5/6
7	30 th August Commencement of PAT Testing Window	31 st August	1 st September PAT TESTING Early Years Staff Meeting Night	2 nd September PAT TESTING Early Years	3 rd September PAT TESTING Early Years

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 PUPIL FREE DAY PERSUASIVE WRITING MODERATION	14th September Parent Interviews	15th September Parent Interviews No Staff Meeting	16th September Parent Interviews	17th September Coffee Cart ASSEMBLY Mrs Anderson 1/2
10	20th September	21st September	22nd September	23rd September	24th September Wheels Day/Sausage Sizzle Last Day T3 2021 2.20pm dismissal