



# Poonindie Community Learning Centre Newsletter

WEEK 1, TERM 4 2021

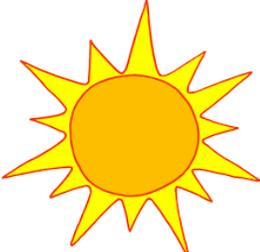
## From the Principal

**Welcome back everyone for the last term of 2021!** A special hello to *Oliver Dorward (Year 1)* and his family who have recently relocated to the EP from Adelaide. Oliver will be a welcomed addition to Mrs. Anderson’s class, taking her numbers to 25. At the end of term 3, *Chayse Edmond-Johnson* and *Morgan Berry* joined Mrs. Tempest’s R/1 classroom. We hope that your time with us is both positive and rewarding! We also welcome a new *groundsperson* to the team, *Polly Taylor* a local and well qualified lady who will be taking on Bryce’s role. We are super excited to have Polly onboard and we sincerely thank Bryce for his amazing long-term commitment to PCLC. He will be greatly missed!

Over the holiday period we have had a renovation of our student/staff toilets, so they are a more aesthetic, safer and more hygienic space for all. We are thrilled with the outcome and hope you have the time to come in and see!

I trust everyone is all rested up in preparation for this last term which we all know from past experiences, will be a busy one leading up to the end of year events! Once December arrives the year will be virtually done and dusted! As we lead into the final term, there are a couple of important notices for a smooth running 9 weeks:

**Sunsafe Policy/water bottles:** In line with our sunsafe policy, it is time for students and staff to bring out their hats as we experience some warmer weather (Terms 1 and 4 are exclusively our hat terms). We are very lucky in that our students are generally very compliant when wearing hats. Please ensure your child/ren have a hat in their bags ready to go week 1. Hats are stored in students’ bags or in lockers so they are separated to prevent the spread of headlice. It is also important that water bottles, labelled with the student’s names are brought into school each day. Keeping hydrated is important throughout the year but particularly so when the weather starts to warm up.



*School Values: Accountability Innovation Respect Resilience*

**Attendance Congratulations:** Well done to all of the students who were recipients of the Attendance Awards last term (95% and up). It is so heartening to see the daily commitment to attending school in our school community. There is a clear link between regular attendance and educational outcomes for students. Right now we are sitting on an average of 91% which is an improvement from previous years. Our goal is to reach 92% and we are almost there. WELL DONE EVERYONE!

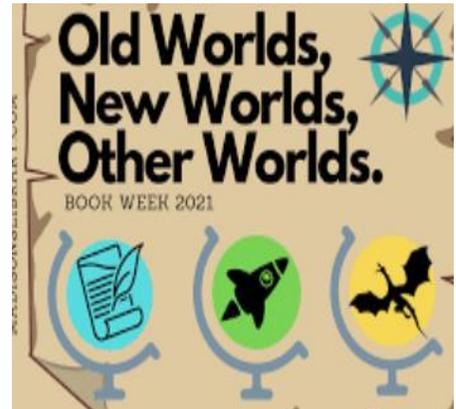
**SCHOOL PHOTOS:** Our school photos will be occurring on **Tuesday 19th of October (next Tuesday)**. Attached to this newsletter is your child's school photo envelope. The photos will be taken by our regular photographer MSP Photography – Jamestown. **Students must bring the envelope back on the day of the photos; together with the correct money or online payment details.** Teachers will collect the envelopes on arrival to keep them safe and redistribute them to students as class and individual student shots are being taken. The photographers scan the barcode ready to take the photograph. Please see Vicki this week for a Family Photograph envelope if you are wishing to have a family photo taken.

**BOOKWEEK Celebrations and BOOKFAIR:** Bookweek is traditionally held in Term 3 (21st-27<sup>th</sup> August) however this year we have moved it forward to coincide with the annual bookfair. This years theme is Old Worlds, New Worlds and Other Worlds. Our Dress up Day will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October.... students can come dressed as a range of book characters from old, new or other worlds. Ideas include but are certainly not limited to...

- Hermione Granger from Harry Potter
- The whimsical Cat in the Hat
- Alice and the Mad Hatter from Alice in Wonderland
- Little Red Riding Hood
- Dorothy from The Wizard of Oz
- **The crayons** from The Day the Crayons Quit

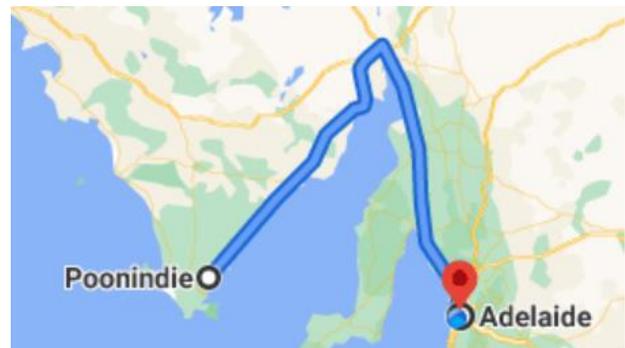
There will be a parade on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> to show off all of the fabulous costumes, home created or purchased! Whatever you can lay your hands on old new or borrowed will be great!

Books are available for purchase from the Bookfair which will be running all of bookweek and into the next! These will make great Christmas gifts and stocking fillers!



### Year 5/6 Adelaide Camp:

We are on a countdown now leading up to Mrs. Letton's Year 5/6 Camp which was rescheduled for Week 3 Term 4 (25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> October) due to the COVID-19 lockdown! Mrs. Letton, Mr. Beard and 2 SSO's Mel & Sharon will all be attending this camp so that the ratios and staff gender requirements are met. Accommodation arrangements have changed from Warradale to the Adelaide Caravan Park in Hackney. Mrs. Letton has been very busy confirming bookings for the week's activities and it looks like an incredible experience (she has even promised to bring me back some black jelly beans from the Old Lolly Shop!!!). A letter with final details including what students need to pack, has been distributed last term. Keep that one handy please 😊



**End of Year Event:** Staff have decided that they would like to rotate the end of year events held each year – 1 year onsite with a more informal event i.e. singing/dances which will also coincide with the Fete year; and the other year the more formal concert event at the Nautilus Theatre. This caters for a range of parent views (many people

loved our more informal event held at school) and keeps the interest and variety flowing! This year will be the Nautilus year – this event is marked on the calendar for **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of December** so please keep that evening free. The following day will be a SCHOOL CLOSURE, to enable students, families and staff to recover from the late evening.

**Transition to High School Programs:** For those students transitioning to the Port Lincoln High School next year, there are some important dates to be aware of this term. In the second week of term, they are hosting a Parent Information Night for Year 6 families and in the same week, one for the Year 7 families. I am waiting on confirmation of the nights. In week 7, the Year 6 students will visit over 2 consecutive days (23-24<sup>th</sup> November) and the Year 7 over the next 2 days (25-26<sup>th</sup> November). Students who are transitioning to St Joes, I will be in contact with the school this week to organise your transition times. Students transitioning to Tumby Bay Area School, you have already received your letter so please keep this in a handy spot to remember the times. Parents are responsible for taking and collecting students for their Transition to High School Programs.



We wish you all the very best as you prepare for the next exciting chapter in your education journey!

### Transition to Port Lincoln High School Timeline for Term 4: Details from their Website

Key Events: Term 4	
Week 1	PLHS Middle School AP and past students/mentors to visit feeder schools
Week 2	Parent Information Night for Year 6 families
Week 2	Parent Information Night for Year 7 families
Week 3/6	Extended transition for students with wellbeing/additional learning needs begin (Tuesdays & Thursdays)
Week 4	Transition student data provided to PLHS by primary schools where relevant (NAPLAN, PAT data); final feeder school transition meeting; feeder school teachers to meet with Craig, Lenny and Mel for final sharing of information
Week 5	Student-written letters of introduction returned to PLHS
Week 6	2022 Dharna Group teachers to contact student families re: transition visits
Week 7	Year 6 to 7 "Taste of High School" (Tuesday & Wednesday)
Week 7	Year 7 to 8 "Taste of High School" (Thursday & Friday)

Have a great week back at PCLC everyone!

*Sally Cormack - Principal*

# Wellbeing and Inclusion Update – Mrs. Anderson

What a wonderful term 3 it was, and we certainly celebrated in style with 'Wheels Day' finalising the term. Thankyou to the 'SRC Parent Group' who yet again cooked and served our lunch (Sausage Sizzle!). Thank you to all the students who purchased and raised funds for 'Make a Wish Foundation'. This organisation that provides a special 'wish' for children with terminal cancer holds a dear place for students here at Poonindie. This was shared by an SRC representative last term which ignited the need to support this wonderful organisation. Total amount raised will be finalised and announced this week. Thank you to everyone for participating!

SRC have already got their eyes on a **WET DAY this term!** With our first Wet Day last year being such a highlight, students have been patiently waiting all year. So don't chuck out any inflatable toys or pools, please see me if you would like to donate them to us! At this stage (without any unforeseen circumstances) we will be having **WET DAY on Friday week 8, 3<sup>rd</sup> December...** but please stay tuned for more information as it gets closer.



## Fundraiser for our new room



I have made some "microwave bowl holders" in many assorted colours..... These are great to heat your bowl of food up in the microwave and then when ready, you just pick it up by the corners of the bowl holder and this means **NO MORE HOT FINGERS!!!!**



**Cost: \$10 each** - I am donating 1/2 of this price to go towards items needed in our 'Innovation Hub'.

These make great affordable Christmas gifts! Please see Vicki! Helen Shramm 😊

# BUSHFIRE SAFETY – Please read!

Poonindie Community Learning Centre is a **R2** site which means on a forecasted **CATASROPHIC** day, we are **CLOSED**. We also do not run excursions on any day where there is a total fire ban.

We have developed a communication system for bushfires/catastrophic days which is our BUSHFIRE tree. All of our Governing Council Members have delegated families to ring so that we are not clogging our main lines into the school. This will be updated again this term to include our newest families.

We practice Emergency Drills every term and **twice a term in the Bushfire season**. Our staffroom is the designated bushfire safe building where water and other emergency supplies are housed. In consultation with the CFS, our designated offsite Bushfire evacuation point is the Yacht Club in Port Lincoln. The CFS have recommended that we must evacuate to an area where the most people will be and a bushfire safe place. This would only be used if we had time to get out, in one trip using the school bus which is now permanently housed at the school and available vehicles.

## BUSES AND BUSHFIRE 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.

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.

### PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- During the bushfire season ensure that you are 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.





## Poonindie Community Learning Centre Calendar Term 4 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	11 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Day 1 Term 4!</b> <i>Welcome Back</i> <i>Assembly 10.40am</i>	12 <sup>th</sup> October	13 <sup>th</sup> October	14 <sup>th</sup> October	15 <sup>th</sup> October
	18 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Bookweek &amp; Bookfair</b> 	19 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Kindy Transition</b> 8.50-10 <i>School Photo Day</i>	20 <sup>th</sup> October  <i>Staff Meeting</i> Bookweek Parade	21 <sup>st</sup> October  <i>Staff Meeting</i> Bushfire Drill	22 <sup>nd</sup> October
	25 <sup>th</sup> October <b>5-6 CAMP WEEK</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> October	27 <sup>th</sup> October  <b>Kindy Transition</b> 8.50-11  <i>Staff Meeting</i>	28 <sup>th</sup> October  <b>Transition</b> <b>TBAS</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> October  <b>ASSEMBLY</b> Mr Rowsell's 3-4 Class
	1 <sup>st</sup> November  <b>SAPSASSA</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> November  <b>Kindy Transition</b> 8.50-12noon	3 <sup>rd</sup> November  <i>Staff Meeting</i>	4 <sup>th</sup> November  <i>Governing Council Meeting</i>	5 <sup>th</sup> November
	8 <sup>th</sup> November	9 <sup>th</sup> November	10 <sup>th</sup> November  <i>Staff Meeting</i>	11 <sup>th</sup> November	12 <sup>th</sup> November

	15 <sup>th</sup> November **Proposed Pupil Free Day**	16 <sup>th</sup> November  Bushfire Drill	17 <sup>th</sup> November  Staff Meeting Governing Council End of Year Dinner	18 <sup>th</sup> November	19 <sup>th</sup> November  ASSEMBLY Mrs Tempest's R-1 class
	22 <sup>nd</sup> November	23 <sup>rd</sup> November  Transition to PLHS Yr 6	24 <sup>th</sup> November  Transition to PLHS Yr 6 Staff Meeting	25 <sup>th</sup> November  Transition to PLHS Yr 7	26 <sup>th</sup> November  Transition to PLHS Yr 7
	29 <sup>th</sup> November	30 <sup>th</sup> November	1 <sup>st</sup> December  Staff Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> December	3 <sup>rd</sup> December
	6 <sup>th</sup> December	7 <sup>th</sup> December	8 <sup>th</sup> December  Rehearsal Nautilus  Staff Meeting	9 <sup>th</sup> December Rehearsal Nautilus Last day 2021 Student reports go out Concert Evening Nautilus Theatre	10 <sup>th</sup> December  PROPOSED SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

## POSITIVE THINGS TO SAY TO YOUR CHILD

1. You are helpful.
2. You were right.
3. I know you did your best.
4. I'm grateful for you.
5. You have great ideas.
6. I love being your mom.
7. I believe in you.
8. You are important.
9. You make me proud.
10. You are loved.
11. You don't have to be perfect to be amazing.
12. I believe you.
13. You are worth it.
14. Don't be afraid to be yourself.
15. It's good to be curious.
16. We all make mistakes, it's OK.
17. I understand you.
18. You can say no.
19. This family would not be the same without you.
20. We can try it your way.
21. I appreciate you.
22. I know you did your best.
23. I forgive you.
24. I am so glad you're here.
25. That was really brave what you did.
26. I admire you.
27. It's your decision.
28. If you really believe in something, it's important.
29. Don't give up.
30. I could never stop loving you.
31. You can try again tomorrow.
32. Don't compare yourself to anyone else.
33. You are enough.
34. It's OK to be scared.
35. Even if you make a mistake, you can fix it.
36. Being kind does not make you weak.
37. Your ideas are great.
38. You don't have to do what everyone else is doing.
39. Anything is possible.
40. You can make a difference.
41. I love how you said that.
42. I'm listening.
43. You did that so well.
44. You make my heart full.
45. Not everyone will like you, and that is okay.
46. You have a choice.
47. That's a great question.
48. I'm so excited to spend time with you.
49. That was a really good choice.
50. I trust you.
51. I hear you.
52. Your attitude can change any situation.
53. You are a great friend.
54. Never stop trying.
55. I'll always love you.