



# Poonindie Community Learning Centre Newsletter

WEEK 3, TERM 4 2021

## From the Principal:

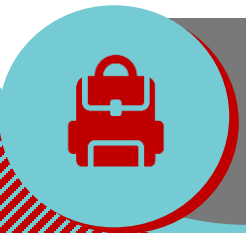
Hello everyone! As we predicted the term has *already taken off on us with week 3 on our doorstep!* The Year 5/6 Camp to Adelaide is going really well by all accounts – the students and staff are all pumped yet exhausted from such a busy and fun itinerary. We look forward to seeing them all back safely on Friday.

This week we welcome a new enrolment in Mrs Tempest’s class – hello to Kodi Magnay who has joined us from Virginia Primary School and is brother to Tilo Schultz in Mrs Letton’s class.

## 2022 class structures

In 2022, we will be moving to a 5-class structure, rather than a 4 class one. We had initially predicted we would be running 4 classes with the Year 7 move to High School and becoming an R-6 Primary School, but as the year has progressed, we have continued to build numbers from local enrolments which is a healthy sign that our little school continues to grow and maintain viability. Staff will be planning out how our 5 classes will look; at this stage it is likely to be a straight Reception class, a 1-2 class, a 2-3 class, a 3-4 class and a 5-6 class. Allocation of teachers to classes is still a work in progress but we aim to have all of that finalised by the end of the year so students know who their teachers are for 2022.

**Bus Driver:** Jo Dufek has recently informed us that he is planning to retire from his position of bus driver at the conclusion of this year. We thank Jo for being such a wonderful and dedicated driver for the past 12 months – he is very well respected by our staff, students and families. We are back to the drawing board again – we are in need of a bus driver commencing at the beginning of the 2022 year!! Please let Vicki or myself know ASAP if you are keen or know of someone who would be suitable so we can commence the driver accreditation process and mandated certificates.



*School Values: Accountability Innovation Respect Resilience*

**Voluntary Aspen Medical COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic:** Will be occurring next week in our school for those consented students, 12 years and over and any interested parent/community member. Aspen Medical, affiliated with Health will be administering the vaccinations (Pfizer). Please return consent forms to Vicki or Sally ASAP so we can populate the booking sheet. *The confirmed date for dose 1 is Tuesday 2nd of November; dose 2 will be on Monday 22nd November for Year 6 students and Tuesday 23rd of November for Year 7 students. The second dose is over 2 days as Tuesday the 22nd is the 1st visit for our Year 6 students to High School. Vaccinations will occur @8.30am in a private space.*

**Bryce's farewell gift:** Staff have put together a little surprise gift for Bryce, which is a new wheel barrow/sack truck filled with goodies like chocolates, tools, gardening gloves, hankies, savoury nibbles etc. If you would like to contribute to this gift, please come in firstly to check out what is already in there and then make your contribution. Helen is also putting together a quilt – a tradition for farewell gifts to staff – we have all decorated a fabric square with some personal thanks on them!

**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.

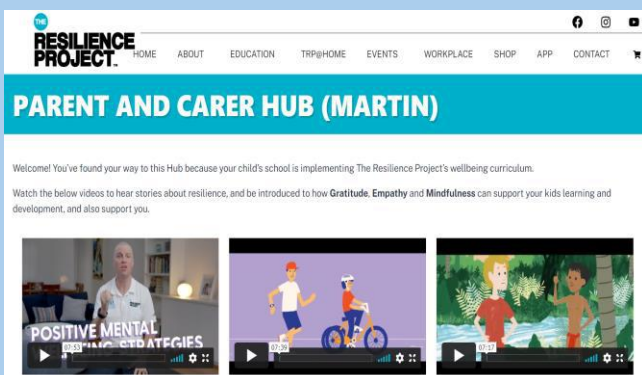
At this stage we are keeping it to just the parents only rather than extended family as we have an indoor capacity to adhere to which also includes the kindy families and staff.

**Bracelet found:** we have found a bracelet on our school grounds that is a child's and is *valuable*. Please contact Vicki and provide a description if your child has lost a bracelet.

*Enjoy the sunny days everyone!*

*Sally Cormack - Principal*

## Wellbeing and Inclusion Update – Mrs. Anderson



As we get closer to the end of the year, we are seeing students reflect on their schooling here at PCLC and some little faces start to show 'worry' about the conclusion of their schooling in such a safe and supportive environment. To help parents and students with these exciting transitions in life (whether you are starting at High School or moving on to another site) I want to remind Parents that as a TRP school you all have access to the TRP 'Parent Hub'- <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/parent-and-carer-hub-martin/>

There are a range of podcasts and professional conversations that might lighten the load of tricky conversations that you are having at home.



### Season 3, Episode 14 – A bonus snap podcast because we needed a chat

"I think I got to a point where I thought 'I can't keep doing this, I can't keep being so disappointed by the things I can't control', and I made a decision in that moment to let it go."

# BOOKWEEK 2021 - Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds



# 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>Bookweek Parade</i>  <i>Staff Meeting</i>	21 <sup>st</sup> October  <i>Bushfire Drill</i>	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/Parent Information session 2.30pm  <i>Staff Meeting</i>	28 <sup>th</sup> October  <b>Transition TBAS</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> October  <b>ASSEMBLY</b> <i>Mr Rowsell's 3-4 Class</i>
	1 <sup>st</sup> November  <b>SAPSASSA</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> November <b>COVID Vaccination Day 1</b> 8.30AM  <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  <i>Computer /Cyber Safety Talk</i>
	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 [Redacted]	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  Transition Saint Joes
	22 <sup>nd</sup> November COVID Vaccination Day 2 Year 6 (12yrs) 8.30AM	23 <sup>rd</sup> November COVID Vaccination Day 2 Year 7 8.30AM  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

## Pastoral Care Update – Helen Schramm

**Wow week 3 already! Where has the year gone?**

**Fundraiser:** My microwave bowl holders have been very popular. Thanks to all who brought some...the money raised has paid for a microwave and a small chest freezer for the Innovation Hub.

If you would still like to buy one, you are welcome – please see Vicki in the front office. They make great birthday, Christmas or thankyou gifts for anyone!

**Recipe Book:** Is nearly ready to put together. We are just waiting on a few photos.

I am wondering if anyone has a **spare single cupboard with shelves** in it? It can be tall but no wider than 70cm. If so please call Vicki or leave a message for me in the front office.

Have a lovely week, Helen 😊

Quote: "Be kind whenever possible, as it is always possible".