

# Poonindie Community Learning Centre Newsletter

Week 3 Term 1 2022

## Welcome back to all R-6 classes

### *From the Principal*

An official welcome back to all of our students this week – *our lives are now complete with the R-6 students onsite!* Once again, a huge show of appreciation to the families who have been at home supporting their children to maintain continuity of learning with the Learning from Home online program and daily check-ins. With 2 confirmed cases of the omicron variant in our site this week, we need to continue to maintain vigilance. The key things that both staff and parents collectively need to practice include:

- We have been asked to continue to restrict the number of non-essential adults onsite over the next few weeks hence **we will continue the stop and drop routine at drop off and collection time.** School assemblies will be online this term – these will be filmed and posted on seesaw for you to stay connected.
- All students and staff must stay home if unwell, even mildly.
- Ventilation is to be maximised by leaving doors/windows open, continue use of air conditioning (set to fresh air intake where available) and fans, including with doors and windows open.
- Outdoor learning is encouraged where appropriate.
- Physical distancing where possible.
- Minimise staff intermingling (e.g., no gatherings in the staff room, online PD only, online meetings, no in-person team teaching).
- Minimise student/child intermingling across class groups inside
- Continue to practice and promote hand and respiratory hygiene. Hand sanitiser must be provided for regular use, and disposable masks.

**THANKYOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND RESPECT FOR THESE GUIDELINES.**

**STAFFING UPDATE:** Congratulations to EMMA ANDERSON who has recently won a leadership promotion to the Port Lincoln Junior Primary School as Deputy Principal for 6 months! This is a massive loss for us; however, I am very excited for Emma who has been seeking leadership challenges for the past couple of years. I will be busy trying to recruit a quality teacher behind Emma for the next 6 months. Helen Schramm, pastoral Care, is currently on leave and will return to the site for Term 2!



### *Our Vision is to....*

Prepare and motivate our students in a rapidly changing world; instilling the knowledge and skills they require as lifelong learners and to practice our core values of *Accountability, Innovation, Respect and Resilience.*

“Students will have success for today and be prepared for tomorrow”.

### *Our PCLC School Values are:*

- *Accountability*
- *Innovation*
- *Respect*
- *Resilience*

## WHOLE OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET:



Last year we set an Attendance Target of 92% and thanks to your wonderful commitment to student attendance we achieved an attendance rate of 91% which is **higher than previous years**. This year we will, despite COVID challenges, continue to strive to achieve that target of 92%. Fingers crossed we can get back to some kind of normality!

Generally speaking, our attendance rate is good however *we could even be better*. Obviously if children are unwell, particularly in this current climate, they must stay at home. We require all absences to be accounted for. Parents need to contact the school by phone, use the Skoolbag app or communicate via Seesaw if your child is ill. Absences of greater than 3 days require an exemption to be approved by the Principal, in advance.

### Check out these staggering statistics:

Regular attendance is critical for students to **achieve optimal learning at school**. Missing school adds up:

- If a child misses an average of five days a term (years 1 to 10), they miss out on approximately one year of school
- If a child misses one day a week of school (from years 1 to 10), they will miss almost two years of school
- If a child misses two days a week of school (from years 1 to 10), they will miss almost four years of school
- If a child misses five weeks a term (years 1 to 10), they miss almost five years of school.

### Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfect!
Equates to 2 days off school each year	98%	Excellent
Equates to 13 days off school each year	93%	Good
Equates to 22 days off school each year	88%	Concerned
Equates to 32 days off school each year	83%	Very Concerned
Equates to 47+ days off school each year	75% or Below	Extremely Concerned

### PARENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES:

We strive to do the absolute very best we can to work in partnership with families. There may be times when you feel unhappy about something that has occurred at the school. If you have an issue that concerns some aspect of the classroom operation, the first point of call is to speak with the classroom teacher. Arrange a **mutually convenient time** to chat.

If you feel that the grievance has not been addressed adequately at this level, then please arrange a time to speak with the Principal Sally.

We will take the time to listen with respect to your worries and concerns and we will aim to resolve them. No matter goes unnoticed here.

We are a government school and therefore are required to follow all directives that are communicated at a state level by the Department for Education SA. That may mean we don't necessarily have a choice about the way things are to be run, including some of the COVID-19 arrangements and restrictions.

We strongly encourage parents to speak to us directly rather than in social circles or post grievances on social media platforms. This is an inappropriate way to handle conflict and is damaging to a school's reputation. Thank you for your respect and understanding!



Have a wonderful week everyone! Keep smiling! Sally Cormack - Principal

## Poonindie Community Learning Centre – Governing Council AGM

**Proposed date:** Thursday 3rd March      **Time:** 7.00-8.00pm      **Venue:** PCLC Staff Room  
In accordance with the Emergency Act for COVID 19 – all Governing Council Members must be double vaccinated. We hope you will consider joining this committee and help support the operations of our wonderful small school community. See you then!

Our new students enjoying the great outdoors this week!



## Beliefs about Math Change Children's Achievement

This year we are having a big focus not only on writing but also on math – in particular the BIG IDEAS in Number. One of our starting points is to explore our own attitudes and perceptions about math – both teachers and parents. Some of us may love math, others may feel anxiety around math based on our own schooling experience! We want to foster a love of math in our classrooms and build a perception that all children can learn and succeed in math. In the article below (see link) it talks about teachers and parents needing to replace sympathetic messages such as “Don’t worry, math isn’t your thing” with positive messages such as “You can do this, I believe in you, math is an open, beautiful subject that is all about effort and hard work.”

Here is an interesting article to read: <https://www.youcubed.org/resources/parents-beliefs-math-change-childrens-achievement/>.

Please complete this short survey – we would love to hear from you 😊

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=6fS7c4gGRkmuqb0LtA7PB6kFaUN6Lm5JpgNqQUBI0LFUN0U2OUIQMVNLTzIXUUc3MEdJNUxXOEsxOS4u>

Watch out for future articles on how to support your child at home with math – particularly number concepts!

POLLY OUR GROUNDS PERSON IS AFTER THESE ITEMS IF YOU CAN HELP (PLEASE LEAVE BY BACK SHED):


- Old woolen blankets for top of compost bins
- Hay or pea straw as mulch for the garden

THANKS, FROM POLLY 😊

# Poonindie Community Learning Centre Calendar

## Term 1, 2022

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>31st January</b> Staff on duty – Preparation for online learning Years 2-6	<b>1st February</b> Staff on duty – Preparation for online learning Years 2-6	<b>2nd February</b> First day back for Reception and Year 1 students/First day of online learning Years 2-6	<b>3rd February</b>	<b>4th February</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>7th February</b>	<b>8th February</b>	<b>9th February</b>	<b>10th February</b>	<b>11th February</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>14th February</b> All students return to face to face learning R-6	<b>15th February</b>	<b>16th February</b>	<b>17th February</b> Governing Council Meeting 7.00pm WEBEX link	<b>18th February</b> Virtual Assembly @ 2.50pm R/1 Classes hosting (this will be posted on SEESAW!)
<b>4</b>	<b>21st February</b> Fire Drill Practice	<b>22nd February</b>	<b>23rd February</b>	<b>24th February</b>	<b>25th February</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>28th February</b>	<b>1st March</b>	<b>2nd March</b>	<b>3rd March</b>  GC Annual General Meeting 7.00pm PCLC Staffroom	<b>4th March</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>7th March</b>	<b>8th March</b>	<b>9th March</b>	<b>10th March</b>	<b>11th March</b>  Virtual Assembly @ 2.50pm 3/4 Class (this will be posted on SEESAW!)
<b>6</b>	<b>14th March</b> <b>ADELAIDE</b> <b>CUP</b>	<b>15th March</b> <b>SCHOOL</b> <b>EXTERNAL</b> <b>REVIEW WEEK</b>	<b>16th March</b>	<b>17th March</b>	<b>18th March</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>21st March</b>	<b>22nd March</b>	<b>23rd March</b>	<b>24th March</b>	<b>25th March</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>28th March</b>	<b>29th March</b>	<b>30th March</b>	<b>31st March</b>	<b>1st April</b>  Virtual Assembly @ 2.50pm 2/3 Class (this will be posted on SEESAW!)
<b>9</b>	<b>4th April</b> <b>PARENT INTERVIEWS</b>	<b>5th April</b>	<b>6th April</b>	<b>7th April</b>	<b>8th April</b>

<b>11</b>	<i>11th April</i>	<i>12th April</i>	<i>13th April</i>	<i>14th April</i> <b>Last Day Term 1 2022</b> <b>2.20pm dismissal</b> <b>Assembly @</b> <b>1.50pm Mrs</b> <b>Cormack</b>	<i>15th April</i> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 
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School Fees are set at **\$253** per child which was approved by our 2021 Governing Council – this is the standard fixed rate for all Departmental Schools.

School fees cover your child's stationary and support the general operational costs of the site i.e., art and cooking consumables for example.

School fees are due by the end of **Term 1 2022**. The last day to pay school fees is Thursday 14th of April.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, please see Vicki our finance officer and we can organise a payment plan.

With thanks

*vicki and sally*

TASMAN FOOTBALL CLUB



# JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY & COACHING CLINIC

**BOYS AND GIRLS**

**SATURDAY 5TH MARCH 10AM-1130AM**

**FORESHORE LAWNS ACROSS FROM THE TASMAN HOTEL**

**BBQ AFTERWARDS**

**AUSKICK, UNDER 8, UNDER 10, UNDER 12 & UNDER 14**

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