

Poonindie Community Learning Centre Newsletter

Week 1 Term 1 2022

Welcome to 2022!

From the Principal

Hello families! Welcome aboard in person or remotely!

Believe me - this was not the introduction to the 2022 School year that we were hoping for! Nevertheless, it is what it is, and rest assured we will be working above and beyond to ensure that student safety and learning is maintained to the best of our ability!

I have great pleasure in warmly welcoming the following students and their families to our school community for the first time for 2022. Thankfully, our new Reception faces will be joining us for face-to-face learning on Wednesday 2nd of February!

Reception: Cameron Asplin, Ethan Habner, Louie Hage, Chase Harrison, Carla Haywood, Ava Hocking, Ava King, Bridie Low, Bodhi Moukis, Mana Poynter, Sophie Williams, Aphiah Brown, London Dorward, Rahni Evans, Finnlay Fraser, Stella-Kirkwood Frears, Arlo Lane, Oliver Shepherd, Noah Seiffert, Archie Sweet, Samuel Treagus & Maverick Truong.

Year 1: Ezra Telfer

Year 2: Kai Meyer & Gideon Telfer

Year 3: Rocklan MacDonald, Denisha Meyer & Jace Williams

Year 5: Abigail MacDonald

Introducing the 2022 Classroom Staff Team:

R/1 Teacher – Kim Francis & classroom support SSO - Kellie Edwards

R/1 Teacher – Emma Anderson & classroom support SSO - Lisa Quick

2/3 Teacher – Kylie Fitzgerald & classroom support SSO - Jenny Sinclair

3/4 Teacher – Hamish Rowsell & classroom support SSO – Sharon Walker

5/6 Teacher – Brea Letton & classroom support SSO – Tennelle Shepperd

During Week 0, our staff team worked very diligently on a new school Vision Statement and Mission Statement to align with the school values which were recently updated. We will be consulting more widely with our student and parent body to gain their voice and gauge their perspectives on the direction and focus of this wonderful little school!



Our PCLC School Values

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

School Motto:

Fly High, See Far!



Keeping our Site COVID SAFE:

From **Thursday 3rd of February**, we have introduced a **STOP and DROP** routine from our front gate for **all families** including our new Reception families. We ask that all parents do not enter the school grounds; rather staff will greet your child at the gate and accompany them to their bag racks and outdoor play area. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping all of us safe! Over the first 4 weeks of term we have been instructed to really minimise adults on our site so please only enter if it is **absolutely urgent** otherwise ring through. **Masks and QR signing- in are mandated for adults. Thanks in understanding!**

Learning from Home

It is important that we maintain continuity of student learning for the first 2 weeks of term, as they enter their new year levels.

Some expectations for parents:

- Close supervision of your child's learning where possible
- Keep them in a routine
- Encourage them to be dressed in school uniform
- Sign in on SEESAW every morning between 9-9.15 to say your child is present (our rolls have to be down to Vicki by 9.30 sharp). Alternatively, let the teacher know if your child is absent due to illness via seesaw or our skoolbag portal
- Ensure your child/ren are engaging in the online component with the class teacher either through TEAMS or WEBEX (teachers will let you know and provide you with a link to join)

Some expectations for Students:

- Dress in school uniform
- Be ready for the school day by 9.00am
- Complete the set work that has been prepared and submit it on SEESAW so your teacher can give you feedback
- Have FUN!

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!



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 vaccinated.

We hope you will consider joining this committee and help support the operations of our wonderful small school community. See you then!

Meet your classroom teachers



Emma Anderson R/1

Question 1: How long have you been at Poonindie School? I have been here since 2007 so this is my 12th year!

Question 2: Previous teaching experience? I have taught years R through to 10! I have taught in Lock, Tumby Bay & Lake Wangary.

Question 3: What motivates you as a teacher? KIDS! I just adore everything that comes with educating a child! It is an honour and privilege!

Question 4: What are you looking forward to mostly about 2022 at PCLC? I am keen to dip my toes into our numeracy training and support the development of students mathematical concepts!

Kim Francis R/1



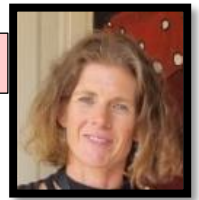
Question 1: How long have you been at Poonindie School? I have worked at Poonindie previously as the Aboriginal Education Teacher (2020 and 2019).

Question 2: Previous teaching experience? Port Lincoln JPS, Kirton Point and now Poonindie!

Question 3: What motivates you as a teacher? The beautiful students in my class... helping them to succeed with their individual goals makes my heart sing! Term 3 is my favourite term, it's the term where student learning shines through and it makes me so proud of each learner.

Question 4: What are you looking forward to mostly about 2022 at PCLC? Hands down the amazing teaching and SSO team & kind and helpful students!

Kylie Fitzgerald 2-3



Question 1: How long have you been at Poonindie School? This is my first year! Yah!

Question 2: Previous teaching experience? I have taught at Coober Pedy, Port Lincoln JPS, Port Lincoln PS and Lincoln Gardens!

Question 3: What motivates you as a teacher? Seeing students happy and engaged in their learning and seeing growth no matter how small!

Question 4: What are you looking forward to mostly about 2022 at PCLC? Building relationships with families and creating a safe and caring classroom environment!

Hamish Rowsell 3-4



Question 1: How long have you been at Poonindie School? 1 wonderful year!

Question 2: Previous teaching experience? Lincoln Gardens Primary School - 9 Years.

Question 3: What motivates you as a teacher? To prepare students for life and give them the opportunity to pursue their goals and dreams

Question 4: What are you looking forward to mostly about 2022 at PCLC? The Crows winning a grand final this century!!! No sorry getting into this year!

Brea Letton 5-6



Question 1: How long have you been at Poonindie School? This is my 3rd year!

Question 2: Previous teaching experience? I have previously worked as an OSHC coordinator.

Question 3: What motivates you as a teacher? Seeing the light bulbs go on when students master a concept! This is very rewarding!

Question 4: What are you looking forward to mostly about 2022 at PCLC? Teaching a composite class of year 5/6's – preparing them for their next milestone in the educational journey!

About your Principal – Sally Cormack

Question 1: How long have you been at Poonindie School? Since 2020! I live in Tumby Bay on a farm with a lovely beach!

Question 2: Previous teaching and leadership experience? Whyalla, Roxby Downs, Andamooka, Port Neill, Education Office – Port Lincoln and my favourite place of all Poonindie! I spent 25 years in the bush!

Question 3: What motivates you as a Principal? I see my role is to inspire and build the professional capacity of my staff team to be the best they can be for the students in our school. I want to see growth for every child in every classroom.


Question 4: What are you looking forward to mostly about 2022 at PCLC? Every year is like a new chapter in a book waiting to be written! It is another golden opportunity for us to make a real difference and strive to meet the goals and targets on our 2022 Site Improvement Plan (this year we are working on students Number sense and Writing Skills). We will ride the waves and adjust the sails no matter what the conditions like COVID present and we will do everything possible to make the year a memorable one! Welcome aboard to all of our new PCLC families!



Poonindie Community Learning Centre Calendar

Term 1, 2022

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

11	11th April	12th April	13th April	14th April Last Day Term 1 2022 2.20pm dismissal Assembly @ 1.50pm Mrs Cormack	15th April GOOD FRIDAY 
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General reminders for Term 1:

Please ensure your child has:

A broad brimmed hat – our Sunsafe Policy states that students will wear a hat in terms 1 and 4



A water bottle – our drink fountains can only be used for refills not drinking from. We do provide cups for back-up.



We are a school that takes pride in having students wear uniform. It looks smart and it is a way to unify our students. Students not in uniform will be asked to wear the appropriate colours by our staff.



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 ie 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.

Many thanks

Vicki and Sally 😊