

Poonindie Community Learning Centre Newsletter

Week 5 Term 1 2022

From the Principal

Welcome to week 5 - almost the halfway mark of the term!

Thankyou all for your diligence throughout this challenging time with COVID cases in our small school community. I appreciate how difficult it is for families especially if you have been suddenly thrown into isolation! As a staff, we are committed to keeping safety of our students number 1. We acknowledge the stop and drop is not parent friendly but it is an additional measure to help reduce the spread! It won't be in forever...we will relax that routine once we have a few less cases. So far this year we have had 10 confirmed cases. 2 of these include staff, which as you can appreciate causes additional resource pressure on our small school where relief teachers are few and far between at the present time. Hang in there!

Staff update:

It is with pleasure that I welcome **3** additional staff to the PCLC team:

Peta Butler R/1 teacher behind Emma Anderson. Peta is a Tumby Bay girl who has a wealth of knowledge and experience as a teacher and leader. Peta happens to be Tammy Stratford's sister (for those of you who don't know Tammy – she was here for about 20 years as a JP teacher). Peta has been working most recently in Oodnadatta Aboriginal School. Previous to that she has worked in Elliston, Port Neill, Cummins and Tumby Bay.

Michelle Bahr Indonesian Teacher and in R/1 (Francis) on a Friday. Michelle is a local relief teacher and has a long association with Poonindie School in this capacity. She is well regarded by staff and students. Michelle is replacing Sara Ling who has recently moved to School of the Air, Port Augusta.

Amber Freeman has been appointed for 1 day a week to manage the resource centre/library. Amber brings great skills of librarianship and has already undertaken a major blitz of our library – creating a more user friendly, organised and aesthetic learning space. Thankyou Amber 😊



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*

Our school motto: Fly High, See Far



Reorganised Library Area!



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!



Some of our new students waving goodbye to their parents and caregivers at the front gates in the morning! The students just love the waving hands! Try it if your child is having difficulty separating!

Annual General Meeting: The Annual General Meeting of the Governing Council has been re-scheduled to Thursday 24th of March 7-8pm at the Poonindie Community Learning Centre. We look forward to seeing you here and remember we must hold the meeting in COVID safe conditions – facemasks and socially distance. Sue Berry from Mentally Fit EP is guest speaker - talking about healthy and resilient families. If parents are in isolation but would like to be part of the meeting, they will need to let me know so I can send them a TEAMS link.

Student leaders: Mrs Letton is heading up school leadership (SRC) this year. She has done a wonderful job of enacting the process. I am delighted to announce school leadership positions for 2022:

School captain: Jarran Durdin *Vice School Captain:* Seth Schlink
House Captains: *Tod:* Noah Luscombe *Solomon:* Tylo Schutz & Angus Rodda
Hirschausen: Archer Coleman and Charlotte O'Keeffe *Tallala:* Matthew Minto and Max Shepperd.

SRC Reps: still in the process of election - we will let you know by the end of this week.

CONGRATULATIONS and well done on your inspirational speeches!

Have a wonderful week everyone! Hang in there! Sally Cormack - Principal

The Big Ideas in Number

This year we have a focus on teaching and consolidating the Big Ideas in Number. The Big Ideas in Number is a framework that supports the conceptual development of number sense, which is fundamental to mathematical learning. If students don't have a solid understanding of these big ideas, their progress in the number strand and mathematics in general will be more difficult. The following chart outlines these big ideas and the year levels where they need to be consolidated.


By the end of	Big Idea
Foundation/ mid Year 1	Trusting the Count: students believe that if they count the same collection again they will get the same amount; they can draw on mental objects for each of the numbers to ten based on visual imagery that allow them to 'see' these numbers in terms of their parts and as they relate to numbers of which they are a part (e.g., 8 is 6 and 2, double 4, 2 less than 10).
Year 2	Place Value (a multiplicative structure): students see 10 ones as 1 ten and are able to work fluently with counts of tens and counts of ones independently; they understand and can use the relationship that 10 of these is 1 of those to extend the whole number system to hundreds and beyond.
Year 4	Multiplicative Thinking (initial ideas): students move beyond an understanding of multiplication and division as repeated addition; they have access to efficient strategies for multiplication and division based on the number of groups rather than the number in each group (e.g., 3 of anything is double it and one more group).
Year 6/end of primary school	Partitioning (another aspect of multiplicative thinking): students extend their ideas about multiplication and division to make connections to fractions, decimals and per cent; they understand and use the 'for each' idea to solve simple proportional reasoning problems.
Year 8	Proportional Reasoning (a key defining aspect of multiplicative thinking): students recognise and work with relationships between numerical quantities; they represent these in multiple ways (e.g., graphs, tables, expressions) and solve problems involving fractions, decimals, per cent, rate, ratio and proportion.
Year 10	Generalising: students recognise, describe and represent patterns, relations and functions in multiple ways; they work confidently with algebraic expressions and relationships to solve an extended range of problems.

PUPIL FREE DAY: Is Monday week 11 – Monday the 11th of April, 2022. Staff will be attending the Literacy Guarantee Conference along with all other schools in Port Lincoln. Please make arrangements for the care of your child/ren. The first Monday of Term 2 2022 is also a Pupil Free Day – Monday 2nd of May. Staff will be learning more about the teaching and learning cycle for Writing which is to be held at the Lincoln Gardens Primary School. Keep these dates handy!

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 7.00pm WEBEX link	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	4th March
6	7th March	8th March	9th March	10th March	11th March Virtual Assembly @ 2.50pm 3/4 Class (this will be posted on SEESAW!)
7	14th March ADELAIDE CUP	15th March SCHOOL EXTERNAL REVIEW WEEK	16th March	17th March	18th March
8	21st March	22nd March	23rd March	24th March GC Annual General Meeting 7.00pm PCLC Staffroom	25th March
9	28th March	29th March	30th March	31st March	1st April Virtual Assembly @ 2.50pm 2/3 Class (this will be posted on SEESAW!)
10	4th April PARENT INTERVIEWS	5th April	6th April	7th April	8th April

11	11th April PUPIL FREE DAY	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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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



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Sometimes you have just got to keep your humour alive through challenging times! Enjoy the COVID cartoon!

