

Poonindie Community Learning Centre Newsletter

Week 9 Term 1 2022



From the Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The term has just slipped away on us, although for some, it feels like it the end of the year!!! I really apologise for how disruptive the term has been with students and teachers in and out and many strange faces in the school helping us to get through. I do try where possible to recruit familiar relief staff and keep the same teacher in a classroom, for continuity. Hang in there - it is almost the holidays and we will have time to rest and re-energise!

SPORTS DAY: At this point we will go ahead with the SPORTSDAY but It will no longer be a combined one with Port Neill and Ungarra. This is due to the recent cancellation of other EP interschool events and the consistency of messaging. As indicated in the post this morning, we will have the following COVID safe measures in place:

1. The day is restricted to parents only and not extended family members or friends sorry. Where possible, 1 parent per family would be great but if both parents do want to attend that is fine. We just need to keep our spectator crowd down!
2. Masks outdoors please (COVID-19 hotline advice to us – strongly encouraged)
3. Physical distancing where possible, particularly at food line ups

The North Shields Road House are happy to provide parent lunches from the menu sent home, now that Ungarra and Port Neill are no longer attending. Parent orders will need to be in at our school by tomorrow along with the student lunch orders.

Our Marathon will be run tomorrow (Wednesday 30th of April) – please make sure your child is in appropriate running attire including sneakers.

We would welcome more donations of cakes, biscuits and slices please and volunteers to work this stall/tea and coffee stall. Parent volunteers will need to be vaccinated under the current requirement in government schools.

We are NUT FREE so please bake NUT FREE products! Thankyou!

Parent Interviews – week 10
15 minutes per interview
Bookings made at:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/7yk2n>

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*

PARENT INTERVIEWS: These are coming up in Week 10 of term (next week). They are compulsory for all students in term 1 and are a wonderful opportunity for parents to ask questions and find out about the literacy and numeracy progress of their child/ren in this first term. All interviews are 15 minutes and **will be done over the phone**. Please keep to your appointment time. Bookings are online -click on the link: <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/7yk2n>

GOVERNING COUNCIL UPDATE: Last week we held our Annual General Meeting of the Governing Council. It was very well attended and for the first time, we had more nominations for the committee than positions. I would like to congratulate the newly elected parents for coming onboard and thank those parents for showing an interest who were not elected on the committee. I encourage you to keep connected to our site and put your hand up for other responsibilities including fundraising. We would welcome your input!

Our 2022 Governing Council is as follows

Chairperson: Mark Modra
Vice Chairperson: Wesley Wiseman
Secretary: Jasmine Schutz
Finance Liaison: Joshua Telfer

Committee Members

Kaylee Brown
Emma Luscombe
Louise Trevor
Hayley/Gareth Evans
Sarah Williams
Kingsley Habner

A Governing Council meets regularly to talk about the direction for the site. The timing of meetings can be different for each site, but it's no less than twice a term. The latest update is that if a Governing Council member is unvaccinated and does not have an approved medical exemption, they are able to participate in Governing Council business where this can be done remotely, and they are not required to attend a school or pre-school.

NAPLAN: On Thursday the 24th and Friday 25th of March, year 3 and 5 students participated in a NAPLAN practice test. The practice test is a 'practice run' for students to participate in a trial NAPLAN Online test. The practice test is not an assessment of student ability but will allow schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN online test format and processes
- check they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

Teachers of year 3 and 5 students will now prepare the students for the test early term 2. Students, teachers, parents and carers are invited to use the public demonstration tests to familiarise themselves with the NAPLAN tests - click on the link!

[Public demonstration site \(nap.edu.au\)](http://nap.edu.au)

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



Pupil Free Day: A friendly reminder we have an up and coming Pupil Free Day on Monday 11th of April. Teachers will be attending the Literacy Guarantee Conference in Port Lincoln on this day.

Have a wonderful week everyone!
Keep smiling! Sally Cormack –

Have you got your copy of our wonderful RECIPE book which is a collection of our school family's favourites from 2021??!

They are available for a small cost of \$15 and will set you up for a wonderful selection of meals and yummy treats for this year!

HARMONY DAY 2022

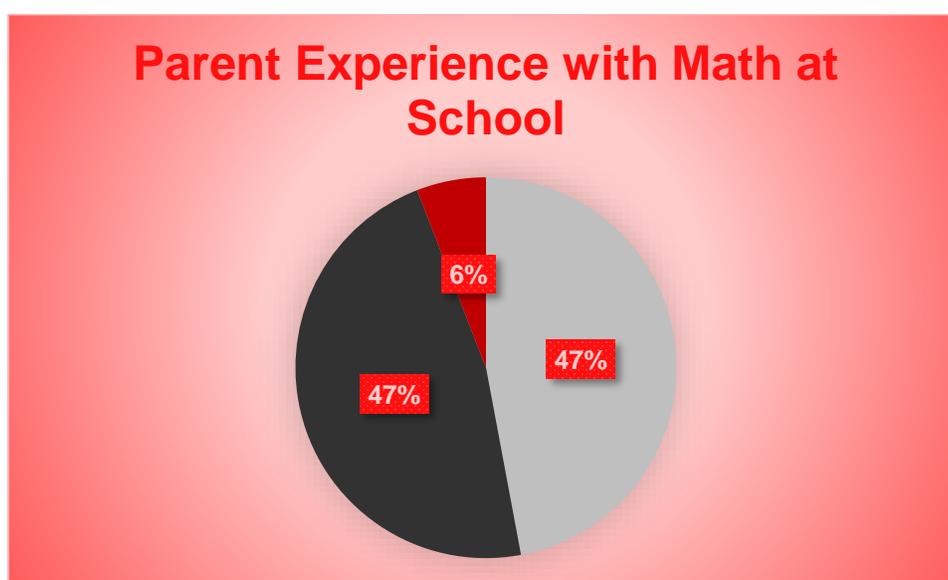
On Friday the 25th of March, our school community celebrated Harmony Day. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. Harmony Day/Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

Why orange? Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Australians can choose to wear something orange during Harmony Week to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia. Thankyou Poonindie School for getting into the spirit of Harmony Day.



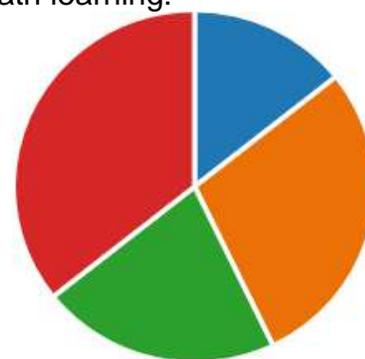
Beliefs about Math Change Children's Achievement

Recently we invited our parents to complete a survey around their experiences of learning math at school and their beliefs about who can learn and be successful in the area of math. The results were very interesting! Here is a graph of the results (no individual will be identified). We are working heavily on positive mindsets with our students as it does impact on their approach to and willingness to learn (including taking risks & learning from mistakes) and succeed in maths. Out of the 17 responses, there were equally positive experiences (8 responses) with negative experiences (8 responses), and 1 person who said they experienced a bit of both! Watch this Jo Boaler clip to understand the importance of mindsets and math: <https://www.youcubed.org/resources/mindset-video/>



Results: Parent support re: assisting students at home with their math learning:

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Thankyou so much for providing this information. We will use this to guide us around how to best support parents as they help their children with math at home – including reinforcing how to build those fundamental big ideas in number and develop a consistent home-school language around mathematical concepts and strategies.

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 Outdoor Assembly
7	14th March ADELAIDE CUP	15th March	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 HARMONY DAY CELEBRATION Outdoor Assembly
9	28th March	29th March	30th March	31st March	1st April PCLC SPORTSDAY
10	4th April PARENT INTERVIEWS	5th April	6th April	7th April	8th April

11	<p>11th April</p> <p>PUPIL FREE DAY</p>	<p>12th April</p>	<p>13th April</p>	<p>14th April Last Day Term 1 2022 2.20pm dismissal Assembly @ 1.50pm Mrs Cormack</p>	<p>15th April</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p> 
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WEDNESDAY 20 & 27 APRIL
10.30AM -12PM

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Have fun and burn off energy with our FitKids session.
Games, dancing, skills and drills using various equipment.

AGES **5-12** | PER SESSION **\$10**

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