

# Poonindie Community Learning Centre Newsletter



Week 3 Term 2 2022

## From the Principal

### *Welcome to week 3!*

Well the term is certainly underway and we have found ourselves in the middle of a COVID spike here at the Poonindie Community Learning Centre. After just 2 weeks of school, I am just about to report our 23rd case. The interesting fact here is that some of these cases (a very small percentage) are actually the second case.

The current departmental update around COVID is as follows:

- From week 3 Indoor assemblies COVID safe manner can resume from the start of week 3 (Monday 16 May).
- From the start of week 3, overnight, intrastate camps with shared indoor spaces (ie dormitory accommodation) can resume with no restriction on travel time.

**Parent Volunteers:** As highlighted in the SEESAW update last week, parent volunteers are able to come back onsite to volunteer their time. Under the Department for Education SA COVID-19 Non-Employee Policy, vaccinated parents need to maintain up to date vaccinations and wear a face mask indoors like the staff onsite are currently required to do, unless teaching. Non-vaccinated parents must comply with the following:

- Undertake a rapid antigen test (RAT) and return a negative result
- Wear a surgical face mask while indoors, at all times.
- If a non-employee returns a negative test however has symptoms of COVID-19 / is unwell they are to stay at home in accordance with health advice. RATs and surgical masks will be supplied by the department.

**How can you help?** There are many little tasks around our school including:

- \*Listening to reading (in the afternoons please at the request of teachers);
- \*Gardening – our vegie garden and planting out a heap of donated natives from Bunnings;

**SCHOOL RECIPE BOOKS STILL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE - \$15 each!** Please come in and get your copy! For those who have paid – yours will be coming with eldest child! The year book will be sent to the printer this week for 2021. Thanks for your patience – many hours are voluntary to collate this.

*Our PCLC School  
Values are:*

*Accountability*

*Innovation*

*Respect*

*Resilience*

*Our school motto is:*

*Fly High, See Far!*

\*Covering books in our Library on a Friday – Please see Amber Freeman for direction here;

\*Assisting in the preparation of learning materials as directed by classroom teachers;

\*Organising our Spare Clothes collection and organising donations of needed clothes ie underwear and socks;

\*Assisting Helen Schramm with her craft sessions during recess and lunch periods – please see Helen;

\*Assisting with end of term fundraising events ie whole of school luncheons;

Please speak with your classroom teacher first for in class support and myself for some of the other tasks. We appreciate your support and involvement.

## Parent Workshop – Mentally Fit EP

I am sure many of you have heard about Mentally Fit EP and maybe know of Lain Montgomerie and Sue Berry who are affiliated with this organisation. We were lucky at the AGM to have Sue Berry as a guest speaker. Sue had a granddaughter attend our school last year and would like to give back to our school in the form of offering some parent workshops. The workshops are aimed at empowering you to take charge of your life in difficult times by looking at things differently. We have 3 of our Governing Council members who are interested – we are looking for a few other parents to join (3 or 4 more to make it worthwhile). It might be just what you need to support a friend or family member who is struggling. The dates/times of the workshops are yet to be negotiated when we get the interest – they will be held at our school. Please see Sally!

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN NEW WAYS TO LOOK AFTER YOUR OWN WELLBEING?  
WHY NOT ENROL IN OUR COURSE...

**FREE TAKE CHARGE**  
*of your Life!*

**COURSE INCLUDES**  
FUN, INTERACTIVE FORMAT  
LIGHT MEAL  
SMALL GROUPS OF 10-12  
ALL MATERIALS

**VENUE AND DATES**  
TO BE ADVISED  
POONINDIE SCHOOL

**PRESENTED BY**  
DEVELOPED IN 2013 BY THE WILLIAM GLASSER INSTITUTE, THIS COURSE IS FACILITATED BY SUE BERRY, WHO IS ACCREDITED WITH THE INSTITUTE.

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OR WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE REGISTRATION SHEET LOCATED IN THE OFFICE

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**NAPLAN update:** Last week was our first week for the National Assessments in Literacy and Numeracy. Well it was an interesting week all round as we had many students absent due to COVID who will be catching up this week. On top of this, on Wednesday there was a power outage (we had planned for this and decided to postpone testing) and Thursday there was a statewide technical disruption right in the middle of the Year 5 Reading assessment – so we had to pause the test and students completed this on Friday!

Our students have shown great strength and bravery over the last week and hand on heart have really done their best. What true little champs! So proud!

## STUDENT TEACHERS

We currently have 2 first year Preservice Teachers working with us on a Thursday for the next few weeks. Please welcome Grace Johnson (working in the R/1 Francis class) and Bonnie Puckridge (working in the 2/3 Fitzgerald class). *Best wishes ladies on your teaching block at PCLC!*

## Poonindie Community Learning Centre – Governing Council

The next Governing Council Meeting will be Monday 4th of June, 7.00pm. Meeting nights have changed to Mondays.

Have a fantastic week everyone! Please remember to let the school know ASAP if your child tests positive to COVID-19.

*Sally Cormack – Principal*

# SUNFLOWER STILL LIFE PAINTINGS



How many of you recognise this piece of art work of Van Gogh? Van Gogh was a Dutch Post-Impressionist painter who became one of the most famous and influential figures in Western art history. In a decade, he created about 2,100 artworks, including this one 'Sunflowers'. On Friday in Mrs Cormack's R-1 art class, students studied real sunflowers that we have been caring for and then we did some still life paintings! Check these beauties out!

R/1 Francis and R/1 Butler classes

*6 Steps To Increase Your Child's Math Achievement And Make Math Fun* - Jo Boaler, Stanford University CEO: youcubed

1. Never praise children by telling them they are 'smart'. This may seem encouraging but it is a fixed ability message. When children are told they are smart they often feel good, but later on if they struggle or fail something, they think they are not so smart. Praise for effort and what they have done.
2. Never share stories of math failure or even dislike. Research has shown that if parents tell children that they were not good at math at school, their achievement went down.
3. Always praise mistakes and say that you are really pleased that your child is making them. Research has shown that our brains grow the most when we make mistakes.
4. Encourage children to work on problems that are challenging for them, so that they can make mistakes. Keep telling them that struggle is important and to have a go first before asking for help.
5. When you help your children, do not lead them through work step by step, as this takes away important learning opportunities for them. It would be more helpful to ask your child to draw the problem out, or restate the problem in their own words.
6. Encourage drawing whenever you can. The whole of mathematics could be taught visually, which would help millions of children. Mathematicians draw all of the time, they do this because sketching out a problem helps them to see the mathematical ideas.



# SAPSASA CROSS COUNTRY NEWS:

We had a great day at Pioneer Park with other schools from around the area. The students showed great sportsmanship and I was very proud to have our Poonindie students there. The results are:

Racing 2kms

Gabriel 3rd

Tessa 5th

Mia 10th

Racing 3kms

Solomon 4th

Jarran 1st

River 18th



We are very proud of all their efforts, all students ran their best and multiple personal bests were broken! You should be super proud of yourselves. Mrs Letton.

## PASTORAL CARE NEWS

Hi everyone,

Last week I attended a SMG conference in Adelaide. It was a great opportunity to connect with other Pastoral Care Workers across the state and hear stories of how they are supporting wellbeing for students, staff and communities in their schools. We also had a guest speaker during the 2 days; my favourite was a lady from America via Zoom "Lori Desautel" who talked on trauma and how all of us need to have support negotiating our trauma to be in the best space to learn. She is coming to Australia in September and I am hoping to see her speak in person. Please feel free to look her up – its well worth the investment.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/loridesautels>

I am looking forward to getting back into life at Poonindie School and the activities at recess time. Take Care – Helen



## Term 2 Calendar Poonindie Community Learning Centre

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2 <sup>nd</sup> May PUPIL FREE DAY with LGPS TEACHING AND LEARNING CYCLE CORWIN - writing PL Education Office	3 <sup>rd</sup> May Day 1 Term 2 – Students Return to school!	4 <sup>th</sup> May Sally and Kim out for Leadership Training Staff Meeting	5 <sup>th</sup> May	6 <sup>th</sup> May
	9 <sup>th</sup> May NAPLAN Week 1	10 <sup>th</sup> May	11 <sup>th</sup> May	12 <sup>th</sup> May	13 <sup>th</sup> May SAPSASSA Cross Country
2	16 <sup>th</sup> May NAPLAN Week 2	17 <sup>th</sup> May	18 <sup>th</sup> May	19 <sup>th</sup> May	20 <sup>th</sup> May
			Staff Meeting	Governing Council Meeting 7pm	ASSEMBLY R/1 Butler
3	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	24 <sup>th</sup> May	25 <sup>th</sup> May	26 <sup>th</sup> may	27 <sup>th</sup> may
		Fire Drill - Evacuation	Staff Meeting	Sally out for Leadership Training	Sally out for Leadership Training
4	30 <sup>th</sup> May RECONCILIATION WEEK Be Brave make change 	31 <sup>st</sup> May	1 <sup>st</sup> June	2 <sup>nd</sup> June	3 <sup>rd</sup> June
			Staff Meeting		
5	6 <sup>th</sup> June	7 <sup>th</sup> June	8 <sup>th</sup> June	9 <sup>th</sup> June	10 <sup>th</sup> June
	Governing Council Meeting 7pm		Staff Meeting		ASSEMBLY 5/6 Letton class

<b>7</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> June PUBLIC HOLIDAY QUEENS BIRTHDAY	14 <sup>th</sup> June <b>EXTERNAL REVIEW</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> June	16 <sup>th</sup> June	17 <sup>th</sup> June
		Week			
<b>8</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> June	21 <sup>st</sup> June Invacuation	22 <sup>nd</sup> June  Staff Meeting	23 <sup>rd</sup> June	24 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>9</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> June Wellbeing Week	28 <sup>th</sup> June	29 <sup>th</sup> June  Staff Meeting	30 <sup>th</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> July  <b>ASSEMBLY R/1 Francis class</b>
<b>10</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> July	5 <sup>th</sup> July	6 <sup>th</sup> July  Staff Meeting	7 <sup>th</sup> July	8 <sup>th</sup> July  <b>LAST DAY TERM 2!! REPORTS HOME 2.20pm dismissal</b>

2022 outstanding fees – we have \$8,324.80 owing to the school for fees for this year alone! Please pay overdue fees ASAP. This money supports the operation of our school including improvements for the students in the yard and classrooms. Thank you for your cooperation!