

Poonindie Community Learning Centre Newsletter

Week 7 Term 2 2022

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

I hope you had a fabulous long weekend with your families. The additional day is always welcomed by all members of our school community!

BUS safety: In the last week, I have hopped on the Poonindie Bus run after concerns about students playing near the road in North Shields whilst waiting for a connecting bus run. I am uncomfortable with this and in response, I have asked the bus driver to ensure students wait on the Poonindie Bus for the connecting bus. I too will be on the bus run at least once a week to monitor student safety whilst travelling.

The Poonindie North Shields run boards at **3.40pm** and will leave our school closer to **3.45pm** arriving at North Shields just after **3.50pm**. Parents will still need to be at the bus stop still by **3.45pm** (5 minutes earlier). The Charlton Gully bus arrives at 4pm and the wait time for the connecting bus is about 8 minutes. Students will be kept on the bus and won't be allowed off to play outside, while waiting for the connecting bus service. Our new bus Driver for EP Buses is Steven WeirPlease make him feel welcome!



In recent weeks, the Department for Education have been reviewing the transportation of Preschool children on departmental buses. Preschool Directors together with School Principals are required to develop a risk assessment to mitigate risks considering this policy and the requirements of the National Quality Standards and Regulations which all preschools are required to operate within. Families who currently have a preschool child accessing our bus run and other bus runs will receive communication in the near future regarding this.

Following a discussion at a recent Governing Council meeting and surveying students, we have a slightly varied menu from the North Shields Roadhouse. In line with the Right Bite Strategy, we are required to make the healthiest choices possible! Items in red are new additions! We hope the students enjoy!



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*

NORTHSHIELDS ROADHOUSE WINTER MENU

Sausage Roll \$ 5.00
Pasty \$ 6.00
Meat Pie \$ 5.00
Chicken Pie \$ 6.00
Hot dog \$ 5.00
Sandwich – Ham & Cheese \$3.99
add tomato \$4.99
Ham and Salad Roll \$7.95
Butter chicken and rice \$ 5.00
Plain Steamed rice \$ 3.00

Sauce available!

Hopefully a few more options for various allergies.

Lunch orders to be at school by Wednesday AM
please!

We have ordered thermo bags to keep food warm in
delivery 😊

2022 School Fees (Materials and Services Charge)

A \$100 rebate (discount) is available for parents and carers who have paid or are required to pay the 2022 materials services charge.

Students approved for School Card assistance aren't eligible to receive the discount as they are already exempt from paying the materials and services charge.

When the 2022 materials and services charge is already paid, parents, carers and independent students can choose: to be refunded the credit note amount via electronic funds transfer to authorise in writing or email that the credit is applied against an outstanding charge from a previous year or other charges owed to the school. This can include excursions, camp fees and other extracurricular charges. If these charges haven't been invoiced yet, the \$100 credit must remain until they are invoiced.

When the 2022 materials and services charge has not been paid the \$100 credit note will be deducted from the materials and services charge.

COVID update – latest Departmental advice:

COVID safe measures for schools and preschools continue to be reviewed regularly with SA Health. The Department of Education SA recognises that every school and preschool is being affected by COVID-19 in different ways and **that principals and preschool directors are best placed to make local decisions**. If your child is in a classroom where there is a positive case, they are a classroom contact. Your child should continue to attend school however you must monitor for symptoms for 14 days. You, as the parent/guardian, must ensure your child is well and has no symptoms of COVID-19 (even mild) prior to them attending each day.

We will continue to provide regular updates if anyone else in our school community tests positive for COVID-19.

If your child develops symptoms such as a fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell/taste, muscle/joint pains, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting or extreme tiredness, please:

- Obtain a PCR test
- Inform me and keep your child at home until you receive confirmation of a negative test and their symptoms have resolved, whichever is longer. If your child tests positive, s/he is a COVID-19 case, must remain isolated for 7 days and must follow SA Health instructions. Siblings of confirmed positive cases are considered a close contact and should follow the advice from SA Health.
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If your child has recovered from COVID-19 they are not considered a classroom contact for 12 weeks after their release from isolation. After 12 weeks, your child will still be considered a classroom contact if they are exposed to COVID-19.

Have a great week everyone, Sally Cormack 😊

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help plant shrubs and trees donated by Bunnings! If you have any time next Friday after lunch (Friday 17th of June) 1.30-3.20pm that would be fantastic! Please let Sally know so I can get the items ready to go. Please bring a shovel with you!



PARENT WORKSHOP: *How are schools in SA teaching reading? The Science of Reading.*

Our school follows evidence into best practice for the teaching of reading skills. Our INITIALIT program in the Junior Primary classrooms upholds this current research into how to teach reading skills through a systematic phonics program. Students are explicitly taught to recognise the names and sounds of alphabet letters and to blend these to read simple CVC words like cat, sat mat (Consonant Vowel Consonant words) firstly and then more complex words with blends/diagraphs after. The readers we use to support students to read are based on the sounds they have learnt in classrooms. They are called **decodable readers**. Eventually when students are decoding independently (usually by the end of Year 1) they transition to a broader range of texts. Our school is fortunate to have a Literacy Coach who works alongside the JP teachers and principal to refine practices. We are offering a parent workshop to those parents who volunteer their time to listen to reading so they can understand the mechanics behind this approach. This is also available to any other parents who may wish to attend. We would really love you to come especially if you listen to reading in JP classrooms ☺

WHAT: PARENT WORKSHOP: THE SCIENCE OF READING

WHEN: Thursday 30th June, 2.45-3.20pm – PCLC Staffroom ☺

PRESENTER: Kate Marschall – Literacy Guarantee Coach Department for Education SA

RSVP: Sally Cormack by Monday Week 9



An update from grounds person - Polly

The logo for Maze Products, featuring the word "maze" in a lowercase, sans-serif font. The letters "m" and "z" are blue, and the letters "a", "e", and "e" are green.

According to International Compost Awareness Australia, approximately 50% of household waste could be composted but finds its way to landfill instead. As grounds person, I still see a lot of rubbish going out that could be either recycled, fed to the chooks, or used to make compost for our school garden.

Maze Products are running a fantastic competition and we would love if you could enter your kids while nominating us! There is a chance to win \$2000 of compost products for your family and also \$2000 worth of composting products for the school. It is really simple to enter. Jump onto <https://mazingproducts.com.au/compostheroes/> Or see the flyer attached to the newsletter for more information. Enter your child's details and don't forget to nominate Poonindie Community Learning Centre as their school. We would love to upgrade our compost facilities to help us teach our students a variety of ways to compost and reduce landfill.

Maze Products have generously provided us with Compost Caddies for each of our classrooms and we will be running some in-class competitions soon that could result in your child bringing home a compost caddy. If you want to know more about what you can easily compost at home and what should go to recycling, check out Maze's handy guide. <https://mazingproducts.com.au/what-can-you-compost/>

Pastoral Care Update – Helen Schramm

I hope you are all keeping warm and have had an enjoyable long weekend. My Pamper Evening is on the 18th of August & the Lego Evening is on the 15th of September! I will be sending out the Pamper Evening consent form in Week 9 so please keep a lookout for it! For those of you who are not familiar with the Pamper Evening, I've been holding these for the past 6 years. It is an evening of fun and laughter while girls enjoying having their hair braided, nails painted & making craft. This is for all girls who attend our school. It will be held at the school between 6.30-8.00pm. Homemade supper is provided to enjoy throughout the evening. Parents & Caregivers are also welcome to attend too. If you'd like any further details before the consent form goes out – please contact me at the school on Tuesday or Wednesday! Helen 😊

Poonindie Community Learning Centre Calendar – Remaining weeks of Term 2 2022					
7	13 th June PUBLIC HOLIDAY QUEENS BIRTHDAY	14 th June Week	15 th June Walking Excursion to Poonindie Beach Years 2-6 Staff Meeting	16 th June	17 th June
	20 th June	21 st June <i>Invacuation</i>	22 nd June Staff Meeting	23 rd June	24 th June
9	27 th June <i>Wellbeing Week</i>	28 th June	29 th June Staff Meeting	30 th June Parent Workshop - reading	1 st July ASSEMBLY R/1 Francis
	4 th July	5 th July	6 th July Staff Meeting	7 th July	8 th July LAST DAY TERM 2!! REPORTS HOME 2.20pm dismissal