

Poonindie Community Learning Centre Newsletter

Week 3 Term 4 2022



From the Principal

Hello everyone! Week 3 already! Goodness how this year has flown! I cannot believe that we are in November already!

Last week I had the pleasure of joining the 5/6 class camp to Pichi Richi Campsite in the Flinders Ranges. I was born and grew up in the Flinders so this area is home for me. The camp venue was fabulous – accommodation facilities nestled in the picturesque ranges with gum trees and creeks to explore. One of the highlights was the orienteering around the property and climbing the hills to build shelters using natural materials. Nights were spent around a campfire with lots of games and entertaining stories to be shared with toasted marshmallows in waffle cones. Anyone looking for a quick getaway for a long weekend – I can recommend this one for the family!



*Our PCLC School
Values are:*

Accountability

Innovation

Respect

Resilience

Our school motto is: Fly High, See Far.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION – PORT LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL
PLHS are hosting a parent night at the high school on the 1st of November, Tuesday week 3 starting at 5pm, for approximately an hour. This will involve a tour of the school, some brief information and a chance for parents to ask any questions or seek some clarification. This will be held in the new year 7 block and parents can park just off Ruskin Rd in the top staff car park.

STUDENT VOICE FORUMS AROUND SA PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

Our Department for Education Chief Executive, Martin Westwell has organised for a series of facilitated student forums to occur in all areas across the state. 2 students from every public school in the state will come together in a local forum and have a say on topics such as student wellbeing, student agency, the curriculum, and preparing for life after school. Mr Westwell wants to know what students currently value and to imagine the possible. Our school captains will be representing our school – Seth Schlink and Jarran Fitzgerald. The forum in our area will be held on Thursday 10th of November, 9.30-2.30pm at the Port Lincoln Hotel. Recess and Lunch provided. Mrs Letton and I will be accompanying the students.

By the start of term 2 2023 our Chief Executive aims to have heard from as many of our students, staff, stakeholders, parents and business leaders as possible to help us derive a purpose statement, a set of guiding principles and our measures of performance as a public education system. Exciting times ahead and a great opportunity for our school captains to represent our school and the collective voice of the PCLC students!



EXTERNAL REVIEW: In week 6 of this term, our school will be externally reviewed. The purpose of external school reviews is to support us to raise achievement, sustain high performance and provide quality assurance to build confidence in public schools. **All public schools are generally externally reviewed every 3 years. The last review was in 2019.** We are looking forward to the process as an opportunity to celebrate our high impact practices and identify areas for improvement. Please return the blue slip that was previously sent out if you don't wish your child to be involved in any student forum discussion or give me a call. Thanks!

PARKING IN THE REAR OF THE SCHOOL YARD:

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, unfortunately parents are no longer able to park in the rear of our yard. This has been brought to our attention by the Department for Education SA Emergency Management Division on a site visit and therefore is a direction of the department, not our rule. I apologise for the inconvenience however the risk is high with vehicles entering and exiting the site and no physical barrier. We are also in the process of erecting a safety fence on the school boundary, due to our close physical proximity to an 80km highway. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we are well aware of the issues around parent parking and are currently working through some short term and longer term solutions moving forward. Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation around this.

Have a great week! Sally Cormack

MATHS CHALLENGE FOR THE WEEK AT HOME:

Can you solve this?

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8	11
14	10
19	16
30	21
46	32
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What is the value of the question marks?

Camp to Pichi Richi



My Camp Review

Wednesday- 7:30am-

It was a great start to the journey to Quorn, about halfway someone puked on the bus! Disgusting! Later after that we stopped at the Australia Arid Lands Botanical Gardens in Port Augusta. We got to have a guided tour of the garden. We got to eat lots of bush tucker. Soon when we got back, Mrs. Letton bought us all ice cream. Quandong was the favorite. Then after we hopped on the bus, and we headed to camp. About five minutes at the camp Noah sprained his ankle. "Great." Later that night we all settled down at the campfire and told somewhat scary stories. Then Mrs. Letton surprised us with smores. Yay!

Thursday- 7am-

It was bright and early, and we were all awake. We stuffed around for a while until we had to have breakfast. There were so many options! Later that day we started hiking a huge hill. The views were amazing. After recess we headed to the shelter building, and we were separated into groups, and we had an hour to build. Unfortunately, our team came 2nd because some of our teammates weren't helping. Soon we started getting ready for orienteering. We had an hour to find as many markers as possible, the harder the marker was to find the more points you get. I'm pretty sure our team came last. Later we all played cops and robbers until we had to go in for dinner. Then we all went down to the campfire.

Friday- 6am-

Mrs. Letton woke us up at 6am and we all packed up our cabins. Then we got on the bus, and we were off. Soon we stopped at Whyalla, and we climbed up some trees and checked out the birds. But Lizzie jumped out of the tree and hit her ankle. It looked like it hurt! But she was fine. Then we went to the new circle jetty, and we saw dolphins! Then we played on the playground for a bit and then we headed back to school. When we got back, we just relaxed.

-Mia

Camp Jarran

Wednesday:

On Wednesday we started at Poonindie and drove until Cowell. At Cowell we ate our recess and played on the new playground. After a bit we left Cowell and kept driving until we got to the Port Augusta- Australia Arid Land Botanical Gardens, we ate our lunch at a couple of tables. A lady called Shirley took us on a tour to see some of the beautiful plants they had. At 12pm we went to the café at the Botanical Gardens, we got to choose an ice cream flavor from Quandong, wild lime, wattle seed and lemon Murtle. We ate them, it was good. At 3:30pm we arrived at Pichi Richi park (PRP). At around 7:30pm we ate smores around the camp fire and then we went to bed.

Thursday:

At 7:00am we woke up and ate breakfast, after we got ready to go hiking. When we were hiking we saw lots of kangaroos. There was a lot of spinifex plants and they kept spiking us. We got up to the top of the mountain and looked at the stunning view. We started to walk down the mountain and then we got to the steep part of the mountain. Lots of people slipped up but they were fine. When we got back we ate our recess. After we played a game of cops and robbers. We then got ready for shelter building and got into groups of 5. We had to find a spot to build our shelter. My team came in 3rd place. We ate lunch and played more games. At 4:00pm we did orienteering and we had to find the flags over 300 acres of property. My team found a bearded dragon and I picked it up. After orienteering we ate butter chicken for dinner and then we went to the camp fire to tell scary stories. Then we had a shower and went to bed.

Friday:

In the morning we woke up at 6am and ate breakfast. We left camp at 8am and started our big drive. We arrived at Whyalla, and ate our recess. We played on some big trees and looked at some clever birds. We then walked up the new circle jetty. Once we were back at the bus we got our lunch and ate it. After lunch we went to a nearby playground. We hopped back on the bus and drove back to school. At school we saw our parents and went home.

Wellbeing Update – Mrs Francis

Hello families! If you are new to our school and would like to learn more about the RESILIENCE PROJECT – our core health and wellbeing strategy, please visit the parent hub page at <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/parent-and-carer-hub-hugh/>

I recommend you watch the first 4 podcasts which will inform you of the key principles: Gratitude Empathy and Mindfulness.



On Friday the 28th of October, we celebrated *WORLD TEACHERS DAY!* Friday, we are truly blessed to have such dedicated, kind, caring and professional teachers educating and supporting the students at Poonindie. Here is a snapshot of what our students think of our amazing teachers:

"I like how creative Mrs Letton is with fitness games and lesson ideas. She is also a very caring teacher to all of us." Akeyla (Year 5)

"Mr Rowsell makes learning fun and explains things in a funny way to help us understand." Aria (Year 3)

"Mrs Fitzgerald makes Maths really fun! I like it when she lets us play Maths games." Oakley (Year 3)

"Mrs Higgins is very nice and I like the writing she gives us." – Ezra (Year 1)

"Mrs Cormack makes Art really fun and lets us use lots of colourful paint." Kujo (Reception)

"Mrs Bahr has made learning a new language so fun and I enjoy the Indonesian games she taught us! Lucas (Year 4)

"Mrs Francis is the best because she lets us dance every morning!" – Chayse (Year 1)

"Mr Rowsell is so fun because he always joins in with us playing sport and is a great role model to all." – Charlotte (Year 6)"

"Mrs Higgins is kind and caring because she always helps kids in the yard." – Solomon (Year 5)

"Mr Eckermann makes science lots of fun and I loved the flying teabags experiment." Archie (Reception)

"Mr Frears is the best because he lets us play musical instruments." London (Reception)

"Mrs. Letton is so kind and she always makes me laugh!" – Billie (Year 3)

"Mrs Francis is always keen to help and support all children in the school and is super welcoming!" – Mia (Year 5)

"I love learning Indonesian with Mrs Bahr because she lets us play heaps of Indonesian games" – Frankie (Year 1)

"Mrs Fitzgerald is very easy going and kind and the students love all her fitness breaks." Jarran (Year 6)

"Mr Eckermann is always encouraging us to learn and very smart." Otto (Year 4)

"Mrs Cormack is a great Principal because she cares about us a lot and is helpful." – Aiden (Year 3)

"I love learning new games with Mr Frears, he has lots of good sports tips!" Cadence (Year 4)

Pastoral Care update – Helen Schramm

Hello all, I hope you are well & coping with the changeable weather! Today feels like back to winter again!

Craft sessions at recess time are going well – keep looking out for the little projects that students are making and bringing home. This week we are attempting teddy bears.

Breaky program is still popular – I am proud of our school leaders and 5/6 students who are rostered on to manage this in the morning. They give up their morning play once a week to do this – well done!

We still have some school recipe books for sale if anyone would like one – they would make a great Christmas gift. They are \$15 each – please see Vicki at the front office if interested.

I look forward to seeing you around the school

Take care, Helen

QUOTE: “Kindness is a gift anyone can afford to give”.



Pichi Richi campsite
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Poonindie Community Learning Centre
Term 4 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	17 th October Pupil Free Day	18 th October Day 1 Term 4	19 th October Staff meeting	20 th October 7pm Governing Council Meeting – School Closure approval	21 st October Term 4 Curriculum overviews sent home
2	24 th October WARM UP DAY	25 th October Kindy transition 9-10.30 (parent meeting)	26 th October 5-6 Camp to Pichi Richi – Brea, Sally, Grant, Kate out Staff meeting	27 th October	28 th October
3	31 st October	1 st November Kindy transition 9-11.30 (catch-up parent meeting 2.45-3.15) PLHS parent information night	2 nd November Year 7 Transition – Tumby Bay Area School Staff meeting	3 rd November Kate Marschall Literacy Coach AM	4 th November
4	7 th November WARM UP DAY SAPSASA Cricket	8 th November Round table external review meeting	9 th November Kindy transition 9-1pm (Kindy lunch) Staff meeting	10 th November Student Forum for School Captains 7pm Governing Council Meeting	11 th November Port Lincoln Partnership Meeting
5	14 th November School Closure – in lieu of Adelaide Christmas Pageant	15 th November	16 th November Staff meeting	17 th November	18 th November
6	21 st November WARM UP DAY EXTERNAL REVIEW day 1	22 nd November EXTERNAL REVIEW day 2	23 rd November Staff meeting	24 th November Kate Marschall Literacy Coach AM Post External Review Meeting	25 th November AB ED Meeting – ALAR
7	28 th November	29 th November Year 7 Transition – Tumby Bay Area School	30 th November Aquatics program TBC Staff meeting	1 st December	2 nd December PLHS Year 6 Transition

8	<i>5th December</i> WARM UP DAY	<i>6th December</i>	<i>7th December</i> No Staff meeting -report writing	<i>8th December</i>	<i>9th December</i> <i>End of Year</i> <i>Outdoor Concert</i>
9	<i>12th December</i>	<i>13th December</i>	<i>14th December</i> Staff meeting	<i>15th December</i>	<i>16th December</i> LAST DAY TERM 4 2022 <i>2.20pm dismissal</i> <i>Semester 2</i> <i>Reports issued</i>