

Poonindie Community Learning Centre Newsletter

Week 5 Term 4 2022



From the Principal

Welcome to week 5 - we are on a countdown until the end of this year!

In the last three weeks of this term, we have had our transition to school program operating with the Poonindie Early Childhood Centre. We will be welcoming 16 new students and their families into the school from the commencement of the 2023 school year. The transition program went very smoothly, a big thankyou to Mrs Higgins for organising some fantastic experiences for the children, including a pack filled with special orientation keepsakes, and to Mrs Francis for taking the remaining classes whilst we hosted the transition students. Our Parent Information sessions and tours were well attended with enthusiastic parents who will join our learning community next year. We cannot wait to have them onboard!

In the next couple of weeks, staff will be working on class structures for next year. It is our intention to let all families know (including our new Reception intake) class structures and classroom teachers for 2023, by the end of the year.

Remembrance Day: On Friday the 11th of November, PCLC students made poppies, arranged them in our sandpit and gathered on the lawned area for a minute silence, dedicated to those soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation. Thankyou Mrs Letton for leading the ceremony and informing students about the importance of Remembrance Day.



We will remember them.

Lest we forget

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*

Signing in and out procedures: If students arrive late in the morning for school, it is important that they are signed in at the front office so this can be accurately recorded on our EDSAS roll system. Additionally, if students are leaving the site early for a medical appointment, they also need to be signed out.

It is important that we maintain an accurate record of who is on site particularly in the event of an emergency. Thanks in understanding!

Bushfire Safety: It is important now that we are in the fire season to be always prepared and vigilant. For those families who are new to our school, we are a **R2** site which means that on a **catastrophic day, we are closed**. We would aim to get notifications out the day before if this was known. In the event of a fire threatening our local school, a member of Governing Council will make contact with you (our Bushfire Communication Tree) to free school staff up from ringing all families and to enable us to focus on keeping the students safe. Our nominated safe building in the school is the staffroom in the main administration. We routinely practice evacuation drills during the year but twice a term in bushfire season. Please ensure your child always has a water bottle with them – particularly important in the hot weather and fire season.

External Review next week: As part of our continuous school improvement, we will be involved in an external school review *next week* with a Department for Education review team. It will be conducted over 2 days; Monday 21st of November and Tuesday 22nd of November. All Public Schools in SA are externally reviewed generally every 3 years, as a quality assurance process.

The external review team will be walking through classrooms, talking with students and teachers and meeting with parents and our Governing Council and the leadership team. I am really looking forward to the process – it will be good to have our quality teaching and learning practices verified and identify improvements that we will need to make, moving forward.

2/3 Sleepover: Thank you to Mrs Fitzgerald, Mr Frears and Miss Lisa for organising a wonderful sleep over last Friday night for the 2/3 class! I did stay on for dinner (yummy pizza) and left them all at about 7pm to enjoy their evening. Mrs Fitzgerald reported on Saturday morning that all students had a wonderful time and slept well despite the claps of thunder! Well done – you will be ready for the bigger camps we have later on in your schooling at PCLC!



Have a great week everyone! *Sally Cormack - Principal*

MRS FRANCIS – WELLBEING UPDATE!

Throughout this year, R-2 classroom teachers and 3-6 classroom teachers, have participated in extensive mathematics training through Orbis. We have been extremely lucky to attend face to face training in Adelaide as Junior Primary / Primary teams. The Math training that we attended was designed to build our pedagogical content knowledge and enhance our ability to design mathematical learning that engages children and builds their ability and confidence in mathematics. We have loved our time learning! Here are some of concepts that we delved into:

- The importance of mathematical questioning
- Early number sense, counting
- The big ideas in number
- The importance of books in math lessons
- General capabilities – numeracy curriculum
- The new Australian Curriculum
- The Scope and sequence
- The importance of developing a positive math mindset and making maths enjoyable for students
- Lots of math tasks and games to support student's development

Upon reflection, we acknowledge that attending this training has been hugely beneficial to our personal growth and development and allows us to become better math teachers. We hope to continue to instill a love of math in all of our students. Math is a life skill, show your child how often you use math in your everyday interactions 😊



Bed Time

Sleepover

Ice-cream



On Friday the 11th of November the Year 2/3 class had a sleep over at school. Once the school was emptied of other children we set up in the Kindy with our sleeping bags and pillows. After that, we played games such as tug 'o' war, tag and chasey. We made our own pizza for tea followed by icecream. After tea we watched the movie 'Sing'. Before bed time we brushed our teeth and Ms Fitz read us a story. Next we snuggled in our beds and settled down for the night. Ms Fitz & Ms Lisa had to 'Shhhhh' quite a few times before it was silent and a few little snores and heaving breathing could be heard. The thunder didn't seem to faze anyone until we were woken at 5am with an almighty crack of thunder!! Well, lets say after that there was no hope of going back to sleep. We enjoyed some pancakes for breakfast before packing up and waiting for parents to pick them up. So proud of everyone.

BEST SLEEP OVER EVER

Pizza

Pancakes

Movie



PASTORAL CARE UPDATE - Helen Schramm

Hi, I hope you had a good weekend around the storms – extreme weather patterns at the moment!

CRAFT: I am sure many of you have seen the students 'teddies' they decorated last week – I've sewn the next lot up and they will be coming home this week! Keep a look out for them...All students enjoyed decorating their bears!

WANTED: I am looking for about 40 tins (425g size) if anyone has some could you please drop them off at the front office! Thanks Helen



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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 - Tamby Bay Area School Staff meeting	3 rd November Kate Marschall Literacy Coach AM	4 th November ASSEMBLY 2.50pm - Mrs Francis
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
5	14 th November School Closure - in lieu of Adelaide Show	15 th November	16 th November Staff meeting	17 th November	18 th November Port Lincoln Partnership Meeting
6	21 st November WARM UP DAY EXTERNAL REVIEW day 1 Governing Council Meet 2.20-3.20	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 ASSEMBLY 2.50pm - Mrs Higgins

7	28th November	29th November	30th November	1st December	2nd December
		Year 7 Transition - Tumby Bay Area School	Aquatics program TBC	PLHS Year 6 Transition	PLHS Year 6 Transition
8	5th December WARM UP DAY	6th December	7th December	8th December	9th December
			No Staff meeting -report writing		End of Year Outdoor Concert
9	12th December	13th December	14th December	15th December	16th December
			Staff meeting		LAST DAY TERM 4 2022 ASSEMBLY 1.50pm 2.20pm dismissal Semester 2 Reports issued