



Penola Primary School

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS Term 1 & 2		
APRIL		
Friday	3rd	GOOD FRIDAY
Monday	6th	EASTER MONDAY
Wednesday	8th	SAPSASA Athletics—Millicent
Friday	10th	1:30pm Assembly— Foundation (Mrs Finch) Last day Term 1 (2:15pm dismissal)
Monday	27th	Term 2 begins
Tuesday	28th	Student Leadership Conference
Tue-Thu	28-30	Year 7 Robe Camp
May		
Sunday	3rd	Proposed Working Bee
Friday	8th	Mother's Day Stall (date TBC)
Tue-Thur	12-14	NAPLAN (Yr 3, 5 & 7)
Mon-Thur	18-21	Year 4/5 Camp— Ballarat
Friday	22nd	Pupil Free Day
June		
Monday	8th	Queens birthday
Mon-Tues	22-23	School External Review

Dear Parents and Friends,

The first term is drawing to a close and I think everyone is looking for a well deserved break. Well done everyone on the work you have put in this term, both in and out of the school. It was great to see lots of the students helping out at their class stalls at the rose open day last Sunday, and also many parents who contributed so much. We raised nearly \$5000 to go towards the school, which is a great achievement. Many thanks to Mardi and Cindy for their work on the Parent Club planning and contributing many hours to this event.

I wish everyone an enjoyable Easter and hopefully a chance to have some time off and spend time with family and friends.

ANZAC Day

Our choir and SRC executive have been invited to represent the school at ANZAC Day. Being the centenary of ANZAC, it is a privilege for our students to be involved. Our choir will be singing the anthem as well as a specially chosen ANZAC song. The SRC executive will take part in the parade as well as laying the wreath. It is an honour for our school to be part of this ceremony.



Peter Combe

We have been very fortunate to secure Peter Combe as our Term 3 performance. He will be performing a one hour show on Wednesday, 9th September. It is a few months to go yet, but it will give parents an opportunity to dust off the old vinyl and cassettes and sing-along with your children to teach them all the songs!

Pupil Free Day

We will be having a Pupil Free Day on **Friday May 22nd**. This has been approved by the Governing Council. Teachers will be visiting a school in Adelaide to look at how playful learning environments are set up in middle and upper primary. The junior primary staff will be having a planning day and will also be looking at how they can improve their learning spaces.

SRC

Next term the SRC executive is taking part in the GRIP student leadership conference in Mt Gambier. It is a great opportunity for this group to build on their leadership skills and not have to travel to Adelaide! The focus on this leadership conference is not so much on guest celebrity speakers, but making the most of leadership and developing skills to make a difference.

Working Bee

Next term we are looking at having a working bee on Sunday 3rd May. It will most likely be in the morning and we will be all done by lunchtime. If you are available and can spare a few hours, please put it in your diary!

Buses

Could families of bus students please note the following points:

- *If your family will be away for a family holiday during term time and your child(ren) will not be travelling on their normal bus route, please make sure you notify the bus driver of the dates your child will be absent so the bus is not waiting at your stop unnecessarily. Also, as a courtesy, please keep your bus driver informed if your child (ren) will not be travelling on the bus on the afternoon run if they are attending football/netball practices or other after school commitments or the morning run if they are absent due to illness etc.*
- *Parents are reminded to please be at your stop at least 5 minutes before your allocated pick up time in the morning so that buses are not kept waiting and the timetable can run to time. Drivers are not obliged to wait for students in the morning if they are not at their stop at their designated time.*
- *A number of bus routes are currently at or near capacity for eligible travellers (Dorodong, Monbulla, Nangwarry & Kalangadoo). Therefore, please do not expect that any 'extra' students will be able to access your bus if you are hosting a birthday party or a sleep-over, as there is no guarantee there will be room on the bus. Picking the extra students up from school in your car to transport them may be a better option.*

Parent Club

The Parent Club would like to thank all those who volunteered at or made cakes for the Lucindale Field Days. Considering it was such short notice, it was a great success with the organisers very keen to have us back again next year.

Also thank you to those who volunteered to be on the gate or assist with car parking at the Open Day at the rose garden. Your support certainly helped both events in being very successful. We are indeed fortunate to have such excellent support from our families.

Thank you to Brian and Benedetta for the opportunity to have such a great fundraiser.

Thank you to Pete Wooding who lent us his coolroom and generator for these events.

These events have raised a total of around \$6000 which we look forward to putting back into the school.

The next meeting will be held in the staffroom on **Wednesday 8th April at 7:30pm.**

Canteen News

Thanks again to the many volunteers we have had either work in the canteen or donate munchies. It all helps keep our canteen service going!

Next term we will see the return of soup which can be ordered over the counter on Mondays or for lunch orders Wednesday-Fridays. Hot chocolate will also

return for only \$1 a cup.

Don't forget as the weather gets colder, we offer a reheating or toasting service for 50c. Food is sent over the same as a lunch order where it is refrigerated until the time comes where it is heated or toasted. A great option for the cooler days!

Roster

Friday 10th April— Josephine Wimshurst

Munchies

Mardi Currie

Jo Skeer

Melissa Hunter

Penola Arts Festival

The Penola Arts Festival is on the way, and once again the children at Penola Primary School are going to get creative!

We have again been invited to contribute to the Yarn Bombing of the main street and there are some great ideas in the pipeline at school.

The theme is 'Wheels of Progress' - and we have 6 bikes at school that are going to be transformed into individual works of art by each of the classes.

BUT, we need lots of wool!

So if you or anyone you know can donate some wool, it would be fantastic. Or if you see any in an op-shop or sale bin, please grab it for us.

The brighter, more sparkly, thicker, fluffier the better!

ALSO, we need a couple more old bikes. So if you have one you have been meaning to throw out, drop it off at school for us.

Please send wool donations to school with children, or drop them in at the front office

Penola Community Library

April School holiday hours

Monday	April 13	Closed
Tuesday	April 14	8.30am – 4pm
Wednesday	April 15	8.30am – 7pm
Thursday	April 16	8.30am – 4pm
Friday	April 17	8.30am – 4pm
Saturday	April 18	9.30am – 12noon

Monday	April 20	Closed
Tuesday	April 21	8.30am – 4pm
Wednesday	April 22	8.30am – 7pm
Thursday	April 23	8.30am – 4pm
Friday	April 24	8.30am – 4pm
Saturday	April 25 (Anzac Day)	Closed

Closed for Lunch 12.30 - 1.00pm



Penola NAB Auskick 2015 Season Information

Starts: Friday 1st May 2015 (Term 2, Week 1)

Time: 4:30pm

Location: McCorquindale Park, Penola SA

Cost: \$60.00

There are some interesting changes this year!

Firstly – As most of you are probably already aware the Office of Recreation & Sport (ORS) are offering \$50 sport vouchers to Primary School Students in Foundation to Year 7 (born after 01/01/2003). These vouchers can only be used once this calendar year for sporting club memberships. eg if you use it for Auskick now you won't be able to use it for another sport this year, such as Little Athletics as well.

If choosing to use the ORC Sports Voucher for Auskick then you just need to enter your Medicare number + the corresponding number next to your child's name as directed during your registration. Any information on the ORS sporting Vouchers can be obtained at www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au

Secondly – Registration and "Back Pack" options are different this year.

New Registrations - For those of you who are registering your child for the first time. The system remains the same. Complete an online "new registration" and when I have received all registrations and payments I will order the back packs and footballs to be distributed to participants. Usually at the end of the season.

2nd or Consecutive Year Registrations – For those of you who are registering your child for their 2nd, 3rd, 4th etc year (and were registered in 2014)... you will have an opportunity to receive a top in your pack (in your fav team colours).

This will not be marked on the registration form. An email will be sent to you after you've registered and you can order the top then. The top will be sent out to participants separately.

When registering please make sure you 're-register' your player by using last year's log in details. While there check your child's details as Year level etc doesn't change automatically.

Please also note: If you are not using your Sports Voucher for Auskick you will have to pay the full amount by cash or cheque as with the changes the website is unable to accept full payments, only the \$10 balance payment.

Any queries please contact Trish on 0427164557