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### Calendar of Events Term 1

#### April

Sunday 7th	Wagner's Rose Day
Monday 8th—Friday 12th	SAPSASA Softball Week
Friday 12th	Alpha Show

### Calendar of Events Term 2

#### April

Monday 29th	Pupil Free Day
Monday 29th—1st May	Year 7 Camp

#### May

Sunday 5th	Working Bee
Friday 10th	Naracoorte Cross Country

day. Staff will be working with other educators from Reidy Park and Newbery Park Primary Schools to focus on Numeracy. Ann Baker (Numeracy consultant) will facilitate the day. This work supports our Site Improvement Plan.

Just a reminder that Wagner's Rose Day is this Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April. The Parent Volunteer Group manages the gate, runs stalls and organises parking. To make this event a success they require volunteers to help with these duties. The money raised will go towards purchasing a class set of iPads. Many classes will also be taking this opportunity to raise funds for their camp to help reduce costs for parents. If you are able to assist on the day please let us know. It is a great family day out so if you are looking for something to do please come along.

## Principal's Report

This is the last newsletter before end of term. It certainly has been a busy start to the year but also very productive. Staff have reflected on how to make the transition to school at the start of the year smoother, and together with the Governing Council have decided swimming lessons will be conducted in Term 4 starting in 2020. The aim is to help students settle quickly and more effectively into school structures and routines, and hopefully decrease the level of tiredness of students.

On Wednesday many of our students competed at Millicent Athletics. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to test their ability against competitors from other schools. Penola has a long history of being successful at Millicent Athletics and Wednesday was no different. I would like to congratulate all of our athletes who participated. I know you all did your best and represented our school exceptionally well. Thank you to those parents and staff who supported our students, the day cannot work without you.

Monday (29<sup>th</sup> April), Week 1, Term 2 is a pupil free

As we move towards holidays I wish all students a restful break and hope you all enjoy a lovely Easter.

## Homework

Penola Primary does not have a strict homework policy and does not believe in giving the students homework if it doesn't serve a purpose. From time to time teachers may ask student to do some homework that will support their learning in the classroom. There is an expectation this will be done. We do strongly encourage students to practise skills at home that require automaticity (information that needs to be over-learned) such as reading and number facts. It is important these skills are practised at home so students over-learn these skills and therefore have automatic recall. Humans can only hold five things in their working memory at once. If you are working through a maths problem or reading a complex text, both requiring multiple steps, it is helpful to have automatic recall of number facts or reading strategies. When we are able to access this information with automaticity this frees up space in our working memory, allowing us to work through the maths problem or text more easily. To support students

develop these skills and their learning at school, students are encouraged to work on the following things at home.

**Reading** – Every night for 10-20 minutes (minimum). Being listened to, being read to, shared reading or reading individually. In addition, Foundation to Year 2 – singing lots of nursery rhymes, rhyming words and playing games (eye-spy, clapping games, Scrabble, etc.)

**Maths** – F-2 - Making 10 (rainbow facts), all the different ways you can make 10

Year 3 – Timetables – x 2, x 3, x 5 and x 10

Year 4 – Timetables – x 3, x 4, x 6 and x 7

Year 5 – Timetables – x 8, x 9, x 11 and x 12

Year 6 and 7 – Timetables – consolidate all (many students won't know all of the above number facts with automaticity so will still require practice)

**Writing** – ideas generation for their Book Making/Writer's Notebook

Vocabulary study – In Writer's Workshop students choose the topic they want to write about (because they are the experts). To help them with this, they could develop a bank of words related to that topic and use them in their writing. Parents/carers could ask "what are you going to write about tomorrow?" and find/brainstorm 10 words related to that topic. This will help improve their writing and develop their vocabulary.

## School Uniform

Uniforms play an important role in promoting a positive image of the school and creating a sense of identity among students and the community. It is also a mechanism to support and build school morale, respect, and a deeper sense of belonging. Therefore students are strongly encouraged to wear the approved school uniform. To support the school's dress code we are in the process of developing a *Uniform and Dress Code Policy* (draft copy attached). As part of the consultative process, parents/carers are invited to provide feedback or ask questions regarding the proposed policy by emailing Anna at [anna.copping393@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:anna.copping393@schools.sa.edu.au). Staff and the Governing Council are currently reviewing the draft policy and we will ask students for feedback via the SRC.

## Robe/Kingston Dental Clinic Visits

The Robe/Kingston free dental check-ups has concluded. Some children have been identified as requiring additional treatment. Please be aware that if you take your child to their clinic you may be required to pay for the treatment. **Not everyone** is eligible for the \$1000 per child dental scheme provided by Medicare. If you are planning to take your child for additional treatment it would be a good idea to check your eligibility and find out if there will be a cost to you prior to making the appointment. This can be done by contacting the Robe/Kingston Dental Clinic on 87672 088.

If your child missed out on the opportunity to have a free dental check-up, the Robe/Kingston Dental clinic are happy to come back and do them if they get enough students wanting to do it. You will need to call the number above to arrange.

## Working Bee

Governing Council will be holding a working bee at school on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May at 9 am. Please pop this date in your diary as this is a great opportunity for parents and children to contribute a few hours to improve the facilities and grounds at our school.

The jobs that we will be doing are:

- \* Cleaning Cobwebs around buildings and Gym.
- \* Cleaning school car park
- \* Pruning grape vines and roses
- \* Spreading mulch
- \* Cleaning gutters
- \* Trimming branches

And if you can bring any of the following tools, it would be greatly appreciated.

- \* Blower vac
- \* Rakes
- \* Wheel barrows
- \* Shovels/spades
- \* Ladders
- \* Pruning equipment/secateurs
- \* Polesaw
- \* Trailers or utes to take green waste away

## Food for Thought - Fruit

Our fruit fridge is in desperate need of being filled up! If you have any surplus fruit on your trees we would gratefully accept any donations. The students are really enjoying the fruit at the moment and it is great to be able to support healthy eating.

## Term 2 Staffing

There are some staffing changes next term due to Cathy Heyn taking long service leave. Julianne Williams will now be teaching Digital Technologies, Technology and Science Years 3-7 over the whole week. Jane Thring and Steph Barton will teach the Year 3 class. Stacey Walters will teach the Foundation – Year 2 Arts and Cultural Studies.

## End of Term

Just a reminder that dismissal next Friday 12th April, will be at 2:15pm. We will have our final assembly after the Alpha Performance at about 10.15am. It will be a relatively short one. If your children normally catch the bus and are not on Friday afternoon, please let the bus driver know so that they are not waiting unnecessarily.

## SAPSASA Swimming

Congratulations to Louise Stanley, Rosie Moorhouse, Stella O'Brien, Charlize Bailey, Luca Wagner, Harrison De Garis, Jack Sharman, Leo Wurst, and Arlie Shadbolt who represented our school and Sapsasa district with distinction at the State Swimming Championships in Adelaide last Friday. There were plenty of finals reached and personal bests achieved, a result of lots of hard training in the lead-up. Many thanks to the Penola Swim Club which plays a big role in the development of our swimmers.



## Millicent SAPSASA Athletics

Congratulations to all of the boys and girls who represented our school at the Sapsasa District Athletics at Newbery Park last Wednesday. I was very proud of their efforts as well as the manner in which they conducted themselves throughout the day. I would like to thank all of the staff and parents who

played a role in helping our athletes both in the lead-up to and on the day itself. Athletes in the 10-13 year range who won events, now have the opportunity to represent the Mid South East Sapsasa team at the state championships in Adelaide on May 20th.



## Athletics Regional Day Placegetters

Preston Lydeamore	1st High Jump
Jack Lambert	3rd High Jump, 2nd Shot Put, 1st Discus
Henry Batt	1st Shot Put, 2nd Discus
Milly Finch	1st 800 metres, 3rd Shot Put
Bree Wooding	1st Shot Put, 3rd Discus
Leah Wilson	2nd Discus
Zali Arney	3rd 800 metres, 2nd High Jump
Blair Meek	3rd Shot Put, 2nd Discus
Harrison DeGaris	1st Discus
Ella Skeer	2nd 800 Metres, 3rd Long Jump
Jaeda Rowsell	3rd High Jump
Louise Stanley	2nd Long Jump
Haylee Moulton	2nd Shot Put
Matilda Marlow	3rd Discus
Bodie Lear	3rd 200m, 3rd Long Jump
Ben Copping	2nd 800 Metres, 2nd High Jump, 1st Long Jump, 1st Shot Put
Finn Skeer	2nd Long Jump, 3rd Discus
Tegan Lythgo	1st High Jump
Kiara Epiha	2nd Long Jump
Charlize Bailey	3rd Discus
Jack Sharman	1st 100 metres, 2nd 200 metres
Kaleb Moulton	1st Shot Put, 1st Discus
Zara Kellett	2nd 800 metres
Amber Morton	1st Shot Put, 2nd Discus
Luca Wagner	3rd 800 metres, 3rd Long Jump
Pip Crewe	3rd 800 metres
Ebony Wurst	2nd Long Jump

## Library News

### End of Term Book return.

Can all library books, Take Home Books and Levelled readers please be returned by Wednesday 10th April the before the end of the term.

### Help Wanted

The library is in need of help to cover new books and to repair the books in the book hospital.

If you are able to help out, it would be greatly appreciated. Don't worry if you have never covered books or repaired them before, the SSOs are happy to show you how. We would also welcome anyone who wants to take books home to cover. Just drop into the library and we will give you the books, contact and the magic covering tool.

Please give Dione a call in the library if you are able to help out. Thank-you.

## Environment Group News



On the 19<sup>th</sup> of March our Environment Group travelled to the Naracoorte Caves to attend the first forum of the Young Environmental Leaders Program (YELP). We met Environment Groups from 7 other schools who we will work with throughout 2019. Our guide took us into the underground world of the critically endangered Southern Bent-wing Bat via infra-red cameras and we learned why



their numbers have become so low. We also spent some time with Doug Nicholls, a local aboriginal elder who



spoke to us about the importance of caring for country. He talked about how the land has provided for them and the 6 seasons they have in this region. We even got to throw a boomerang.



After lunch we heard from other environment groups about what they have been doing at school and we started planning what we are going to do this year.



So far, our idea is to create a water play area in the nature garden behind the shelter shed by capturing the water from the roof and diverting it into a water tank.

We were wondering if there is anyone out there who might have an old hand pump that they would be willing to donate to the school so our students could use this as a part of the new water play area. If so, could you please contact the school or drop it in. Thank-you.



## Canteen News

Thank-you to all the volunteers for their support in the canteen this term. The canteen wouldn't exist without all the support of volunteers making munchies and coming in to lend a hand.

### Canteen Duty

Friday 12th April—Alex Lambert

### Munchies

Monday 8th April

Michelle Barry  
Louise Rose  
Benedetta Wagner  
Pat Sharam

Happy Easter!





## **Penola Primary School RATIONALE**

A school uniform/dress code policy is in place at Penola Primary School in an effort to improve student safety, relieve peer pressure and provide economical certainty for parents in the purchase of school approved clothing items. Uniforms play an important role in promoting a positive image of the school and creating a sense of identity among students and the community. It is also a mechanism to support and build school morale, respect and a deeper sense of belonging.

### **Dress Code – Acceptable items of Clothing**

At Penola Primary School students are expected to wear the approved polo T-shirt and jumpers which are only available for purchase from the front office.

These uniform items must have the embroidered school logo.

Blue/white checked dresses are also permitted, also available from the office.

Navy or dark (blue or black) pants/shorts/skirts are to be worn. Winter woollen skirts can be made, please arrange via the front office. Navy tights may be worn under school dresses or skirts.

A blue bucket hat will be required to be worn by all students during outdoor activities in Terms 1 and 4. Any logo displayed on this hat must be the school logo.

Clothing must meet acceptable community standards of neatness and decency e.g. tank tops, crop tops and other items of clothing as determined by the Dress Code are not acceptable.

### **Dress Code Exclusions**

The following items are not part of the approved school uniform/dress code at Penola Primary School and as such, cannot be worn by students:

- Brightly dyed hair (students are permitted to use 'spray on wash out' colour in their hair for Sports Day and identified whole school events)
- Tank tops, Crop tops
- Shorts must be ½ way down to the knee
- Make up including painted or false nails
- Jewellery except for small sleepers or studs in the ears only
- Wallet chains or large belt buckles
- SAPSASA jumpers and any other jumper that is not a Penola Primary jumper
- Preferably head bands and hair ties (scrunchies, ribbons, etc.) are to be in the school colour of blue.

## Approved School Colours

At our school the approved school colour is royal blue. Clothing items must be solid in colour. Patterned, striped or dotted designs are not part of the school uniform.

## Footwear

Closed shoes or runners are acceptable for most school activities. School – type sandals are also approved as suitable at Penola Primary School. White, navy, grey or black plain socks are preferable.

Thongs and open slip on style footwear are not approved as they pose a significant safety risk to students.

## Instances of Non-Compliance

Students who choose not to comply with the Penola Primary School dress code may be asked to remove the non complying item of clothing and replace it/them with an approved item of clothing provided (where available) by front office staff.

Students wearing make-up will be asked to remove it immediately under supervision by front office staff.

With discretion, the school principal may follow the procedures outlined by the Department for Education Dress Code to address instances of non-compliance with the approved dress code of the school. These may include:

- Posting a standard letter home to parents requesting compliance with the school dress code and uniform policy.
- Telephoning the parent/s to request compliance with the school dress code and uniform policy.
- Seeking the support of the Education Director aligned to the school

## Exemptions

Parents may request that the child is granted an exemption from wearing school uniform. All requests must be made in writing to the Principal. It is unlikely that an exemption on the grounds of financial hardship will be granted because approved school clothing can be purchased inexpensively from the school. A supply of good quality second hand clothing items will also be able for purchase.

Exemptions may be granted on the following grounds:

- ❖ Religious
- ❖ Cultural or ethnic
- ❖ New Student (time to purchase)
- ❖ Genuine medical or family sickness reasons
- ❖ Any other grounds Governing Council may determine.

# Penola Primary School Planner -Term 1



Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10	1/4	2/4	3/4 MSE Athletics in Millicent	4/4	5/4  7/4 Wagner's Rose Day
11	8/4 SAPSASA State Softball Week  Footsteps Week	9/4	10/4	11/4	12/4 Alpha Show

# Penola Primary School Planner -Term 2



1	29/4 Pupil Free Day Year 7 Camp	30/4	1/5	2/5	3/5 SAPSASA Golf  5/5 Sunday -School Working Bee
2	6/5	7/5	8/5	9/5	10/5 Naracoorte Cross Country
3	13/5  NAPLAN	14/5	15/5	16/5	17/5
4	20/5	21/5	22/5	23/5	24/5
5	27/5	28/5	29/5	30/5	31/5
6	3/6	4/6	5/6	6/6	7/6
7	10/6	11/6	12/6	13/6	14/6
8	17/6	18/6	19/6	20/6	21/6
9	24/6	25/6	26/6	27/6	28/6
10	1/7	2/7	3/7	4/7	5/7



Join us at our 7<sup>th</sup>

## Open Day at the Rose Nursery

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

10am - 4pm

Wagner's Rose Nursery  
20 Koorine Road, Kalangadoo

Tours with Brian Wagner to learn how to grow beautiful and healthy roses. Over 600 varieties of roses in bloom, with fabulous new releases on display.

 \$8 entry  
Children U15 free

 Great food, coffee, cold drinks, cider, wine & other local products

 Rose plants on special, cut flowers and garden sculptures for sale

 Children entertainment

Tel: 08 8739 3321

[www.wagnersrosenursery.com.au](http://www.wagnersrosenursery.com.au)

All proceeds will be donated to  
Penola Primary School





# Small Heroes. BIG Dreams.

*Centre:*

Penola Netball Club

*Location:*

McCorquindale Park

*Registration:*

Starts 4:30pm Friday 3rd May

*Contact:*

Trish Wooding - 0418858340

*Cost:*

\$60 - or School Sports Voucher

Register now: [netsetgo.asn.au](http://netsetgo.asn.au)



# Register Now!

**When :** Starts on Friday 3rd May at 4.30

**Where:** To be held at McCorquindale Park, Penola.

Please contact Stuart on 0428372318 for any questions

Please register online.

Don't forget you can use your School Sports Vouchers.

Visit [play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)



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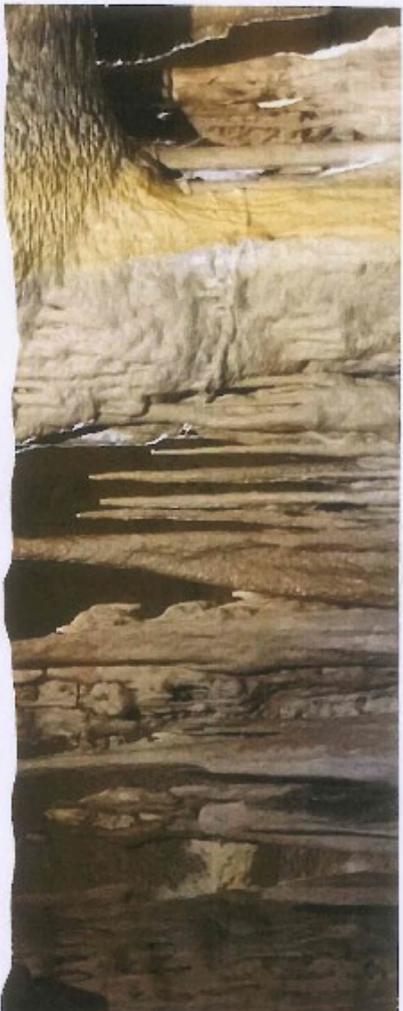
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# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT NARACOOORTE CAVES

LOOKING FOR SOME FUN ADVENTURES THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?

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CHILDREN CAN LEARN ABOUT AUSTRALIA'S MEGAFUNA IN ALEXANDRA CAVE.

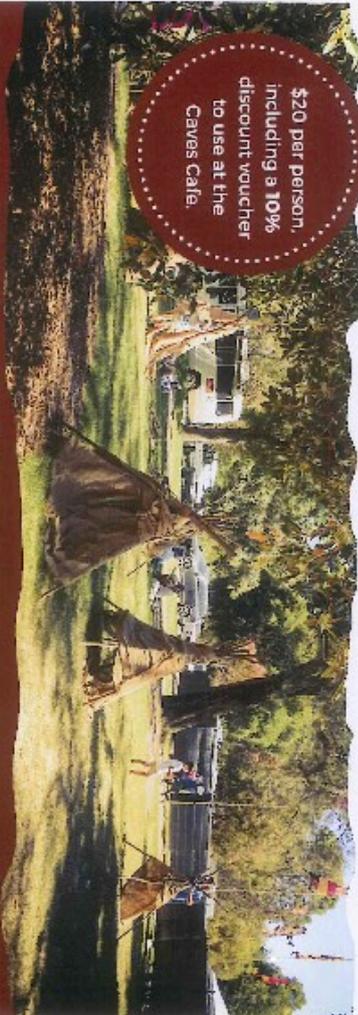
KIDS SHED ACTIVITIES, WITH FOSSIL EXCAVATION, SORTING AND A FOSSIL HUNT. CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO DIG FOR ANIMALS THAT LIVED THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO!

MEET SIMON FROM CLIMBING TREE FOR A NATURE BASED CUBBY HOUSE WORKSHOP.

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PLEASE REGISTER AT THE WONAMBI FOSSIL CENTRE: 8760 1210

CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT\*



\$20 per person, including a 10% discount voucher to use at the Caves Cafe.

April 24 and 26 2019, 10:00am - 12:15pm.

Don't forget to stop in at the Caves Cafe for a delicious lunch or barista made coffee!

GALLERY  
**54**

54 Church Street, Penola

## PAPERMAKING WORKSHOP



**COST: \$20**  
All materials provided

**SUNDAY 19TH MAY, 2019**  
10.00am to 12.00 noon  
at Gallery 54, Penola

This workshop is an introduction to making paper with recycled pulps of colour. Chrissy will prepare buckets of luscious coloured pulp ready to start pressing and decorating individual pages of your own design. These pages can be an embellishment to other arts and crafts. Come along and be inspired by others. At the completion of the session you will take your individual pages home ready for dyeing and creating. Spaces are limited. Bookings and prior payment are essential. *It might get messy so wear suitable clothing!*

**KITS AND INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT GALLERY 54 FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO FURTHER DELVE INTO THIS ADDICTIVE CRAFT.**

**Enquiries to Chrissy on 0447 255 557**