



# RESPECT AND RESPONSIBILITY PENOLA PRIMARY NEWS

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## Calendar of Events Term 1

### March

Monday 30th –Friday April 3rd Footsteps Week

### April

Friday 10th Good Friday

## Principal's Report

Dear Families,

The school will remain open unless advised otherwise by the Department for Education. In line with Department for Education recommendations, we have cancelled all non-essential incursions and excursions. This also includes the cancellation of assemblies until further notice. We are striving, where possible, to carry on with our daily activities as normal.

We understand that some families may choose to self-isolate. This is an individual family decision which the school respects. Please note, however, that at this point in time, requests that the school or individual teachers provide packs of work will unfortunately not be accommodated. Teachers are under enormous pressure at the moment to not only continue to plan and assess for their current classes but are also planning for any potential school closure. We seek your understanding and support that requesting individual packs of work for individuals is not reasonable at this time.

These are unusual times. There are no "rules" around how to cope during a pandemic. Everyone is doing the best they can. This is a time for you to do what is best for your family and whatever makes sense for your children. Penola Primary is committed to providing a safe and caring learning environment. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards,

Anna

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## Internet and Device Access

At this point in time schools will remain open. However, we need to prepare for the possibility that the school may close in the future. It is important that learning continues if this does eventuate. We are currently evaluating how we can deliver learning to students in the event of a school closure. Therefore we are sending home a short survey regarding student's access to the internet (and quality) and devices. If you would please fill this in and return it to school ASAP that would be greatly appreciated.

Again, schools will remain open until advised differently by The Department for Education and SA Health. If your child/ren has no health complications they are encourage to attend school and access the learning opportunities provided.

## Toys at School

Bringing toys to school is strongly discouraged. If your child does bring toys to school and they are lost or stolen the school will NOT take responsibility. Toys and personal items are brought to school at the student's own risk. All toys are to remain in student's bags and can only be played with at recess and/or lunch. If they are caught playing with them during class time the item will be confiscated. If Foundation/Year 1 students choose to bring toys they will not be allowed to play with them during Discovery time.

## Staff Car Park

Please remember the staff car park is an **out-of-bounds** area. This includes both students and parents entering and leaving the school. Please do not use it as a shortcut to pick up/drop off students, either walking through or parking. This is vital for the safety of all.

## Parent Volunteer Group

It is with great disappointment that the Lucindale Field Days and Wagner's Rose Day have been cancelled for 2020.

It is such a shame but understandable in light of world events that our major fundraisers have been cancelled.

We would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to cook or to help out on the stalls but at this stage we do not require your assistance.

We will endeavour to organise some different fundraising activities/alternatives later in the year.

## Sapsasa News

School Sport SA has been postponed the swimming in Adelaide indefinitely.

Our scheduled trainings have been cancelled.

Millicent Athletics has also been postponed.

Thanks for your understanding.

## School Stream – Download App/Accounts.

In light of the current events, the Department of Education advises that all parents have the School Stream APP downloaded on their mobile devices.

It will therefore ensure that communication between school and parents can be more efficient.

There is a form attached to explain how to download the App and you will need to set up an account to be able to receive the school messages.

For those who already have the School Stream App, we are updating the access for our School Stream account to better communicate with you. We will be changing the access model at **4:00 pm Tuesday 24th March 2020**. You will be required to create an account after this time. If you have not created an account by this date you will not receive notifications from Penola Primary School until you do. For those who already have an account you are not required to create a new account.

If you have any questions please call the school.

## School Mornings/ Yard Duty

Just a friendly reminder that teachers are not on duty until 8.30am in the school yard; prior to this time the school yard is unsupervised. Therefore please do not drop your child/ren off before 8.30am as they will be unsupervised.

## Canteen News

We would like to welcome Kerri Bryant to the school. Kerri will be working in the canteen on Thursdays and Fridays while Charmaine has some time off. For Terms 1 and 2 lunch orders will NOT be available on Wednesdays. This means the canteen will be open Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at **recess only** and Thursdays and Fridays **for recess and lunch (including lunch orders)**.

### Canteen Duty

**Friday 27 March**—Amanda Gerritsen

**Friday 3 April**— Rachael Messenger

### Munchies

#### Monday 23rd March

Louise Rose

Amy Vaughan

Kinta Wilson

Stacey Walters

#### Monday 30th March

Peta Baverstock

Benedetta Rusconi

Lizzie Grosvenor

Hannah Timms

#### Monday 6th April

Jessica Anderson

Tara Batt

Stacey Yates

Charmaine Moulton

## Community News

### Millicent Basketball/ McDonalds Magic Hoops Program

Millicent Basketball, with reluctance, but with concerns for health and safety of all of our basketball players/members/supporters/referees, have taken the precautionary measure of cancelling all competitions (Junior and Senior) until further notice, commencing immediately.

With the cancellation of all competitions, this also means that all training programs and other basketball related activities are being cancelled as well.

We had previously advertised our McDonalds Magic Hoops Program but unfortunately, this will be cancelled for our Term 2 Program and hoping for the best for a quick return in Term 3.

# South Australian Police Band Visit





## DO YOU HAVE SECOND-HAND PENOLA PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORMS YOU NO LONGER NEED?

While 2020 is a transition year for our new school uniform, many of our children have already begun wearing the new and updated items. This has brought to our attention that not only do we have a surplus of uniform stock at school that is brand new but just in the old colour and logo; that many of our families would also have a surplus of good-condition, second-hand t-shirts and jumpers. With this in mind and our continued work as a school to reduce landfill, we have been working with 'Cows for Cambodia' to see if there was a way we could re-purpose our old uniform rather than simply throwing them away. While the organisation's primary aim is to provide a cow bank for Cambodian families to have their own cow, they also work within communities to provide education opportunities for Cambodian children, including helping them to learn English.

This year, through some of our small group education programs, we aim to put together uniform packs (consisting of a t-shirt and jumper) with a picture book or similar. Penola Primary children will have the opportunity to write a message on a package to send to a Cambodian child. Depending on how many we are able to organise, they will be shipped to Cambodia to be used as a school uniform at one school or given to children at a number of different schools.

Although we have quite a bit of old stock still at school, we are asking willing families to donate any of their old t-shirts and jumpers (in good condition only – no stains or rips) that they no longer want, to be included in the packages we send over. Children are also invited to donate a picture book to go with their package – the picture book can be a second-hand one from home or families may choose to buy an inexpensive new one to send.

It is by no means expected that families donate any of their old uniforms. If your child is still wearing them this year please do not feel obliged to buy the new uniform straight away. We are simply looking for a way we can re-purpose items if people wish to.

Donations can be left at school in the Interception room in the Unit building.

Thank you,  
**Karmel Finch**

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- 2 Make sure you agree to **push notifications**
- 3 Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search **THEN** select your school

For more detailed instructions go to [schoolstream.com.au/download](http://schoolstream.com.au/download)

# Penola Primary School Planner -Term 1



1	27/1	28/1	29/1	30/1	31/1
2	3/2	4/2 Swimming Timings	5/2	6/2	7/2 Parent Information Evening
3	10/2	11/2	12/2	13/2 Assembly –Year 6/7 (Sam)	14/2 Swim Carnival
4	17/2	18/2	19/2 Student Free Day	20/2	21/2 MSE Sapsasa Swim
5	24/2	25/2	26/2	27/2	28/2 Assembly: Year 3/4 (Meagan)
6	2/3	3/3 Parent Volunteer Group (PVG) Meeting at 3.30pm	4/3	5/3	6/3
7	9/3 Adelaide Cup Pupil Holiday	10/3 Rugby visit	11/3 Millicent Athletics Tryouts	12/3 Student Free day	13/13 Assembly: Year 5/6 (Sarah)  Police Band—2pm
8	16/3 Sapsasa Cricket and Tennis Week	17/3	18/3	19/3	20/3
9	23/3	24/3	25/3	26/3	27/3
10	30/3	31/3	1/4	2/4	3/4
11	6/4	7/4	8/4	9/4 End of Term 2.15pm	10/4 Good Friday