



# RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, INCLUSIVITY PENOLA PRIMARY NEWS

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## Calendar of Events Term 3

### September

Friday 11th	Assembly
Thursday 17th	School Photos
Friday 18th	Pupil Free Day
Friday 25th	Casual Day, Assembly and Last day of Term 3

## Principal's Report

Our 'Learning in Action' in the main street has concluded and has been overwhelmingly successful. Despite bad weather and road works we still had a large number of our community visit, to observe our students engage in a variety of learning experiences. This demonstrates the importance of community engagement and the value our community places on the education of our children. Thank you to everyone who visited, our students and educators appreciate being able to share their learning experiences with you. There's nothing like a bit of "friendly" competition to motivate people to get moving! We have entered six teams into Steptember and the step count is on. Our enthusiastic (Day 3) staff members have been divided into teams – Wobbly Wombats, Penola Elite, The KKA's, JP Joggers. The Squeaky Knees and MMLD. Some of our students have also been inspired to get involved (they really just want to beat their teachers) and are also striding it out trying to get their step count up. We will keep you updated with how teams are progressing. If you would like to donate to the cause please click on the link. <https://www.september.org.au/fundraisers/PenolaPrimarySchool>

2020 continues to present us with a number of challenges. Our children are seeking out social connections to help process recent incidents and make sense of what is happening in the world around them. Some of them are using social media as a way of doing this. It is critically important for their social/emotional

wellbeing that families are closely monitoring their child's social media usage and putting restrictions on how long, and when they are accessing social media. Facebook, Snap Chat and Instagram all have a user age of 13 years or older, whilst Tik Tok has a user age of 16 years or older. If your child is younger than the user age, please consider if it is appropriate for your child to be accessing.

Last week we celebrated our SSOs (Student Support Officers) as part of SSO week. We are so fortunate at Penola Primary to have such dedicated, committed and caring SSOs. When we refer to 'educators' this is inclusive of our SSOs. This is because they are such an integral part of our children's education. Our school would not be what it is without this wonderful group of people. We are thankful every day we get to work alongside them. Thank you to Dione, Toni, Mel, Kerry, Michelle, Matt, Belinda, Louise, Brooke, Toby, James, Hamish, and Kerri.

Kind regards,

Anna

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## School Photos

Due to unforeseen circumstances, school photos will now be on **Thursday, 17th September 2020**.

**FAMILY PACKS** are available from the front office. For online orders, go to [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au)

### Please note that:

- Children must wear school uniform
- The day will commence with the whole school photo at 8:50am
- Following this will be the class, individual, and family photos
- After this will be special group photos such as Youth Environment Group, SRC, SAPSASA, House Leaders, Choir, etc. (*We will advise children of what needs to be worn for each of the special groups.*)

## New Staff

As you are probably aware, Miss Petzke will be taking maternity leave from Week 3 next term. We are fortunate to have secured Josh Pearce for the remainder of the year. We look forward to working with Josh and welcome him to Penola Primary.

Hi Penola Primary!

My name is Joshua Pearce and as of Week 3 next term, I will be one of the Penola Primary team, working in the Year 3/4 class.

I can't wait to get to know all of you. Until then, here is a bit about me.

In 2019 I graduated from the University of South Australia with a Bachelor of Primary/Middle Education. While at university, I was a disability and youth support worker for four years I spent all of January and February solo travelling around Japan and the UK (I arrived home just in time, *phew!*).

I am an Adelaide local but have been living in Penola since the middle of June where I have been working at Penola High School as a PE / Middle School teacher.

I have a passion for sport and fitness.

Unfortunately, I am a huge Adelaide Crows fan and yes, pineapple does belong on pizza!



## Sports Report

Congratulations to Jack Sharman and Abbey Gerritsen (Sapsasa Hockey) and to Rosie Moorhouse and Bradley Meek (Sapsasa Soccer) who represented our district with distinction in the recent state carnivals in Adelaide.



Jack and Rosie both came home with gold medals after their respective teams finished on top after going through the carnival undefeated. Congratulations are also extended to Matt Crewe who was the coach of the victorious girls' soccer team. Abbey's and Bradley's teams also



competed extremely well finishing third and sixth respectively. Importantly, all of our students enjoyed their experience, learning a raft of valuable skills along the way.

Next week we have three more students venturing to Adelaide for state carnivals-Rosie Moorhouse and Tegan Lythgo (Netball) and Ben Copping (Football). We wish them all the best and trust that they will enjoy these great learning experiences.

Sports Day tryouts will begin on Monday, September 14th between recess and lunch times. Please note that Sports Day (Friday, October 23rd) is a week earlier than usual this year.

Yesterday we issued notes concerning Naracoorte Cross Country (Friday, October 16th) to interested children. Further details will follow once we have definite numbers.

## Pupil Free Day

Just a reminder that we have a Pupil Free day on Friday **18th September 2020**.

## Readers' Workshop

Readers' Workshop follows the same structure as Writers' Notebook (mini lesson – explicit teaching, Independent reading – practice, conferencing – individual goal



setting and reflection – engage and support meta-cognitive thinking). Readers' Workshop incorporates The Big Six of Reading (oral language, phonological awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension) and comprehension strategies (activating prior knowledge, self-monitoring, predicting, questioning, making connections, visualizing, inferring, summarizing and synthesizing).

The mini lesson explicitly focusses on a reading strategy, reading habit or discusses a text. During independent reading time students practice what has been explicitly taught either by reading independently or engaging in Book Club, Literature Circles or Guided Reading. Reading conferences, as with writing conferences, are where educators differentiate the

learning opportunities.

Every day every student is involved in a whole school read, in addition to reading at home (critical to reading development). Our aim – every child reading every day.

### HOW IMPORTANT IS READING PRACTICE?

Students who read:

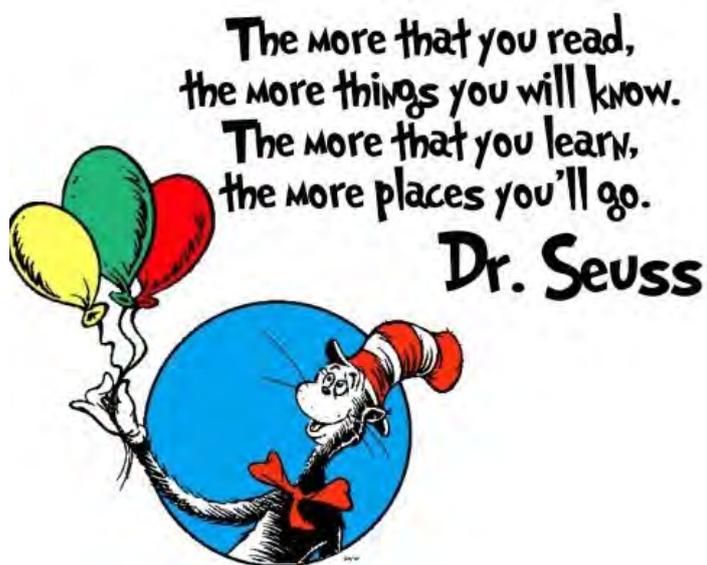
- ⇒ 1 minute a day = 8000 words per year
- ⇒ 5 minutes a day = 282 000 words per year
- ⇒ 20 minutes a day = 1.8 million words per year

Students on the 90th percentile read the same number of words in **2 days** that students on the 10th percentile read **in a year**.

**WE CANNOT COMPENSATE FOR THE LACK OF PRACTICE.**

**7 MINUTES A DAY = 5000 WORDS**

Anne Bayetto, 2013



## Library News

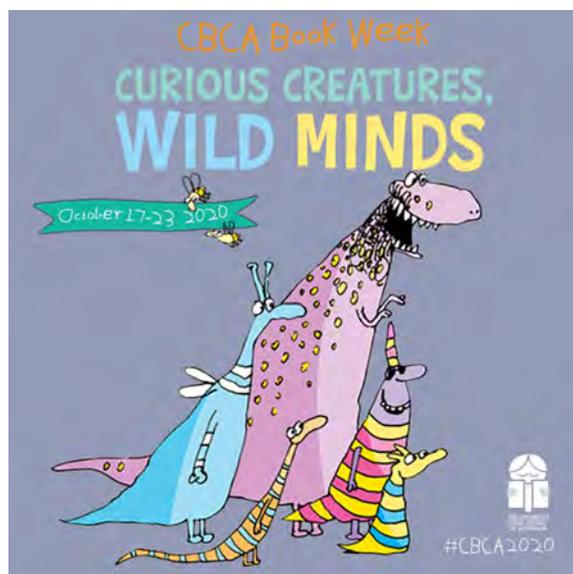
### End of Term Book return.

Can all library books and Take Home Books please be returned by **Wednesday 23rd September** before the end of the term.



## Bookweek

Book week this year, will be celebrated in October, which will be in Term 4. This year's book week theme is Curious Creatures, Wild Minds.



## Canteen News

If you are unable to come in on Friday to work in the canteen can you please arrange your own swap. We are very busy on a Friday and need the extra pair of helping hands.

### Canteen Duty

Friday 11th September– Alex Lambert

Friday 18th September– Miranda Radford

Friday 25th September– Pat Sharam

### Munchies

**Wednesday 9th September**

Emily Marchant

Carly Hill

Kim Wilson

Olivia Thomas

**Wednesday 16th September**

Louise Rose

Amy Vaughan

Kinta Wilson

Stacey Walters

**Wednesday 23rd September**

Peta Baverstock

Benedetta Rusconi

Lizzie Grosvenor

Hannah Timms



## Year 6/7 Visit the High School



# F/1 Engineering Soars to New Heights



Inspired by Joy Cowley's book "*Clever Mr. Brown*", the F/1 classes discussed the way planes were designed for flights and safety, based on birds.

Their challenge was to build a plane, using 10 straws and masking tape. We had a wide range of planes constructed, and then we had a "Fly Off" to test them!



# Penola Primary School Planner -Term 3



1	20/7 After School Basketball 3.30pm to 5pm approx.	21/7	22/7 SAPSASA Girls Soccer tryouts —Mt Gambier	23/7 SAPSASA Hockey tryouts – Mt Gambier SAPSASA Netball tryouts– Millicent SAPSASA Boys Soccer tryouts —Millicent School Football –3.30pm	24/7
2	27/7 SAPSASA Football—Mt Gambier After School Basketball 3.30pm to 5pm approx.	28/7	29/7	30/7 School Football –3.30pm	31/7 Assembly– 2.45pm
3	3/8 After School Basketball 3.30pm to 5pm approx.	4/8	5/8	6/8 SAPSASA Basketball— Millicent School Football –3.30pm	7/8
4	10/8 After School Basketball 3.30pm to 5pm approx.	11/8	12/8	13/8 SAPSASA Hotshots—PPS School Football –3.30pm	14/8 Assembly– 2.30pm
5	17/8 Environment Group Earth Keeper Excursion After School Basketball 3.30pm to 5pm approx.	18/8	19/8	20/8 School Football –3.30pm	21/8
6	24/8 SAPSASA Hockey/ Soccer Carnival— Adelaide After School Basketball 3.30pm to 5pm approx.	25/8	26/8	27/8 Yr6/7 @ High School 10am-2pm School Football –3.30pm	28/8 Regional Basketball Day – Mt Gambier Assembly– 2.30pm Mrs Williams Class
7	31/8 Sporting Schools .	1/9 Sporting Schools	2/9 Sporting Schools	3/9 School Football –3.30pm	4/9 FATHERS DAY STALL
8	7/9 SAPSASA –Netball/ Football Carnival – Adelaide .	8/9 Year 4 Hot Shots Millicent	9/9 Year 3/4 Camp →	10/9 School Football –3.30pm	11/9 Assembly– 2.30pm Miss Bohmer's Class
9	14/9 Sports Day Tryouts .	15/9 Sports Day Tryouts	16/9	17/9 SCHOOL PHOTOS	18/9 Pupil Free Day
10	21/9	22/9 Year 4/5 Camp →	23/9	24/9	25/9 Assembly– 1.30pm SRC Casual Day