



RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, INCLUSIVITY PENOLA PRIMARY NEWS

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Calendar of Events Term 2 2021

TERM 2

May

Monday 10th - 20th	Naplan Weeks
Tuesday 11th	Governing Council Meeting
Friday 14th	Art Festival events start
Wednesday 19th	GRIP Leadership Conference – SRC
Friday 21st	Pupil Free Day

Principal's Report

What a start to the term! Two camps, CARCLEW Artists in Residence, Aunty Michelle, Cross Country, The Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival and NAPLAN. We are incredibly fortunate to be able to offer our children these experiences. Participating in programs such as these means we are providing our students with holistic educational experiences, covering all aspects of the curriculum.

NAPLAN starts next week and as we have seen repeatedly in the past this will be a hot topic in the media. It is important to keep NAPLAN in perspective. I encourage you to read our position on NAPLAN (in this newsletter) and how we use the data. If your child is feeling worried about sitting the assessment please reassure them that all we are asking is that they do their best, this does not define their academic achievement or who they are as a person.

We are very excited about The Coonawarra Arts Festival next weekend. We are holding an Art exhibition in the Cobb and Co building where every child will have a piece of art work on display. This will be open from 4-6pm on Friday, with the official opening at 5pm, Saturday and Sunday from 10am-3pm. We are also hosting an event at our school on Friday 14th May that all our children and children from other schools will be involved in. Students will participate in workshop sessions with Australian author Phillip Gwynne,

Education/Literacy Consultant Amanda Bartram and Aboriginal artists Sonya, Suzy and Sarah. More information will follow in the coming days.

In addition to those events, our PVG are running two stalls as part of The Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival Children's program on Sunday 16th May from 10am. This event is being held at Mary MacKillop oval and there will be a number of free events and activities for children to enjoy (there are "events" for the adults down Petticoat Lane). It will be a great day out! Our artists in residence, Sonya, Suzy and Sarah, are also holding Aboriginal basket weaving and art exhibition workshops at Cobb and Co over the Arts Festival weekend. The workshops are on Saturday and Sunday at 10:00-12:30 and 1:00-3:30 and cost \$20 for adults and \$15 for kids. It is walk in but spaces are limited to 20 people per session so if you would like to secure your spot please contact the school.

Kind regards,

Anna

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Penola Primary and the Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival Friday 14th May at PPS

We are hosting an event at our school on Friday 14th May that all our children and children from other schools (Rendelsham, Kangaroo Inn, Newberry Park, McKay Children's Centre and Mount Burr, 252 students in total) will be involved in. Students will participate in workshop sessions with Australian author Phillip Gwynne (Where do authors get their ideas? The importance of revision – most writing is re-writing!), Education/Literacy Consultant Amanda Bartram (Book Making – Illustration and Vocabulary, Writer's Notebook – Poetry/Revision Strategies) and Aboriginal artists Sonya, Suzy and Sarah (traditional weaving and rock painting with symbols).

Students will rotate throughout the day between these

workshops. The canteen are putting on a special lunch order that was sent home yesterday. We are looking forward to a wonderful day filled with exciting and engaging learning experiences.

Canteen News

A note went out this week for a Arts Festival Canteen Special for Friday 14th May 2021.

Students are able to order their lunch via the canteen for Arts Festival day. This needs to be pre-ordered and paid. You need to place your order no later than *Tuesday 11th May, 2021*.

Please complete the form that was sent out and return to school if paying by cash.

If paying by Qkr! There is no need to return the form.

Hot Chocolates are back this term for \$1.



Canteen Duty

Friday 14th May -Anna McGregor

Friday 21st May -Sophie Angus

Friday 28th May - Nerrissa Dohnt

Friday 4th June - Sue Bell

Munchies

Wednesday 12th May

Kylie Gartner

Jen Mc Culloch

Emily Marchant

Trish Wooding

Wednesday 19th May

Lizzie Grosvenor

Kim Wilson

Katrina Merrett

Stacey Marlow

Wednesday 26th May

Monique Jackson

Deanne O'Brien

Katherine Hunter

Mel Catlin

Wednesday 2nd June

Donna de Blaauw

Peta Baverstock

Meg Redman

Anna McGregor



Community News

PCAF PENOLA COONAWARRA ARTS FESTIVAL

art classes for children

with Anna from Relish Art Room

SUNDAY 16th of MAY
9.30am - 11.00am or 12.00pm - 1.30pm

AGES 5 & up

Scruffy DOGS & CATS!

Create your own scruffy dog or cat artwork using fun drawing techniques. Accessorise with fabrics and collage materials!

FREE EVENT
Sponsors: Bendigo Bank Penola Branch & McKay Children's Centre Penola

BOOKINGS:
McKays Children's Centre Penola. 8737 2535

Bendigo Bank
McKay Children's Centre Penola
Relish art room

NAPLAN



NAPLAN NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

Whether we value it or not, NAPLAN is part of the educational landscape. It is how we view this test and how we use the data that matters.

NAPLAN is a snapshot of what a child can do on a particular day. It is just one way to assess student learning. NAPLAN does not assess the variety of ways children can demonstrate their understanding and ability to problem solve real-world issues and concepts in practical hands-on ways.

So, what is the purpose of NAPLAN? The primary intent of NAPLAN is to provide our government with data that can be used to compare how Australia is performing against other countries (PISA). At a school level, it provides an insight into where a student's learning was at a point in time, and provides an opportunity to measure growth since the last NAPLAN test. We also use this as an opportunity to analyse areas where we have not performed well, examine why and then use this information to establish the goals for our Site Improvement Plan. These become the areas we focus our training and development to improve our practice and therefore student outcomes.

As schools don't receive NAPLAN data for a number of months after the test, it cannot be relied upon by teachers and schools to plan relevant, authentic learning experiences. Instead, at PPS, we use PAT (Progressive Achievement Test) that gives us the results as soon as the test has been completed, and a number of other assessments to provide a much more holistic view of each student's learning and achievement. Teachers use these data sets collaboratively to make educational decisions about individual students; to stretch, and to respond to any learning gaps immediately.

When looking at NAPLAN data, either as an individual child or as a whole school, results need to be considered carefully and shouldn't be taken on face value. What's most important is looking at individual children or specific cohorts of children and if they made **growth** from one test to another, for example Year 3 to Year 5. Furthermore, how a school 'performs' from year to year can change dramatically depending on the cohort of children sitting the test. Since NAPLAN was introduced we've had years where we have performed exceptionally well as a school, some where we haven't and we've had some average years. Other things to consider when exploring NAPLAN results, particularly on platforms such as MySchool, include:

- Did 100% of the student population for that year participate or 80%? If you take out 20% of children that impacts on the school's overall performance score.
- How many children did the test that year in each of the year levels and as a whole school? 2, 24, 104 or 200? This can impact on achievement percentages.
- What percentage of students achieved in the higher bands and maintained it?
- What percentage of students with disabilities or learning difficulties took the test?
- It is also important to remember that students only sit the test every two years, meaning students in that cohort may have changed schools which can impact on comparison data.

At PPS we are proud that 100% of our students sit the assessment. This normalises the assessment, lets children know that it is just another thing we do at school and that all children are viewed as capable and competent.

One of my favourite stories about NAPLAN is about a student who started at our school in Year 7 a few years ago. This student had never sat NAPLAN before, this student had been excluded from NAPLAN assessments in Year 3 and Year 5. Through working with this student and developing their confidence this student CHOSE to sit NAPLAN in Year 7. Did we know their participation would impact on our results? Yes. Did it? Yes. Did it matter? NO. What is important is that child felt they could do it and they did. They saw themselves as an equal to their peers, just doing what everyone else was doing.

While we want every child to do well in NAPLAN, as we do for everything our students do (high expectations), we need to be mindful not to take NAPLAN on face value as there are many variables that can impact on the results. NAPLAN is ONE assessment we use to analyse student achievement. No matter how your child performs in NAPLAN, remember that NAPLAN does not assess your child's creativity, resilience, persistence, courage, curiosity or what makes them unique. We encourage our students to come to school ready to do the NAPLAN assessments to the best of their ability but not allow their results to define them.

Cross Country 2021 Winners



Gordon



Age 5 & 6 Girls
Skye, Zoe and Ella



Age 5 & 6 Boys
George, Angus and Fletcher



Age 7 & 8 Girls
Charlie, Zali and Madeleine



Age 7 & 8 Boys
Jack, Caleb and Cody

Cross Country 2021 Winners



Age 9 & 10 Girls
Bonnie, Milly and Riley



Age 9-10 Boys
Daxton, Zavier and Cormac



Age 11-13 Girls 2000m
Keira, Amy and Lily



Age 11-13 Boys 2000m
Clancy, Nash and Jaiden



Age 11-13 Girls 3000m
Tegan, Nellie and Ella



Age 11-13 Boys 3000m
Bodie, Ben and Joel

Penola Primary School 2021 Planner -Term 2



1	26/4 Anzac Day Public holiday	27/4 Year 7 Camp to Robe	28/4	29/4	30/4 Sapsasa Golf at the Penola Golf Course
2	3/5 Year 6 Camp to Robe	4/5	5/5	6/5	7/5 Naracoorte Cross Country
3	10/5 Naplan	11/5 Governing Council Meeting	12/5	13/5	14/5 Art Festival Art Show @ The Cobb & Co
4	17/5 Naplan	18/5	19/5 SRC GRIP Leadership Conference—Mount Gambier	20/5	21/5 Pupil Free Day
5	24/5	25/5	26/5 Principal Tour	27/5	28/5 Assembly—Year 2
6	31/5 Sapsasa -Football and Netball Week Footsteps Week	1/6	2/6	3/6	4/6
7	7/6 Environment Camp	8/6 Environment camp	9/6	10/6	11/6 Assembly—F/1B Bohmer
8	14/6 Queen's Birthday Pupil Holiday	15/6 Interviews start	16/6	17/6	18/6
9	21/6	22/6	23/6	24/6	25/6 Assembly—F/1 Rowntree
10	28/6	29/6	30/6	1/7	2/7 Assembly—SRC

OPENING FRIDAY 14TH MAY 2021



PENOLA PRIMARY SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION

Every child will have a piece of art work on display.

Official opening at 5pm

Entry fee -Gold coin donation

Money raised will go to the SRC.

Exhibition will be held in the
Cobb and Co building
Corner of Portland St and Riddoch St

**ENJOY A DRINK AND NIBBLES WHILE
VIEWING THE AMAZING ART WORK.
WINE BY THE GLASS \$5
SOFT DRINK \$2
CHEESE/CRACKER BOXES \$10**



PENOLA PRIMARY SCHOOL

PENOLA PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S TOUR 26TH MAY 2021

Principal, Anna Copping, her leadership team, Tony O'Connell and Karmel Finch, and our Student Representative Council (SRC), cordially invites prospective parents/caregivers, students and friends of Penola Primary to meet with them and tour our school.

The leadership team and SRC will welcome visitors to our school and provide an overview of our curriculum, values, and ethos. They will be available to answer specific questions about transition from Kindergarten to Foundation, and what's on offer in terms of our programs and facilities.

Penola Primary is a dynamic and progressive Foundation to Year 7 school with strong links to the community. The school's focus is to develop the whole child; intellectually, socially, physically, culturally, and emotionally. The learning opportunities at Penola Primary School are stimulating and challenging, with an emphasis on Literacy and Numeracy. The school is proud of its commitment to the provision of a wide variety of programs and activities, including STEM, Japanese, Music, Arts, After School Sports, and Environmental programs.

**PLEASE MEET AT THE
SCHOOL LIBRARY AT
9:30AM ON
WEDNESDAY, 26TH
MAY TO TOUR OUR
SCHOOL. MORNING
TEA WILL BE
PROVIDED AFTER THE
TOUR IN OUR SCHOOL
LIBRARY AT 10:30AM.**

***IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO
ATTEND THE TOUR, PLEASE
CONTACT THE SCHOOL ON
87372 300 TO ARRANGE
ANOTHER TIME.**

VISION STATEMENT

Penola Primary School will be a supportive and progressive community where all individuals are respected and valued. Leading teaching practices and high expectations will inspire our students to become informed, compassionate, active global citizens.

Help Wonder turn **BREAD BAGS** into **SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT**

It's simple...

1

Collect your empty bread bags and tags



2

Recycle them at school in Wonder's pink Collection Bin
(There is a separate box for bread tags).



3

We'll earn reward points to redeem new sports equipment for every 5kg bin filled!



Our school is in the draw to
WIN 1 of 5 exercise circuits made
from recycled plastic we collect!

LET'S GET RECYCLING!



Tag Wonder on social **#wonderrecycling**
to share all your recycling champion stories!





Busking and Open Mic Spots



Buskers and Open Mic Competition in Penola.

REGISTER NOW!

Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival Weekend.

Sunday 16th May 11am till Late.

Calling all students, teachers, self-taught and retired to busk and entertain on the Main Street of Penola. Free to enter and a cash prize on the popular vote.

Musicians, Poets, street performers encouraged.

Want some stage time? Open Mic stage in the *ROAK WineGarden* will be open for 3 hours. Book your 15min spot and vie for the cash prize and your name on the perpetual trophy.

Bring your mob along, enjoy the day, grab a bite to eat at the ROAK. Enjoy the Wine Garden with local wines by the glass.

From 5pm will be the finals and the Prize Off, Followed by the Christie Wallace Trio.

Dancing allowed, but Covid restrictions may restrict numbers in one place at any given time.

Call Ulrich 0429 499 355 or email buskers@artsfestival.com.au



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PCAF PENOLA COONAWARRA ARTS FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 14 - SUNDAY 16 MAY

Bendigo Bank Kids Program, Sunday 16 May from 11am-4pm - FREE to attend

Mary Mackillop Memorial School - Petticoat Ln, Penola

Join us for arty activities, face painting and fundraising stalls for our local schools.

Sponsors: Mary MacKillop Memorial School, Bendigo Bank Penola Branch, Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival.

FREE KIDS SHOW Basketball Man Sunday 16 May 3pm - 4pm

For years Basketball Man has been a world renowned Basketball Freestyler but now he's out to prove he's a real superhero. Witness the best basketball tricks you've never seen before as Basketball Man, spins, dribbles, juggles, and performs stunts in this crime fighting, family-friendly, circus show.

Venue: Mary Mackillop Memorial School



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