



Penola Primary News



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LEADERSHIP

Principal : Anna Copping

Dear Parents and Friends,

Reading continues to be a focus for our school. Over the last two weeks I have been doing lesson observations in each class. The lessons I have observed are explicit, focussed and rigorous. It is evident our educators are using data to inform practice while remaining responsive to each student. Each lesson is focussed on one reading strategy. During my observations I noticed:

- Review of letter sounds and tricky words
- Decoding and Fluency
- Handwriting
- Segmenting
- Fluency reads
- Vocabulary
- Morphology
- Guided reading
- Modelled reading
- Shared reading

These are just some of the strategies I observed. Students worked hard, were focussed and engaged. Pleasingly, as a result of this work, we have seen growth in our students.

Interviews get underway next week. Teachers have sent home notes requesting a time to meet with families. If you are unable to meet in person, please notify your child's teacher and they will arrange an online meeting or phone call. Reports are given out at the interview and will not be sent home before interviews. Teachers need to talk through the report with you, on its own the report doesn't give you an in-depth insight into how your child is progressing, areas for improvement and how we (teacher and family) can support the child.

Anna Copping

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SCHOOL INFORMATION: School Bus Reminder

Families of bus students please note the following important points.

- If your family will be away for an extended period 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 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.

Parents are reminded NOT to park in the bus parking zones at any Penola school between 8:30-8:45am and 3:10-3:30pm. Police and WRC Parking Inspectors will patrol the bus parking zones and infringement notices will be written.

Parents of bus students are reminded that if you have a concern regarding behaviour/issues on the bus, it must be directed, in the first instance, to the Principal of that young person's school, and then if need be, to Penola High School, as they manage the bus routes. Parents should NOT contact bus drivers regarding any bus issues.

*A few weeks ago we also implemented where students should be picked up and dropped off at the start and end of each day. Only students **who catch a bus** are able to use the bus gate. If your child is being picked up, walking or riding they must use either the Junior Primary gate, the canteen gate, the STEM/OSHC gate or the gym gate. Students who are using the bus gate who are not catching a bus will be redirected to another exit/entry gate. Please clarify this with your child/ren.*

SCHOOL INFORMATION: Uniform Reminder

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.

Plain (no logos) 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, short shorts (a good measure is to stand straight with hands by sides, length should be where index finger ends) and other items of clothing as determined by the Dress Code are not acceptable.



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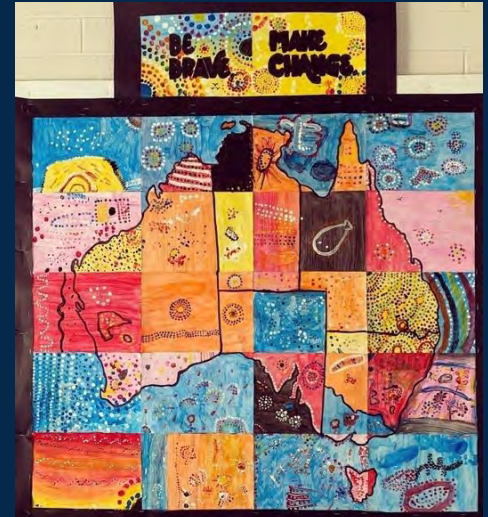
SCHOOL NEWS: Reconciliation Week

The Year 2/3 classes have loved learning about Australia's rich history, Australia's First Peoples and the importance of reconciliation.

We are pretty chuffed with the reconciliation artworks that they created last week.



Ms Holberton's Class



Ms Williams' Class

SCHOOL NEWS: House Leaders

Due to house leaders being away, we will introduce the Gordon and Rymill leaders in the next edition of the newsletter.

SCHOOL NEWS: Lions Club Mad Minute

The Year 5 students participated in the annual Lion's Club Mad Minute last week. This is a fun challenge where students are given a topic to give an impromptu speech about for precisely ONE minute. Congratulations to all the students who participated, but particularly to Tyler (1st), Leah (2nd) and Bree (3rd). These students now go on to compete at the Lucindale Grand Challenge on 29th June.



Bree, Tyler and Leah

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SCHOOL NEWS: Sapsasa News

There has been plenty happening in recent weeks across a broad range of Sapsasa sports at Penola Primary. A summary of achievements is as follows:

Well done to Lily Hackwill, Abby Meek, Lea Baugh, Ruby Rohrlach, Cormac O'Brien, Jack Lambert, Liam Sharam, Brody McDonald, Angus Powell, Darcy Wurst, and Preston Lydeamore who all participated in the Sapsasa State Softball Carnival in Adelaide in April.

On Wednesday, May 4th we had 55 students venture to Millicent for the annual Sapsasa Athletics Day. Congratulations to Zavier Baverstock, Emmie Copping, Aidan Gartner, and Jack Lambert who all qualified for the State Athletics Championships in September.

On Friday, May 20th we had 51 brave souls participate in the annual Sapsasa Cross Country at Naracoorte. Congratulations to Lily Hackwill, Darcy Wurst, Brody McDonald, Emmie Copping, and Zavier Baverstock who all qualified for the State Cross Country Championships which were held at Oakbank last Thursday.

Congratulations to Lily Hackwill who represented our school at the recent Sapsasa State Aussie Rules Carnival in Adelaide as part of the Mid South East team. The Mid South East girls played some terrific football, remaining undefeated throughout the carnival, and were proud recipients of the gold medal. Well done, Lily. A special mention to Cormac O'Brien who was selected as a reserve for the Mid South East Boys' Aussie Rules team.

It has been a very busy few weeks for Lily as she has also won selection in the Mid South East Netball team which will be off to Adelaide in a couple of weeks for their state carnival.

Congratulations also go to Henry Gerritsen who has won selection in the Mid South East Hockey team which is also off to Adelaide in a few weeks for their state carnival.

Next Monday we have 5 boys and 3 girls attending Sapsasa Soccer trials and we wish them all the best in their endeavours to win selection in their respective teams.



Sapsasa State Aussie Rules team



Sapsasa Cross country team

SCHOOL NEWS: House Captain Badges

A big thank you to Alex and Phil Lambert for the donation of this year's house captains badges, which were presented to the house captains at the recent assembly. Alex came across the new design and thought they would be great addition to our leadership group. We were fortunate to have Alex come and present the badges to our house captains. Thank you so much Alex and Phil for your thoughtfulness and generosity.



CANTEEN NEWS:

Hot Chocolates are back and are available in the canteen at recess and lunch for \$1.00. Just a reminder that the canteen is only open for lunches on Thursday next week due to the pupil free day on Friday.

Canteen Duty

Thursday 23rd June

Anna McGregor

Friday 1st July

Kylie Lavia

Munchies

Wednesday, 22nd June

Matilda Innes

Alana Croft

Anna Mc Gregor

Wednesday, 29th June

Kinta Wilson

Naomi Baugh

Monique Maney



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Important dates for term 2, 2022

13th June - Public Holiday –Queens Birthday

24th June –Pupil Free Day

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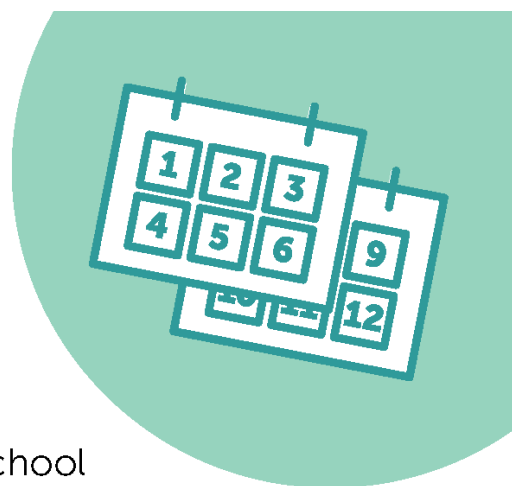
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Term 2 2022 Calendar

1	2/5	3/5 Millicent Athletics	4/5	6/5	6/5 Sapsasa Swimming
2	9/5 Sapsasa Swimming Adelaide	10/5 NAPLAN begins	11/5	12/5 Peter Combe –10am	13/5 Sapsasa Golf Assembly –Yr 2/3B
3	16/5	17/5	18/5 Principal's Tour	19/5	20/5 Naracoorte Cross Country
4	23/5	24/5	25/5	26/5	27/5 Assembly– Yr2/3A WORKING BEE—Sunday 29th
5	30/5 Sapsasa Football	31/5	1/6	2/6	3/6
6	6/6	7/6 Yr 5 Mad Minute @ 11am	8/6	9/6 Assembly –F/1A	10/6 Pupil Free Day—Berry Street
7	13/6 Public Holiday –Queen's Birthday	14/6	15/6	16/6	17/6
8	20/6	21/6	22/6	23/6	24/6 Pupil Free Day
9	27/6 Sapsasa Netball and Hockey State Carnival	28/6	29/6	30/6	1/7 Assembly F/1B
10	4/7 Yr 4/5/6 Round Robin	5/7 Yr 2/3 Round Robin	6/7	7/7 Disco/JP Games	8/7

MID-YEAR INTAKE - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



We are introducing a mid-year intake into preschool from 2023 and for school (reception) from 2024.

STARTING PRESCHOOL

From 2023 children who turn 4 years old:

- **before 1 May** continue to start preschool at the beginning of the year
- **from 1 May to 31 October** start preschool through the mid-year intake at the start of term 3 of that year
- **after 31 October** start preschool at the beginning of the following year.

Children will undertake 4 terms (1 year) of preschool, regardless of whether they start at the beginning of the year, or through a mid-year intake.

Further information about how to submit registration of interest for mid-year entry to preschool will be available soon.

STARTING SCHOOL

From 2024 children who turn 5 years old:

- **before 1 May** can start primary school (the first year is known as reception) at the beginning of the year
- **from 1 May to 31 October** start school through the mid-year intake at the start of term 3 of that year
- **after 31 October** start school at the beginning of the following year.

Students who start school at the beginning of the year will complete 4 terms of reception.

Students who start school through a mid-year intake (start of term 3) will complete 6 terms of reception.

CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY OR ADDITIONAL NEEDS

If you have a child with disability or additional needs, talk to the principal or preschool director about the starting time that best suits your child's needs.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Our website has key information for families [starting preschool](#) and [starting school](#). Further information on the mid-year intake will be released as we progress.

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Literacy Success in the Early Primary Years



FREE Seminar night via Zoom
Thursday 16th of June 2022, 8pm – 9pm

Want to learn how to best support your child's literacy in their early primary years?

Come and join Word By Mouth for our **FREE** Seminar on
Literacy Success in the Early Primary Years.

Practical suggestions provided on how you can assist your child/students to maximise their learning of core literacy skills based on the best available research evidence.

There is strong research evidence that links literacy success with early phonological awareness skills as well as adequate sound-letter knowledge and oral language. Come and learn about the components of phonological awareness and how these skills can be built both in and out of the classroom!



Our seminar will cover:

- *Essential components for successful literacy acquisition*
- *Strategies and activities for supporting literacy learning at home.*
- *How should literacy skills be taught? Components of an effective literacy teaching program and what the research tells us.*
- *Indicators that a student may be experiencing literacy difficulties.*
- *What should I do? Next Steps for students who are experiencing literacy difficulties.*
- *Advocating for and supporting your child with literacy difficulties.*

Designed for parents,
carers, and teachers

Learn how to best
support literacy
development in the Early
Primary Years

Seminar run by
experienced Speech
Pathologists

Information is based on
current research
literature

Opportunities to ask
questions

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Please register via

<https://www.trybooking.com/BZAVX>



Who is a carer?



A carer is someone who helps a family member or friend with:



emotional support



grocery shopping



preparing meals



administering medicine



personal care



paying bills

Is this you? Then you are a Carer

Are you a Carer and have not registered for support services with Carers SA?

Join us for a relaxed and open discussion and find out about the FREE services available to you in your caring role.

Whether you are a long term Carer or have just started looking after someone, there is something for everyone at this event.

You could win an iPad or fuel voucher

REGISTER early and go in the draw to win 1 of 3 iPads or 1 of 10 \$100 fuel vouchers

Available for all Carers who have not previously registered with the Carer Gateway and must be in attendance at event on the 30th.

To register visit
carerssa.com.au - News and events
or **(08) 8291 5600**



Limestone Coast Carer Event

Thursday 30 June 11am - 1pm

City Hall - The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre

(entry via Cave Garden)

Watson Terrace - Mount Gambier
Refreshments provided



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