



# Penola Primary News



Friday 17 February 2023: Issue 1

## LEADERSHIP

Principal : Sam Currie

Hi Families,

Welcome to the new school year for our new families and welcome back to our existing families! Firstly, I just want to thank all students, staff and families that I have met to this point for welcoming me to the Penola Primary community. The way that the students have greeted me on my walkthroughs and in the yard has filled me with gratitude and I look forward to working with them, our staff, and our families throughout the year.

This year we welcome 14 new Foundation students who are starting school for the first time. It has been fantastic to see our existing students supporting our new students transition in to our school community and form such positive relationships already. Along with our new students, we also welcome Nicola Watson, Michelle Stewart, and Alex Quick to our teaching team.

### Family Engagement Evening

A key aspect to providing a positive environment for children to learn and achieve their best is the relationship between home and school. While we have many formal opportunities for this to occur throughout the year (interviews, reports, etc.), it was great to have our 'Family Engagement Evening' last night where we welcomed families into the school in a slightly less formal atmosphere. A massive thank you to the families that attended on such a warm evening and to Matt Crewe and the students / family members who worked over the hot BBQ throughout the evening.

### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was also held last night, where we shared the 2022 Annual Report with families and elected our Governing Council for 2023. At the conclusion of the AGM, we held our first Governing Council Meeting for the year where our Executive was elected. Congratulations to all committee members and thank you for making the commitment to working with me and the staff in order to continue to improve Penola Primary School in 2023 and into the future.

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## LEADERSHIP Cont...

Principal : Sam Currie

### NAPLAN 2023

Our students in Years 3 and 5 will complete the NAPLAN assessments online this year (Year 3 students will complete the writing task using paper and pencil. All other tested areas will be done online). The testing will take place in Weeks 7 and 8 this term.

To prepare our students and to test our IT systems, a trial assessment will occur on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of February. This will involve Years 3 and 5 students completing a 45 minute practice test which will incorporate literacy and numeracy perspectives. Please be aware that an assessment report of student achievement will not be provided to families for the practice test.

For parents/caregivers of students in these year levels a privacy collection notice was sent home via Seesaw a couple of weeks ago. If you have any questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher or myself to discuss.

Thanks,

*Sam Currie*

## SCHOOL NEWS: Welcome to Penola Primary

This year we welcome four new staff members: Sam Currie (Principal), Alex Quick (Year 4/5A Teacher), Nicola Watson (NIT – Japanese/History and F/1B Teacher), and Michelle Stewart (F/1A Teacher).

From our visits to classes so far, students seem to have settled in well, with many positive comments from teachers about their classes.



Sam Currie



Alex Quick



Nicola Watson



Michelle Stewart

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# SCHOOL NEWS: Welcome to Penola Primary



Ameia wants to be a dancer when she grows up.



Billy wants to be a Crayfish Catcher when he grows up.



Arabella wants to be a Gardener when she grows up.



Knox wants to be a Policeman when he grows up.



Max wants to be a Motorbike rider and Tractor Driver when he grows up.



Madeline wants to be a Policewoman when she grows up.

## F/1 Community 2023



**We are thrilled to welcome the new families and learners to our F/1 Community this year. We have been busy getting to know each other and would like to introduce our Foundations to the rest of the School Community too. We are all looking forward to the exciting year ahead.**



Embrey wants to be Ben 10 when he grows up.



Walter wants to be a Fire Fighter when he grows up.



Maddi wants to be a Doctor when she grows up.

Korrah wants to be a Doctor when she grows up.

Georgia wants to be a Doctor when she grows up.

Eddie wants to be a Motorbike Rider and an Engineer when he grows up.

Jack wants to be a Road Truck Driver when he grows up.

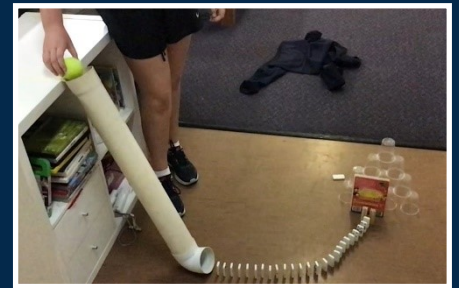
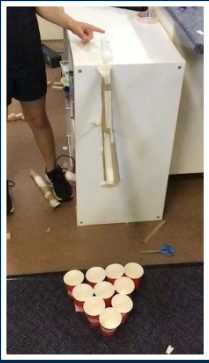
Ned wants to be a Builder when he grows up.



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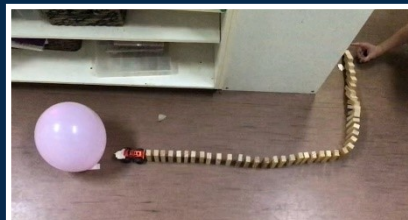
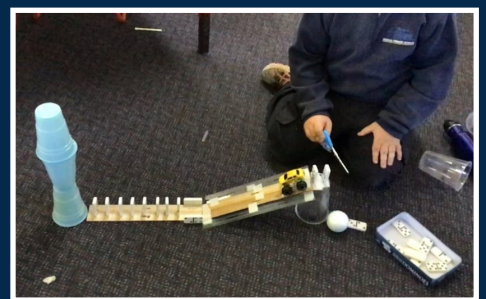
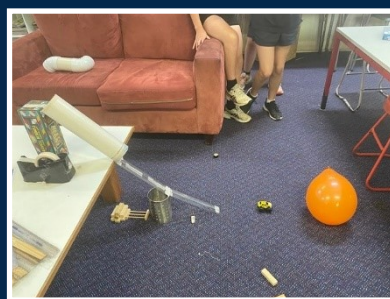
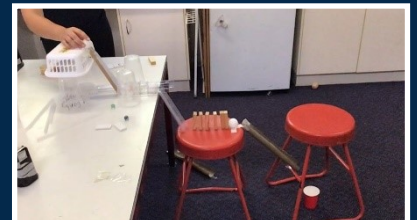
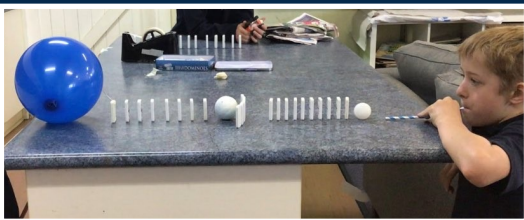
# SCHOOL NEWS: Year 4/5/6 STEM



## Year 4/5/6 STEM

A chain reaction: a series of events that are each caused by the previous event.

Students were asked to use a variety of materials and processes to make a chain reaction.



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# SCHOOL INFORMATION: Resilience Project

## Welcome to The Resilience Project

### PARENTS & CARERS

This year, we are excited to bring The Resilience Project (TRP) into our school community!

### WHY?

#### Current research tells us...

Why mental health matters

RESILIENCE PROJECT



One in four Australian adolescents will experience mental health problems this year

Nearly two thirds of them will not seek help.



One in seven primary school students are also likely to experience mental health problems this year.

Source: National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Australia's Youth: Mental Illness

### EVIDENCE-BASED

The Resilience Project's School Partnership Program has been independently evaluated by both The [University of Adelaide](#) and The [University of Melbourne](#). Click the links or scan the QR code to find out more about the impact the program has on **emotional wellbeing** and **behavioral changes**.



### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

**The Resilience Project** is committed to **teaching positive mental health strategies** to prevent mental ill-health and **build young people's capacity to deal with adversity**.

We will be implementing their evidence-based **Teaching and Learning Program** throughout our classrooms, staffroom and school community.

Teachers and students will engage in weekly lessons and activities around the key principles of **Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness (GEM)** and **Emotional Literacy** to build resilience.

### WHAT CAN BE DONE AT HOME?



To learn more about The Resilience Project and get involved from home, you can start exploring the ideas, activities and resources which bring **Gratitude, Empathy** and **Mindfulness (GEM)** to life on [TRP@HOME](#).

**The Imperfects** podcast, led by Hugh van Cuylenburg, Ryan Shelton and Josh van Cuylenburg, is all about how perfectly imperfect we all are. Hugh, Josh and Ryan chat to a variety of interesting people who bravely share their struggles and imperfections, and we all learn some valuable take-aways we can apply to our own imperfect lives.



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# SCHOOL INFORMATION: Friendly Reminders

## School Arrivals -

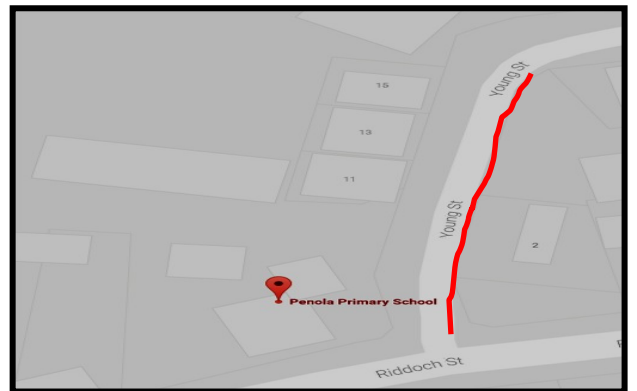
Students are not to be onsite before 8:30am. We have had a number of students arriving early (8:15 am). Students will not be supervised or be the responsibility of educators before 8:30am.

## School Fees-

School fees are due by the end of this term. School card is available for eligible families. You can apply for school card at <https://online.forms.sa.edu.au/content/forms/af/public/application-for-school-card.html>

# SCHOOL INFORMATION: Parking

Please be aware of the areas you are and are not permitted to park. The area across the road from where the buses pull up is not only inconvenient for the drivers, but also a dangerous place for children to cross. It is a **no parking zone** between **8.30 – 8.45 a.m.** and **3.15 – 3.30 p.m.** We also discourage anyone from parking on the eastern side of Young Street during bus times, as shown on the accompanying map.



Please also note, that at the Koala (flashing light) crossing, drivers must not park within 20 metres of the approach to a koala crossing or within 10 metres after passing it. This is indicated with a No Stopping sign and a yellow line on the road. These road rules are in place to ensure the safety of our students.

## SCHOOL INFORMATION: Family & Friends Volunteer Group

Family & Friends Volunteer group  
AGM  
CHANGE OF DATE

### PLEASE NOTE

The Family & Friends Group AGM has been changed to Tuesday 21st at 3pm under the Shade sail at school. Please see Jen McCulloch or Sophie Simson if you are interested in joining.

# SAVE THE DATE

*Lucindale Field days*

Pop Field days dates into your diary, this is the Family & Friends Associations biggest fundraiser to raise funds for our school & students! We will need volunteers to help on the stall and also volunteers to bake goods for the 2 days

FRIDAY 17TH & SATURDAY  
18TH MARCH

## SCHOOL INFORMATION: Piano Lessons



# Piano Lessons

Now available at school



Piano Teacher: Leyton Smith

Mobile: 0448 772997

Email: [leyton2204@gmail.com](mailto:leyton2204@gmail.com)

Any questions please direct to Leyton.

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# CANTEEN NEWS:

## Canteen Manager: Bridgette Cutchie

The canteen is open for 2023! It is open on Wednesday for recess only and Thursday and Friday it is open for recess and lunch. Orders can be done via QKR! or lunch order bags.

The canteen will only be open on **Wednesday 1st March (WEEK 5), CLOSED Thursday and Friday.**

Just a couple of friendly reminders about munchies:

- \* Please label Munchies containers so that they can be returned.
- \* Munchies are a "No Nuts" policy.

### Munchies

#### **Wednesday, 22nd February**

Noami Baugh  
April Possingham  
Meg Redman

#### **Wednesday, 1st March**

Jen McCulloch  
Stacey Gibbs

The canteen manager position is still available, if you are interested in the position and need more details please contact Sam Currie on 08 8737 2300 or email [sam.currie685@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:sam.currie685@schools.sa.edu.au)



**Canteen Manager  
position available**

If you are interested in applying for the position please contact Sam Currie for more information on 08 8737 2300 or email: [sam.currie@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:sam.currie@schools.sa.edu.au)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Important dates for Term 1 2023

- 3<sup>rd</sup> March**—Assembly Year 4/5B
- 13<sup>th</sup> March** - Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
- 17<sup>th</sup> March**—Assembly Year 4/5A
- 31<sup>st</sup> March**—Assembly Year 2/3B
- 7<sup>th</sup> April** - Good Friday
- 10<sup>th</sup> April** - Easter Monday
- 14<sup>th</sup> April** - Assembly SRC

## Contact Us:

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## Term 1 2023 Calendar



1	30/1	31/1	1/2	2/2	3/2
2	6/2	7/2	8/2	9/2	10/2
3	13/2	14/2	15/2	16/2 Family Engagement Evening	17/2 <b>Assembly –Yr 6 Newsletter</b>
4	20/2	21/2	22/2 Sapsasa Softball trial at Penola Primary.	23/2	24/2
5	27/2	28/2 Naplan Practice Test	1/3	2/3	3/3 Sapsasa Swimming Assembly—Yr 4/5B
6	6/3	7/3	8/3	9/3	10/3 Newsletter
7	13/3 Adelaide Cup	14/3	15/3 NAPLAN begins	16/3	17/3 Yrs 5/6 Music Festival Assembly– Yr 4/5A
8	20/3	21/3	22/3	23/2	24/3
9	27/3 Sapsasa Golf at Penola Golf Course Footsteps begins	28/3	29/3	30/3	31/3 Newsletter Assembly– Yr 2/3B
10	3/4 Sapsasa Softball State Carnival	4/4	5/4	6/4	7/4 Good Friday
11	10/4 Easter Monday	11/4	12/4 Sapsasa Athletics in Millicent	13/4	14/4 Assembly-SRC

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# Community News and Events

**MILLICENT UNITED SOCCER CLUB**



**2023 MiniRoos** 

Boys and girls aged 4-10 years old

Trainings @ 5:30pm- Millicent Soccer Club, Park Tee  
Friday 10th February  
Further training dates TBA (keep an eye on our Facebook page)

Preseason Carnival  
Friday 17th February  
Blue Lake Sports Park, Jubilee Highway East Mt Gambier



For more information P: Ian Lines on 0407 399 014 or Sue Lines 0407 344 595  
Don't forget to follow us on Facebook

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**Under 10**  
**Basketball** 7 to 9yr olds

**Come, Try Night**  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

Boys at 5pm Girls at 6pm

New players, registered, unregistered interested all welcome. No need to book in just turn up.  
Be ready to train and play More info 0438388073

**Join in the fun and play**  
**Basketball**

Ask how you can claim SA Govt sports vouchers at Millicent Basketball



**Fashion Pop-Up**

AMAZING PRE-LOVED (& NEW) CLOTHING  
RSL HALL, PENOLA

**FEBRUARY 17TH & 18TH**

**FRIDAY 4-8PM**  
**SATURDAY 9-12PM**



STAND LIKE STONE  
FOUNDATION  
PENOLA COONAWARRA  
SUB-FUND



**SPELD** Specific Learning Difficulties SA

Mount Gambier  
**REGIONAL TOUR**

**FREE Parent Workshop**  
This 2 hour workshop is a great first step to gaining a better understanding of reading difficulties and practical strategies that you can use at home to help your child.  
**3 March - 3:45pm to 5:45pm**  
**Melaleuca Park Primary School**