



Penola Primary News



Friday 10 March 2023: Issue 2

LEADERSHIP

Principal : Sam Currie

Hi Families,

We are now well and truly into the swing of things for 2023 and is fantastic to see our students engaged in their learning across all year levels. With our 'meet and greet' interviews beginning last week, this is another wonderful opportunity to discuss your child's learning and wellbeing with their teacher, and it is great to see so many families taking up this opportunity. If you have not already, please make a time with your child's teacher to touch base and check-in.

External School Review

As part of our continuous school improvement process, we will be involved in an external school review with a Department for Education review team. The purpose of external school reviews is to support us to raise achievement, sustain high performance, and provide quality assurance to build confidence in public schools. All public schools are generally externally reviewed every 3 years. The focus of the external school review is to evaluate our school's performance. The review team includes a review officer and one or more review principals. Our school review will occur in Week 2, Term 2 (exact day to be confirmed). The review team will identify aspects of our school's improvement that have been verified through the review processes, as well as the improvements that we need to make in the future. As a site leader I'm very much looking forward to our review and the suggestions we receive to continue to grow our school.

Pupil Free Days

At our first Governing Council meeting in Week 3, the Governing Council approved the following Pupil Free Days:

Term 2 – Week 1 Thursday 4th and Friday, 5th May, 2023

SA Evidence Based Teaching of Literacy Study Tour: These are the first 2 days of a 3-day intensive based around developing literacy practices in teachers through learning on the 'Big 6'. This will include classroom observations, analysing strategies of delivery, and building safe practices in the implementation of peer observations and leader walkthroughs.

Term 2 – Week 3 Friday 19th of May, 2023

Partnership Day – LISC and Feedback: this is a whole SECAV partnership day that is a follow-on from the professional development day in 2022. The day is based around extending on our 2022 day on Learning Intentions, Success Criteria and Goal Setting and moving on to looking at how we as educators are providing effective feedback to our students.

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We understand that these dates are all within the first 3 weeks of Term 2 and this may not be ideal for families. However, the timing of these days was not decided by our site and these professional learning opportunities will support our school in moving forward.

I look forward to providing you all with updates on our professional learning and information on how we will be implementing this new learning in to our classrooms.

Thanks,

Sam Currie

SCHOOL INFORMATION: The Resilience Project



[The Resilience Project](#)

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.**

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.

Check out their website for more information:

[The Resilience Project](#)

And check out TRP@HOME; a place filled with inspiration and activities for the whole family, to help improve your wellbeing and build resilience.

[TRP@HOME](#)

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SCHOOL INFORMATION: The Resilience Project cont...

Gratitude

Working on gratitude helps us to be thankful and appreciate what we have in our lives, rather than focusing on what we don't have or what we want. When we practise being grateful, we start to scan the world to look for positives – this only takes 21 days! Practising gratitude every day increases our levels of energy, helps us to feel happier and more focused, determined and optimistic. It even helps us have a better sleep, lowers levels of anxiety and depression and we are less likely to get sick. So many benefits – let's all try to be grateful for the things and people in our lives every day!

Whole Family Activity:

Gratitude Scavenger Hunt

- As a family create a scavenger hunt list of things that make you happy or you are grateful for, you can make your own list or use the examples below:
- Something that makes you happy
- Something you love to smell
- Something you enjoy looking at
- Something that is your favourite colour
- Something you like in nature
- Something that is useful for you
- Each member of the family uses the list, and has to find as many things as they can.
- You can hunt for things inside or outside, or both. You can hunt for real things, or you can also do this using magazines or pictures from the internet.
- After a set amount of time hunting, come back together, have a look at what each person collected and let them explain why they are grateful for each item.

Family Habit Builder:

Every night at dinner, have each person talk about their favourite thing about that day.



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SCHOOL NEWS: Environment Group

On Tuesday 28th February our new Environment Group travelled to the Naracoorte Caves to participate in the Young Environmental Leaders Program (YELP). We joined 6 other schools at the forum where we learned about the critically endangered Southern Bent-wing Bat and some of the recent research that's been done to learn more about their flightpaths, feeding habits, and breeding cycle. We also walked through Alexandra Cave, learning about stalactites, stalagmites, flowstone and straws. In the afternoon we worked with other students to discuss some of the environmental challenges we face and then talked about some of the things we could do this year to make Penola Primary School even more sustainable. Our students were excellent representatives for our school and came away with lots of enthusiasm for the year ahead.



SCHOOL NEWS: Family & Friends Volunteer Group

"Our Foundation/One students are looking so smart with their new Home Reading Folders! A big thankyou to the Family and Friends Committee for purchasing the new Folders."



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What's been happening in the Year 2/3s!



The Year 2/3s have been learning about Australia and other countries in the world. We have been cooking from another country on Friday afternoons. We made 'Mac and Cheese' from America, 'Onigiri' from Japan, and 'Scones' from England. We have been supported by parents coming in and helping us. It has been wonderful to have parents back in our classrooms again. Thank you to everyone who has supported us so far. We look forward to future cooking experiences.



Together we have discussed where we were born and where our parents were born.

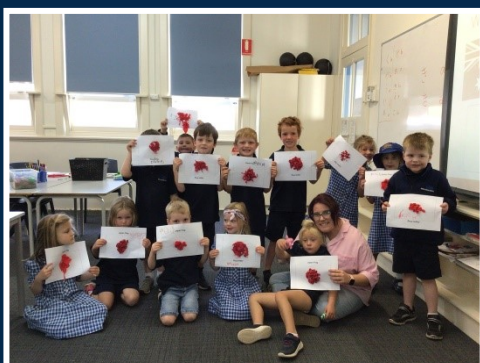
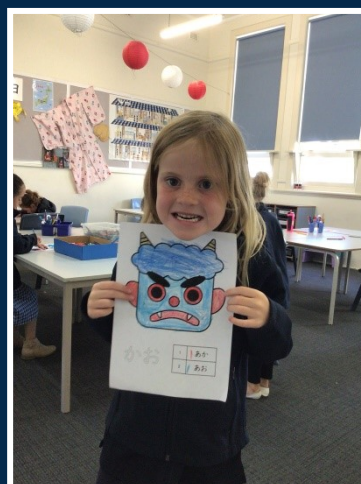
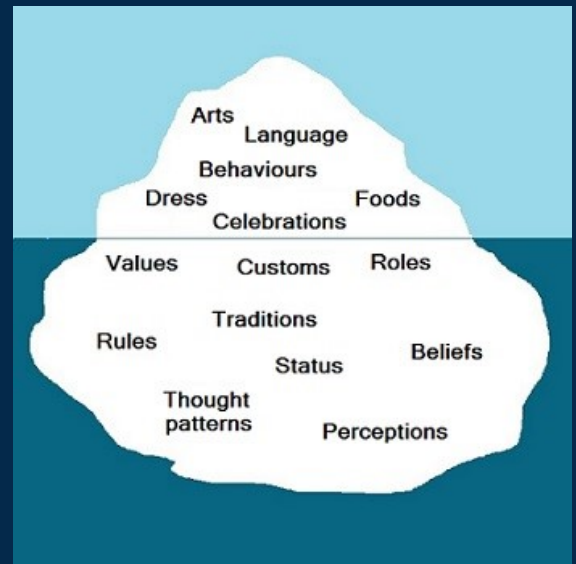


What's been happening in the Year 2/3s!



JAPANESE NEWS

This term in Japanese, students across the whole school have been considering how to answer the question: What is culture? Using the concept of a 'cultural iceberg', we have been brainstorming the ways in which culture can be both easy and difficult to see. Some aspects of how we live are visible- like food, celebrations or clothing, as pictured when making Oni masks and Japanese flags with JP students. Other aspects of culture are less visible- like our beliefs, roles, and values. Watching excerpts from Japanese reality television show, Old Enough, students have made observations and drawn comparisons, all while absorbing the language, landscape and script of Japan.



SCHOOL NEWS: Student Representative Council

During the last few weeks, applications for the 2023 SRC have been written and presented to staff and classes. Positions for SRC were highly sought after this year and the quality of all the written applications, made the decision process very difficult. After much discussion we would like to congratulate the following students who were elected as our 2023 SRC executives:

Co-President: Leah

Co-President: Tyler

Secretary: Imogen

Treasurer: Chelsea

Principal's Rep: Bree

We have a very enthusiastic group of executives for 2023 and we look forward to seeing what we can achieve this year as a group.



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CANTEEN NEWS:

Canteen Manager: Bridgette Cutchie

Please note that for the rest of Term 1 the canteen will be open for lunches on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**.

Munchies

Tuesday, 14th March

Belinda Sanders
Anna McGregor
Deanne O'Brien

Tuesday, 21st March

Louise Rose
Matilda Inns
Karly Honner

Tuesday, 28th March

Carly Hill
Kylie Gartner
Tracey Lamont

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Important dates for Term 1 2023

13th March - Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

17th March—Assembly Year 4/5A

31st March—Assembly Year 2/3B

7th April - Good Friday

10th April - Easter Monday

12th April-Millicent Athletics

14th April - Assembly SRC

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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 Assembly –Yr 6 Newsletter
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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Term 1—Vacation Care



**McKay
Children's Centre
Penola**

7 Scott Street, Penola SA 5277
Telephone: 08 8737 2535 Email: Info.McKay725@schools.sa.edu.au

2023 TERM 1 VACATION CARE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Subject to viable numbers and staffing, Vacation Care will be offered during the Term 1 holidays for dates below. Please complete for days requested:

Name, Email and Number of Parent Contact:

Names and age/s of Child/children:

please tick day/s:

I would like my child/ren to be booked into the Vacation Care program for:

Monday 17/04/23	Tuesday 18/04/23	Wednesday 19/04/23	Thursday 20/04/23	Friday 21/04/23
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Monday 24/04/23	Tuesday 25/04/23 Public Holiday	Wednesday 26/04/23	Thursday 27/04/23	Friday 28/04/23
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Would you support the idea of external excursions? YES / NO

Would you be prepared to pay a small additional cost on excursion days if required? (Suggestions welcome) YES / NO

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN FORM BY EMAIL / TO OSHC STAFF /
MCKAY ADMIN OFFICE BY Sunday 19 MARCH 2023**

**Forms returned after this date or additional days requested may not
accommodated**

Community News and Events



If you have a child under 5, you are welcome to come along to our supported Playgroup (held in conjunction with Learning Together, Penola Primary School and McKay Children's Centre).

When: Monday afternoons 1-3pm
Where: Japanese room (enter via back door)
What to Bring: Hat, drink bottle, snack if desired

Come along to talk, play, sing and join in the fun!

See you there



Ladies on the Lawn



IN CONJUNCTION WITH SALT & CO LIVING



PENOLA TOWN SQUARE

SATURDAY 1ST APRIL 2023 2PM - 5PM

WINE, COFFEE & SOFT DRINK AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE - ALONG WITH "PICNIC" PLATTERS & CAKES

ENJOY A FASHION SHOW OF IN SEASON TRENDS FROM SALT & CO TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF THEIR NEW STORE. WITH 20% OF

ALL SALES FROM THE DAY DONATED TO THE SLS SWINGING WITH THE STARS FUND!

GOLD COIN ON ENTRY

RAFFLES & GOODIES AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT

CONTACT CHICAGO SMITH (0499 547 022) FOR MORE INFO



Stand Like Stone

Inspiring kindness and courage



AMBROSE GOLF DAY



SUNDAY 26TH MARCH 2023

PENOLA GOLF COURSE

10AM TEE OFF

PROCEEDS GOING TOWARDS STAND LIKE STONE FOUNDATION SWINGING WITH THE STARS

PENOLA ENTRANT

PENOLA COONAWARRA SUB-FUND

\$40 PER PERSON / \$20 UNDER 16

INCLUDES BBQ LUNCH & DOOR PRIZE

RAFFLES / LONGEST DRIVE & CLOSEST TO PIN / SPIN TO WIN

BAR FACILITIES & DRINKS TRAILERS OPERATING - BRING SOME CASH!

PRIZES UP FOR GRABS FOR BEST TEAM NAME & BEST DRESSED TEAM. **ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!**

SCAN THE QR CODE TO GRAB YOUR ENTRY OR CALL SAM BURGESS WITH ANY QUERIES
0439 674 781



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Community News and Events



U14 football – first training
Thursday 16th March at 4:30
at Mc Park.

All welcome and BBQ to
follow.

COONAWARRA

FRIDAY 24 MARCH 7.00PM

In 1961, 60-year-old Kempton Bunton stole Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. He sent ransom notes saying that he would return the painting on condition that the government invested more in care for the elderly. What happened next became the stuff of legend. An uplifting true story about a good man who set out to change the world and managed to save his marriage.

THE DUKE
A PRICELESS TRUE STORY

"A RIDICULOUSLY CHARMING BRITISH COMEDY!"

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"THE DUKE WILL STEAL YOUR HEART!"

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"JIM BROADBENT IS ASTOUNDING!"

"HELEN MIRREN IS MARVELOUS!"

JIM BROADBENT
HELEN MIRREN

IN CINEMAS 2021

COONAWARRA HALL, 11 MEMORIAL DRIVE

TICKETS: \$10 ADULT, \$5 CHILDREN - AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

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This Fundraiser is in support of Stand Like Stone.
Money raised will solely target charitable projects that benefit Penola Coonawarra.

S P E L D
A Specific Learning Difficulties SA

Parent Workshop

FREE Parent Workshop
Understanding reading difficulties - Why some people struggle and how to help

- Develop an understanding of reading difficulties, including dyslexia
- Develop a practical understanding of the associated characteristics and difficulties
- Explore ways to support your child

This 2 hour workshop is a great first step to gaining a better understanding of reading difficulties and practical strategies that can help your child.

Friday 3 of March, 3:45pm-5:45pm

Melaleuca Park Primary School

BOOK ONLINE at: speldsa.org.au/regional-parent-workshops

Thank you to the Department for Education for supporting this initiative.

Let's chat bats

Come and chat with local bat expert Nicole Bail in the Bat Observation Centre, witness the spectacular event of bats in their natural habitat.

SAUSAGE
SIZZLE

Friday,
31 March 2023
5.30pm

FREE
EVENT

@ Naracoorte Caves

To register please visit

Naracoorte Caves