



Penola Primary News



Friday 19 May 2023: Issue 4

LEADERSHIP

Principal : Sam Currie

Hi Families,

With Cross Country, the Alpha Show and now the Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival this week, staff and students have had an eventful start to the term! With so many extra-curricular events to start the term, it is also very pleasing to see students working hard in the classrooms and settling back in to their normal learning routines.

National Volunteers Week

At Penola Primary, we have a number of people who volunteer an enormous amount of time each and every week to make our school and community a better place. This week is National Volunteers Week and it is a chance to celebrate and recognise the vital work our volunteers do, and to say thank you.

Next Friday, the 26th of May, we will be holding a volunteers lunch, beginning at 1:20pm in the staff room, to show our appreciation to those who support our amazing school. Our whole school assembly will follow this at 2:30pm. If you could please RSVP (refer to flyer sent out earlier this week) for catering purposes that would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to volunteer within our school, please speak to one of our Governing Council members, Families and Friends members, or a member of our admin team to find out how you can support.

ANZAC Day Commemorations

During the holidays, members of our SRC represented the school in laying a wreath at the ANZAC Day service in Penola. Along with this, our student choir also performed 'Waltzing Matilda' at the ceremony. While it is incredibly important to be represented at these local commemoration services such as Anzac Day, it is just as important that our students understand the significance of these days.

I would like to thank Stacey Gibbs and Scoob for the work they put in to organising our students to attend the ceremony in the holidays along with our students and parents for attending and representing our school community.

School Drop Off

Lately we have noticed a number of students getting dropped off well before 8:30am. A reminder that our

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duty of care begins at 8:30am, with duty of care provided by a yard duty teacher. Students are to arrive between 8:30 and 8:45am, with classes beginning following our 8:45am bell.

Pupil Free Day – Friday 19th May

A reminder that this Friday, our teachers will be attending a SECAV Partnership Day. 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.

School Uniform

With cooler weather upon us it is important to ensure that our children wear appropriate school uniform to help with regulating their body temperature. Living in the South East can mean that we see some pretty cold and rough weather from time to time, particularly in the mornings!

Our uniform dress code states:

- At Penola Primary School students are expected to wear the approved polo T-shirt, jumpers and soft-shell jacket 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.
- 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.

We support and understand that waterproof and thicker than usual jackets (above and beyond the normal school jumper) which may not comply with the school uniform code may be worn outside and whilst in transition to school. However, once student learning begins, students will be asked to remove these articles of clothing in the classroom.

Along with this, our SRC has raised 'beanies' as an item of clothing for students to wear during the colder months. While we do not have a school beanie, we support students wearing this item outside of the classroom.

Dogs on School Grounds

We are incredibly fortunate at Penola Primary to have Mae, our school dog onsite throughout the day. While this is great for our students, we remind our wider community that NO other dogs are permitted on school grounds at any time of the day or night. It is disappointing for staff and students to find the mess that other dogs leave behind on our school grounds on a near daily basis. We are well aware that this could also be wider community members walking their dogs through our grounds but if you normally do walk your dog through the school, could you please now walk around the grounds in the future.

Thanks,

Sam Currie

SCHOOL INFORMATION: The Resilience Project

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

Empathy

Working on empathy helps us to identify, understand and feel what another person is feeling. When we show empathy or we do something kind for someone else our brain releases oxytocin. This leads to increasing our self-esteem/confidence, energy levels, positivity and overall happiness.

Whole Family Activity:

Neighbourhood Kindness Challenge

As a family, choose an act of kindness from the list below that you would like to do for a neighbour or family friend. Each family member can select one to commit to, or you can choose to do one together.

- Cook them something delicious like a cake, hot bread, or cookies.
- Write a note to put in their letter box thanking them for being a great neighbour or friend.
- Design them a Thank You card.
- Pick or buy some flowers to deliver to them.
- Choose a little plant from your garden to give them.
- Make them a gift from things around your house.
- Offer to do a job for them, like wash their car or water their garden.
- Offer to take their pets for a walk.
- Invite them over for afternoon tea.
- Invite them on a walk.
- Recommend one of your favourite books to borrow and read.
- Ask them if they need anything from the shops next time you buy groceries.
- Say hello next time you see them, and ask them how their day is going.
- Feel free to do more than one and spread the kindness even further!
- Report back to each other in one week and share how your acts of kindness were received, and how doing them made you feel.

Family Habit Builder:

Every night at dinner, have each person thank another family member for something they've done or said today, or give another family member a compliment.



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SCHOOL NEWS: Foundation/Year 1



Massage Station
Surrender to an indulgent massage experience that will blissfully lift your spirits and engage all your senses!
Artist in Residence: Your Learner



Mindfulness Station
Sit back and engage in a mindfulness colouring experience. Take the opportunity to be present in the moment and relax your body and your mind.



Portrait Station
Come to our Portrait Station for the very best in unique, custom, handmade drawings & sketches.
Artist in Residence: Your Learner



JP Wellness Centre

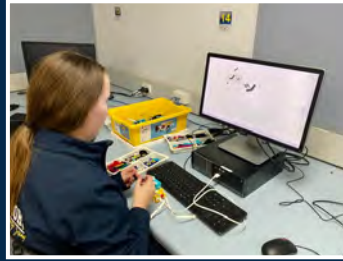
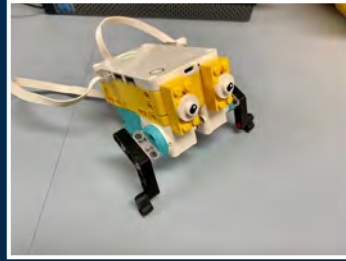
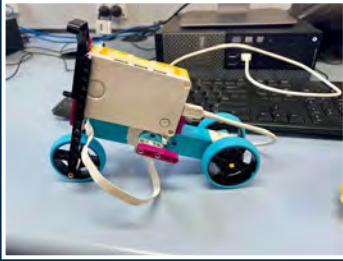
Our learners spoil their Mother's, Nan's and Special People last week at a Pampering Afternoon.

The children sang "Cover me in Sunshine" to begin the afternoon. Then they invited their Special People into our Wellness Centre, designed to set them up for a relaxing Mother's Day. They were treated to Massages, Manicures, Meditation, Portraits, Book Launches and Nourishing food.

We hope all of our Special People enjoyed their Pampering Afternoon!

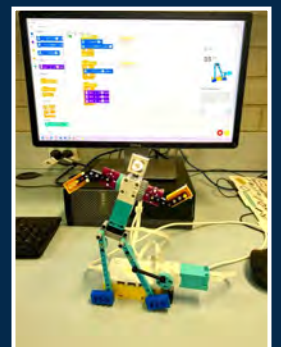
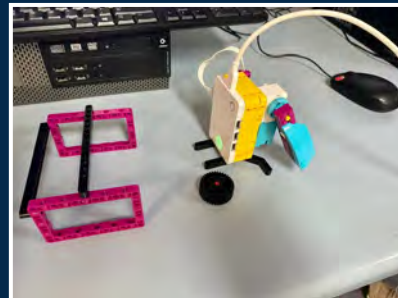
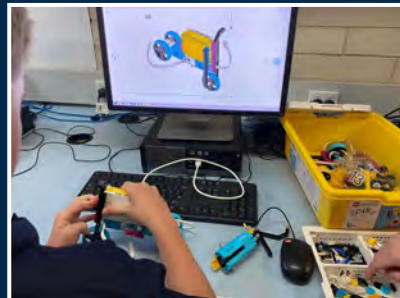


SCHOOL NEWS: Stem



Year 6

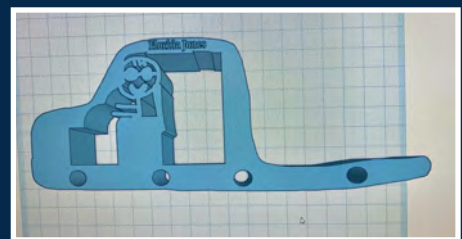
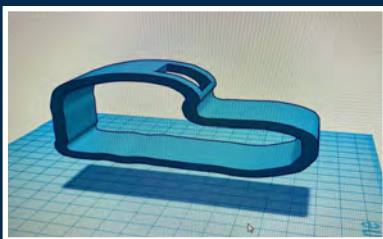
The year 6 class is building and programming with the recently-purchased Spike Prime kits.



STEM

Year 4/5 B

This class has to design a car that will travel the furthest down a ramp. They have been using 'Tinkercad' to design their car bodies and will then 3D print them and add an axle and wheels.



SCHOOL EVENTS: Anzac Day



Penola Primary School was represented by our SRC Co-president, Leah and Principals Representative Bree, both laying a beautiful wreath for our school and the Combined Schools Choir enjoyed singing Waltzing Matilda and the National Anthem, at the ANZAC Day service.

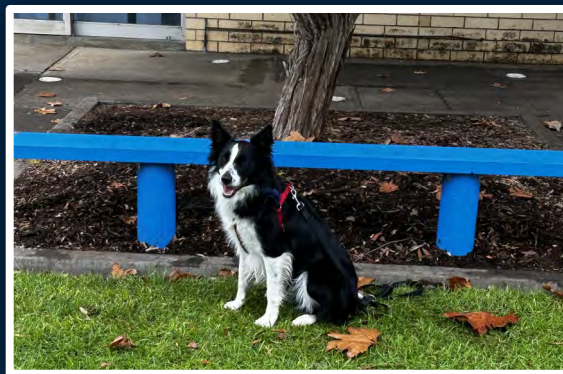
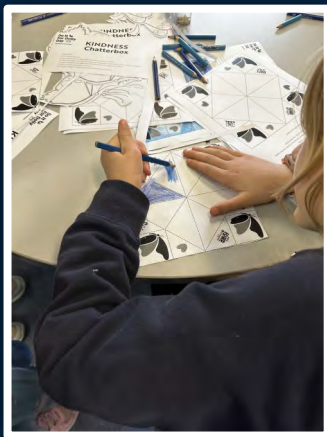


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SCHOOL EVENT: Do it for Dolly Day

Do it for Dolly Day

On Wednesday, 10th of May, the SRC hosted a 'Do it for Dolly Day' to raise awareness and increase understanding of the impact of bullying and mental health amongst young people. The SRC hosted a short assembly to unveil new buddy benches in Yard B situated near our school "Dolly Rose". Thank you to Matt and SRC for making the blue buddy benches. The SRC also raised \$155 from student gold coin donations, which will be donated to the Do it for Dolly Foundation.



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CANTEEN NEWS:

Canteen Manager: Bridgette Cutchie

We would like to welcome Maryke Van der Merwe as our new canteen manager, who has started in the canteen this term. We look forward to working with Maryke.

Canteen Roster

Friday, 26th May

April Possingham

Friday, 2nd June

Amy Vaughan

Friday, 9th June

Meg Redman

Munchies

Wednesday, 24th May

Stacey Gibbs

Trish Wooding

Jen McCulloch

Wednesday, 7th June

Carly Hill

Kylie Gartner

Belinda Sanders

Wednesday, 31st May

Anna McGregor

Kirsty Hackwell

Kim Wilson



Maryke

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Important dates for Term 2 2023

26th May - Volunteer Lunch /Assemble

22nd May- Environment Group Camp

12th June - Public Holiday

12th July –JP Games and Senior Disco

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Term 2 2023 Calendar



1	1/5	2/5	3/5	4/5 Pupil Free Day	5/5 Pupil Free Day
2	8/5	9/5 Sapsasa Hockey Trial	10/5 Mother's Day Stall	11/5 Alpha Show Performance	12/5 Naracoorte Cross Country
3	15/5	16/5	17/5 Sapsasa Netball Trial	18/5	19/5 Pupil Free Day Penola Primary Art Exhibition—5pm to 7pm. Newsletter
4	22/5 State Football Carnivals Environment Group Camp	23/5 State Football Carnivals	24/5 State Football Carnivals	25/5	26/5 Volunteers Lunch
5	29/5	30/5	31/5	1/6	2/6
6	5/6	6/6	7/6	8/6 Sapsasa State Cross Country Championship	9/6 Newsletter
7	12/6 Public Holiday	13/6	14/6 Lions Mad Minute Sapsasa Soccer Trials	15/6	16/6
8	19/6	20/6	21/6 State Hockey Carnivals	22/6 State Hockey Carnivals	23/6 State Hockey Carnivals
9	26/6 State Netball Carnival	27/6 State Netball Carnival	28/6 State Netball Carnival	29/6	30/6 Newsletter
10	3/7	4/7	5/7	6/7 JP Games Senior Disco	7/7



Penola Primary School Art Exhibition

OPENING
FRIDAY, 19TH MAY 2023

5pm - 7pm

Drinks and Nibbles available to purchase.
(Cash only)

Exhibition will be open on
Saturday, 20th May 2023

10am - 3pm

Entry fee - Gold coin donation
Money raised will go to the SRC.

Exhibition will be held in the main street

39 Church Street, Penola.
(Old Divine building.)

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



You are invited to the
Penola Primary School

Volunteers Lunch

Friday, 26th May 2023

at 1.20pm

in the

Penola Primary School Staff Room

RSVP:

School front office by
Wednesday, 24th May 2023

Community News and Events

SAT 20th & SUN 21st MAY
9AM - 3PM
Mary MacKillop Memorial School Hall



RECYCLED FASHION POP-UP

AMAZING PRE-LOVED (& NEW) CLOTHING




MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY
NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2023
27 May - 3 June
BE A VOICE FOR GENERATIONS

Storytime
Tuesday 30 May at 10:00am
Join us for a reading of 'Back on Country' by Adam Goodes. Children will then make their own personalised door sign 'My Bedroom is on Boandik Country'.
Bookings not required.

Care for Country With Boandik Elder Aunty Michelle
Friday 2 June 10:00am and 11:30am
Lower Primary: Reception-Y4
Join First Nations cultural leader, Aunty Michelle, as she guides children on the dual naming of the six significant cultural sites in Mount Gambier/Berrin. Children will make a pledge to how they will look after Country creating a sense of pride.
2 sessions max. 25 students per session.
Bookings essential.

My Acknowledgement to Country
With Bunganditj Language Coordinator Tara Bonney
Wednesday 31 May at 1:00pm
Middle Primary: Year 4-6
Children will create their own 'Acknowledgement to Country' and learn about the importance of respect and the continued connection our First Nations people have to Country.
1 class session. Bookings essential.

Living Book with Uncle Ken
Wednesday 31 May at 6:30pm
Uncle Ken is a proud Boandik Elder, and 2019 & 2022 NAIDOC Male Elder of the Year. Join us on this personal insight into culture, family, care for country and an open discussion on how we can all be part of reconciliation for a better community and Australia. **Bookings essential.**

For more information and all bookings contact:
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Imagine Millicent presents
MILLICENT MET
Wearable Art Competition
Category Prizes
All entries exhibited on the Runway

Competition Entry
Adults \$20 Students \$10
Entries in by
Friday 8th September
(no late entries accepted)

Saturday October 14th
7pm - 10:30pm
Millicent Civic & Arts Centre

Comp. entry form available from various NBCA locations and Millicent Public Library & Millicent Tourist Info. Centre




Penola Terra Rossa
SACWA BRANCH PENOLA

Recycled Garden Art Competition for Women



Ladies! Show us your creative talents and construct some amazing garden art from any recycled materials for the next Penola Show.

Wood, plastic, glass, ceramics, metal... Welding is NOT a requisite for entries.

Entries to be staged by 12.00pm Friday 27th October at the Penola Show Grounds. The winner will be announced at Rymill Hall, Saturday afternoon at 3.00pm.

For further details and entries, please see the Penola Terra Rossa CWA Facebook page or contact Janet Brodie on 0400 028 566.

Cash prizes generously sponsored by Deland Engineering.

Open Section: Winner \$250. Novice Section: First \$250, Second \$100, Third \$50.

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