



Penola Primary News



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LEADERSHIP

Principal : Sam Currie

Hi Families,

It was great to see so many families at the Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival a few weeks ago. As this was the first Arts Festival that I've attended I was amazed at the students art work and the community engagement. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who supported our school events over the weekend, our staff for their commitment over the weekend and our SSOs for setting up the space so well! A special mention to the Weston family for allowing us to use their outstanding space in such an amazing location and to our students Tyler and Leah for facilitating our Friday night opening.

External School Review

In Week 4, we completed our two day school review. This involved a review officer and a current principal spending the day here interviewing students, teachers, SSOs and parents, as well as walking through classes and finding out about the great things we do as a school and as a learning community. The days went extremely well, with the review team meeting with the teaching staff at the end of the day one to do an activity and then debriefing with the leadership team about our strengths and potential next steps at the end of day two. In the coming weeks, we will receive our formal feedback document that we will share with staff and Governing Council, before sharing our schools future 'directions' with our students and families. Thank you to all of our community members who were involved in the review and a special mention to many of our year 3-6 students who were interviewed over the two days and spoke extremely well about their learning and leadership opportunities within our school.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

In Weeks 9 and 10, we will be holding our second round of parent/teacher interviews. The purpose of these meetings is for your child to share their learning, to discuss their goals for the second half of the year, and to discuss their current progress. At the end of the meeting, you will receive their mid-year report.

The interview time frame for our school this year is between Monday the 26th of June (beginning Week 9) and Thursday the 6th of July (Week 10). Teachers have sent out booking information earlier this week. If you are unavailable to attend during any of the times listed below, please contact your classroom teacher to make an alternative time.

Thanks,

Sam Currie

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Gratitude

Practising **gratitude** is the ability to notice things in your life (big and small) and appreciate them, rather than thinking about the things you wish you had, or might be missing out on. Making this a daily habit rewires your brain to scan the world for the positives rather than default to our negative bias. Over time, this leads to **increased levels of energy, happiness, and self-esteem.**

Grategories

You Will Need

- Get your family together.
- Paper for each player.
- Pencil/pen for each player.
- Timer.

How To Play

- This game can be played individually or in teams.
- Choose a letter of the alphabet at random (you might use an alphabet chart, sing the alphabet song, put all the letters of the alphabet in a container like a raffle or you might have a letter dice at home).
- Place a timer on for one minute.
- In that one minute, each player/team writes down as many things they can that they are grateful for starting with that letter.
- Winning player/team scores a point.
- Play again with a different letter.
- Play continues for as long as you like.
- Winner is the player/team who has the most points at the end of your game.

'It is not happiness that brings us gratitude. It's gratitude that brings us happiness.'

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Scan the QR code to listen to **Dr. Kiran Martin** on the imperfects podcast. She says that gratitude should be our **fundamental orientation of life** and that we need to wear glasses that have gratitude lenses.

Gratitude Walk

As a family, go for a walk around your home, local neighbourhood or favourite park and imagine you are wearing '**Gratitude Glasses**'. Point out all the things you see that you are grateful for.



Jump onto **TRP@Home** on the The Resilience Project website. Here you will find a range of **free resources and activities** you can do at home.



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SCHOOL NEWS: National Reconciliation Week

Last week was National Reconciliation Week. The theme for this year is “Be a voice for Generation”, which encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives - where we live, work and socialise.

Our classes participated in several activities during the week and in our main office foyer we have a beautiful wreath and posters created by our students.



Year 4/5B Wreath



Year 2/3 A & B Posters

SCHOOL NEWS: National Simultaneous Story time



Last week we participated in the National Simultaneous Story Time and we listened to the book, 'The Speedy Sloth', which was read by the author, Rebecca Young. We shared this experience with 2.3 million people all listening at the same time. At the end of the story, the illustrator, Heath McKenzie showed us all how to draw a sloth. Our 2/3B class has also drawn a beautiful array of sloths and they can be found in our front office foyer. The students enjoyed participating in this wonderful experience.

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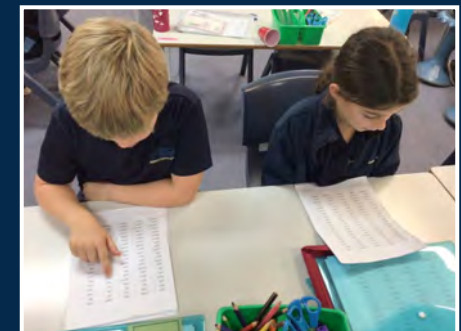
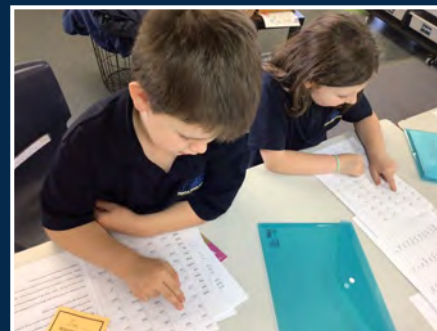
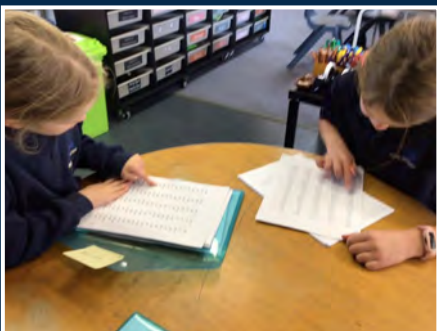
Reading Fluency Pairs

This term both Year 2/3 Classes have been working on improving their fluency when reading. The classes have had a focus on phrasing when reading. The children read aloud daily to their partner. Reading aloud allows the reader to read clearly and at an appropriate pace, paying attention to punctuation.



The reading session starts with reading non-words. Non-words are not real word, but they can be made up of single letter sounds, digraphs, blends and/or other sound patterns that make up real words. The next phase is to read regular words (or words known as tricky words). After this the partners have been taking turns to read fluency passages and 'good fit' reading texts.

The pairs have been working productively during reading sessions. They have been concentrating on their individual reading goals. It has been fantastic to see the children giving specific and directed feedback to their partner.



Cultural Learning in the Year 2/3 Classes



On Tuesday 6th June, Karly and Harvey, invited their neighbour, Hoa to come into school and talk to the classes about living and growing up in Vietnam. Hoa was very organised and came with a PowerPoint sharing cultural pictures and information about Vietnam. She then gave the students special paper to make an origami tulip and then an envelope and card so they children could make a money bag, which is handed out at the Tet Festival (Lunar New Year). We then tasted some spring rolls and money bags dipped in sweet chilli sauce.

She even had some quiz questions to ask students at the end.

As a parting gift, Hoa gave each of the students some origami paper to take home and make with.

Thank you Hoa for coming in and sharing with us your culture. We enjoyed having you in the classroom and appreciate your kindness and generosity in the resources you shared with us.



SCHOOL NEWS: Japanese and Drama

Students across the school have been busy in their specialist subjects this term. In Japanese, the 2/3s have been learning vocabulary for body parts while conducting surveys, singing songs and playing a Japanese version of 'Pin the tail on the donkey', called *Fukuwarai* which means fun smile! Meanwhile, the F/1s have been crosshatching with coloured pencils and mixing watercolour paint, using Japanese words to identify both colours and animals. Year 4/5s have been working on the Riceball Rap, while in Year 6, students are writing and reading self-introductions while using mnemonics and games to aid their memorization of hiragana characters.



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SCHOOL NEWS: Environment Group

On 22nd May some of our Environment Group members attended the annual Earthkeepers Camp at the Naracoorte Caves. They came together with about 30 other students from 7 schools, to begin their training as Earthkeepers.

For 2 days they braved the cold conditions to learn how all living things on earth are connected. On the first day there were activities to help build their knowledge on specks, munchlines, connections and change. They even met someone from the future! On day 2 they walked through the bush, using all their senses to experience the environment, before taking part in a performance at the Bushland Theatre. They finished the camp by making a pledge to use less energy and resources, and to continue spending time in the natural world.

Our students not only showed interest and enthusiasm, but they were fantastic representatives for Penola Primary School.



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SCHOOL SPORTS: Sapsasa –Naracoorte Cross Country

Penola Primary had 61 competitors at the recent Sapsasa Cross Country event at Naracoorte which was the highest participation rate out of the 33 schools taking part. This was particularly pleasing because cross country is not an easy event; it takes a fair bit of resilience, which is a disposition we are working hard on improving amongst our students. We had lots of runners who did extremely well, with Angus McGregor winning the gold medal in the 8 Year Boys event (which had 91 competitors), and Charlie McCulloch finishing 8th in the 9 Year Girls event (which had 101 competitors). Milly Finch, Zali Lydeamore, and Madeleine McGregor will now be participating in the State Cross Country at Oakbank this Thursday-good luck girls, we wish you all the best.



SCHOOL SPORTS: Sapsasa Sports

We have had plenty of involvement in a variety of Sapsasa events in recent weeks. Congratulations go to the following students:

- Aiden Gartner , James Petrie, Lachie Ellery, Zavier Baverstock, Oscar Gartner, Tyler Ellul, Cormac O'Brien and Archie Arney who played in the Mid South East Boys Softball team. In the Mid South East girls team, Aurora Lydeamore, Emmie Copping, Ruby Hackwill, Milly Finch, Kiiana Baugh and Addison Wilson all played. Thank you to Kim Wilson and Teegan Galpin for coaching the teams.
- Oscar Gartner, Leah Wilson, Sebastian Holden-Young, Archie Arney, and Axel Reeves who swam at the state swim titles in Adelaide in early May. No medals this year but everybody swam personal bests in their respective races.
- Lachie Ellery, Zavier Baverstock, Cormac O'Brien, and Bonnie Skeer who all represented Mid South East and our school at the State Football Carnivals in Adelaide last week.
- Bree Wooding, Lucy McKay, Emmie Copping, Milly Finch, and Ebony Reeves who have been selected in the Mid South East Netball team which will participate in the State Netball Carnival at Netball Stadium SA in Adelaide later this term.
- Best of luck to all of our boys and girls who are trying out for Sapsasa soccer over the next few weeks, and to Matt Crewe who will be coaching the girls' team.



Mid South East Girls Softball Team



Mid South East Boys Softball Team



Bonnie



Zavier, Lachie and Cormac

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SCHOOL SPORTS: Millicent Gala Day - Netball

On Sunday 4th June 2023, our school had three teams participate in Millicent Gala Day. The girls were all keen to play and it was great to see so many smiles and happy faces, enjoying their day of netball. The girls grew in confidence as the day went on and enjoyed playing many different positions.

A big thank you to Trish, Karmel and Kinta for coaching the teams and to our wonderful umpires on the day, Stella, Mia, Kim, Tegan and Kirsty.

Thank you also to Trish, for organizing this on behalf of our school and completing all the paper work to register our teams.

The girls had a great experience and learnt a more about the game of netball.



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CANTEEN NEWS:

Canteen Manager: Maryke Van der Merwe

Canteen Roster

Friday, 16th June

Tracey Lamont

Friday, 23rd June

Peta Baverstock

Friday, 30th June

Kerri Bryant

Friday, 7th July

Deanne O'Brien

Munchies

Wednesday, 14th June Wednesday, 5th July

Carly Hill

Lizzie Grosvenor

Kylie Gartner

Peta Baverstock

Belinda Sanders

Canteen

Wednesday, 21st June

Alana Croft

Meg Redman

Louise Rose

Wednesday, 21st June

Kimberly Sanders

Naomi Baugh

Kerri Bryant

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Important dates for Term 2 2023

12th June - Public Holiday

15th and 16th June - Year 6 at PHS

6th July –JP Games and Senior Disco

7th July - End of term

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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



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2023 TERM 2 VACATION CARE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Subject to viable numbers and staffing, Vacation Care will be offered during the Term 2 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 10/07/23	Tuesday 11/07/23	Wednesday 12/07/23	Thursday 13/07/23	Friday 14/07/23
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Monday 17/07/23	Tuesday 18/07/23	Wednesday 19/07/23	Thursday 20/07/23	Friday 21/07/23
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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 Friday 16 June 2023](#)**

**Forms returned after this date or additional days requested will not
be able to be accommodated**