



# Penola Primary News



Friday 30 June 2023: Issue 6

## LEADERSHIP

Principal : Sam Currie

Hi Families,

As another term comes to an end, it is great to see that the majority of our families are scheduled to have interviews in Weeks 9 and 10 to discuss their child's learning and next steps as we move in to Term 3. These meetings are an integral part of the reporting processes, with the written report with grades handed over at the conclusion of the interview.

### Mobile Phone Policy

As of the beginning of next term, all South Australian schools need to be implementing a new statewide mobile phone policy within their sites. Essentially, this means students must keep mobile phones and other personal devices (such as smartwatches) off and away at school. Students will only be able to use personal devices during school hours if they receive an approved exemption from their school.

While we would prefer for no mobile phones to be onsite at all, we understand that some students may need access to their phones before and after school to communicate to their families. If students are to bring their phones to schools they need to ensure their device/s are switched off and handed into the Front Office before 8:45am. Devices will be stored in a safe and secure location in the front office where students can collect after 3:15pm or 3:10pm if they are a bus student. Students will be required to 'sign in' their devices on arrival and 'sign out' their devices on collection each day.

The full policy will be sent home via Seesaw in the coming days and can also be found on our school website from next week.

### Change of Bell Times – Terms 3 and 4

Through our External School Review, some recommendations were made to make some alterations to our daily timetable in order to maximise key learning times in classrooms. As a result of this, beginning in Term 3, our timetable daily timetable will look like the following:

- 8:45am** = Start of the school day
- 8:45am – 10:50am** = Learning Block
- 10:50am – 11:10am** = RECESS
- 11:10am – 1:00pm** = Learning Block (includes 10 minute eating time in classroom)
- 1:00pm – 1:35pm** = LUNCH
- 1:35pm – 3:15pm** = Learning Block
- 3:15pm** = End of the school Day

While the start of the school day and the end of the school day remains the same for the remainder of 2023, we envisage some small alterations to this to begin the school year in 2024. When these changes are finalised and approved by our staff and governing council early next term, we will let the community know of these changes ASAP to allow families time to prepare for this before 2024.

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## Bus Processes

Recently, we have had a number of our bus drivers needing to get off of their buses to speak to the staff member on duty to follow up on children that aren't on the bus for the trip home. The majority of times that this occurs, these children have either left early for appointments, sport, etc. or are collected by families after school.

A reminder, that the process is that if your child is not going to be catching the bus on the way home, that you communicate this directly to the bus driver. This will support our buses in running much more smoothly and on time for students from all sites.

Thanks,

*Sam Currie*

## SCHOOL INFORMATION: The Resilience Project



### Mindfulness

*Working on mindfulness gives us opportunities to develop our ability to pay attention to the present moment and our thoughts. Practising mindfulness daily can help us stay focused on set tasks and reduce stress and anxiety.*

Whole Family Activity:

Mindful Walk

- As a family, go on a walk outside in nature. This might be around your local walking track, at your local park or just around your streets.
- While walking, tune into your senses and observe what you can see, hear and feel. Or you might choose to focus on one of the senses. Eg: Hear: what are all the noises you can hear on your walk?
- On your way home or when you return home, share what each person saw, heard or felt.

Family Habit Builder:

Each night at dinner, ask everyone to take one mouthful of food more mindfully than the rest and



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# Year 6 Gratitude Quotes

In The Resilience Project, we learn about practising gratitude, empathy and mindfulness. In one of our recent lessons, our Year 6 class researched inspirational gratitude quotes made by famous people. We then selected our favourite quotes:



## Biographical recounts and persuasive texts

This term, in writing, students in 4/5A have been working on biographical recounts and persuasive texts. Students have been learning about language devices that help to engage their audience. Early in the term students had the opportunity to “fancy publish” their biographical recounts using image transparency and various fonts to make a biographical recount that would look similar to something you would see in a book or online.

### MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

**M**artin Luther King Jr. is known for creating world peace by using words to touch people's hearts, with love and justice.

Martin Luther King Jr. born 15 January 1929, Atlanta Georgia USA. Martin has two siblings, Christine King Farris and A.D King. He went to school at Clozer Theological Selenary in Pennsylvania, then later went to Boston University where he started his career.

From a young Age Martin knew he was different. He was invited to a friend's house to play, but was sent home because he was black. Martin knew that segregation was not a nice thing, Martin made a vow: that he too would fight in justice with words not weapons.

Martin started studying at university in his home town, where he read lots of books about Mahatma Gandhi, in his studies he wrote about 40 books. After Martin finished his studies, he got a key role in the American Civil Rights Movement in mid-1950.

Later Martin made his I have a dream speech which was a call for equality, and encouraged people from his country to help stand the name for their rights against racism in a peaceful protest. During the attack Martin got arrested 29 times. To later win the Nobel peace prize. Then later on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 1968 Martin got assassinated in Lorraine Motel, Memphis, Tennessee USA.

Martin is significant for making the world a better place where everyone can live in peace.

Archie Arney

### EVONNE GOOLAGONG

**E**vonne, a famous worldwide Aboriginal tennis player. She was the first Aboriginal tennis player to win Wimbledon, aged 20, 1971.

Evonne Fay Goolagong, was born July 31, 1951 Griffith NSW Barellan. To parents Kenn and Melinda Goolagong. Evonne was 3<sup>rd</sup> of 8 children, Evonne attended Willoughby Girls High School graduated at the aged of 19.

At age of nine Evonne loved hitting an old tennis ball with a tennis racket made out of an old fruit box and her mum made a dress out of old bed sheets. Later when she was 13 she left to Sydney with a private coach Vic Edwards.

Evonne started her career when she won Wimbledon and became first. She also won 7 grand slams and 84 single titles. Evonne is proudly married to Roger Cawley and has two children. Kelly and Morgen Crawly.

Evonne loves tennis but more ten anything she loves to help young indigenous athletes find there way on and off the court!

Evonne started her own foundation to help tennis players, in Melbourne which has broken many awards in 1983 Evonne retired.

Evonne thought she's retied and here are her wise words: I want others to learn from my experiences, good or bad when you have a dream you have to work hard to achieve that dream.

Addison Wilson

# SCHOOL NEWS: Year 4/5A continued...

In conjunction with our persuasive writing, all students from the 4/5 cohort participated in the Lions Club Mad Minute Challenge. The project is an initiative of the Mount Gambier & Penola Lions Club. It provides a structured impromptu public speaking competition for Year 5 students. The 2023 competition involved 34 schools and over 1000 students in 59 classes across the Limestone Coast region in two separate contests. Students chose a topic at random being either a challenge or super challenge topic. It was excellent to see students step out of their comfort zones and give it their best go.

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Austin Vaughn

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Emmie Copping

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Ruby Hackwill

Best Opening – Jax Poynter

Best Gestures – Riley Raidis

Best Close – Ebony Reeves

Most Humorous – Kiana Baugh

Most Expressive – Austin Vaughan

Out top 3 place getters were Austin Vaughan, Emmie Copping and Ruby Hackwill. These students were invited to attend the grand challenge in Lucindale on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of June. Austin, Ruby and Kiana Baugh attended the event and represented the school in a very high regard.



Jax, Riley, Ebony, Kiana, Emmie, Austin and Ruby.

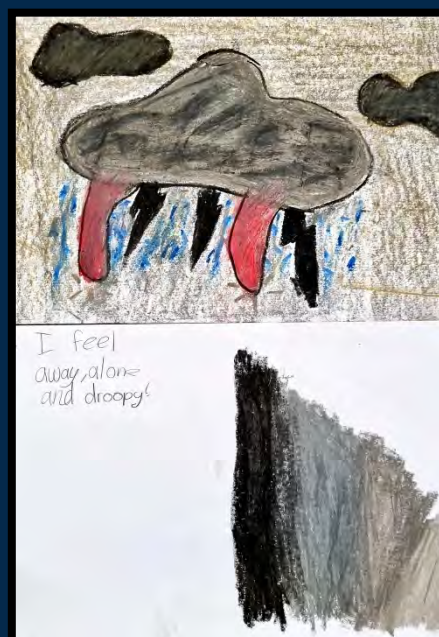


Austin, Ruby and Kiana.

## 4/5 B Visual Arts

### Exploring identity and self-expression through art.

We have been exploring identity and self-expression through art. The language of visual art—colours, shapes, lines, and images—speaks to us in ways that words cannot. Art can provide a very natural and safe way for children to express themselves. In this particular case the students had to understand the relationship between colours and emotions, explore various art techniques to express different emotions using colours (art medium pastels—blending technique) and create their own artwork that reflects a specific emotion. They were all very successful in their learning!



# SCHOOL NEWS: Student Representative Council

On Friday 23rd June the SRC held a Paper Plane Competition in the gym at lunchtime. The stakes were high in the final of the competition with student Samuel Schutz and educator Sam McDougall flying against each other. The judges had a nail biting decision as there was only a few centimetres difference between where each plane landed. Congratulations to Samuel on being the overall winner of the competition and to all the winners of each category.

Well done to the SRC on running a successful competition.

Winners of each category were:

Foundation - Jack Mannix

Year 1 - Bonnie Jenkins-Ford

Year 2 - Charlie Possingham

Year 3 - Jan Van Der Merwe

Year 4 - Samuel Schutz

Year 5 - Elliot Boksem

Year 6 - Tyler Ellul

Educator - Sam McDougall



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# LIBRARY NEWS: Book Returns

Just a friendly reminder to please make sure that any library books, decodable readers and levelled text, that your children have at home, are to be returned to school by **Tuesday, 4th July 2023**.

We don't mind if they have been living under a bed or been forgotten in the bottom of a school bag for a few weeks. We will just be happy to have them returned.

## CANTEEN NEWS:

Thank you to all the volunteers that have helped in the canteen and donated munchies for Term 2.

### Canteen Roster

**Friday, 7th July**

Deanne O'Brien

### Munchies

**Wednesday, 5th July**

Lizzie Grosvenor

Peta Baverstock

Kimberly Sanders

Canteen



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Important dates for Term 2 2023

**6<sup>th</sup> July** – JP Games and Year 4-6 Disco

**7<sup>th</sup> July** - End of term – Assemble at 1.30 pm and Early Dismissal at 2.15pm

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## Term 2 2023 Calendar



10	3/7	4/7	5/7 Years 3/4 Round Robin Basketball Millicent	6/7 Years 5/6 Round Robin Basketball Millicent JP Games Senior Disco	7/7 Last day of term: dismissal at 2:15pm.
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## Term 3 2023 Calendar



1	24/7	25/7	26/7	27/7	28/7
2	31/7	1/8	2/8	3/8 Sapsasa Basketball Millicent	4/8
3	7/8	8/8	9/8	10/8	11/8 Sapsasa Regional Basketball Mt Gambier
4	14/8	15/8	16/8 Sapsasa Soccer State Carnival	17/8 Sapsasa Soccer State Carnival	18/8 Sapsasa Soccer State Carnival
5	21/8	22/8	23/8	24/8	25/8 Sapsasa Regional Golf Naracoorte
6	28/8	29/8	30/8	31/8	1/9
7	4/9	5/9	6/9	7/9	8/9
8	11/9	12/9	13/9	14/9	15/9

# the winter **WONDER** ROOM

## KID'S CREATIVE SPACE

OPEN 24 JUNE - 15 OCTOBER

**RIDDOCH ARTS & CULTURAL CENTRE, 1 BAY ROAD, MOUNT GAMBIER**

Come and explore a variety of creative activities including musical storytelling, papercrafts, interactive rain displays, a giant puzzle painted by Pippin Ellis, frog craft stations, a contemplative fort, selfie spots and more!

Recommended for ages 3 - 12. Children must be supervised at all times.


**OPEN 7 DAYS PER WEEK. ENTRY IS FREE.**



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# Community News and Events



**MONDAY 10 TO SUNDAY 16: PAPER SCULPTURE MAKING** **AGES 4+**  
 During opening hours @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre  
 Using coloured card and paper create a wacky and colourful paper sculpture.  
 Free self-sufficient craft. Bookings not required.

**MONDAY 17 TO SUNDAY 23: MINI FABRIC AND YARN COLLAGES** **AGES 4+**  
 During opening hours @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre  
 Choose your colours and patterns of fabric and yarn and layer them on a card to make a collage.  
 Free self-sufficient craft. Bookings not required.

**SATURDAY 24 JUNE TO TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER: WINTER WONDER ROOM** **AGES 3+**  
 During opening hours @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre  
 Mount Gambier's winter months have never seemed brighter for families as The Riddoch re-opens the popular WONDER ROOM! After the amazing success of the summer edition, the Riddoch team have been busy designing a range of activities to keep kids entertained this winter.  
 Explore a variety of creative stations including: Papercrafts, Musical Storytelling, Interactive Rain Display, Giant Puzzle, Selfie Stations, Cozy Cubby and more!

**MONDAY 10 TO SUNDAY 23 JULY: MAKE A SLOTH** **ALL AGES**  
 During opening hours @ Mount Gambier Library  
 Families are invited to come in and complete this self-sufficient craft. Celebrating this year's National Simultaneous Storytime book 'The Speedy Sloth'.  
 Free self-sufficient. Bookings not required.

**THURSDAY 13 JULY: BUBBLE PAINTING WORKSHOP** **GOLD COIN AGES 5+**  
 2:30pm @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre  
 Loads of bubbly fun using baby bath bubbles and paint to make an artwork that is dreamy!  
 Bookings essential.

**FRIDAY 14 JULY: LIL' CREATORS -- DUCK MASKS** **GOLD COIN UNDER 5'S**  
 10:30am @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre  
 Waddle on down to the Riddoch with your little ones to make a one-of-a-kind duck mask out of cardboard, paper and feathers. Bookings essential.

**FRIDAY 14 JULY: STOP MOTION** **AGES 10+**  
 2:30pm @ Mount Gambier Library  
 Get creative with making your own stop-motion movie with plasticine, LEGO and backdrops!  
**BYO device (smartphone/tablet) with Stop Motion Studio app installed.**  
 Bookings essential.

**MONDAY 17 JULY: SLIME** **AGES 8+**  
 10:30am @ Mount Gambier Library  
 Who doesn't love ooey goey slime... especially when it's not being made at home! Children can chose to add in a few sparkles to their colourful slime.  
 \*BYO plastic container to take home slime. Bookings essential.

**MONDAY 17 JULY: MARBLED SHAVING FOAM ART** **AGES 5+**  
 2:30pm @ Mount Gambier Library  
 Making art with chemistry! Your unique design can then be made into a card or framed piece of art. Bookings essential.

**TUESDAY 18 JULY: METAL STAMPED JEWELLERY MAKING WORKSHOP** **\$10 AGES 12+**  
 10:30am @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre  
 Have you ever wanted to know how to make stamped metal jewellery? We will show you how to do basic metal stamping to produce your own unique pieces. These stamped shapes can then be used to make anklets, earrings, bracelets and necklaces. Bookings essential.

**TUESDAY 18 JULY: BATH BOMBS** **AGES 8+**  
 2:30pm @ Mount Gambier Library  
 Using a variety of ingredients and colours you can create your own bath bombs - ideal to give as a present or to enjoy for yourself. Bookings essential.

**WEDNESDAY 19 JULY: MOVIE SCREENING: ABOMINABLE (PG)** **ALL AGES**  
 10:30am @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre  
 After discovering a yeti, three friends embark on a quest to reunite the creature with his family. However, they must keep him safe from a wealthy man and a zoologist who want to capture him.  
 Run time - 1 hour and 37 mins. Bookings encouraged.

**MONDAY 10 TO SUNDAY 23 JULY: INTRODUCING OUR 'LIBRARY OF THINGS'** **ALL AGES**  
 During opening hours @ Mount Gambier Library  
 Create memories at home by borrowing one of our kits to enjoy as a family.  
 Items include: Pasta Making Machine, DVD Projector, Chromecast, LEGO Mindstorm EV3, Cake Decorating Kit, Board Games and MORE! Pop in and see our items on display.

**MONDAY 10 JULY: LEADLIGHT LANTERNS** **ALL AGES**  
 10:30am @ Mount Gambier Library  
 Decorating your lantern with tissue paper makes it look like stained glass. Wait until twilight when your LED candle is lit up inside!  
 BYO glass jar. Bookings essential.

**MONDAY 10 JULY: DANCE VR** **AGES 12+**  
 2:30pm @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre  
 Bring along your best moves and tear up the dance floor in virtual reality.  
 Drop-in session - bookings not required.

**TUESDAY 11 JULY: PIN LIGHT ART WORKSHOP** **GOLD COIN AGES 8+**  
 10:30am @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre  
 Using Meagan Streader's current exhibition as inspiration we will use card, pins and light to create unique artworks we can project onto the wall! Bookings essential.

**TUESDAY 11 JULY: SAND ART** **ALL AGES**  
 2:30pm @ Mount Gambier Library  
 Using brilliant bright coloured sand and templates we create a mindfulness piece of art.  
 Bookings essential.

**WEDNESDAY 12 JULY: BEADED JEWELLERY MAKING WORKSHOP** **AGES 5+**  
 10:30am @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre  
 Using a rainbow coloured range of resin beads we will make elastic bracelets and string necklaces that are one-of-a-kind! Bookings essential.

**WEDNESDAY 12 JULY: WHAT IF... CREATIVE WRITING** **AGES 10+**  
 2:30pm @ Mount Gambier Library  
 Using fun and interactive storytelling tools, children's imaginations will be racing with this fast paced session that will inspire budding young writers. Lead by local published author Jacqui Davies. Bookings essential.

**THURSDAY 13 JULY: BOT WARS WITH SPHEROS** **AGES 8+**  
 10:30am @ Mount Gambier Library  
 Children will design and build battle shells to go on top of a Sphero robot then enter the arena to find out who is the last standing in 'Battle of the Bot Wars'.  
**BYO device (smartphone/tablet) with SpheroEDU app installed.**

**WEDNESDAY 19 JULY: PAPER BEADS KEYRING** **AGES 12+**  
 2:30pm @ Mount Gambier Library  
 You'll never know they are paper! Learn how to make beautiful paper beads to turn into a key ring. Bookings essential.

**THURSDAY 20 JULY: TALENT SHOW** **ALL AGES**  
 10:30am @ Mount Gambier Library  
 Can you juggle? Maybe confidently recite a poem? Or perhaps play the flute? You have 3 minutes tops to wow the judges either solo or a group entry, with great prizes up for grabs in each age category:  
 Under 6s / 7-11 / 12+ years  
 Bookings essential.

**THURSDAY 20 JULY: PLASTICINE CRITTERS FUN** **GOLD COIN AGES 4+**  
 2:30pm @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre  
 Let's have some fun making critters: Perhaps a snail, a frog, maybe a birdie?  
 Bookings essential.

**FRIDAY 21 JULY: BUTTON BADGE MAKING** **GOLD COIN AGES 4+**  
 10:30am @ The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre  
 Badge making is back! Join us for this fun session using our button badge making machine.  
 Drop-in session, bookings not required.

**FRIDAY 21 JULY: UKE CAN DO IT!** **AGES 12+**  
 2:30pm @ Mount Gambier Library  
 Join our challenge in learning a song in an hour! Participants can then continue their learning at home by borrowing one of our Library ukuleles. Bookings essential.

## IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

- Bookings essential for all sessions (unless stated otherwise).
- Bookings can be made by contacting the individual venue as below.
- Our school holiday sessions are very popular and usually book out. If you can no longer attend please call to cancel so another child can enjoy.
- Parents and guardians must remain with children under the age of 12 during sessions



Mount Gambier Library, bookings open Monday 3 July.  
 6 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier | Phone 08 8721 2540  
[publiclibrary@mountgambier.sa.gov.au](mailto:publiclibrary@mountgambier.sa.gov.au) | [mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library](http://mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library)



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# Community News and Events

**FOOTBALL IN SCHOOLS**

CLUEY MINI ROOS

**School:** Mary MacKillop MS

**Start Date:** Tuesday, 8 August

**Finish Date:** Tuesday, 26 September

**Time:** 3.30PM - 4.30PM **Contact:** christian.fleetwood@footballs.com.au

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## SPORTS VOUCHERS

**CLAIM your \$100**

One voucher each calendar year for children aged 5 to 18 years old

I confirm my child has not already claimed a voucher in 2023

**Child's information**

First name:  Family name:

Child date of birth:  /  /  Gender: Male  Female  Gender diverse

Is this the first time your child has joined this sport / dance organisation? Yes  No

Has your child been identified as living with a disability? Yes  No

Is your child from a culturally and linguistically diverse background? Yes  No

Is your child from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background? Yes  No

**Medicare information**

Medicare number:  Reference number:

OR Australian visa number:

**Parent/Guardian information**

First name:  Family name:

Street address:  Suburb:

Postcode:  Contact number:

Email:

An email notification may be sent to the above email address (assuming it is correct) advising the submission of the voucher used for your child.

To be provided at an approved Sports Voucher provider. To find your nearest provider or for more information please visit [www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au](http://www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au). Not redeemable for cash, only a refund to consider (if registration fees). Redemption value not to exceed \$100. In presenting this voucher I give permission to the Sports Voucher provider to share my information with the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing (ORSR). The ORSR may share de-identified information with third parties (eg other agencies of government, research institutions, etc) to improve the administration, outcomes or effectiveness of the Program.

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## FOOTBALL IN SCHOOLS

**Fun, friendly and safe**

Football in Schools is a fun, welcoming, primary school program for kids keen to have a go at football. Held before or after school, Football in Schools runs once a week for eight weeks, with sessions of 60 minutes. The program is run by a qualified coach who creates a positive environment for kids to develop their skills through fun football activities. To find a school running a program, visit <https://www.footballs.com.au/footballinschools>. Apply code 'SVoucher23' to use your government Sports Voucher for this program. For any enquiries, contact [christian.fleetwood@footballs.com.au](mailto:christian.fleetwood@footballs.com.au)

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