

Penola Primary News



Friday 1 September 2023: Issue 8

LEADERSHIP

Principal : Sam Currie

Hi Families,

We have had another couple of big weeks, culminating in our Book Week Assembly this morning. It was fantastic to see so many students dressed up, classes sharing their learning on Book Week books with us and so many families in attendance. Along with this, having Tony O'Connell present Cathy with her "Mrs Heyn's Reading Chair" to recognise her outstanding contribution to Penola Primary over 40+ years was a special moment for everyone.

SSO Week

Our school relies heavily on our SSOs and the way they support students, teachers and leaders on a daily basis is outstanding. Today was a great opportunity to recognise this work in front of our community during our Book Week assembly. It was really evident from the work the students had put in to their poems how much every single one of our SSOs mean to them and how grateful they are for the way in which they support them in their learning and wellbeing needs.

Penola Primary has an incredible SSO team and our school would not function as productively as it does without them! On behalf of the teaching staff and students, I thank them for the hard work they put in to making this school a great place to come to each day.

Pat Testing / Phonics Screening Check

This term, our year 2-6 students will participate in the compulsory PAT Testing in both



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Reading Comprehension and Mathematics. Along with these assessments, Penola Primary students will also complete the Spelling, Vocabulary, and Punctuation and Grammar assessments. Our students will complete these assessments during Weeks 7 and 8, with catch-up assessments for absent students occurring during weeks 9 and 10. These assessments provide teachers with valuable data on student progress and support us in planning our next steps from a school perspective, class level perspective, and individual student perspective. While there is not a report sent home for these assessments, please contact your classrooms teacher if you would like to discuss these.

Along with this, our Year 1 students this week have completed a Phonics Screening Check. All Year 1 students in the state complete this assessment, with the expected standard of achievement to be 28 items correct out of 40. Once again, our Year 1 students' results have been outstanding and it really highlights the strengths of our JP programs, the delivery of our Initialit program, and the interventions in place to support students throughout the year.

2024 Student Enrolments

Future enrolments are an important factor that helps inform the school's class and staffing arrangements. In order to support our planning for next year, for families of Foundation students (starting in 2024), if you have not already contacted the school regarding your child's enrolment would you please do so as soon as possible? Also, if you know of any families who are considering enrolling their children at Penola Primary, please encourage them to contact the school so that we can organise a meeting and a school tour to show them the wonderful opportunities we can provide for them.

Along with this, if you know that your child will be leaving Penola Primary at the end of 2023, would you please also notify of us of this as soon as possible. This information helps us plan our class structures for next year.

Thanks,

Sam Currie

SCHOOL INFORMATION: The Resilience Project



Emotional Literacy

Working on our emotional literacy gives us opportunities to develop our ability to understand and express different emotions. When we improve our emotional literacy, we can work towards recognising our own feelings and our ability to manage them. This allows us to cope with different life situations, such as managing conflict, making friends, coping in difficult situations and being resilient when dealing with change.

Whole Family Activity:

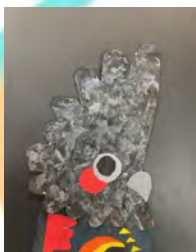
Feelings Charades

- Gather together as a family, this might be around the dinner table, lounge room, around the fire outside.
- Take turns to act out a feeling or emotion. Use your face and body language to act this out; for example: Make an angry face and stamp your feet.
- Other family members need to guess the feeling/emotion.
- After someone has guessed the feeling/emotion, have family members discuss a time they have felt this way before and why. If it was a negative emotion, how did they overcome it?

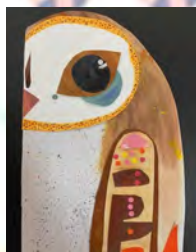
Family Habit Builder:

Around the dinner table, ask everyone to share a feeling they felt during that day. Discuss how they dealt with that feeling and then discuss and share strategies you could use when faced with particular feelings.

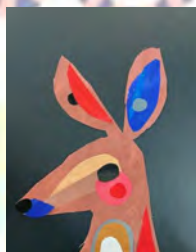
Year 2/3 Miss Holberton's
Book Week Art



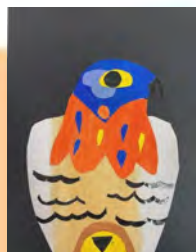
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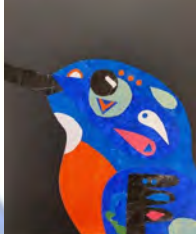
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Piper



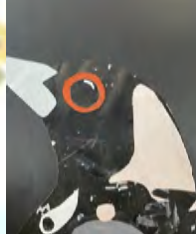
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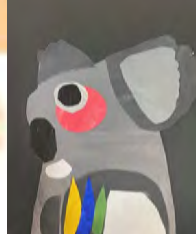
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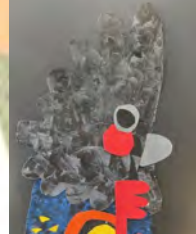
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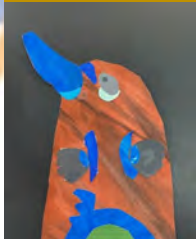
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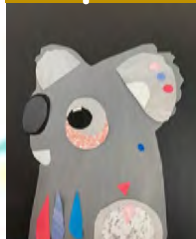
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Jack



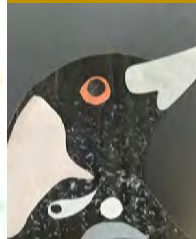
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Laila



Otis



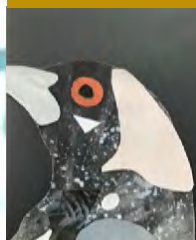
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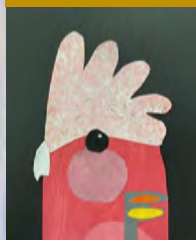
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Chloe



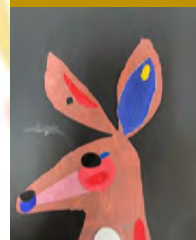
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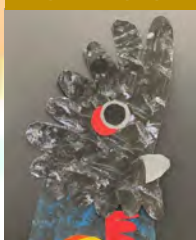
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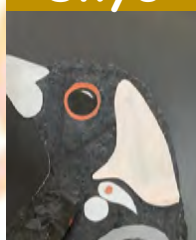
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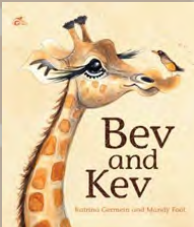
Art
inspired by
Peter Comer



ILLUSTRATED BY CHRIS NIXON

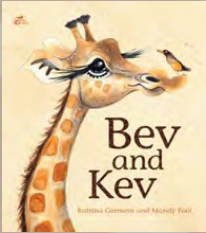


We are proud of our Australian Animals!

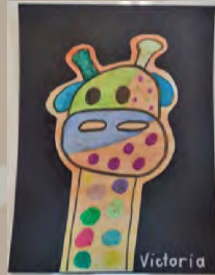


We are proud of the giraffes we created!





Year 2/3: Mrs. Gibbs Book Week Art

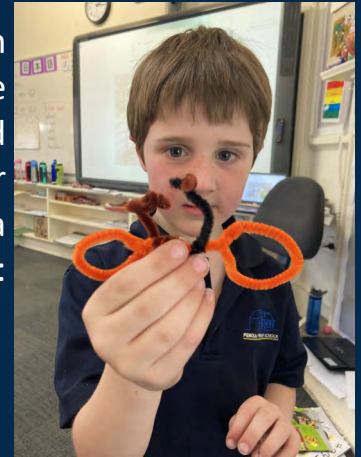


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SCHOOL NEWS: Japanese and Art

This term in F/1, students have been learning about transport in Japanese. Analysing subway maps of Tokyo and discussing the importance of bicycles in megacities, they have learned vocabulary for modes of transport while engaging fine motor skills and doing craft activities. Eddie Possingham created a fantastic bicycle from pipecleaners, which in Japanese is called: 'jitensha'.



Years 2/3 have been experimenting with mixing colours and creating their own colour wheel. Learning about primary, secondary, tertiary and complementary colours, students showed great focus and care while creating their own interpretations of each colour.



Playing regular hiragana games, the Year 4/5s are writing and illustrating Japanese sentence flipbooks to show their knowledge of nouns, verbs and Japanese grammar.



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SSO Week

What do the Year 2/3 classes think about our wonderful SSO's?

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
You do so much for our school!
Much is unseen!
A kind word here,
Some advice there,
A safe person to trust.
Thank you for always being there for us and
our school!

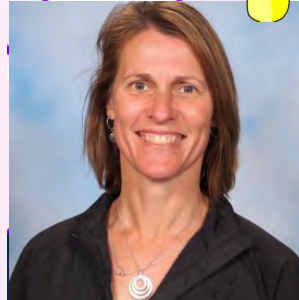
Dione you are intelligent and kind. We love that you care for the library. Thanks for all the great books you select.



Cindy you are always helping people. We love the kindness and help, you show to all of us.



Michelle B are you kind and creative. Thanks for supporting us with our learning. Thanks for all the hard work you put into the newsletter.



Kerry you are kind and helpful. Thanks for fixing our wounds and scrapes. We appreciate all the band-aids you have carefully applied.

Scoob you are smart, kind, funny and a wonderful person to be around. We love you helping in the classrooms.



Louise you are fun and helpful. Thank you for helping to run the Heggerty's Program with us. You show us kindness and empathy.



SCHOOL NEWS: SSO Week

What do the Year 2/3 classes think about our wonderful SSO's?



Matt is great at caring for our school and the environment. We all love going to Garden Groups..



We love seeing Mae each morning. She brings joy to our day. We loved running the 100m sprint early in the year. Thanks for the pats!

Michelle T is great at helping us with our learning. She is kind and calm when supporting us.



Markye makes great food in the canteen. You are a kind-hearted person, making us feel welcome and included.



Bridgette, it's great to see you back at our school. Thanks for coming back and helping in the Junior Primary.



Mel, you always greet us with a smile when we visit the front office. You are organised, helpful and help us when we need it.

Leah, you begin each day with positivity and happiness. We love it when you come in and help us with our learning. .



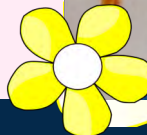
Toni we love the way you help us with our emotions and self regulation. We love it when you are being creative with us.



Kiara, you are good at helping us when we're feeling down and you are someone we can talk to when we are having problems.



Alex, we are enjoying getting to know you. You are supporting us with our learning around well-being.



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SCHOOL NEWS: Book Week Assembly



Book Week Assembly

1st September 2023



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CANTEEN NEWS:

Canteen Manager: Maryke Van der Merwe

Canteen Roster

Friday, 8th September

Deanne O'Brien

Friday, 15th September

Kerri Bryant

Friday, 22nd September

Peta Baverstock

Friday, 29th September

Tracey Lamont

Munchies

Wednesday, 6th September

Carly Hill

Kylie Gartner

Belinda Sanders

Wednesday, 13th September

Alana Croft

Meg Redman

Louise Rose

Wednesday, 20th September

Naomi Baugh

Kerri Bryant

Lizzie Grosvenor

Wednesday, 27th September

Peta Baverstock

Canteen

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Important dates for Term 3 2023

4th September—PAT testing Begins

14th September—RU OK Day

22nd September—Adelaide Choir

22nd September—Assembly 2/3A

26th-27th September—Year 2/3 Camp

28th September—Fun Run

29th September - Assembly SRC

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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 Assembly –Yr 6
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 Principal Tour	31/8	1/9 Father's Day Stall Book Week Assembly –Yr 6
7	4/9 PAT testing begins.	5/9	6/9	7/9	8/9
8	11/9 PAT testing continues.	12/9	13/9	14/9 RU OK Day	15/9
9	18/9 Sapsasa State Track & Field Championships	19/9	20/9	21/9	22/9 Assembly –2/3A
10	25/9	26/9 Sapsasa Tennis Trial at Glencoe	27/9	28/9 Fun Run	29/9 Assembly –SRC



Get your colour on, Penola Primary SRC is hosting a Colour Explosion School Fun Run fundraiser!

The Colour Explosion School Fun Run will be on Thursday 28th September 2023.

Not only are we hosting an awesome explosion event, students can win up to 15 awesome automated incentive prizes by fundraising via online sponsorship donations.

Students have received a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at www.australianfundraising.com.au. This is an entirely online fundraiser; all cash donations must be converted to online donations to redeem your prizes.

Extra Incentives to Fundraise!

- ★ Online Golden Coins – complete fun online tasks to redeem an extra \$75 towards your prize credit.
- ★ Monty the Monstar's Bonus Prizes – achieve milestones to unlock Monty's bonus prizes.
- ★ \$10,000 JB HI FI Spending Spree for one organisation's highest fundraising student – it could be you!
- ★ Our school will win an extra \$5,000 if we have the highest average fundraised amount per student in 2023.
- ★ A Play Station 5 Gaming Bundle – see your child's sponsorship booklet for more!

For more information, please contact the school on 87372 300.

Happy fundraising!

**QUIZ
NIGHT**

Penola High School

FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2023
6:00PM

ENTER TEAMS OF UP TO 10!
BYO FOOD AND DRINKS
\$10 PER PERSON

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON

CONTACT PENOLA HIGH SCHOOL TO ENTER BEFORE
FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2023. 8737 0000

TERM 4

PENOLA SWIMMING LESSONS

Enrolments now open

8 week swimming program - Monday 16th Oct. - Saturday 9th Dec.

Current swimmers please check your emails.

Monday & Thursday Nights & Saturday Mornings

Please contact innovativeleisuremanagement@outlook.com for more information.

ENROLMENTS CLOSE SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 6:00PM



COONAWARRA RUNNING FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

(RAISING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS)

Dear Parents,

Last year a small group of local volunteers inaugurated the Coonawarra Running Festival to raise funds to help increase awareness and provide support around the issue of Mental Health in our community.

This event was a great success. We had 320 runners/walkers aged from 4 to 84, and we raised \$27 000!

There was a reasonable number of primary and secondary kids who took part and they absolutely loved the event; however, we would love to see even more kids this year.

If anyone in your family would like to attend the festival or register for one of the running/walking events click on the following link:

<https://coonawarrarunningfestival.com.au/event-info/>

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Kind regards, Tony O'Connell.



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21.1km, 12km, 6km, 1km,
Toddler Race, 5km Wobbly Winery Walk