



Penola Primary News



Friday 16 February 2024: Issue 1

LEADERSHIP

Principal : Sam Currie

Hi Families,

Welcome to the new school year for our new families and welcome back to our existing families!

This year we welcome 13 new Foundation students who are starting school for the first time and a further 5 students across other grades beginning at Penola Primary. It has been amazing to see them all settling in to their new learning environment so quickly and to see our current students supporting their transition so positively. Along with our new students, we also welcome Hannah Dyson, Gemma Hunt, Emma Reppin, Maddie Copping and Brady Pahl to our staff team.

While welcoming new staff, I would also like to acknowledge and thank two staff members who have taken up SSO roles and other opportunities elsewhere for 2024 since our final day last year. Louise Burgess and Leah Kuiper have both made significant contributions to our students over extended periods of time at Penola Primary School and we wish them well in 2024.

Family Engagement Evening

Earlier this week we held our Family Engagement Evening with a different format to years past. It was once again great to see so many families join us and move around together, walk through classrooms, look at students' work and engage with staff. We will provide you with more information on our more structured interview process that will occur later in the term via Seesaw in the coming weeks.

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Feedback – Report Format

Last year, we adopted a new format for our End-of-Year Report. The process to produce a new report involved a reporting committee that consisted of teachers from across year levels, had our SRC students engage in the construction of our School Values section and we then sought feedback and the endorsement from our Governing Council. Now that this has rolled out and parents have received this formal report at the end of last year, we encourage and welcome any feedback, both positive and constructive.

If you would like to provide any feedback to the reporting committee, could you please send an email to: Sam.Currie685@schools.sa.edu.au

NAPLAN 2024

Our students in Years 3 and 5 will complete the NAPLAN assessments online this year (Year 3 students will complete the writing task using paper and pencil. All other tested areas will be done online). The testing will take place in Weeks 7 and 8 this term.

To prepare our students and to test our IT systems, a trial assessment will occur on Tuesday 27th of February. This will involve Years 3 and 5 students completing a 45 minute practice test which will incorporate literacy and numeracy perspectives. Please be aware that an assessment report of student achievement will not be provided to families for the practice test.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher or myself to discuss.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our first Assembly of the year, next Friday, the 23rd of February.

Thanks,

Sam Currie

SCHOOL NEWS: Welcome to Penola Primary School

Welcome to Penola Primary School

This year we welcome four new staff members: Gemma Hunt (Year 4/5A Teacher), Emma Reppin Year 4/5B Teacher), Hannah Dyson (F/1B Teacher) Maddie Copping (SSO) and Brady Pahl (SSO).



Gemma Hunt



Emma Reppin



Hannah Dyson



Maddie Copping



Brady Pahl



Lexi



Piper



Darcy



Spencer



Allyra

We also welcome several new students, Lexi (Year 1), Piper (Year 2), Darcy (Year 3) , Spencer (Year 3) and Allyra (Year 4) to our school.

We hope all our new students have settled in well and will have a great experience at our school.

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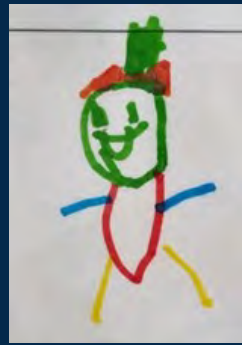
Kate

I am looking forward to learning about writing!



Cayden:

I am looking forward to playing.



Spencer:

I am looking forward to making and playing basketball.



Riley:

I am looking forward to the playground.

Foundations 2024



We are thrilled to welcome the new families and learners to our F/1 Community this year. We have been busy getting to know each other and would like to introduce our new students and teachers to the rest of the School Community too. We are all looking forward to the exciting year ahead.



Anna-Sofia:

I am looking forward to playing in the home corner.



Imogen:

I am looking forward to playing at the playground.



Ellis:

I am looking forward to the playground.



Cassius:

I am looking forward to playing and climbing trees.



Spencer:

I am looking forward to playing at the playground.

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Korbyn:

I am looking forward to playing basketball.



Monique:

I am looking forward to playing with friends.



Jarred:

I am looking forward to playing.



Teddie:

I am looking forward to the playground.

F71 Community 2024



Mrs Haggerty:

I am looking forward to fostering a sense of curiosity and wonder in my students, encouraging their natural eagerness to explore and learn about the world around them.



Lexi:

I am looking forward to learning about rainbows.



Miss Dyson:

I am looking forward to watching young people grow and learn in a rich learning environment.

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SCHOOL INFORMATION: The Resilience Project

Welcome to The Resilience Project

PARENTS & CARERS

This year, we are excited to bring The Resilience Project (TRP) into our school community!

WHY?

Current research tells us...

Why mental health matters

RESILIENCE PROJECT



One in four Australian adolescents will experience mental health problems this year

Nearly two thirds of them will not seek help.



One in seven primary school students are also likely to experience mental health problems this year.

Source: National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Australia's Youth: Mental Illness

EVIDENCE-BASED

The Resilience Project's School Partnership Program has been independently evaluated by both The [University of Adelaide](#) and The [University of Melbourne](#). Click the links or scan the QR code to find out more about the impact the program has on **emotional wellbeing** and **behavioral changes**.



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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**.

We will be implementing their evidence-based **Teaching and Learning Program** throughout our classrooms, staffroom and school community.

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.

WHAT CAN BE DONE AT HOME?



To learn more about The Resilience Project and get involved from home, you can start exploring the ideas, activities and resources which bring **Gratitude, Empathy** and **Mindfulness (GEM)** to life on [TRP@HOME](#).

The Imperfects podcast, led by Hugh van Cuylenburg, Ryan Shelton and Josh van Cuylenburg, is all about how perfectly imperfect we all are. Hugh, Josh and Ryan chat to a variety of interesting people who bravely share their struggles and imperfections, and we all learn some valuable take-aways we can apply to our own imperfect lives.



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SCHOOL INFORMATION: Family & Friends Volunteer Group



LUCINDALE FIELD DAYS- **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

Friday 15th and Saturday 16th March

This year we have been given a HUGE fundraising opportunity by Lucindale Field Days. We have been invited to take over from the fantastic work of the Mount Gambier Lions Club in the 'Sit and Snack Shed'. This means that we will be doing our usual rolls and sandwiches with the addition of hot pies, pasties, sausage rolls and cold drinks. As I am sure you can appreciate this is a HUGE undertaking for our committee but the rewards will be of great benefit to our kids. **The money raised will be going towards new computer hardware for the school for all of our kids to use.**

In order to achieve this we need A LOT of helpers; we require 40 helpers over the 2 days. We need a 3 hour stint from each helper and in return for this we will pay for your entry into the field days.

If you have any questions please get in touch with Jen McCulloch, Kim Wilson, Leah Dohnt, or the front office at school.

If you are able to help please fill in your details below.

We really appreciate your help for this fantastic opportunity for our school.

Many thanks,

Penola Primary School Family & Friends Committee.



I can help at the below time(s) (please tick):

Friday	9.15am-12.15pm _____	Saturday	9.00am - 12noon _____
	12.00noon-3pm _____		11.45am -3pm _____
			2.30pm - close _____

Name: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

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CANTEEN NEWS:

Canteen Manager: Maryke Van der Merwe

The canteen is open for 2024! It is open on Wednesday for recess only and Thursday and Friday it is open for recess and lunch for lunch orders. Lunch orders can be done via QKR! Please note that we do not accept any cash lunch orders. All lunch orders through the Qkr! app please. Cut off time for lunch orders will be 8:30am in the morning. There will be something on the recess menu for everyone, savoury or sweet **from 50 cents.**

NEW TO MENU—Meat lovers Mini Muffins and Meat lover Homemade Pizza.

Thank you to all the volunteers that are making munchies this year.

Just a couple of friendly reminders about munchies:

- * Please label Munchies containers so that they can be returned.
- * Munchies follow a “No Nuts” policy.

Munchies

Wednesday, 21st February

Anna McGregor

Kimberley Sanders

Wednesday, 28th February

Kylie Gartner

Emma Radis

Wednesday, 6th March

Sangeet Kaur

Stacey Marlow

Canteen Duty (10.30am to 12.00 noon)

Friday, 23rd February

Daniel Roissetter

Friday, 1st March

Meg Redman

Friday, 8th March

Anna McGregor

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Important dates for Term 1 2024

23rd February -Assembly (Introducing Foundation and New Students, Announcing Leadership Roles)

11th March - Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

15th March -Assembly Year 2/3B

21st March - Millicent Athletics

29th March - Good Friday

1st April - Easter Monday

5th April - Assembly Year 2/3A

Contact Us:

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Term 1 2024 Calendar



1	29/1	30/1	31/1	1/2	2/2
2	5/2	6/2	7/2	8/2	9/2
3	12/2	13/2	14/2	15/2	16/2
4	19/2	20/2	21/2	22/2	23/2 SAPSASA SWIMMING Assembly -Introducing Foundation and New Students, Announcing Leadership Roles.
5	26/2	27/2	28/2	29/2	1/3
6	4/3	5/3	6/3	7/3	8/3
7	11/3 Public Holiday Adelaide Cup	12/3	13/3 NAPLAN BEGINS	14/3 Lucindale Field Day	15/3 Lucindale Field Day Assembly—2/3B
8	18/3	19/3	20/3	21/3 Millicent Athletics	22/3
9	25/3 SAPSASA Softball →	26/3	27/3 Choir—12.45pm - 2.45pm	28/3	29/3 Public Holiday Good Friday
10	1/4 Public Holiday Easter Monday	2/4	3/4	4/4	5/4 Assembly 2/3A
11	8/4 SAPSASA Swimming Adelaide	9/4 SAPSASA Swimming Adelaide	10/4	11/4	12/4

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Community News and Events

RECYCLED FASHION POP-UP

FRIDAY FEB 16TH, 4-8PM
SATURDAY 17TH, 9-12AM



AMAZING PRELOVED & NEW CLOTHING



Mary McKillop Memorial School Hall,
Penola

Family Connection Program
PENOLA PLAYGROUP

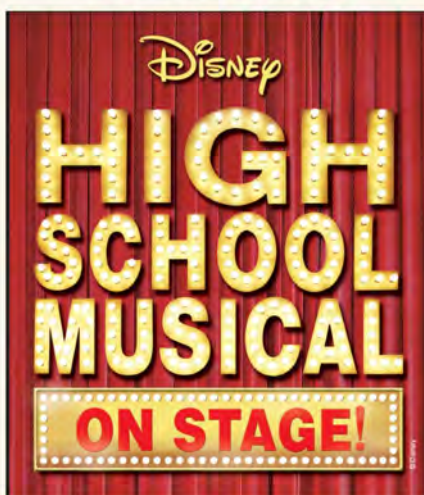
THURSDAYS
All playgroup sessions start at 9:30—11 am and are held at the St Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall, Arthur Street, Penola SA 5277

DATE	THEME	
WEEK 1 21st Feb TOY LIBRARY	AUSTRALIA DAY	
WEEK 2 8th Feb	SUMMER FUN	
WEEK 3 15th Feb TOY LIBRARY	MUSIC & MOVEMENT	
WEEK 4 22nd Feb	CRAFT TIME	
WEEK 5 29th Feb Toy Library	THINGS THAT GO	
WEEK 6 7th March	EXPLORING SHAPES	
WEEK 7 14th March TOY LIBRARY	COOKING UP A STORM	
WEEK 8 21st March	HARMONY DAY	
WEEK 9 28th March TOY LIBRARY	EASTER CELEBRATION	
WEEK 10 4th April	EXPLORING AUTUMN	
WEEK 11 11th April TOY LIBRARY	DRESS-UPS	

Healthy fruit—Kindly donated by She's Apples

For further information please contact the Family Connections Program on (08) 8303 6630 or Phone/text DL 0419 674 070 & Sandra 0488 946 896

Grant High School's Production of



SAVE THE DATE!
July 4th and 5th

Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie
Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia

TRAINING TIMES

**COME DOWN AND JOIN US
MAKE NEW FRIENDS,
LEARN NEW SKILLS.
PARK TCE MILLICENT**

Miniroo's-Tue 5.30pm until April 9

- U12D-Wed 5pm starting Feb 14
- U12-Wed 5pm starting Feb 14
- U13-Wed 5pm starting Feb 21
-Mon 5pm starting Mar 4
- U14-Wed 5pm starting Feb 14
- U16-Wed 5pm starting Feb 21
-Mon 5pm starting Mar 4
- U17-Mon 5pm starting Feb 12
-Wed 5pm start date TBA
(Nathan will be setting this date later after consulting with the u17 parents/players)
- Res Men-Fri 6pm starting Feb 2
-Wed 6pm starting Feb 7
- Sen Men-Fri 6pm starting Feb 2
-Wed 6pm starting Feb 7
- Sen Women-Mon 5pm starting Mar 4
-Wed 5pm starting Mar 6

ENQUIRIES TO IAN LINES 0407399014 &/OR MARCUS MCGRATH 0408436912

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