



# Penola Primary News



Friday 7 June 2024: Issue 5

## LEADERSHIP

Principal : Sam Currie

Hi Families,

This week our SRC has done an amazing job in preparing activities for 'Wellbeing Week'. It has been fantastic walking through the yard in the morning and seeing the students interacting in positive conversations while enjoying a warm milo in the morning and also engaging in activities during lunchtime. Wellbeing Week will culminate in a whole school "Morning Circle" on Friday morning which will see our entire school begin their day together and get the end of the week off to a positive start. As a site, we have some extremely strong processes in this area including our Berry Street Philosophies and the work we are doing through the Resilience Project and to celebrate with a 'Wellbeing Week' has really highlighted the success of these programs across the site.

### Families & Friends Funding

Earlier this year our Families and Friends group raised a significant amount of money through our involvement in the 2024 Field Days. As we have mentioned previously, this funding was to support our site in purchasing new technology devices for students to access. The money raised, along with school contributions will allow us to purchase:

- 25 Refurbished Laptops for our Year 6 students
- 24 iPads and charging stations for our F-3 students

This is a significant addition to our student technology devices and has provided our site with a great foundation to increase the amount of technology our students can access in the years to come. We once again would like to thank our Families and Friends group, along with all of our volunteers and students who contributed to the Field Days stalls,

### Parent / Teacher Interviews

In Weeks 8 and 9, 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 17<sup>th</sup> of June (beginning Week 8) and Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of June (Week 9). 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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# 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 or
- 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 4/5A — What's been happening?



### Matt's Crew

by Caleb, Louis, Emily and Samuel

We have been cleaning out the old hall and breaking things! At the start of the session, we do a Welcome Circle and discuss what we are doing.

We talk about the Rules for the day.

### Penola and Coonawarra Arts Festival

By Sophie, Sophia and Fletcher

We had fun making the tree using the theme of Autumn.

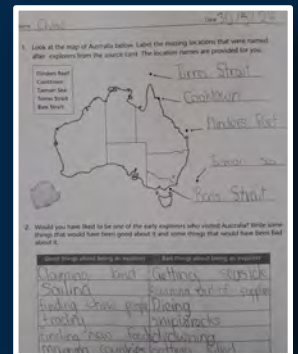
We started making the tree out of newspaper, then we made the branches out of papier-mâché.



### HASS—History By Jeseca and Allyra

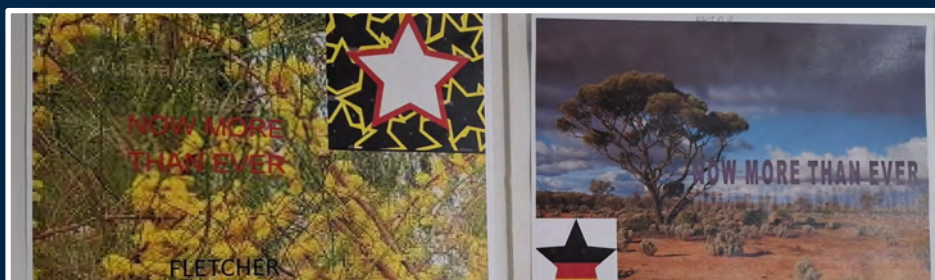
In History we have been learning about Aboriginal archaeology.

We have learned about the world trade in the Age of Discovery and how the world was mapped.



### Reconciliation Week

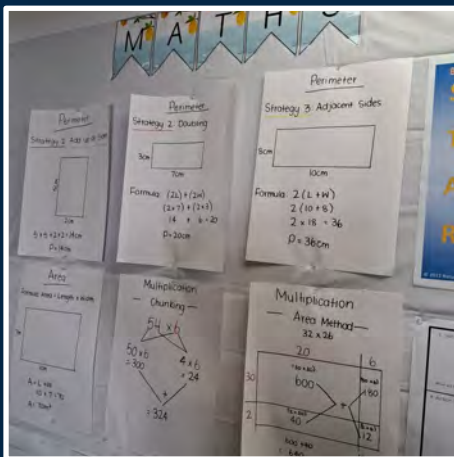
For Reconciliation Week, the non-Choir group designed posters that featured this year's theme, "Now More Than Ever". The poster had to include a black, yellow and red star, the theme slogan and have a bushland background.



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

## Poetry by Blake, Kenzi and Tilly

This year in poetry we have been writing many poems. We have been writing rhyming poems, bug poems, and season poems.



## Maths by Lola

We have been learning about area and perimeter. We use rectangles and work out their measurements. This week we worked outside to measure the basketball court. We worked in groups.

In Shapes we have been learning about the features of polygons—angles, diagonals, parallel lines.

## STEM by Tyrel, Cody and Piper

In STEM we have been making and learning how to make codes and algorithms in Scratch and Spike Prime. In Science/STEM, we are learning how to make shadows with light.



## Lions Mad Minute by Phoenix, Ryker and Hunter

We are preparing for Mad Minute and everyone from Years 4 and 5 have to go in. Some people get scared and don't go up!

We get to talk for one minute about a random topic that we pull out of a container.

We have been very busy so far this term. We are enjoying our learning, and having some fun along the way.

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## Year 4/5B

### What's been happening?

This term in maths we have had a focus on measurement, particularly area and perimeter. After learning the skills in the classroom the students swapped indoors for outdoors. Armed with tape measures and chalk, the students measured the area and perimeter of the basketball court as well as other objects in Yard A.



## WHAT THE F/1S LOVE ABOUT THEIR MUMS/AUNTIES

While Mother's Day has passed, we believe that celebrating the special bond between mothers/mother figures and children is timeless and deserving of recognition beyond a single day.

Recently, we asked our Year Foundation/1 students why they love their mum/aunty. It was a beautiful experience filled with love, laughter, and heartfelt sentiments and so we wanted to share the messages your child expressed in the newsletter.

We'd like to take this moment to extend our gratitude to all the mothers and mother figures in our school for your ongoing care and support as we continue this journey of learning and growth together.

With warmest regards,

🌸 The JP Team 🌸

# SCHOOL NEWS: Foundation/Year 1 Cont...



## FI Mother's Day Amendment

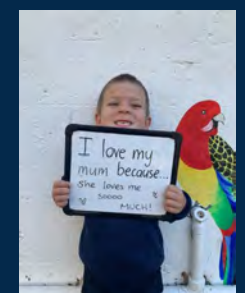
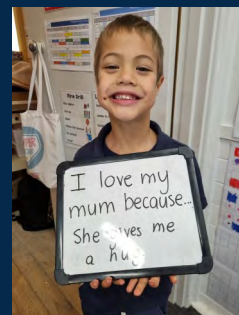
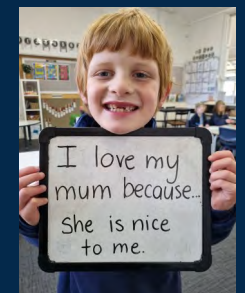
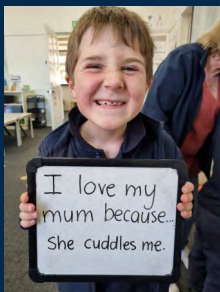
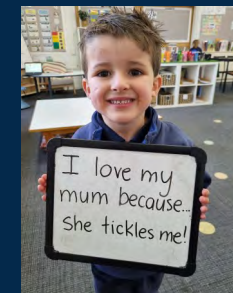
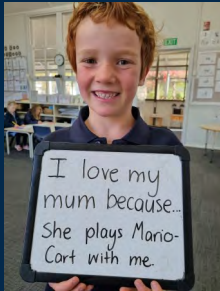
Apologies to the families that were missed in the last Newsletter.

Here is the amended version with all your children's lovely sentiments to their favourite Mums!



Apologies again!

JP Team



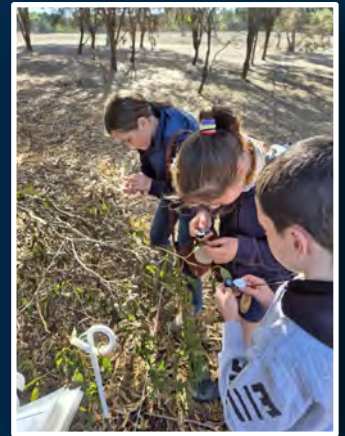
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## SCHOOL NEWS: Environment Group



# Environment Group

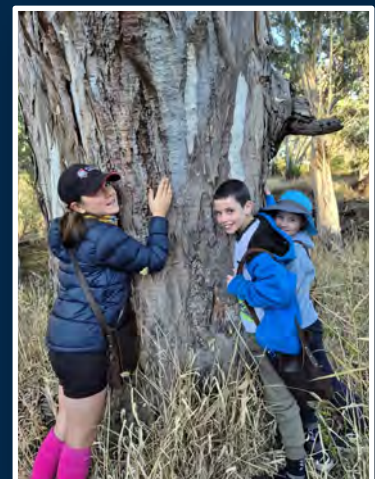
## Earthkeepers Camp



On a crisp sunny morning in May, our Environment Group leaders headed up to the Naracoorte Caves to attend the annual Earthkeepers Camp. They met with 7 other schools who were all there to learn about how all living things on earth are connected. They discovered how the world is made up of tiny 'specks' which cycle around and around over billions of years, they investigated munchlines, talked to the Connection Inspector and found some time capsules, which told them a story about how much life on earth has changed. They even met someone from the future!

On day 2 they went for a walk to find some new friends and used their senses (apart from sight) to get to know them. They attended a leaf party, hugged a tree, discovered the colours of the rainbow in the bush and found their own symbols in the branches. They performed at the Bushland Theatre to a blindfolded audience and finished the day by visiting their magic spots, where they took the time to observe nature without disturbing it.

Elliott, Addison, Madeleine and Cody were great representatives for Penola Primary School. They were positive and enthusiastic learners and returned to school with knowledge and experience. We look forward to seeing what they do next.



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## CANTEEN NEWS:

Canteen Manager: Maryke Van der Merwe

The canteen 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 is 8:30am in the morning.



### Munchies

#### **Wednesday, 12th June**

Meg Redman  
Naomi Baugh  
Stacey Marlow

#### **Wednesday, 19th June**

Sangeet Kaur  
Lizzie Grosvenor  
Fiona Holberton

#### **Wednesday, 26th June**

Kate Haggerty  
Emma Raidis

#### **Wednesday, 3rd July**

Kinta Wilson  
Alice Auld

### Canteen Duty (10.30am to 12.00 noon)

#### **Friday, 14th June**

April Possingham

#### **Friday, 21st June**

Anna McGregor

#### **Friday, 28th June**

Pupil Free Day

#### **Friday, 5th July**

Bekk Partridge

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Important dates for Term 2 2024

**10<sup>th</sup> June** - Public Holiday (King's Birthday)

**17<sup>th</sup> June to 27<sup>th</sup> June** - Parent/Teacher Interviews

**28<sup>th</sup> June** - Pupil Free Day

**5<sup>th</sup> July** - End of Term (Assembly 1.30pm and Early dismissal at 2.10pm)

## Contact Us:

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## Term 2 2024 Calendar

1	29/4 Cross Country Training –Students to wear appropriate footwear	30/4	1/5 SRC—GRIP Leadership	2/5	3/5
2	6/5 Cross Country Training –Students to wear appropriate footwear	7/5	8/5	9/5 <i>Mother's Day Stall</i>	10/5 <b>Cross Country</b>
3	13/5	14/5	15/5 The Frog Prince Performance	16/5	17/5 <b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b> <i>Newsletter</i> PCAF - Year 4/5 Down the Lane on Sunday
4	20/5	21/5	22/5	23/5	24/5 <i>Assembly –2.30pm</i> Running –4/5B
5	27/5	28/5	29/5	30/5	31/5
6	3/6	4/6	5/6	6/6	7/6 <i>Newsletter</i>
7	10/6 King's Birthday Public Holiday	11/6	12/6	13/6 Lions Mad Minute Year 4/5 A & B	14/6 <i>Assembly-2.30pm</i> Running –4/5A
8	17/6 Parent/Teacher Interviews	18/6	19/6 Sporting Schools Basketball	20/6	21/6
9	24/6 Parent/Teacher Interviews	25/6	26/6 Sporting Schools Basketball	27/6	28/6 <b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b> <i>Newsletter</i>
10	1/7	2/7	3/7	4/7 JP Games & Senior Disco	5/7 <i>Assembly –1.30pm</i> Running –6 or SRC **Early Dismissal at 2.10pm**

# Community News and Events



**McKay  
Children's Centre  
Penola**

7 Scott Street, Penola SA 5277  
Telephone: 08 8737 2535 Email: [Info.McKay725@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Info.McKay725@schools.sa.edu.au)

## 2024 TERM 2 VACATION CARE REQUEST

Subject to viable numbers and staffing, Vacation Care will be offered for primary school children during the Term 2 holidays, dates below. Please complete form, or email Susan, for days requested:

Name, Email and Number of Parent Contact:

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Names and age/s of Child/children:

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**please tick day/s:**

I would like my child/ren to be booked into the Vacation Care program for:

Monday 08/07/24	Tuesday 09/07/24	Wednesday 10/07/24	Thursday 11/07/24	Friday 12/07/24
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Monday 15/07/24	Tuesday 16/07/24	Wednesday 17/07/24	Thursday 18/07/24	Friday 19/07/24
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Do 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 21 JUNE 2024](#)

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

# Community News and Events

**Reidy Park Primary School Presents**



## THE GREATEST SHOW

Pickle's travelling circus gets their show on the road for the new season, but there is trouble ahead! Sabotage, theft and new inventions are all part of this crazy adventure. The show must go on!

*Other travelling shows are going out of business and Herbert Pickle is pushing to come up with a new act. Then disaster strikes and Herbert's reputation is ruined! Could it all have something to do with two disreputable doctors seen selling their remedies in every town? Who is the fanatical Colonel Obadiah Blastpipe? The Pickle family must bring the saboteurs to justice to keep the circus open.*


**Performances**

<u>School Matinees</u>	<u>Public Performance</u>
Wednesday June 26 <sup>th</sup> - 1pm	Thursday June 27 <sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm
Thursday June 27 <sup>th</sup> - 10am	

Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre


**Tickets on sale - June 3<sup>rd</sup> from the theatre**

Adults \$20    Students \$10  
*(Teachers accompanying school groups free)*



# GRANT HIGH SCHOOL'S

Production of



## HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

**ON STAGE!**

Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia)  
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia

### 4th & 5th July

Matinee - 10:00am    Evening - 7:00pm

SIR ROBERT HELPMANN THEATRE

Tickets available at Country Arts SA or  
via box office at Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre

