



Penola Primary News



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LEADERSHIP

Principal : Sam Currie

Hi Families,

As another term is drawing to a close, it is fantastic to walk through our school and see the amazing learning opportunities our students are accessing. The students explain to me what they are doing (Learning Intentions) and telling me how they are going to be successful (Success Criteria). Last week we had Shane Crawford (facilitator for our site in Professional Development) visit our site and he was also incredibly impressed with how well our students could articulate this to him. This really highlights the work our teaching staff are putting in and this is proving to be successful in supporting our students learning and understanding.

Right to Disconnect – Staff Communication

This is a new clause in the enterprise agreement that outlines the department's commitment to minimise digital communication with teachers to ensure an appropriate work/life balance is met, while accommodating a school's operational needs. This new clause confirms that, other than in exceptional circumstances, teachers are encouraged to disconnect from digital technologies and communications while taking rest time, weekends and leave.

As a leader, and in consultation with our Governing Council, while we appreciate the strong communication technology provides between our teachers and families, we also recognise that this transformation in connectivity is a factor contributing to the ever increasing teacher workload.

To recognise this, attached to this newsletter is a letter from our Governing Council Chairperson, Matt McGregor, and myself, that outlines our communication processes and the expectations of our teachers in line with the new enterprise agreement. Please take the time to read this and if there are any questions, please give me a call and I'll be happy to discuss this with you.

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Staffing Updates

In Term 3, we will have two 4th year University students completing their final practicum at our site.

For the first two terms of 2024, Gemma Hunt has been in the Year 4/5 class for 3 days a week. She will now be in the class full-time for weeks 1-7 in Term 3, Kathy O'Connell as a mentor on Wednesdays and Thursday. When Gemma's placement concludes at the end of Week 7, she will revert to the class Monday-Wednesday and Kathy O'Connell will be the classroom teacher Thursday and Friday for weeks 8-10.

While Cathy Heyn isn't in 4/5 A on a regular basis in Term 3, I'm sure we will see her in the school in the early weeks of term 3 before she goes on a holiday towards the end of the term. Cathy is outstanding in the way she continues to support our school and her teaching and interactions with the students is invaluable.

We will also have a 4th year student in F/1B. We welcome Zoe Holden to our school next term and I'm sure she will gain great insight and practical skills while working with Sophie Simson and the rest of the JP Team.

Over the past 12 months, Stacey Marlow has been on leave from Penola Primary. Throughout her time here, Stacey fulfilled many classroom roles as well as a wellbeing role last year. Her thoughtfulness, positive relationships and the way she interacted with all students across F-6 was a pleasure to witness and she always put the students' wellbeing first in all situations. Stacey will no longer be returning to Penola Primary in an official teaching role and we wish her all the best for her future endeavours.

Thanks,

Sam Currie

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

Gratitude

Some benefits of practising gratitude are:

- After 21 days, you start to scan the world for positives.
- After 42 days you become:
- More optimistic, energised & focused.
- Less likely to get sick.
- You will sleep better.
- Anxiety and depression decreases.

A few quick and simple ways to practise being grateful are:

- Journaling; each night write down 3 things that went well for you that day or purchase a gratitude journal with gratitude prompts.
- Write a gratitude letter to someone special, telling them why you are grateful they are in your life.
- Have a family discussion on the way home from school or around the dinner table about the things that went well that day or made you smile.

You can purchase 21-day, 6-month, and family journals from The Resilience Project website if that is something you're interested in.

<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/shop/>



Lions Mad Minute

For a few months, the Year 4/5s have been busy talking! No, not idle chatter, but honing their skills in public speaking.

Each year the Lions Club holds their Mad Minute Competition, in which students randomly select a topic from a bowl, and then attempt to talk for a minute on that topic! The students are judged on their oral speech structure, expression, ability to keep their audience's attention and their overall confidence in presentation.

On June 16th, the Year 4/5s faced a panel of 4 Lions Club members. While the Year 5s are only eligible to receive the top awards, it provides a great experience for the Year 4s in preparation for next year's competition.



Our Year 5 winners for 2024 are Sebastian Holden-Young, who secured First Place for his talk on "Computers are good", followed by Dya Aulukh who spoke on "Getting ready for school", and Zoe Roissetter who spoke on a hot topic, "Mobile phones should be banned at school". These students will represent Penola Primary at the regional Championship competition at Lucindale.

Well done to our winners, and all who took part in the competition. A special mention is extended to Immy Finch, who was unable to be present on the day, but featured on a video presentation, in absentia. The judges were most impressed with her initiative, which was a first-time event for them!

Thank you also to Mike, Jeff, Dean and Bruce who were our Lions Club judges. The experience for our students is a most valuable one, and we appreciate the time you give to support the young people in our community.

Stop Press!

We are pleased to announce that Dya came 3rd in the Upper South East Championship.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Dya, Sebastian and Zoe

Arts Festival



Year 2/3A learned blending techniques with oil pastels to create their Autumn themed artwork to display during the festival. The students practised blending different ways before creating their final masterpiece. They used bright colours to show the season. These are on display in the library so please come and see them next time you are at school.



Arts Festival



The Arts Festival theme was Autumn colours. Year 2/3B created Owls by weaving. The students used a loom and autumn-coloured wool to weave with a needle. The students worked hard and persisted to complete their art work. They then glued wings, eyes and beaks to create the owl. They are on display in the front office and library if you would like to have a closer look.

Basketball



This term, our school has been lucky to have Jackson Bowden visiting to run Basketball lessons. Jackson is based at the Millicent Basketball Association and even plays for the Mt Gambier Pioneers. Our Year 2/3 classes have loved the sessions so far. We have learned more about dribbling, passing and shooting. On Wednesday in Week 10, we will be heading to the Millicent Basketball Stadium to play a round robin carnival with other schools in the region.



School Information—Letter for Families

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RIGHT TO DISCONNECT – STAFF COMMUNICATION

Dear Families,

We value the positive relationship that exists between parents and our school community because we know that this goes hand in hand with student wellbeing and academic achievement.

The availability of digital platforms including **Seesaw** and **Facebook** have made it easier than ever for us to provide information to you in a timely manner and allow you to seek clarity and provide information to us in return.

However, reliance on digital platforms as the main point of contact with the school has created a situation where our teachers appear more accessible at times of the day when they are teaching and developing learning materials for their classes, and during non-work time when they should be disconnected from work.

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that while staff will continue to respond to your messages as soon as practicable, the Department, the Governing Council, and I as site leader, do not expect them to respond to non-urgent communication in their personal time.

To ensure our staff can focus on their duties, our school will be implementing the following approach to staff-directed communications.

Routine contact:

1. Parents should contact us **via the front office on 87372300** and leave a message for the relevant staff member to contact them.
2. **Seesaw messages and emails** sent directly to a teacher or support staff member will be responded to within 2-3 working days **and within school hours**.
3. Should a return call/message not be received within 2-3 working days, parents may further contact us via **the front office on 87372300**.

Urgent contact:

1. Parents should make contact via **the front office on 87372300** leaving a message flagging the matter as urgent.
2. A member of the leadership team will **determine who is the best person to respond to the matter and do so as** a matter of priority.

We thank you for your understanding and support of our staff. Please contact me on **87372300** or **Matt McGregor (chair, Governing Council)** if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Sam Currie & Matt McGregor
(Principal & Governing Council Chair)

LIBRARY NEWS: End of Term Book return

Can all library books, decodable readers and levelled texts that your children have at home, please be returned to school by Monday, 1st July 2024. (Week 10)

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:

Canteen Manager: Maryke Van der Merwe

The canteen is open on Wednesday for recess only and on 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, 3rd July

Kinta Wilson

Alice Auld

Canteen Duty (10.30am to 12.00 noon)

Friday, 5th July

Bekk Partridge



Canteen Special Sausage Meal Deal Thursday 4th July

Students from Yr2– Yr6 are able to order a Special Sausage Meal Deal via the canteen which includes a Sausage in bread, 1 x Fruitbox & 1 x Zooper Dooper. This needs to be pre-ordered and paid. Please place your order no later than **Monday 1st July**.

Payment by Qkr ONLY!
There is no need to return this form.
THANKYOU!

Order to be placed by Monday 1st July.

\$7.00 each
Extra Sausage \$2.50



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Important dates for Term 2 and 3, 2024

2nd July - Basketball Round Robin (Yr 4,5 & 6)

3rd July - Basketball Round Robin (Yr 2 & 3)

4th July - JP Games, Senior Disco and F/1 Big Day Out

5th July - End of Term (Assembly 1.30pm and Early dismissal at 2.10pm)

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Term 2 2024 Calendar

10	1/7	2/7 Round Robin (Yr 4,5 &6)	3/7 Round Robin (Yr 4,5 &6)	4/7 JP Games & Senior Disco F/1 Big Day Out	5/7 <i>Assembly –1.30pm</i> Running –6 or SRC **Early Dismissal at 2.10pm**
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Term 3 2024 Calendar

1	22/7	23/7	24/7 After School –Soccer Clinic	25/7	26/7
2	29/7	30/7	31/7 After School –Soccer Clinic	1/8	2/8
3	5/8	6/8	7/8 After School –Soccer Clinic	8/8	8/9
4	12/8	13/8	14/8 After School –Soccer Clinic	15/8	16/8
5	19/8	20/8	21/8 After School –Soccer Clinic	22/8	23/8
6	26/8	27/8	28/8 Performance—F - Yr 3 After School –Soccer Clinic	29/8	30/8
7	2/9	3/9	4/9 After School –Soccer Clinic	5/9	6/9
8	9/9	10/9	11/9 After School –Soccer Clinic	12/9	13/9
9	16/9	17/9	18/9 Cricket Clinic—F - Yr 6	20/9	21/9
10	23/9	24/9	25/9	26/9	27/9

\$2 ENTRY

NEON
Disco

DANCING, MUSIC & GAMES

FOOD FOR PURCHASE

GUESS THE LOLLY JAR \$0.50 TO ENTER

6:00-8:00PM | 4.JULY.2024

PENOLA PRIMARY SCHOOL GYM

Community News and Events

Family Connection Program
PENOLA PLAYGROUP

THURSDAYS

All playgroup sessions start at 9:30—11 am and are held at the Penola Primary School, 29 Riddoch Street, Penola SA 5277

DATE	THEME
WEEK 1 25th July	WORDS GROW MINDS
WEEK 2 1st August TOY LIBRARY	EXPLORING COLOURS
WEEK 3 8th August	FUN WITH NUMBERS
WEEK 4 15th August TOY LIBRARY	SCIENCE WEEK
WEEK 5 22nd August	BALLOON FUN
WEEK 6 29th August TOY LIBRARY	FATHERS DAY
WEEK 7 5th Sept	CHILD PROTECTION WEEK—BEING WITH
WEEK 8 12th Sept TOY LIBRARY	GARDEN GURU
WEEK 9 19th Sept	LET'S MAKE MUSIC
WEEK 10 26th Sept TOY LIBRARY	COMMUNITY HELPERS

Healthy fruit—Kindly donated by She's Apples

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

FOOTBALL SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

PENOLA
PENOLA PRIMARY OVAL

JULY 15TH

SINGLE DAY CAMP (5-9) | \$50
 SINGLE DAY CAMP (10-14) | \$75




POPUK
INFLATABLE PLAYGROUND
 MOUNT GAMBIER

Monday July 15 to Sunday July 21
10am to 5.30pm



Mount Gambier Showgrounds Pavilion,
1 Pick Ave, Mt Gambier

For more information go to:
www.inflatableplayground.com.au
Phone; 0427 505 893

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