

# Penong Primary School

## — Newsletter —

Term 3, Week 6, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025



### SPECIAL POINTS

- Welcome Miss D
- Student Free Day
- Governing Council
- Parent Survey
- Sports Day
- S.S.O. Week
- Upper Primary Camp
- Book Week
- Science Week

Please Note:  
Our School is a Nut Aware School.  
We encourage families to avoid sending nuts or nut products to school.

Our school is on Wirangu land and we acknowledge the traditional owners of this country, the nations first people. We recognise their continuing connection to land, water and the community. We pay respect to them and their culture and to elders both past and present.

### Welcome

Welcome to our Week 6, Term 3 School Newsletter. Where is the year disappearing to?

Lots of great things have been happening around the school and it has been both exciting and pleasing to see all the children working hard and engaging in their learning.

Please see our calendar for what's ahead in the remainder of the term.

### Welcome

We all welcome Miss Alyssa Di Girolamo, who will be working at our school for the next few weeks, engaging in leadership support whilst I am absent from school.

Miss DiGirolamo has come to us from Sailsbury Downs Primary School.

*Dear Families,*

*My name is Alyssa Di Girolamo (Miss D). I am honoured to be stepping into the role of Principal at Penong Primary School for the next few weeks and I am truly grateful for the warm welcome I have received. I have already seen the strong sense of pride and dedication that defines our community. It is clear that all of the staff, students and families are deeply committed to creating a school where everyone can thrive.*

*At the heart of our vision are the values of Respect, Community, and Achievement, which will continue to guide our collective efforts: Respect: We model kindness, responsibility, and care for ourselves and others, creating a safe and supportive environment where every voice is valued.*

*Community: We work together in strong partnership with families and the wider community, recognising that collaboration and connection are key to student success.*

*Achievement: We hold high expectations and support each child to achieve their personal best, celebrating growth and success in all its forms.*

*I look forward to working in partnership with you at our wonderful school to ensure that every student feels a sense of belonging, develops the skills to be a confident learner and takes pride in their accomplishments.*

*Warm regards,  
Alyssa Di Girolamo*

Thank you to our  
Playground Committee  
for their continued  
efforts in getting us a  
new playground.

Parent Survey is open,  
Please respond to the  
email you have  
received.

Your input is valuable.

-Sports Day-  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>  
September

Everyone invited to  
attend

### Student Free Day

Teaching staff had the opportunity on our student free day to work with District Office staff and staff from Koonibba Aboriginal School unpacking the New South Australian Curriculum with a particular focus on mathematics. Staff are confident they have learned strategies that can be transferred into the classrooms.

### Governing Council

Governing Council met recently, issues discussed included:

- Swimming lessons, Term 4
- Fundraising
- Sports Day
- Strawberry Fete
- Student Learning
- Playground project

Lots of work is going on behind the scenes to move our playground forward and we sincerely thank those who are battling away on our behalf.

Next Governing Council meeting will be in Week 10.

### 2025 Parent Survey

The annual parent survey is underway and closes midnight Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

You should have already received an email with the link to complete the survey.

Please take time to complete the survey, this is valuable information for our school.

### Sports Day

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September (Week 8) we will be holding our Annual Sports Day.

Students have been placed into teams with this being the year of “**Decoding the Universe**”. They have been talking all things space. The teams have their names and colours and practice has begun in earnest. We invite everyone along to the day with a 9am start at the Western United Tigers Oval. Lunch orders are available from the General Store, through pre-order only. We look forward to a fabulous day for everyone.

## SHOOTING STARS

Captain: Chloe V/Captain: Blake  
Colours: Blue & White

## MIGHTY MARS

Captain: Mathew V/Captain: Eddierose  
Colours: Red & Black

## GALAXY GUARDIANS

Captain: Koby V/Captain: Archer  
Colours: Purple & Light Blue

## GALAXY GURUS

Captain: Kayla V/Captain: Siena  
Colours: Light Blue & Yellow

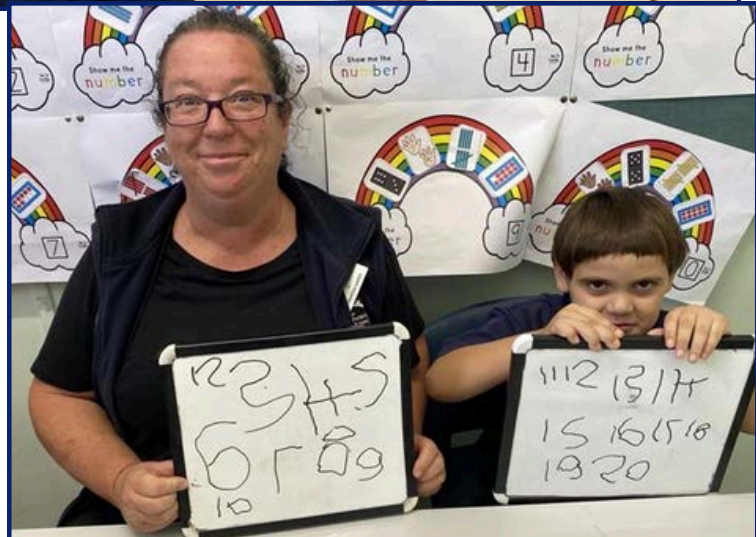
Thank you:

Hazel  
Lorrayne  
Jenny H  
Jo  
Theresia  
Nicole  
Alli  
Jenny C

### S.S.O. Week

Last week, the 18th-22<sup>nd</sup> August was National S.S.O. week. It's a special time when we can all acknowledge and celebrate the fabulous work our S.S.O. team do and how they are integral to the workings and success of our school.

Each and every one of our people are highly skilled and leaders in their own right. We know they form the backbone of everything we do. To all of our S.S.O. staff, we say congratulations and thank you.



Huge thank you to Michelle Anderson for accompanying our teachers and students on camp.

Well done to all our Upper Primary Students on your exceptional behavior whilst on Schol Camp

Thank you to Ms Ettridge and Mr Clarke for organising and making the Upper Primary camp a huge success

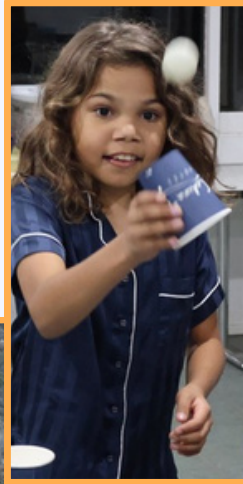
### Upper Primary Camp

A fabulous week was had by our Upper Primary during week 4. The Flinders Rangers proved to be an excellent location for our school camp and there was so much learning to do for everyone.

Thank you to Ms Ettridge and Mr Clarke for their commitment to our students and the learning experience.

A special thank you to Ms Michelle Anderson who attended as an extra support person. Her help throughout the camp was truly amazing and we are all very appreciative.

A special congratulations to our Upper Primary group. It has been reported back that they were all fantastic school ambassadors for our school whilst away.





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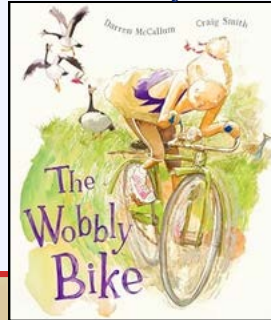
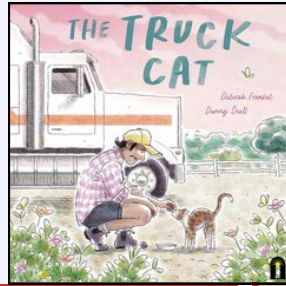


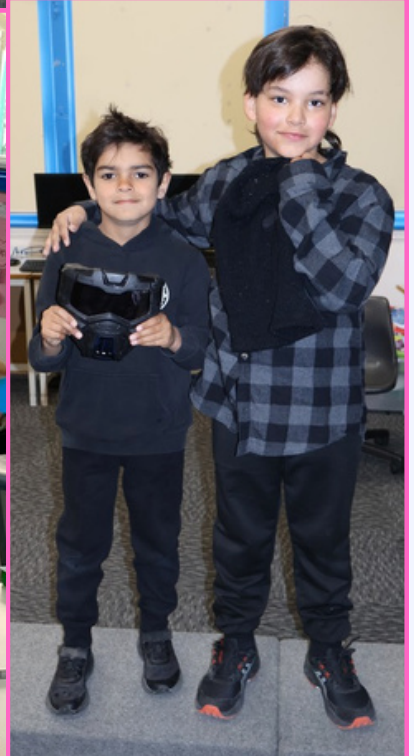
### Book Week Activities

Congratulations to everyone for joining in our Book Week activity celebration day.

"Book an Adventure" was a great theme with the children sharing their costumes through a very professional fashion parade. Activities followed the parade based on some of the children's books of this year **"The Wobbly Bike"** and **"The Truck Cat"**.

A special thank you to Ms Ettridge for taking the lead in this event. A great day was had by all.





S O U R





# Year 2

## PERSUASIVE WRITING SAMPLES

I like dogs better than cats.

Dogs are better because they listen when you say come here, they do it.

Dogs are better because catch roos on the farm so if they bump you over the dog will get it.

Dogs are better because they play with you when you are bored. When you are bored and have no one to play with the dog can play with you.

By Ella.

I like being invisible more than being able to fly.

If you like being alone if you're angry.

If you're in a fight they have to see you to punch you. You can beat Mike Tyson in a fight.

If you're playing hide and seek you can be the champion.

By Ollie

I like summer better than winter.

I like summer because you can have six weeks off of school, so you can go to your friends house.

You can go fishing with your friends. There might be more fish in summer.

I like to watch the sunset out my window. In summer I am allowed to stay up until 10:00 o'clock.

That is why I like summer more than winter.

By Jace.

Winter is way better than summer.

I love Footy but it is only in the winter. I play with my friends you can too.

I can harvest wheat and you can buy it. And you can make sour dough.

You can make squid in winter loads and loads heaps more than Summer.

That's why Winter is better.

By Caleb

I would rather be a dragon than a mermaid.

You can breathe fire, that is good because you won't die and you won't see your friends if you die.

You can fly really high and get fresh air, that is good because you will be fresh.

You can see all the cool plants and go into the sea.

By Storm

I think kids should do chores.

If you do chores people will give you money. If you have money you can buy what you want.

If you want to be helpful do this. Do chores that you don't need to do.

If you make a mess, clean it up.

That's why i think kids should do chores.

By Hudson

# Year 2

## PERSUASIVE WRITING SAMPLES CONTINUED

I like summer better.

I like the beach because its better swimming so  
you don't get cold.

Santa comes and gives you presents.  
You see Santa at Sinclair in summer.

You can jump in the pool when it is warm in  
summer.

These are the reasons I like summer better

By Connor

I think cats are better than dogs because  
they are cute.

They bury their poo you do not have to clean  
up.

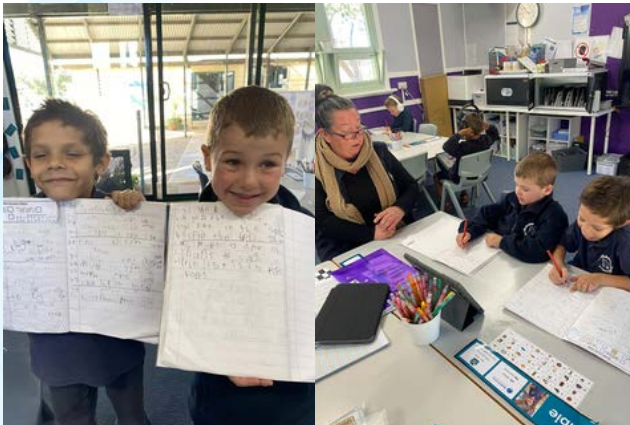
They are soft so you can cuddle them.

This is why I like cats better than dogs.

By Ilee.

## Reception / One

### WRITING SAMPLES



Judd and Albie have been learning to write sentences with the sounds that they have learned. They listen to either the ipad, or an adult tell them a sentence and then write it down. Our biggest challenge so far is learning to use finger spaces between words, not within them, bus as you can see, the boys are doing an amazing job!

Leo, Djay( (absent) and Rory have been learning all their single letter sounds. We have nearly mastered all the letters in the alphabet, and we have moved on to our first digraphs 'qu' 'll' 'ff' 'ss' and 'zz'. Then it gets much tougher- 'sh' 'ch' 'ng'!! We are all learning to blend the sounds together to read and write words.





**Dress in your favourite  
Footy Colours**

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**September**

Judd  
Kayla  
Leila  
Kristella

**October**

Koby  
Lakey  
Leo  
Mrs Murray  
Mrs Nielsen

**right bite** Food and Drink Supply Standards for South Australian Schools  
www.education.sa.gov.au/rightbite

Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

**best options**

Offer and promote a **variety of green** food and drinks

**green** foods and drinks should make up **60%** of options

**choose carefully**

Offer **smaller portions** or **amber** food and drinks

**limit amber** foods and drinks to **40%** of available options

**limit to twice per term**

**red 1** foods and drinks should be limited to twice per term, for example as part of a whole of school celebration or fundraising event

**should not be supplied**

**red 2** foods and drinks should not be supplied, provided or sold to students

The Wellbeing SA Healthy Food Environments Hub  
Tools and resources are available to support you in meeting the revised Right Bite standards. Use the Wellbeing SA FoodChecker to assess products, recipes and menus.  
www.wellbeingsa.sa.gov.au/foodenvironments



## From Mrs Murray



### **Upper Primary**

*Well done to Sabella for demonstrating resilience when problem solving in mathematics.*

**-Achievement Value-**

### **Junior Primary**

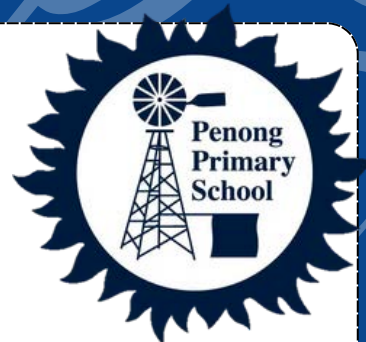
*Well done to Connor for focusing on being a good sport when playing soccer at break times.*

**-Community Value-**



# PENONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

## TERM 3



WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 July	21	22	23	24	25
2	27	28	29	30	1
3 Aug	4	5	6	7	8 Student Free Day Newsletter
4	11 National Science Week Upper Primary Camp	12 Upper Primary Camp	13 Upper Primary Camp	14 Upper Primary Camp	15 Dress as your favourite sporting team
5	18 S.S.O. Week Bookweek "Book an adventure"	19	20 Book Week Dress Up	21	22
6	25	26	27 SAPSASA Girls Football trials	28 Science Week Activities	29 Newsletter
7 Sep	1	2	3	4	5
8	8 Sat 13.11.25 WEFL Grand Final	9	10	11 Sports Day	12
9	15	16	17	18	19 Newsletter
10	22 SAPSASA Track & Field	23	24 SAPSASA Tennis trials	25 Governing Council, 1pm	26 Last Day of Term 2pm dismissal



# Community News

## Point Sinclair Cleaning Roster

September - Sue M / Karen M

October - Sam, Alli / Ben, Andrea /  
Aldo, Petrina

## Uniting Church Cleaning Roster

September - Bron Workman

October - Rebecca Freeman



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village to  
raise a  
child



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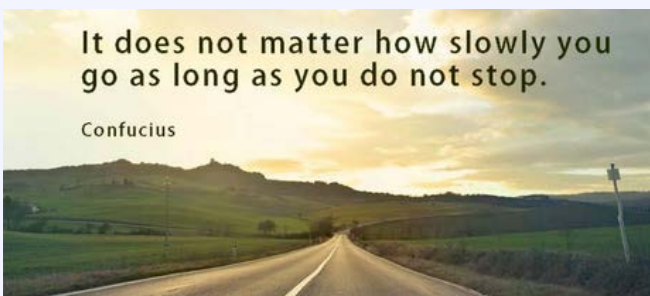
## IT JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Department for Education ICT Services is currently looking for an ICT Support Officer based in the Far West of the state. This position can be based anywhere in the area between Penong, Streaky Bay & Wudinna. You will be well supported by a multi-level team within the Extended Support Program, and we encourage anyone with any ICT experience or interest to apply!

For further information or to submit your resume for consideration, please contact Jason Hagger, ICT Account Manager by email  
[Jason.Hagger@sa.gov.au](mailto:Jason.Hagger@sa.gov.au)

It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.

Confucius



## FOOTBALL & NETBALL FINALS

2<sup>nd</sup> Semi - 30<sup>th</sup> August 2025 @ Penong

1<sup>st</sup> Semi - 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 @ Koonibba

Preliminary Final - 6<sup>th</sup> September 2025 @ Blues

Grand Final - 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025 @ Wirrulla

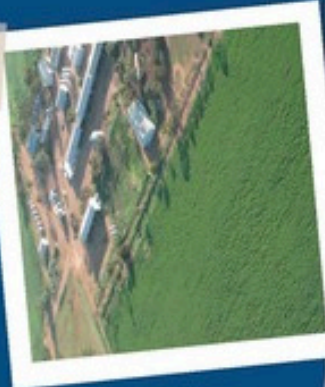


# Community News

SAVE THE DATE



## SARDI Minnipa Ag Centre Annual Field Day *Celebrating 110 years of MAC*



Join us at Minnipa on Wednesday, 10 September 2025, for the 110th SARDI Minnipa Agricultural Centre (MAC) Annual Field Day!

We have a full agenda of research updates, trail walks, and presentations. Topics include:

- Managing herbicide residues
- Updates from the GRDC National Variety Trials (NVT)
- Managing the Etiella Moth in Lentils and unpredictable Pests in a variable climate
- Nitrogen cycling in low rainfall farming systems
- Barley biomass optimisation
- Insights into strip and disc seeding systems and their application in the region
- Barley grass weed management
- Carbon farming considering rotations, emissions intensity and accounting
- Water budgeting, quality, and system sustainability

Morning tea provided by Rabobank & lunch provided by our Gold Sponsor Australian Grain Technologies



10 September 2025



8:30am – 5:00pm



Minnipa Agricultural Centre,  
226 McKenzie Road,  
Minnipa SA 5654 Australia



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of South Australia  
Department of Primary  
Industries and Regions



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Research and  
Innovation  
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# Community News

**RODEO BY THE SEA**

**RODEO**

*Bulls Brans & Barrels*

**OCTOBER  
18TH 2025**

**STREAKY BAY RACECOURSE**

**GATES OPEN AT 1PM**

**MAIN EVENT 4PM**

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**FULLY CATERED AMUSEMENTS**

**LIVE MUSIC FREE CAMP**

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**A FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT**

**Nutrien**  
West Coast Ag

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