

Penong Primary School

Newsletter

Term 2, Week 6, 6th June 2025



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- SAPSASA Football
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- Staff Training
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- Simultaneous Story Time

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 everyone to week 6 of this our second term of 2025. It is hard to believe we are halfway through the term, and it is wonderful to see what we have achieved in the last five weeks. There have been some outstanding efforts from students, and I urge the children to keep trying to be the best they can be. Our school values have been evident around the school and this is fabulous.

Here's looking forward to the second half of the term.

Governing Council

Governing Council has been busy continuing to look for ways we can raise money for our playground. We have been successful with a submission to Iluka which is fabulous. We are also awaiting to hear the outcome of submissions to the Variety Club and the SA Credit Union. The Council meets again this term, Wednesday Week 10 at 1pm.

We are exploring a sponsorship program at this stage.

If you have any ideas you would like to share, please contact the school, we would love to hear from you.

Student Interviews

Last week we were involved in conducting student interviews as part of our School Learning Plan Cycle of Inquiry.

The children were asked to share their thoughts on things like: What they are learning? How are they going? What are their learning goals?

We talked about feedback and children's strategies when they get stuck. As wellbeing is one of our focus impact areas we are interested in how the children are feeling about their learning and their time at school.

Teaching staff will analyse this information and plan accordingly. Thank you to staff who assisted in this important collection.

Congratulations
Koby,
for representing
Western Eyre
Peninsula in SAPSASA
football.

2 wins & a draw out of
9 games, great effort

School Closure Day
Friday 6th June 2025

Kings Birthday Public
Holiday Monday 9th
June 2025

Enjoy the 4 day break!

SAPSASA Football, Week 5

Congratulations to our own Koby W who as a year 5 was chosen to compete in SAPSASA football last week in Adelaide.

This is a great effort, and we are really proud of you Koby. We know you would have given it your all and been an excellent representative.

Well done, Koby.



School Closure Day

Governing Council has approved a 'day of local significance' school closure day for tomorrow to enable families to an extra-long weekend.

I trust families will enjoy the break. If travelling stay safe, if home, enjoy time together and if competing all the best of luck. We look forward to seeing everyone back next Tuesday 10th June, Week 7.

Partnership/Portfolio Leadership Training

Last week I attended our termly leadership (principals) event in Port Lincoln, the Far West Partnership/Port Lincoln Portfolio two the opportunity to learn and work with other leaders across the Peninsula is invaluable for all.

The major focus was looking at strategies that assist us to be clear on where we are heading? What are we doing differently? How do we know we are making impact?

This work is directly related to our school learning plan and will be enacted by staff.

Staff Training

Over this last fortnight all staff have been engaged in Cultural Responsiveness training.

Being culturally responsive is a collective responsibility of every person working across our education system.

Aboriginal people are valued for their contribution and their active involvement in decision making, aboriginal voices, skills and wisdom are respected. The course assets all staff members.

July

Jace W
Ella W
Theresia Davies

Trey L
Blake H
Keenan M
Rory W
Albert C
Louis S
Lilly C

Accountant
Actor/Actress
AFL Coach
AFL Player
Ambulance Driver
Archaeologist
Army
Artist
Athlete
Author
Baby sitter
Baker
Ballet dancer
Ballet teacher
Bank officer
BMX rider
Body guard
Book keeper
Bore fixer
Boxer
Brick layer
Builder
Bus driver
Business owner
Butler
Car salesperson
Carpenter
Carpet maker
Cashier
Cheer leader coach
Cheese making
Chef
Civil engineer
Computer programmer
Computer system analyst
Concrete finisher
Concreter
Construction manager
Cost estimator
Counsellor
Crime Scene Cleaner
Cleaner
Crystal miners
Dancer
Data base administrator
Deep sea diver
Dental assistant

Careers

As a follow up to our careers' afternoon, children worked together to come up with as many career ideas as they could. Please see their extensive list. It would be fun to talk to your children about what interests them on this list.

Again, thank you to our Career Guest Speakers, Michelle Anderson, Alli Shipard and Lorryne Balharry.

Dentist	Loan officer	Prime Minister
Designer	Maid	Snow boarder
Diviner	Mail man	Professor
Doctor	Makeup artist	Reporter
Doctor - Bush	Marnie biologist	Rocket launcher
Medicine	Marketing manager	Rodeo rider
Dog & cat carer	Marriage therapist	RSPCA worker
Electrician	Mechanic	School principal
Engineer	Medical assistant	Scientist
Fabricator	Midwife	Scrunchy maker
Farmer	Military	Scuba diver
FBI officer	Mine worker	Security guard
Financial Manager	Motor cross rider	SES
Fire fighter	Movie cinema	Shark hunter
Fisherman	worker	Shearer
Fitness worker	Musician	Singer
Gardener	Nail technician	Soccer player
Government worker	Netball	Softball coach
Grounds keeper	coach/player	Software developer
Gymnast	Nurse	SSO
Hair dresser	Office worker	Sport coach
Health	Opal hunter	Surgeon
aid/professional	Optometrist	Tattoo artist
Highway worker	Orthodontist	Taxi driver
House	Painter	Teacher
cleaner/painter	Paraglider	Toilet fixer
House salesman	Paramedic	Truck driver
HR specialist	Pathologist	Uber driver
Illustrator	Photographer	veterinarian
Insurance agent	Physical therapist	Video games producer
Interior designer	Physician	Waiter
IT manager/worker	Pilot	Watchmaker
Janitor	Plumber	Weather forecaster
Jeweller	Police dog patrol	Web developer
Judge	Policeman	Wildlife recreation
Karate instructor	Poo truck driver	manager
Landscape person	Post office worker	Youtuber
Lawyer	President	Zoo keeper
Life guard		



Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Reconciliation, in simple terms for kids, means working together to be friends again after a disagreement or misunderstanding. It's like making up with a friend after a fight, where you talk about what happened, say you're sorry, and try to be friends again. In a broader context, particularly in Australia, reconciliation refers to the process of bringing indigenous and non-indigenous Australians together, recognising their history and working towards a future of equality and understanding.

The National Reconciliation Week 2025 theme, Bridging Now to Next, reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future. Bridging Now to Next calls on all Australians to step forward together, to look ahead and continue to push forward. Past lessons guide us.

As a school we have celebrated and acknowledged Reconciliation Week in a number of ways. The whole school was engaged in an afternoon filled with Dreamtime Stories, Remembering and Memories, and the opportunity to express ourselves creatively.

On Thursday our Upper Primary Class was invited to attend a Reconciliation event in Ceduna at Ceduna TAFE. They had the opportunity to chat with Elders from the community, try some yoga and meditation and look at some old Sentinels. A delicious lunch was enjoyed by everyone.





NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

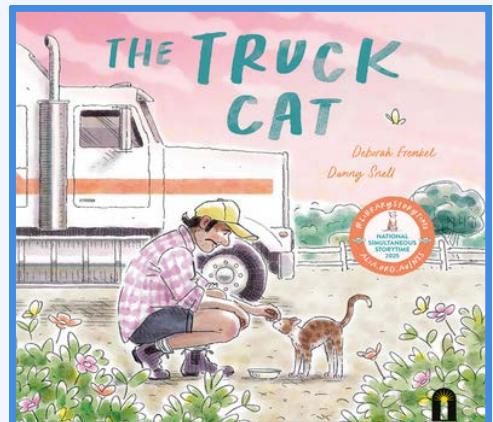
**Bridging
Now to
Next**

If you get the chance
check out our impressive
foyer display.
The children have done a
fantastic job.





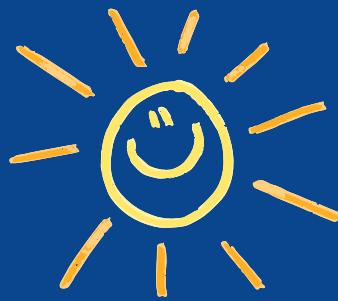
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National Simultaneous Story Reading morning was held last week. All the children were involved in the lovely story of "The Truck Cat".

Congratulations to our raffle winners: Keenan, Lilly and Jace.

Thank you Ms Allen and Ms Ettridge for organising some great peer activities following the reading.



Kindy News

Here we are halfway through term two already! It has been wonderful to have Kora back at kindy the last couple of weeks after visiting family interstate. This also means that we have had three children at kindy which is amazing!! We have been doing some learning around Reconciliation Week. We have read the book Somebody's Land written by Adam Goodes, the children have loved looking at the illustrations and have asked lots of questions. We have also been learning about dot painting and having a go at our own masterpieces. Kora has been very interested in the snails out amongst our bark chips. She has collected lots and Loki has been helping her, she was keen to take some home to show her family. Loki is having a great time rolling the playdough to make long snakes and then cutting them with the playdough scissors. He has carted the BBQ out of the playroom to cook sausages made from playdough.

Rory has had another day in the JP classroom this week for his transition program. It is great to see him becoming more familiar with the whole days routines. He especially liked going to the oval for play at lunch time!

I am looking forward to some more learning over the next few weeks of term two.

Tricia





From Mrs Murray



Upper Primary

Well done to Archer for making significant growth in his lexile level.

Well done to Kayla on displaying outstanding leadership qualities.

-Achievement Value-

Junior Primary

Well done to Leila and Ella for making excellent progress in their oral reading fluency.

-Achievement Value-



Kindy

Well done to Kora for settling back into kindy routine so well.

-Achievement Value-

PENONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 2



WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Apr	28 Student Free Day	29 1st Day of Term 2	30	1	2
2 May	5	6	7	8 SAPSASA Girls Netball trials SAPSASA boys football training	9
3	12 Careers Week	13	14 Marc McBride Illustrator Visit Governing Council, 1pm	15	16 Walk to School Day Newsletter
4	19 Volunteers Week	20	21 Simultaneous Storytime	22	23
5	26 National Sorry Day SAPSASA Boys Football	27 Reconciliation Week SAPSASA Boys Football	28 SAPSASA Boys Football	29	30
6 June	2	3	4	5 World Environment Day Newsletter	6 School Closure Dau. (day of local significance)
7	9 Kings Birthday Public Holiday	10	11	12	13
8	16	17	18	19	20
9	23 SAPSASA Girls Netball	24 SAPSASA Girls Netball	25 SAPSASA Girls Netball	26 EP Police Safety Session	27 Newsletter
10 July	30	1	2 Governing Council, 1pm	3	4 Last Day of Term 2pm dismissal



Community News

Point Sinclair Cleaning Roster

June - Tony Dunn / Carli & AB Blanchard

July - Blake Murray / Bianca W
Peter Dobbins

Uniting Church Cleaning Roster

June- Sisca Seiffert

July- Karen Murray

WANTED

We are calling for expressions of interest from anyone who may be interested in any relief S.S.O. work.

These opportunities could come at any time and for varying periods. Applicants will require a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) and completion of mandatory notification training (RRHAN-EC).

Please contact the school as a matter of urgency.

Thank you

Thank You!

To the Smith family; Fran, Kai, Louis and Leila for their donation of play equipment for the school yard.

Your kindness is greatly appreciated, and being enjoyed by all the students



Thank you to everyone who came to the Sinclair busy bee last Sunday! All the help is greatly appreciated.

Keep an eye out for the next one in October, to repair the net and install the new section.

We are also looking for donations of suitable beach toys to start a Toy Library.



Community News

Follow Us on Social Media

A central hub for all things early years in Ceduna and surrounding communities – a place where parents and caregivers can easily access information, resources, and updates.

Connected Beginnings Ceduna
2 Kelly Street, Ceduna
8625 2294





Join us for a **fun filled day!**

Please bring a hat, a packed nut-free lunch and wear your old clothes (things could get messy!)

A light snack, tea & coffee is provided

\$10/family
(RICE Members attend for FREE!)

RSVP to admin@rice.org.au



19th June
10AM - 2PM
Fowlers Bay Town Hall




****Find out more about Play Days @ www.rice.org.au****



Can children have the flu vaccine if they are allergic to eggs?

Yes. It is safe for children with egg allergy to have flu vaccine even if the allergy is severe. They do not have to be vaccinated in a hospital.

Talk to your doctor or immunisation provider about any allergies that your child has before they have the flu vaccine.

Is the flu vaccine free for my child?

The flu vaccine is **free*** and recommended for:

- all Aboriginal children from 6 months of age
- children from 6 months of age with a medical condition that puts them at a higher risk of complications from the flu
- all other children from 6 months to less than 5 years of age.

Flu vaccine is also recommended, but is not free, for any children not listed above. Please speak to your immunisation provider for advice.

*Free vaccines are available as part of the National Immunisation Program for people eligible for Medicare.

Where can I get the flu vaccine for my child?

Go to your doctor or immunisation clinic.

There may still be a consultation fee from your doctor even if your child is able to have a free vaccine.

What is the flu?

Influenza or 'flu' is a highly contagious infection caused by the influenza virus. It can cause fever, cough, sore throat, muscle aches, headaches and tiredness. Some children may get a very high fever without any other symptoms, and may need to go to hospital for treatment.

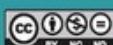
The flu can cause serious illness and complications in all young children and can be worse when children also have medical conditions such as diabetes, breathing or heart problems. Complications of the flu may be severe and include bronchitis, pneumonia and painful ear infections.

Flu infection can lead to hospital stays and even death.



For more information

Immunisation Section, SA Health
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FLU VACCINE FOR CHILDREN

what you need to know



The flu vaccine

The flu vaccine helps your child develop immunity without getting the flu.

The vaccine contains several inactivated flu strains to protect against the most commonly circulating flu viruses each year. As the flu virus changes often, the vaccine should be given each year for the best protection.

In the first year of having flu vaccine, children less than nine years of age should have two doses of the vaccine at least one month apart. Only one annual dose is required after the first year.

Is the flu vaccine safe for children?

Yes. The flu vaccine is safe and has been given to children in Australia for many years. As with all vaccines, your child may experience minor, short lasting side effects.

Generally, common reactions such as fever, headache, muscle aches and soreness at the injection site begin within a few hours and last one to two days.

If you are concerned or if the reaction seems severe, speak to your doctor or contact the SA Health Immunisation Section, Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm on 1300 232 272.

How can my child catch the flu?

Your child can catch flu when someone nearby who has the flu sneezes, coughs or speaks, or from contact with contaminated hands, tissues and other infected items. People may spread the virus before they know they are infected and children with flu may spread the virus for up to two weeks.

How to protect your child from the flu

- Have your child immunised each year. This will help protect them from the flu and reduce the chance of you or other family members also becoming unwell.
- Teach your child to wash their hands often, especially when coughing or sneezing.
- Teach your child to cover their mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, or to cough into their elbow.



Your child cannot get the flu from the flu vaccine because it does not contain any live flu virus.



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