

Penong Primary School

Newsletter

Term 1, Week 3, 13th February 2026



SPECIAL POINTS

- Welcome 2026
- Governing Council AGM
- Ceduna Sports Day
- School Times
- Welcome Zakira
- Senior Leader
- Reporting to Parents
- Classroom Structures

R-3 Students
Ceduna Sports Day
Friday 20th February

Governing Council
AGM
Monday 16th February
1pm

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.

Dear Parents

I sincerely welcome our school families and school community to our 2026 school year.

We have had a fabulous start to the term with staff excited to be back in classrooms and the children settling well into their new routines.

We have started the year with 30 students and 4 children in the Preschool.

Lots of exciting things are planned for the term ahead and we look forward to working with the children.

Governing Council A.G.M.

This year's Governing Council A.G.M will be held next Monday 16th February at 1pm in the conference room.

It will be followed by a general meeting. We urge people to attend and support our school.

Ceduna Sports Day

This year we will be taking all our children in years 3-6 to join the Ceduna Sports Day on Friday 20th February (week 4).

Staff are currently working through the logistics of the day and there will be more information for families soon.

We are looking forward to a great day for the children.

School Times

This year we are trialing some different school interval times. This breaks the day in line with other schools and splits the day into 6 lessons.

8:30am - 8:50am Play / Breakfast Club

9:00am - 9:50am, Lesson 1 9:50am - 10:40am, Lesson 2

10:40am - 11:00 RECESS

11:00 - 11:50, Lesson 3 11:50 - 12:40, Lesson 4

12:40 - 1:20 LUNCH

1:20 - 2:10, Lesson 5 2:10 - 3:00, Lesson 6

3pm dismissal

SCHOOL VALUES

Respect - Community - Achievement

We welcome Zakira to Penong Kindy, and Renae & Barton into the Preschool.

Congratulations Alyssa (Miss D) who has been appointed our R-3 teacher & Wellbeing and Learning position.

Parent Interviews
Wednesday 25th &
Thursday 26th March

Breakfast Club
In the Kindy every
Monday, Wednesday
& Friday
8:30 - 8:50am

A Special Welcome

We extend a special welcome to our newest little person Zakira to join our school community. Welcome to the Preschool Renae and Barton. Zakira is Kristella and Trey's little sister, and they are very proud to have their little sister at Kindy.

Senior Leader

This year our school has been resourced to enable us to include a B2 leader in our Human Resources profile.

I officially welcome and congratulate Miss Alyssa Di Girolamo who has won this position for the next 12 months.

Miss D's official title is wellbeing and learning senior leader.

She is released from classroom duties for 1 ½ days a week and will work on projects around the school to help assist wellbeing and learning.

We trust her time with us will be challenging, enjoyable and lots of fun.

Reporting to Parents

Parent interviews will be held this term in week 9 on Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th March. More information to follow.



breakfast
CLUB



February

Sabella
Siena
Zakira
Loki
Kora

March

John
Remi
Mr Clarke
Ms Ettridge
Mrs Shipard
Ms Ormsby

School Learning Plan

Our School Learning plan focusses on two areas of impact.

WELLBEING: Our learners feel safe, included and valued. They have access to support, experiences, teaching and resources to build their resilience and social and emotional skills to positively and confidently engage in learning.

EFFECTIVE LEARNERS: Education must develop children and young people who can learn, not only when they are being taught. At preschool and school and throughout their lives, learners need to develop the skills to be effective learners so they can make the most of future opportunities and respond to changes in their world.

Under these over arching priorities are our three major development areas. Wellbeing, Reading & Mathematics.

Classroom Responsibilities

Our classes this year will be supported by the following teachers

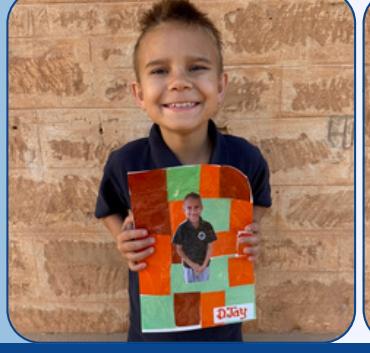
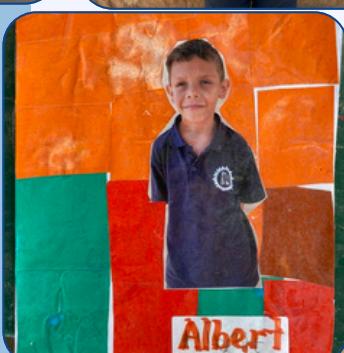
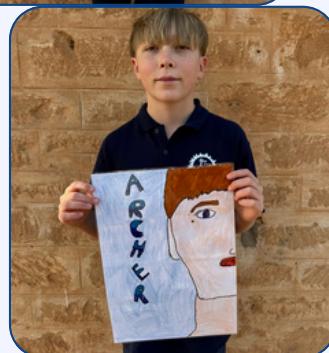
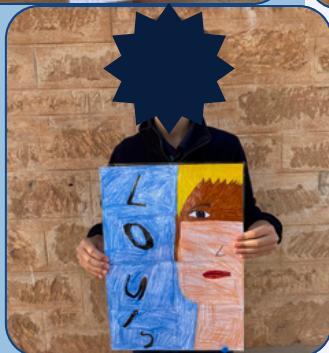
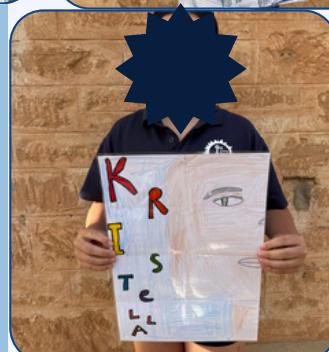
Curriculum	R-3	3-6
Literacy	Ms D / Mrs Warmington	Ms Ettridge
Numeracy	Ms D / Mrs Warmington	Ms Ettridge / Mr Clarke
Technology	Mrs Warmington	Mrs Stra
Science	Mr Clarke	Mrs Stra
Health/PE	Mrs Warmington	Mrs Stra
The ARTS	Mrs Murray	Mrs Murray
HASS	Ms D / Mrs Murray	Ms Ettridge / Mrs Murray

Staff On Deck - Term 1

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AM	Mrs M Miss D Miss Ettridge Mr Clarke Ms Ormsby Mrs Hardy Mrs Balharry Mrs Nielsen Ms Davies	Mrs M Miss D Miss Ettridge Mr Clarke Ms Ormsby Mrs Hardy Mrs Balharry Mrs Nielsen Ms Davies Mrs Warmington	Mrs M Miss D Miss Ettridge Ms Ormsby Mrs Balharry Mrs Nielsen Ms Davies	Mrs M Miss D Miss Ettridge Mrs Stra Mrs D Warmington Ms Ormsby Mrs Balharry Mrs Nielsen Ms Davies Mrs Warmington	Mrs M Miss D Mrs Stra Mrs D Warmington Mrs Balharry Mrs Nielsen Ms Davies Mrs Warmington
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R-3 Collage Pictures

3-6 Abstract Portraits



School Values

Our School Values have been discussed and will remain the same for this coming year.

Respect:

Be kind / Step up

Achievement:

Be the best you can be / Be brave

Community:

Be a friend / Work together

Our classes have been discussing our values and what they mean and would sound, look and feel like.

These are some of the ideas our R-3 class had in a Y-Chart.

Feels Like

- Friendly
- Good
- Safe
- Kind
- Sharing

Looks Like

- Picking up rubbish
- Being kind
- Being helpful
- Looking at people when you're talking to them
- Sitting up
- Packing up

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Sounds Like

- Quiet
- Loud
- Whispering
- Smiles
- Talking together
- Good
- Being polite
- Taking turns
- Joining in



Penong Primary School Emergency Telephone Tree



Police 131444

SEM 1800 000 279

Tammy Williams 86827000
0429 455 504

SCHOOL

Jo Ormsby
498 196 012

Hardy/Purcell
Kirby- 0468 929 268
Drew- 0428 825 252

Cherie Scott
Cherie-0457 485 657

Warmington
Nicole-0427 266 962
Nathan 0427 251 111

Scotdesco Office
86256222

Carissa Power
0448 725 156

Blanchard
AB -0407 195 827
Carli- 0407 195 827

Bonnie Scott
0484 347 234

Soraya Smith
0459 219 712

Shipard
Alli-0427 551 124
Sam-0428 251 127

Warmington
Danielle- 0427 608 931
Todd- 0427 616 038

Oats
Jill-0428 141 352

Maureen McKenzie
0497 008 968

Maddie Laws
0407 516 823

Price/Venables
Ashlee- 0439 815 187
Tyrone- 0400 055 210

Haines
Mel - 0447 186 547
Matt- 0488 500 310

Lena Tank
0438 563 031

Binsted
Jacinta- 0459 408 430
Lucian- 0419 724 752

Smith-Seeman
Fran- 0499 001 643
Kia- 0488 256 146

Renae Smith
0473 473 856

Kaya Newchurch
0492 127 044

LerlineCrisci
0487 427 915

In the case of an emergency. Please follow
this plan and make calls as directed.

Eddie & Ashleigh
Ashleigh- 0431 596 349
Eddie- 0475 899 700

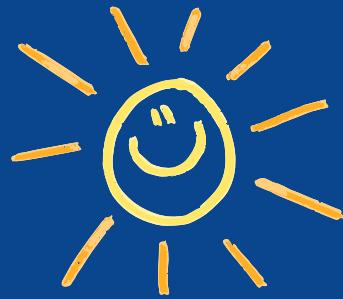
Parent Welcome Afternoon

Thank you to all those families who supported and attended our Welcome afternoon yesterday.

Thank you also to Miss D & Ms Ettridge for their organisation of the afternoon.







Preschool News

Welcome to all of our families starting Preschool for 2026!

It is wonderful to have four happy, eager and excited children attending our Preschool this year, we hope that we have a fulfilling and exciting year ahead!

We have begun the year with some wonderings about the beach as most of the children enjoyed time at the beach over the summer holidays. It was great to see the children so interested in the different shells on display, Isla was keen to tell all of the children that the water lives in the shells. We unpacked this further and Kora said it was the ocean, this then sparked ideas about what else might be in the shell. Isla thought that there might be a mermaid and Kora thought that there would be a crab!

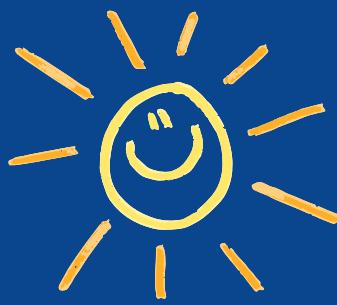
Loki had a fun drawing around the shell and thought there would be a nipping crab in there!

When Zakira came to kindy Isla was excited to show her the shells and help her to listen to the ocean as well.

I am looking forward to a fantastic 2026!

Tricia





Preschool News

Universal 3-year-old Preschool is off to a flying start

This term we are thrilled to welcome our first children to universal 3-year-old preschool.

The introduction of universal 3-year-old preschool means children will have up to 2 years in preschool before starting school, giving them a strong start to their learning journeys. Going to preschool has a big impact on your child's learning and development. through play-based learning, your child is building important social, emotional and thinking skills to help them to thrive.

The early years are critical for children - more than 90% of a child's brain development happens in the first 5 years of their life - and when children and families are well supported from the beginning, we will see the benefits in the years to come.

Penong preschool is very excited to be one of the first groups of preschools in the state to provide universal 3-year-old preschool.

Preschool Quality Improvement Plan

Our Preschool Learning work this year will be based around our Preschool Quality Improvement Goal:

To Foster Children's curiosity and collaboration so that they can explore and learn about their world.

We will be exploring our Preschool environment through our research questions:

How are Children expressing curiosity and collaborating in their play?

Our plan includes action for teachers and children that will assist in their work.

We are very excited to be back on deck at Kindy and it has been wonderful to see the smiling little faces come through the gate.



Playgroup

54 reasons





From Mrs Murray



3-6 Class

Well done to Ellileyre for a focused start to 2026

-Community Value-



R-3 Class

Well done to Albert for being persistent and focused in class

-Community Value-

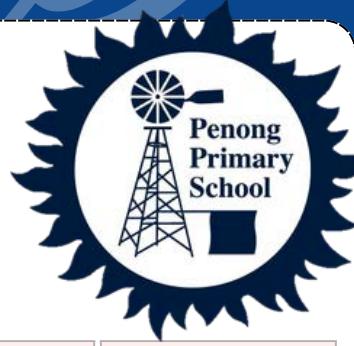


Kindy

Well done to Isla and Zakira for settling in so well at kindy for their first time.

-Achievement Value-

PENONG PRIMARY SCHOOL



WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Jan	26 Australia Day Public Holiday	27	28	29	30
2 Feb	2	3	4	5	6
3	9	10	11	12 Parent Welcome Afternoon 2 pm	13 Newsletter
4	16 Governing Council AGM, 1:00 pm	17	18	19	20 Ceduna School Sports Day. 3-6 Students
5	23	24	25	26	27 Clean Up Australia Day
6 Mar	2	3	4	5 WCIAC at Ceduna	6 Newsletter
7	9 Adelaide Cup Public Holiday	10 NAPLAN testing Years 3 & 5	11	12 School Photos being taken	13
8	16 Harmony Week	17	18	19	20
9	23	24	25 Parent Interviews Paul Rutter Artist	26 Parent Interviews	27 Newsletter
10 Apr	30 SAPSASA Boys Football trials @ Streaky Bay Years 5 & 6	31	1	2	3 Good Friday Public Holiday
11	6 Easter Monday Public Holiday	7	8	9 Penong Sports Day	10 Last Day of Term 2pm dismissal



Community News

Point Sinclair Cleaning Roster

February - Tony Shipard / Kevin Thomas

Uniting Church Cleaning Roster

February - Bron Workman

March - Nathan & Nicole Warmington /
Todd & Danielle Warmington

March - Rebeca Freeman

PENONG RACES

Saturday 7th March 2026

**\$10.00 Adult
kids free
10.30 Gates Open**

**FASHION ON THE FIELD PRIZES
BAR - CANTEEN - BOOKIES
ENTERTAINMENT FOR YOUNG AND OLD**

**FREE CAMPING ON SITE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT
CALCUTTA FRIDAY 6TH 8.00PM**



Community News



CROSSWAYS LUTHERAN SCHOOL

CROSSWAYS COMMUNITY FETE

LETS COME TOGETHER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

MARCH 27 2026
5pm - 8pm

About Our Event!

- Raising funds for local community needs
- Fun for the whole family
- Children's amusements
- Food stalls
- Local Music
- Show Pavillion with prizes

BOOK A STALL NOW

Event Highlights

Local stallholders ▶
Selling an array of market items including, arts, crafts, plants, candles, and much more

Live Performances ▶
Local artists and School students

Delectable Cuisine ▶
A delightful array of Food & Beverages available during the event

Raffles and prizes ▶
Join our raffle and competitions to win some amazing prizes

Contact us
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Book a STALL NOW to avoid disappointment - Limited spaces