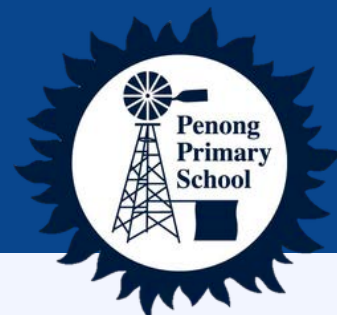


# Penong Primary School

## — 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. More information to follow.

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

**breakfast**  
CLUB



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

## 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

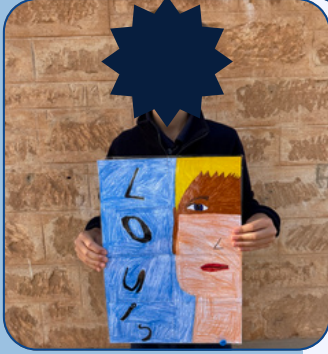
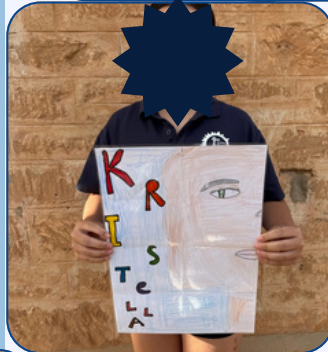
Curriculum	R-3	3-6
Literacy	Ms D / Mrs Warmington	Ms Ettridge
Numeracy	Ms D / Mrs Warmington	Ms Ettridge / Mr Clarke
Technology	Mrs Warmington	Mrs Stra
Science	Mr Clarke	Mrs Stra
Health/PE	Mrs Warmington	Mrs Stra
The ARTS	Mrs Murray	Mrs Murray
HASS	Ms D / Mrs Murray	Ms Ettridge / Mrs Murray

## 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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# 3-6 Abstract Portraits



# R-3 Collage Pictures





## School Values

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

### Respect:

Be kind / Step up

### Achievement:

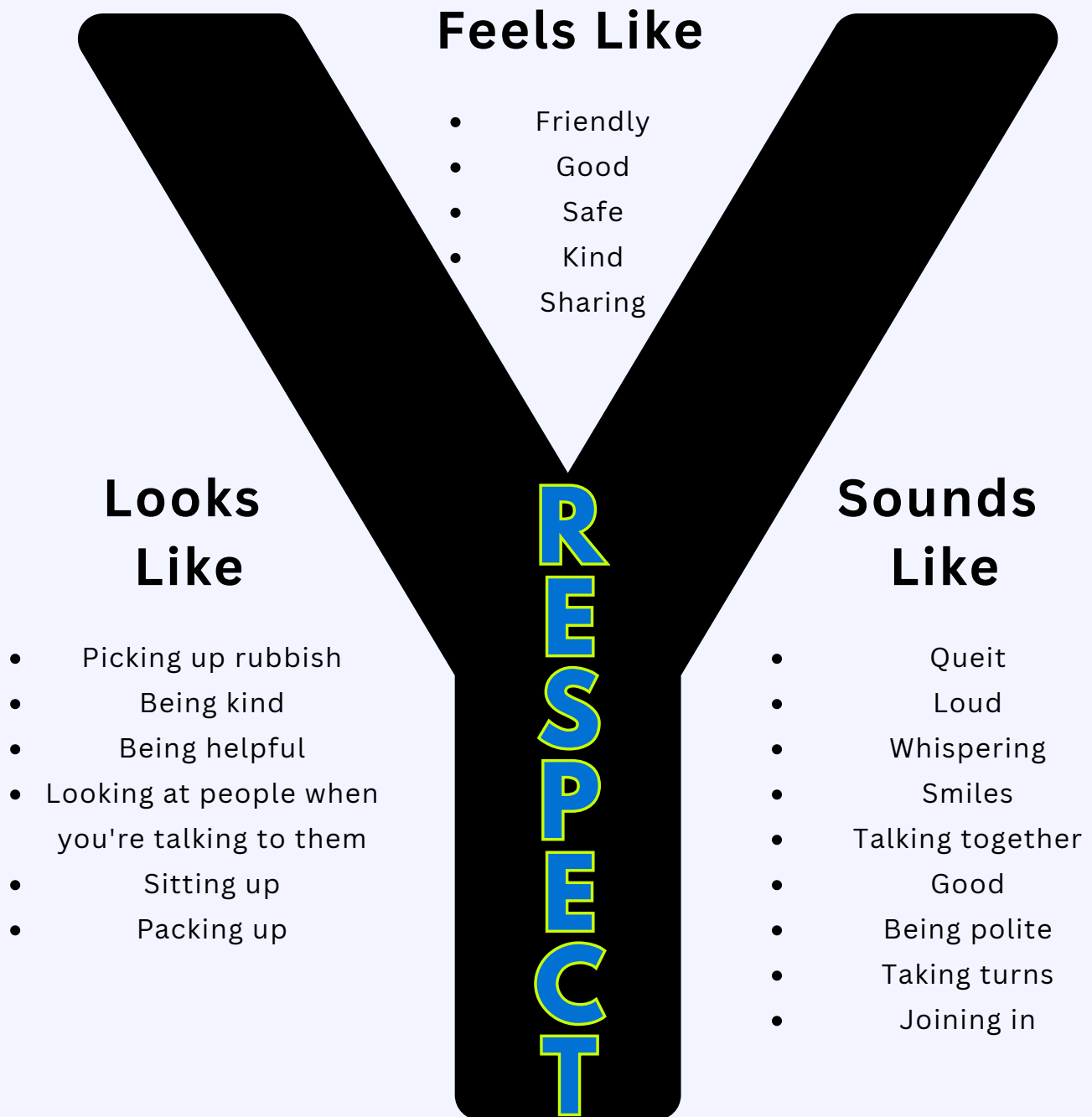
Be the best you can be / Be brave

### 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.





# Penong Primary School Emergency Telephone Tree



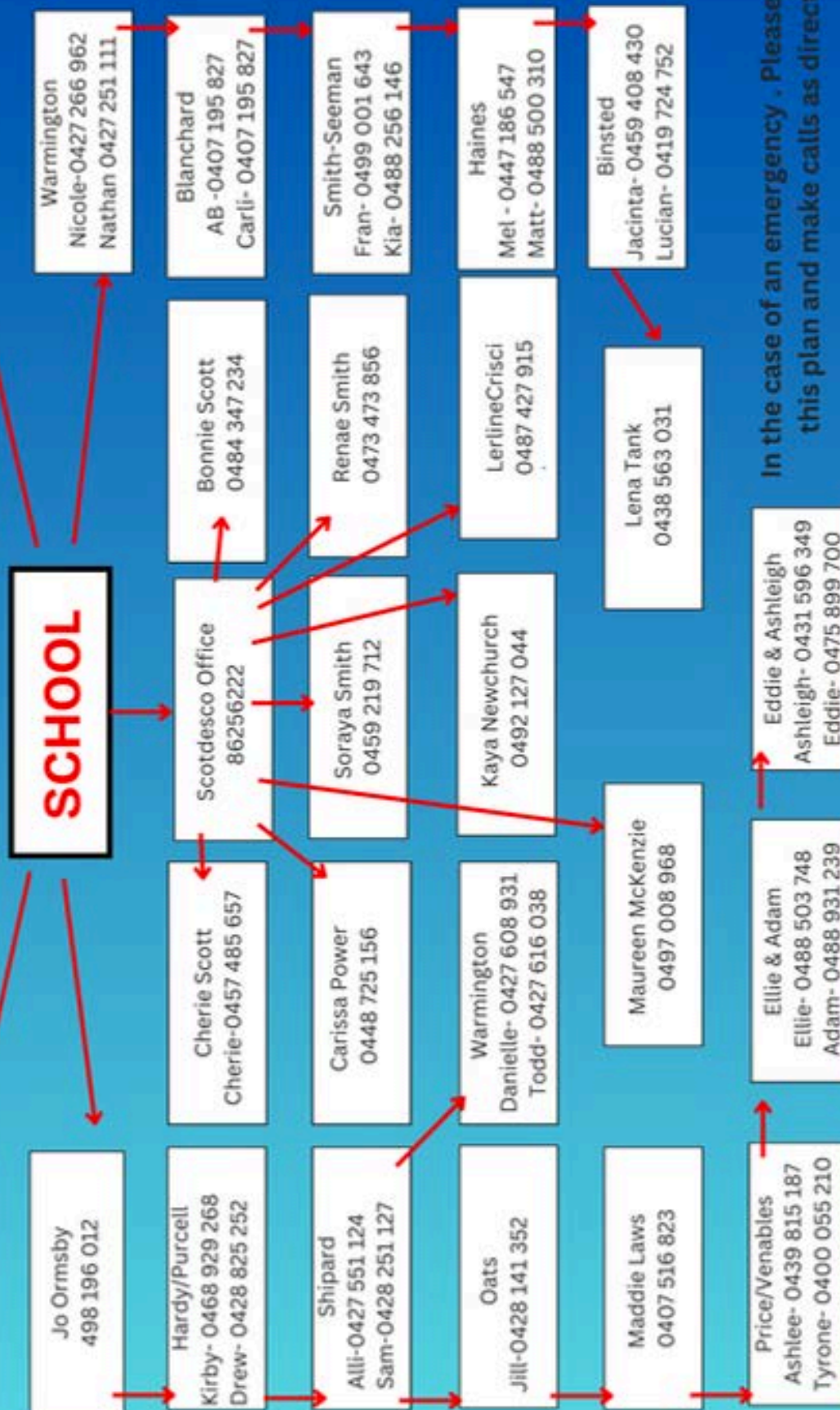
**Police 131444**

**SEM 1800 000 279**

**Tammy Williams 86827000**

**0429 455 504**

**Ceduna Area School  
86252030**



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



## 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.



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# Playgroup

54 reasons







# From Mrs Murray



## 3-6 Class

*Well done to Ellieyre for a focused start to 2026*

*-Community Value-*



## R-3 Class

*Well done to Albert for being persistent and focused in class*

*-Community Value-*



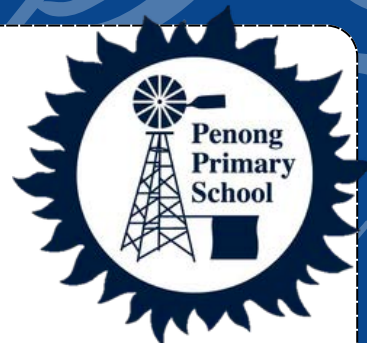
## Kindy

*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 Adeladie 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

March - Nathan & Nicole Warmington /  
Todd & Danielle Warmington

## Uniting Church Cleaning Roster

February - Bron Workman

March - Rebeca Freeman

**PENONG RACES**  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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

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

**FREE CAMPING ON SITE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT  
CALCUTTA FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> 8.00PM**





# Community News



**CROSSWAYS COMMUNITY FETE**

**LET'S 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

**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

**BOOK A STALL NOW**

 **Contact us**  
86252873

**Book a STALL NOW to avoid disappointment - Limited spaces**