

Penong Primary School

Newsletter

Term 1, Week 9, 27th March 2026



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We are a NUT AWARE School. We encourage that you do not send nuts 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.

NAPLAN

Congratulations to our year 3 and 5 students who sat the Nations NAPLAN tests last week.

Blake, Louis, Lakey, Sariarna, Sabella, Ellieyre, Uvarnah, Caleb, Hudson, Connor, Oliver, Jace, Ella, Leila, Ivey, Vedder & Storm tried their hardest and gave their best.

These activities are one way of collecting data to assist teachers in their planning for teaching and learning.

Thank you to Ms Ettridge who coordinated our school program this year.

Parent Interviews

Thank you to those parents who attended parent interviews this week.

These opportunities play an important role in our reporting to parents' policy.

If you missed out but would still like to make a time, please contact the school.

Well Done and Congratulations

At assembly this week we presented a very special WCIAC certificate.

Ella Warmington broke the Under 9 girls 50m with a new time of 7.90 seconds

What a fabulous achievement. We are very proud of you Ella.

REMINDER
School Photos are being taken on Thursday 2nd April 2026



SCHOOL VALUES

Respect - Community - Achievement

Well Done to all our students who attended aquatics in week 8. Lots of positive reviews have been received about your behaviour and learning.

*Governing Council
Tuesday 31st March
@1pm*

In the conference room or via teams

Thank you Allison, Danielle & Mrs Hardy for your efforts finalising the school budget for 2026

Aquatics

Thank you to staff for supporting our students in their aquatic days last week.

The children had fabulous days, and it has been reported back to me that they all took on challenges and tried very hard to further develop their skills.

It is wonderful that the children have the opportunity to use our local resources.

Governing Council

Our next Governing Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 31st March at 1pm in the Conference Room.

Face to face or teams are available for attendance.

We look forward to seeing all the councilors at this meeting.

Finance Meeting

Thank you to the councilors that attended our Finance Committee meeting yesterday.

Danielle & Allison worked closely with Mrs Hardy and myself working on the completion of our 2026 School Budget.

Visitors

It was a pleasure over the last weeks to have a number of visitors to our school.

Kate Abela our schools Speech Pathologist, who ran a training course with some of our staff.

Tammy Williams our Education Director and our Education Lead Consultant Leonie Shelley.

It is always a great opportunity to spend time with others from outside our school.

Training & Development

Recently Ms Ettridge and Ms D attended Training and Development in Adelaide to learn about the new process of Learning Expeditions.

This process is anchored in the South Australia Curriculum and focuses on investigations often guided by broader questions around topics that are contextual for the children.

It relies on authentic experiences that can happen both inside and outside the classroom and involves the children in research, evaluation, analysis and reflection.

There is an emphasis on the local community and the children's local environment.

We are very excited about introducing some of these structures to our children.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken
Thursday, Week 10 (2nd April 2026)
Order forms have been sent home.
Below is what is available to purchase.
Please return your order form or contact the school to
place your order by Friday 27th March.



A4 page laminated page
with individual photo
and school photo
\$10 each



13 x 18 cm (5x7in)
Individual Printed Photo
\$5 each



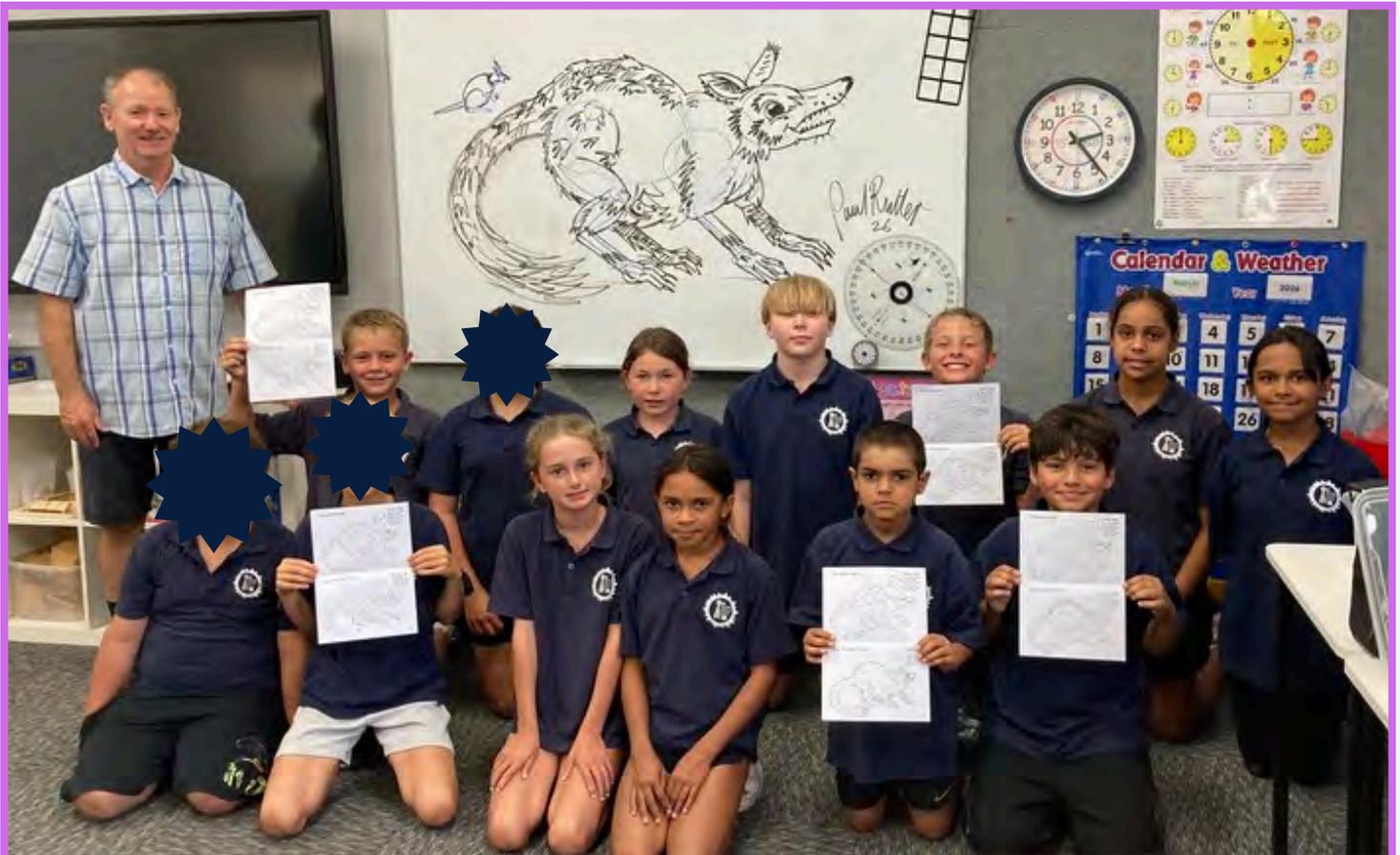
13 x 18 cm (5x7in)
Family Printed Photo
\$10 each



Paul Rutter Artist Visit

This week we had Paul Rutter, a drawing artist, visit our school and work with the children in two groups. The children have worked with Paul before and enjoy developing their skills with him.

Artist
Paul Rutter





**3-6
Aquatics**



**R-3
Aquatics**

Anything BUT a bag day

Well done to the Student Voice group who arranged our "Anything BUT a bag day" Koby, Blake, Sabella, Hudson, Leila, Keenan and Jace did a great job preparing the day and provided a pizza lunch for everybody.

Congratulations to our Prize Winners: Judd Storm & Blake

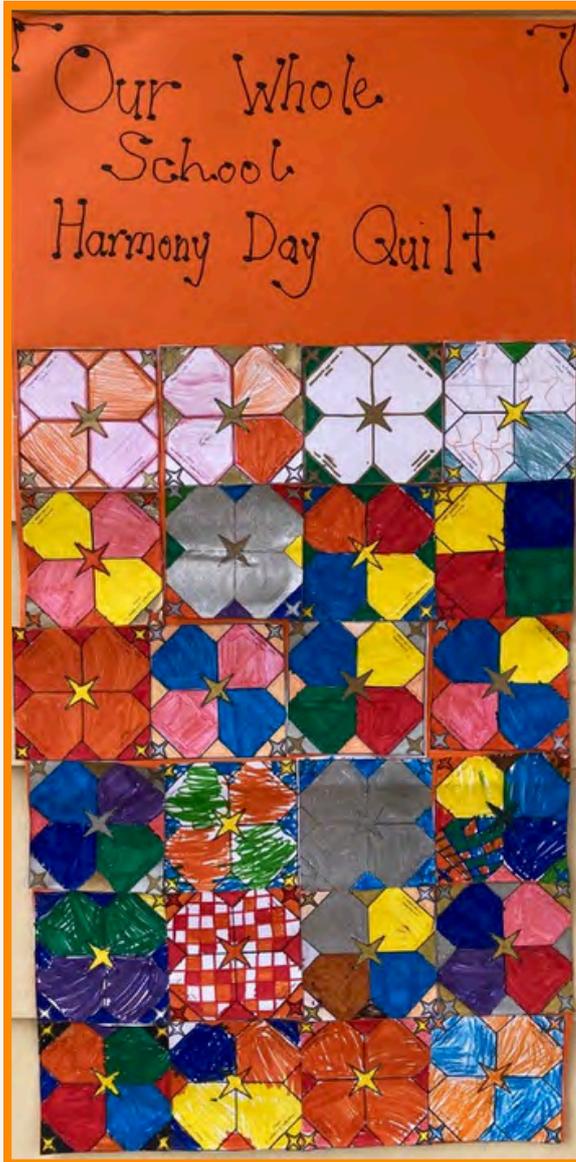


ANYTHING 'BUT' A BAG DAY



**ANYTHING
'BUT'
A BAG DAY**

HARMONY DAY ACTIVITIES



Harmony Day

During Week 8 we celebrated Harmony Day.

The children brainstormed what they thought 'Harmony' meant:

- Showing peace and not harming people.
- Inclusive
- Being respectful
- Help people if they get hurt
- Include others, treat others as you want to be treated.
- Give everyone a go
- Belonging, Being, Becoming

The children worked in mixed groups and spent the afternoon engaging in various Harmony Week activities. One of their challenges was to create a group poster.





Their lives may be different from yours but inside their hearts are just like yours.

To live in harmony is to live in balance

The greater the diversity the greater the perfection

HARMONY WEEK QUOTES

In a world where you can be anything. Be inclusive

Everyone Belongs Here

Harmony is the basis of friendship



Harmony day

Different voices create one song



WE ARE LIKE A BOX OF CRAYONS. EACH ONE OF US IS UNIQUE BUT WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER THE PICTURE IS COMPLETE.

ELLA, DJAY, ELLIEYRE /VC AND KOBY /C

Penong Primary School
Harmony day

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

people of our team
Louis, Rory, Hudson and ivee

TREAT PEOPLE EXACTLY AS YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE TREATED!

PEACE

Harmony

**BLAKE (C)
CALEB (VC)
LEILA
LEO**



<p>The Nimble Norwegians Colours: Red/Blue Kristella - Captain Ellieyre - Vice Captain Trey Vedder Caleb Djay Judd</p>	<p>Winter Whipping Germans Colours: Yellow/Black Archer - Captain Louis - Vice Captain John Leila Oliver Uvarnah Albert</p>
<p>Winter Winners Colours: Blue/White Koby - Captain Lakey - Vice Captain David Ivey Hudson Jace Rory</p>	<p>Mighty Canada Colours: Red/White Siena - Captain Sabella - Vice Captain Blake Connor Storm Keenan Ella Leo</p>



March

John
Remi
Ms Ettridge
Mrs Shipard
Ms Ormsby

April

Ellieyre
Riley



Preschool News

We have had a very busy term with lots of fun activities and new experiences. I am looking forward to catching up with families next week for interviews to discuss the children's progress and answer any questions that you may have about your child and our kindy. It has been great to see the children so invested in the seeds that they have planted and also observing the caterpillars that Mr Clarke brought down to the kindy for the children. Kora also found a beautiful little gecko that we found fascinating to watch as well. The children have been loving the gross motor skill activities that we have been practicing. It is so good for their coordination and challenging them with different activities really helps to develop and hone their skills. It is also lovely to hear the children encouraging and helping each other, as well as using their cooperation skills for taking turns! We are about to do some Easter activities and maybe we will get a visitor??





From Mrs Murray



3-6 Class

Well done to Hudson for working hard to independently complete all tasks.

-Achievement Value-

R-3 Class

Well done to Ivey for excellent persistent and resilience at aquatics.

-Achievement Value-



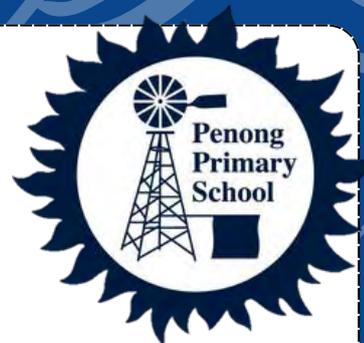
Kindy

Well done to Isla for showing great resilience and enjoying kindy.

-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 Aquatics Year 4-6	20 Aquatics Year R-3
9	23 Parent Interviews	24 Parent Interviews	25 Paul Rutter Artist	26 Anything BUT a bag day & Pizza Lunch	27 Newsletter
10 Apr	30 SAPSASA Boys Football trials @ Streaky Bay Years 5 & 6	31 Governing Council 1pm	1	2 School Photos	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

April- Cindy & John / Shaun / Rebecca

May- Paul Gravella / Lynton Murray

Uniting Church Cleaning Roster

April- Julie Jackson

May- Jill Oats

CAN & BOTTLE DRIVE

We are continuing to collect Cans & Bottles as a school fundraiser.

If you have any cans or bottles you would like to donate to the school, we would be very grateful. Please contact the school to arrange drop off.

YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED IN OUR JOURNEY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR A YARD/PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

SCHOLASTIC Book Fair
THE #1 BOOK FAIR

You're invited to our

SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

THE #1 BOOK FAIR

Ella Forever
A picture book by SERENA GEDDES

SLEEPER BFFS
By Angela Johnson

WORST HERO EVER!
FEET FIRST
By Sarah Crossan

DOG MAN
BIG TIM BELIEVES
By Dav Pilkey

ANH DO
HOTDOG & Friends
Fun Friends

SOCCER SUPERSTARS 2026

EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL
SCHOLASTIC REWARDS

Date 4th - 7th May 2026 Time 8:30am - 3pm
Place Penong Primary School Office

Community News



AQUATIC TRAUMA BASIC LIFE WORKSHOP

DELIVERED AND FUNDED BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT'S THRIVING REGIONS FUND

LEARN HOW TO ACT QUICKLY, CALMLY AND CONFIDENTLY WHEN IT MATTERS MOST
AVAILABLE SESSION

CEDUNA, FAR WEST EYRE PENINSULA
CEDUNA AREA SCHOOL COMMUNITY LIBRARY, HUB

TWO

3 MAY CRESENT

TUESDAY 31ST MARCH

6.00 - 8.00PM

REGISTER FOR FREE!



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 Pavilion 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
86252873

Book a STALL NOW to avoid disappointment - Limited spaces

Community News



MATES ON A MISSION
IS COMING TO THE
Eyre Peninsula
24th March - 1st April 2026

Proudly brought to town by Ski 4 Life, a South Australian charity supporting mental health and suicide prevention in rural communities, Mates On A Mission is heading to the Eyre Peninsula!

Ben Pettingill and Mike Rolls AKA Legless & Blind, are two down-to-earth mates who are on a mission to redefine what it means to be "Tough" Join us for a powerful, practical and honest evening that connects communities and breaks down stigma around mental health.

Everyone welcome, so lock in a date. We can't wait to see you there!

24/3 - TUMBY BAY YACHT CLUB 25/3 - CLEVE SPORTS CLUB
26/3 - WUDINNA COMMUNITY CLUB 27/3 - PORT LINCOLN YACHT CLUB
28/3 - ELLISTON FOOTBALL CLUB 29/3 - STREAKY BAY PUB
31/3 - CUMMINS SPORTING COMPLEX

All events: 6:30pm arrival for a 7:30pm start

Mates On A Mission is proudly brought to you by 



FREE Dental for Children!

Did you know eligible children (0 to 17 years of age) can receive up to \$1158 of basic children's dental services over two consecutive years at no out of pocket expense to parents!

Regular dental check-ups are very important to your child's future smile, health and well-being.

If you haven't scheduled a dental check-up recently, for you and your children, be sure to give us a call today!

At Ceduna Dental, we are passionate about helping your family grow a bright and healthy smile, assisting you in developing and maintaining positive oral health habits. Call us today on **(08) 8626 2134** to book an appointment and check your child's eligibility.



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Ceduna SA 5690
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Community News



Food Support for Families



Foodbank SA & NT's Food Hubs are open in multiple locations in South Australia and the Northern Territory. These Food Hubs provide low cost staple foods including free fruit and vegetables, pantry foods, meat, frozen goods, personal hygiene products and household cleaning products.

Ceduna Food Hub
2 McKenzie Street, Ceduna
Mon & Fri: 9.30am-1.30pm
Wed 9.30am - 4.00pm
Ph: 08 8625 3918

Follow the steps below to access:

Step 1 Obtain referral. Once your school or education site has provided you with an online referral, you can access our food relief services at any of our Food Hubs in South Australia and the Northern Territory.

Step 2 Bring your referral and ID to one of our Food Hub Locations during opening hours to do your shop.



Scan here to view Food Hub locations!

Scan to view all of our Foodbank Food Hub locations, referrers, and opening hours.



Playgroup

54 reasons

