

Penong Primary School

Newsletter

Term 3, Week 3, 7th August 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.

Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone to Term 3. I trust all of our students' families and staff enjoyed a relaxing and refreshing break and have returned ready for another exciting term of learning, growth and new opportunities.

As we begin the second half of the school year, we look forward to building on the excellent work and achievement so far this year. Term 3 is always a busy and rewarding time in the school year. There are many wonderful learning opportunities, special events and activities planned that will allow our students to challenge themselves, develop their interests and celebrate their achievements.

I encourage all our children to approach this term with enthusiasm, curiosity and a willingness to do their best.

We need to remember our school values of Respect, Achievement and Community. These values guide the way we learn, work and care for each other.

We need to demonstrate these each day through our words, our actions and our attitude. By showing Respect for ourselves and others and taking responsibility for our actions. Trying our best we can all thrive together.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support for our school.

Working together ensures the best possible outcome for our children and we appreciate everyone's efforts. I look forward to a fabulous term for everyone. Let it be successful and rewarding.

NAPLAN Results

2026 NAPLAN results for our year 3 and 5 students were distributed to parents last week.

The school also receives a summary with staff can use to help inform their planning into the future.

SCHOOL VALUES

Respect - Community - Achievement

Governing Council
Meeting
Thursday 13th August
2026
@ 3:10pm

Agenda items include:

- Playground
- Grounds
Maintenance

Penong Primary
School
is a SunSmart School,
which requires
children to wear a hat
while outside all year
round.

Reminder:
NO HAT, NO PLAY

If your child requires
a hat please contact
the office.

Visitors

This week we had Tammy Williams our District Director, Leonie Shelley and Emily Seaman from the Port Lincoln District Office visit us. Their time here was spent discussing our School Learning work and how our school is having impact on our students education. It is always important and welcome to work with these people and we appreciate their support.

School Learning Work

As a reminder our school focus for this year is Wellbeing, Maths & English.

Our areas of impact are Effective Learners and Wellbeing.

Teachers have been employing high impact strategies to support our children's learning.

We are constantly reviewing what is happening in our classrooms and measuring the growth of our students. The aim is to have children working more independently, having a go and taking risks.

Fowlers Bay Incentive Excursion

At the end of last term students had the opportunity to attend a trip to Fowlers Bay.

This event was apart of our positive reinforcement incentive program.

Thank you to Ms Ettridge for organising the day.

The children had a great time discovering Fowlers Bay.

Farewell and all the Best Hazel

Thank you to all the people who attended our end of term 2 assembly and Mrs Hazel Nielsens Farewell.

Hazel has worked tirelessly for our school for over twenty years in many and varied roles.

Starting with classroom work and special programs, moving onto more office work, eventuating in our most efficient and wonderful front of house administration person.

Hazel has always given our school and children 150% in all that she does. She is a life long learner who has continuenly developed her skills and knowldege. She will be very sadly missed but we are excited for Hazel and her family and the wonderful new advetnure that is ahead of them.

We wish Hazel all the very best into the future and their exciting new life in Port Lincoln.

Sincerely Thank you for Everything Hazel.



Farewell
Hazel

*We wish you
all the very
best and thank
you for your
time at Penang
Primary
School*







Term 2
Incentive Excursion *Fowlers Bay*
Amazing Race

Congratulations, Good bye & Thank you

We wish to congratulate Ms Alyssa DiGirolamo on winning a Deputy Principal position in Adelaide at Thiele Primary School. This is a wonderful leadership opportunity and we wish her every success in the future.

We would sincerely like to thank Ms D for the fabulous job she has done during her time at Penong.

Term 3/4 of 2025 when Alyssa was acting principal in our school and 2026 where she has fulfilled the role of Band 2 Leader - Well Being and Learning.

Alyssa has been responsible for many new ideas in our school and we are most grateful for this.

Ms D, Congratulations, Thank you, Good luck and Best Wishes. From all of us in the Penong School Community.



Welcome Nicola

I would like to officially welcome Ms Nicola Williams to our Preschool this term, Nicola is backfilling Tricia whilst she is on leave.

It has been great to have her join the team and the first few weeks have found her enjoying her work with us. The children have responded well to a new person and the preschool is a happy place to visit.

Thank you Nicola for taking on the challenge to work with us.
Mrs Murray

Hello everyone,

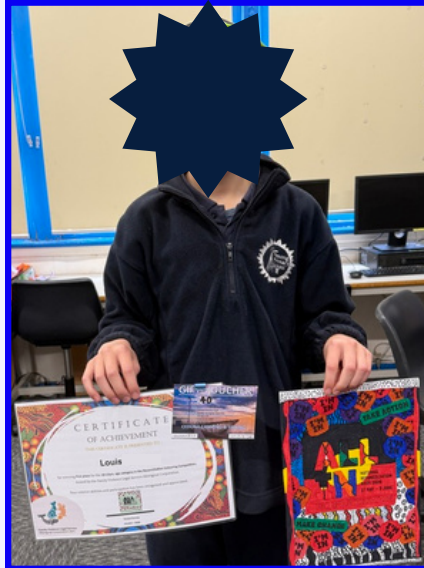
Firstly, a big thank you for a warm welcome and great start to Term 3. My name is Nicola Williams and I am an Early Years Teacher working in Preschool & R-3. I have worked in various roles across the Far West, as Childcare Director, OSHC, with Playgroups and & in various Early Learning programs within the community. I am very excited to be part of the wonderful Penong Primary School community this Term, supporting the Preschool in the role of Early Years Teacher. As an Educator I have a focus on building children's sense of belonging, growing confidence and supporting children to be life long learners. I incorporate a Reggio Emilia approach, with lots of natural, creative learning investigations and conversations. Please feel free to say hi or have a chat anytime. — Nicola Williams ECT



Reconciliation Week

Our students were engaged in a Family Violence Legal Service Aboriginal corporation colouring competition last term.

Congratulations to Hudson, Louis and Koby who won prizes for their age groups. It is great for children to be involved in outside of schools activities. Well done to our students.



Book Week

It is that time of the year again!! Book Week is coming up from 22nd August to 28th August.

We will be celebrating on Tuesday 25th August with the preschool.

Parents and community members are invited to join us for the morning from 9am.

Now is the time to start thinking about your costume.

Book Week
Tuesday
25th August
Dressup & Activities

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

August
Ms D

September
Judd
Leila
Kristella

Class Overviews

Curriculum	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
English	3-6 LGU Phonics & Morphology Fluency Pairs The magic Bonbon (narrative)	Unit 18 Long A sound Grammar, Oral Reading, Reading Comprehension	Phonics, Phonological awareness, oral language, fluency reading and information report writing using the text 'Once Upon a Small Rhinoceros' by Meg McKinlay
Maths	Measurement 2D & 3D shape Angles Symmetry Timestables Fractions, decimals, %	Money Basic Operations of Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division	Chance & Data Exploring chance in everyday life, describing chance collecting and representing data
Curriculum	R-3 Class	3-6 Class	
Science	Natural or Man Made Materials	- Adaptations - Mega Fauna - Biomimicry - Animals as engineers - Biomes in our Solar System	
HASS	- R-3 Celebrations. Significant - Commemorations and Celebrations shared with Families and others. - Year 3 - Australia, It's neighbours, our place in the world, our Neighbourhood	- Learning Expedition - Windmills - The First Fleet	
Technology	- Word Processing Skills - Computer Skills - Making	- e- Safety - Word Processing Skills - Data - Excel - Engineering - Mechanical - Design Solutions - Biomimery	
Health/PE	- Jump Rope - Heathy Eating	- Jump Rope - Games over time - Modified Team games - Roles & Responsibilities in team games	
The Arts	- Visual Arts, Textiles - Drama, Strawberry Fete Preparation - Music, Singing - Dance, Rhythm	- Visual Arts, Textiles - Drama, Strawberry Fete Preparation - Music, Singing - Dance, Rhythm	



R-3 CLASS - MAKE A WISH

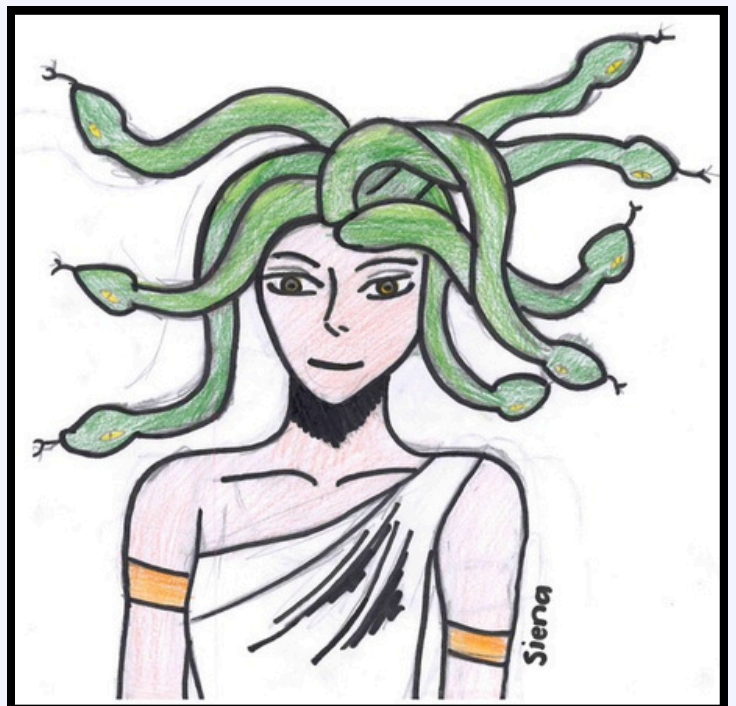
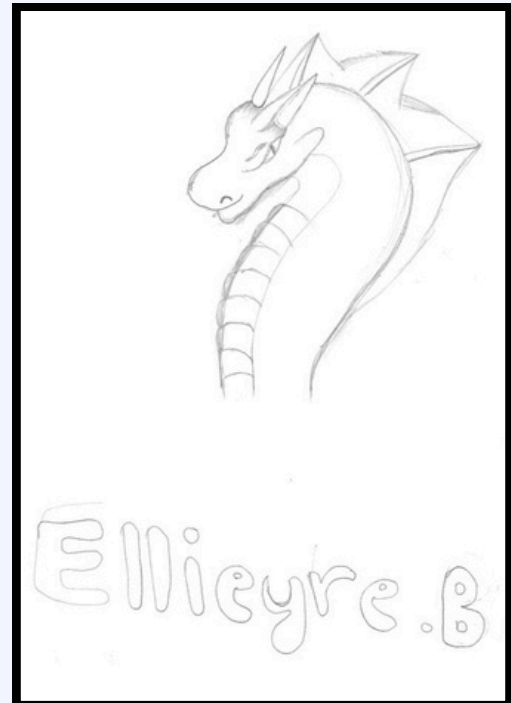
CREATURE



3-6 CLASS

Mythological Creatures

Children have been recently researching different mythological creatures and how they have been portrayed. They have focussed on features and qualities.





Preschool News

What's Been Happening? Week 1-3

Preschool children have enjoyed a creative start to Term 3, with art activities using paint, glue, sand and more, working together on big box creations and building fine motor skills using recycled resources. Children will have opportunity to learn about Sustainability through the program this term. The food colouring learning was a favourite, dripping colours onto paper towel to make beautiful patterns and colours. This creativity & curiosity continued with making playdough, cloud dough and Gelli Baff; to enjoy sensory exploration and language. It's been a busy few weeks, with children being part of creating our new Quiet space, building a new routine and learning about safety around us. Children loved getting active with climbing, obstacle courses and outdoor fun! Balancing, jumping and hoolla hooping to learn new skills, as well as building amazing cubbies and tunnels together.

What's coming up?

"Seeds of Science" Science week is week 4 & 5- Children will be growing seeds, talking about the lifecycle of plants and exploring our local flora & fauna, focusing on building curiosity & inquiry. We will be part of STEM creativity and exploration through hands-on group activities throughout the coming weeks.

"Symphony of Stories" We also have Book Week in week 5 & 6 with activities for literacy fun, dressing up and sharing with the Primary Students! Look out for the arrival of the "magic reading egg!" as part of our learning fun! 🥚 ✨

Pre-school Mini Library: Children's Library Bags come soon! we will decorate & then the borrowing can begin! With a wide range of books to borrow each week, please enjoy reading books at home by visiting our Mini Library for new stories every day!

Nicola





From Mrs Murray



3-6 Class

*Well done to David for improvement
in creative writing.*

-Respect Value-

R-3 Class

*Well done to Jace for excellent
effort with literacy and settling
into a new group.*

-Achievement Value-



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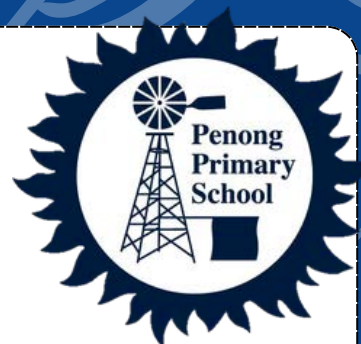
*Well done to Isla, Kora and Zakira
for an amazing attitude and
helpfulness. Also for their hard
work on safety learning and being
great listeners on excursion this
week.*

-Achievement Value-



PENONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 3



WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 July	20	21	22	23	24 National Tree Day
2	27	28	29	30	31
3 Aug	3	4	5	6	7 Newsletter
4	10	11	12	13 Governing Council 3:10pm	14
5 Science Week	17 4-6 Camp to Port Lincoln	18 Outback SA, Science Session 4-6 Camp to Port Lincoln	19 4-6 Camp to Port Lincoln	20 4-6 Camp to Port Lincoln	21
6 Book Week	24	25	26	27	28 Newsletter
7 Sep	31	1	2 SAPSASA Track & Field	3	4
8	7 SAPSASA Girls Football trials	8	9	10	11 Jump Rope for Heart
9	14 SAPSASA Tennis Trials	15	16	17	18 Newsletter
10	21	22	23 SAPSASA Tennis trials	24	25 Last Day of Term 2pm dismissal



Community News

Point Sinclair Cleaning Roster

August - Andrea W / Emma C

September - Sue M / Karen M

Uniting Church Cleaning Roster

August - Tricia Shipard

September - Bron Workman

Please be aware that any parcel deliveries that come via Ceduna Overnight Freight are not our responsibility. We [Comet Cafe] just give them available space to leave them for you, Please check on a regular basis as some parcels are out there for several days.
Thanks, Sharon and Shirl

Thank you Sharon at Comet Cafe for her continued support for the wellbeing program through donations of bread.
It is greatly appreciated.

Thank you Mick & Jenny at Penong Caravan Park for their continued support of Cans and Bottles.
It is greatly appreciated.

**SOMETIMES LATER
BECOMES NEVER.
DO IT NOW.**

**New water
infrastructure
grant program**

Outback SA

Outback Communities Authority

Visit our website
for details
and to apply



Australian Government
Department of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Forestry



Future
Drought
Fund



Outback
Communities
Authority



Government of South Australia
Department of Primary Industries
and Regions

UNPLUG & PLAY: MOVE EDITION

Providing families & youth a safe space to move, play
and connect.

- Basketball
 - Soccer
 - Badmington
 - Tag
- Ceduna Area School - GYM
3:00pm to 4:30pm
Every Sunday
Ages 7+ (to be supervised)



For more information
contact Tiana Mullan 0401012949

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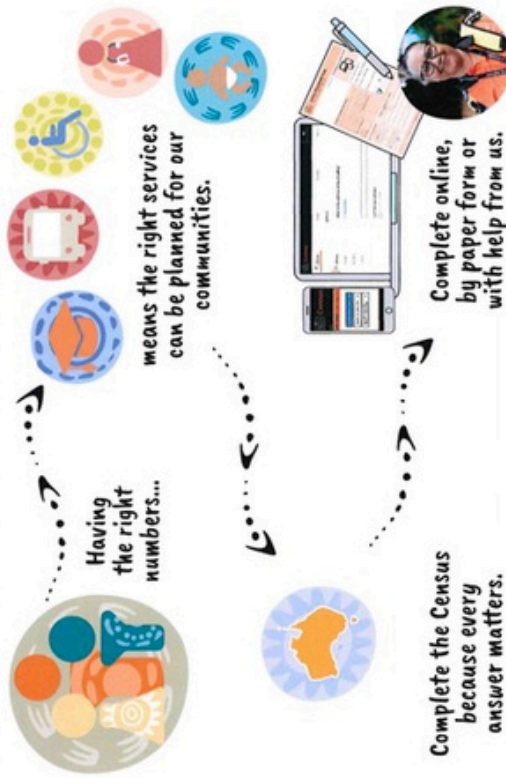


Community News

Census
Australian Bureau of Statistics

Why the Census matters

Your story. Our future™ was created by proud Wiradjuri, Woiwurrup, Yuin and Gumbaynggirr artists Luke Penrith and Muluwag people, Bobo Island artist Naselli Tannery.



Example questions
Your personal information is kept safe and can't be shared with any other government agency.

Question
Name of each person including visitors who spent the night of Tuesday 11 August 2026 in this dwelling. Include all adults, children, babies and visitors.

Person 1 Mum's name
Person 2 Dad's name
Person 3 Mum's name
Person 4 Uncle's name
Person 5 Baby's name
Person 6 Cousin's name

Question
Is the person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?

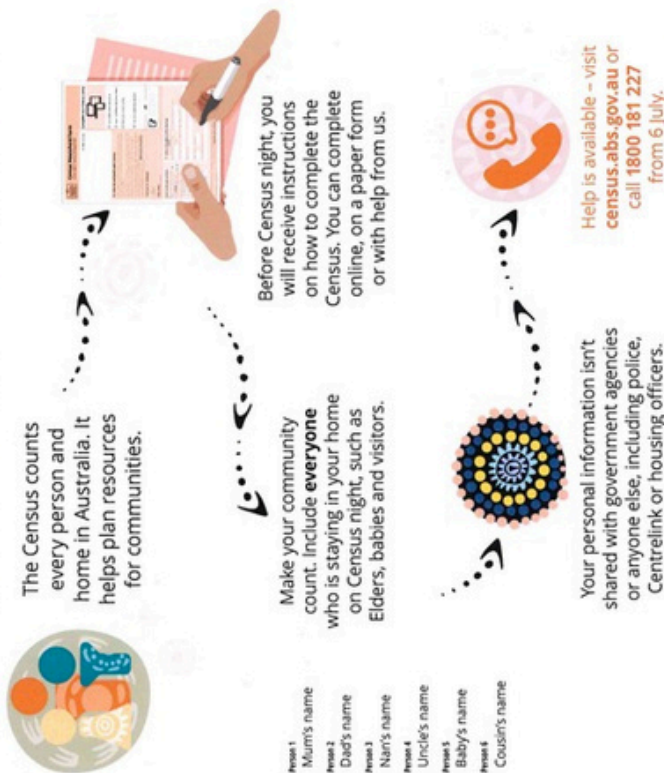
☐ Yes, Aboriginal
☐ Yes, Torres Strait Islander
☒ Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

For more information, visit census.abs.gov.au or call 1800 181 227 from 6 July.

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The Census is on 11 August 2026

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Your local Census contact is: **Remoke Area Team**
Mandy 0474 275 971

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Community News



SARDI Minnipa Ag Centre Annual Field Day

SAVE THE DATE



Join us at the SARDI Minnipa Agricultural Centre (MAC) Annual Field Day for the latest research, trial updates and practical insights for Eyre Peninsula (EP) farming systems.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Dr Mick Rose, Associate Professor Southern Cross University, Soil Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) project leader: *Managing herbicide residues and reducing risks to crop performance in EP soils, and new knowledge and tools to interpret soil microbial indicators.*

Session topics include:

- Spray technology – insights and options
- De-risking the seeding program trial update - seeding systems, herbicide interactions and timing of rolling in lentils
- 2026 disease management - Net blotch
- GRDC National Variety Trials (NVT) updates – wheat, barley and break crops
- GRDC time of sowing and variety research
- Water quality and livestock research updates
- SA Discovery Farms - barley biomass trial
- Crop safety and weed management in lentils
- Lentil nutrition
- GRDC and SA Discovery Farms stripper stubble systems trial update.



WEDNESDAY
9th Sept
2026



8:30am -
5:30pm



Minnipa Agricultural Centre
226 McKenzie Road, Minnipa
SA 5654 Australia



Morning tea and
lunch provided.
[REGISTER HERE](#)





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.

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.

Foodbank SA & NT | 08 8351 1136 | foodbank.org.au

Ceduna Food Hub

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



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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