Penong Primary School

Newsletter

Term 3, Week 9, 18th September 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.

Term 3 Wrap Up

As we quickly move into the latter part of term 3, we are all looking at each other wondering how the time has flown so quickly.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported our R-3 class over these last weeks. It has been difficult being a teacher down but everyone has done their best under the circumstances. I am pleaseed to announce that for term 4, both

Mrs Danielle Warmington and Mr Dave Clarke have been prepared to increase their work time to help support the R-3 clas and ensure consistency and routine for our children.

I wish you all a wonderful family holiday ahead and very much look forward to a fabulous Term 4. Take Care, Mrs Murray

Student Portfolios

Teachers are busy corrolating student work for their portfolio's this term.

As part of our reporting to parents policy we will distribute the children's work samples on the last day of this term. Items will include samples of work from English, Mathematics, Health & PE and HASS.

Port Lincoln Two-Principals' Leadership

Last week I attended Port Lincoln with other leaders from across Eyre Peninsula for our termly meeting/conference.

The day was focussed on reflecting where we are at and planning into the future.

It is always a great opportunity to work with others and learn from collegues across our area.

SCHOOL VALUES Respect - Community - Achievement

Well Done Sabella & Ellieyre.

Amazing results achieved at SAPSASA Athletics

SAPSASA Athletics

Congratulations to both Ellieyre and Sabella who were our Penong Primary School representatives at SAPSASA Athletics in Adelaide recently.

The girls did a fabulous job, both coming home with medals for their events.

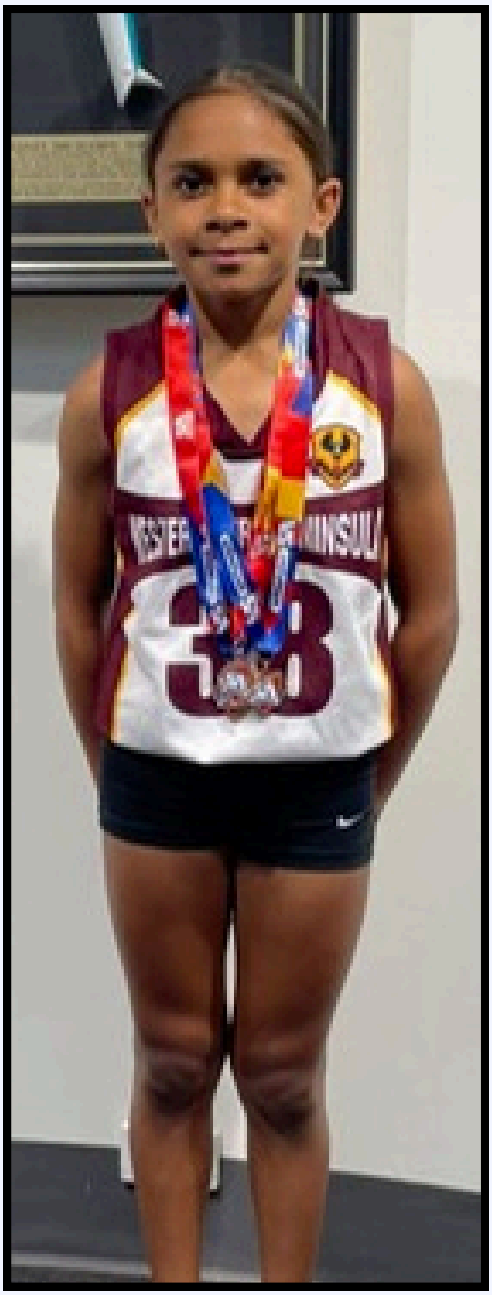
We are very proud of both of the girls and they were excellent ambassadors for our school. Well done girls.

Sabella

3rd 100m
3rd 200m
3rd Relay

Ellieyre

4th 100m
3rd Relay



Strawberry Fete
Friday 23rd October 2026

Strawberry Fete

Planning is well and truly underway for this year's Strawberry Fete that will be held on Friday 23rd October, Week 2, Term 4.
The children have been practising in earnest for their performances and everyone is in 'getting organised' mode.
You will have received information regarding costumes. Please contact the school if you require support.
Children have their scripts and any help in having them practise them would be very much appreciated.
There will be more information regarding the fete to follow.
We look forward to everyone supporting our annual event.

Thank you Ms Nicola for your contribution to the preschool this term

Thank You and Farewell

We would like to thank Ms Nicola Williams who has been acting as our preschool teacher for this term.
Nicola has done a wonderful job in this role and we will be very sad to loose her.
Her expertise in the Early Years has been most sincerly appreciated. Nicola has given the children many new and wonderful opportunities and experiences. She has worked hard on the preschool environment and made us very compliant with her many suggestions.
We thank her for her time, effort and commitment to our children, preschool and school.
We wish Ms Nicola every success and happiness into her chosen future.
All the best.

Learning Expeditions

Learning Expeditions is an intentional learning program designed to align with the new South Australian Curriculum. It integrates dispositions, capabilities and knowledge that empowers learners to do, be and understand.

It requires

- Launching the learning
- Deeping the learning
- Creating high quality work
- Thriving learners

At Penong School we have some staff who have been trained in this new approach with others to follow.

Staff have been focussing on local issues of water, windmills and our marine environment. We are planning presentations to share with parents and the community next term.

Last Day of Term 3
Friday 25th September 2026

- *Casual Clothes*
- *Governing Council Lunch*
- *2pm Dismissal*

End of Term Arrangements

The last day of term will be Casual Clothes Day. Our Governing Council will kindly supply lunch for the children on that day. Dismissal will be at 2pm.

We wish everyone a wonderful break with family and the chance to spend quality time together. "HAPPY HOLIDAYS"

Tom Venning Community Education Award

The Tom Venning (MP) Community Education Award acknowledges someone within our community who has **'gone above and beyond and gone the 'extra mile' dedicating and volunteering their time and skills to support our school'**. It can be a staff, parent or community member. The nomination form is attached below, nominations close Friday 16th October.

TOM VENNING (MP) SCHOOL COMMUNITY AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Closes Friday 16th October. Please hand to the front office.

A person who has **'gone above and beyond and gone the 'extra mile' dedicating and volunteering their time and skills to support our school'.**

I wish to nominate ..... for the 2026 Tom Venning (MP) Community Education Award. They have contributed to the school by:

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NAME ..... **SIGNITURE**.....

OUR NEW SHADE

THANKS TO A GRANT FROM CANCER COUNCIL SA

SunSmart®

October

Koby
Lakey
Leo
Mrs Murray
Mrs Nielsen

November

DJay
Hudson
Ivee
Leila
Danielle
Nicole

Jump Rope For Heart

"Ivee thought she was invincible, oh Ivee!"

"I liked the photo with Mum and Ivee!"

By Hudson

BY LOUIS YEAR 5

"It was fun! It was interesting and I really liked it.", quoted Ollie

Heart Foundation
Jump Rope for Heart

"Jump Rope 4 Heart was really good fun! You could raise money for the Heart Foundation.", quoted Vedder

Leo quoted, "I really liked the skipping!"

"It was really fun skipping!", quoted Storm

"It was fun!", quoted Koby

"My shoe laces kept coming undone!", quoted Archer

"It was fun and I liked skipping with Jace. I had a great time!", quoted Ella

"We did 26 jumps in the same rope!", quoted Jace

Heart Foundation
Jump Rope for Heart

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Today we celebrated the Jump Rope for Heart skipping event.
We have joined thousands of Primary Schools across Australia in the skipping program that gets children of all ages and abilities active, builds heathy habits and raises funds for life saving resources.
Thank you to those parents who came along to support us. A special thank you to Mrs Warmington and Mrs Stra for their organisiation of the day. A great time was had by all.

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Preschool News

What's Been Happening? Week 6-9

WOW! Week 10 already, and Term 3 has been an amazing time of learning and fun!. Preschool children have been getting creative & working together, being doctors and shop keepers in the home corner.

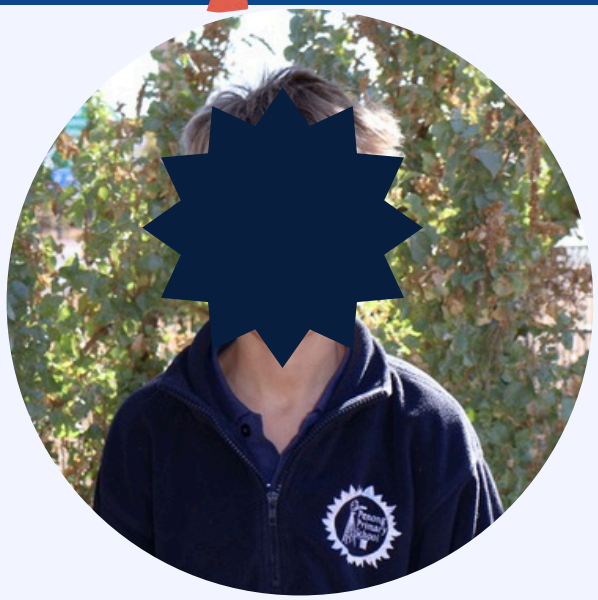
Children's fine motor skills have been put to the test building skills in the arts and crafts centre with cutting, gluing, sticking, painting and constructing together. Children designed houses, planned what materials to use, and began by painting the right-sized boxes. The "Blue Mermaid House" is currently a work in progress, & together we are creating an "Art Attack" project using recycled materials.

Making playdough is a favourite group experience, using coconut oil and glitter this time made our dough very soft. The children experimented melting the coconut oil in their hands & then mixing the colours.

During the past few weeks we have also had the 'Magical Reading Egg' arrive. This is a wonderful way to get children enthusiastic and excited about books and reading, as well as teaching them how to care for a fragile egg & keep it safe and happy! By reading books to the Egg each day we help it grow bigger and stronger. The egg has grown five times, from 8cm to almost 20cm! This has led to a lot of great conversations around what comes from an egg and what might be inside our egg. There is so much excitement each time we arrive and see how much the egg has grown! Remember to borrow books from our Little Library anytime.

As the term ends, I want to thank the community and staff for a wonderful term full of beautiful learning and memories!
Regards Nicola

Well done From Mrs Murray



3-6 Class

Well done to Louis for consistently demonstrating responsible behaviour and work ethic

-Achievement Value-

R-3 Class

Well done to Djay for fantastic perseverance and concentration during maths lessons

-Achievement Value-

Preschool

Well done to Loki for a positive & friendly attitude coming back to preschool this week.

-Achievement Value-

PENONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
TERM 3 9	14 SAPSASA Tennis Trials	15	16	17	18 Jump Rope for Heart Newsletter
TERM 3 10	21	22	23	24	25 Last Day of Term 2pm dismissal

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Oct	12	13	14	15	16
TERM 4 2	19	20	21	22	23 SAPSASA Cricket Trial Strawberry Fete
TERM 4 3	26	27	28	29	30 Newsletter
4 Nov	2	3	4	5	6
5	9	10	11	12	13
6	16	17	18	19	20 Newsletter
7	23	24 Swimming Lessons in Ceduna	25 Swimming Lessons in Ceduna	26 Swimming Lessons in Ceduna	27
8 Dec	30	1 Swimming Lessons in Ceduna	2 Swimming Lessons in Ceduna	3	4
9	7	8	9 Swimming Lessons in Ceduna	10	11 Last Day of School Assembly

Community News

Point Sinclair Cleaning Roster

September - Sue M / Karen M

October- Sam & Alli / Ben & Andrea
Aldo & Petrina

Uniting Church Cleaning Roster

September - Bron Workman

October - Rebecca Freeman

PENONG & DISTRICTS PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.
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2026 Penong Progress Association

Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 22nd September
7.00pm
Western United Football Club

Community members are urged to attend to support our town.
Committee positions need filling!
See you there.

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Community News

Adelaide University

Health Science Ready

Build your academic confidence and explore a future in health. Now available face-to-face in Port Lincoln and Ceduna.

Your first step towards a future in health

Health Science Ready is a fee-free short course that introduces the fundamentals of anatomy and physiology while helping you build the confidence and academic skills needed for future health study.

The course is designed for senior school students (Years 10-12), adult learners, and anyone in the community wanting a solid entry point into health science.

When

- 12 October – 6 November 2026
- 8 workshops over four weeks
- Monday and Thursday 4.30 – 6.30pm

Where

Choose the location that suits you:

- Port Lincoln Study Centre
  86 Tasman Terrace Port Lincoln
- Ceduna Study Centre
  (TAFE SA Campus), Decres Bay Road

Cost

Fee-free

What you will gain

- Build the academic and scientific thinking skills needed for university.
- Learn how the human body works and responds to disease
- Build confidence through practical, small-group learning with academic support.
- Explore whether a career in health is right for you before committing to a degree.

**Successful completion of assessments may contribute to your eligibility for further study, including credit within Foundation Studies or consideration for entry into undergraduate health programs.*

Apply now

For more information and to apply, scan the QR code.

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Community News

Ceduna Dental

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.**

3 Eyre Highway
Ceduna SA 5690
(08) 8626 2134
admin@cedunadental.com.au

FOOD BANK

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 hygeine 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.

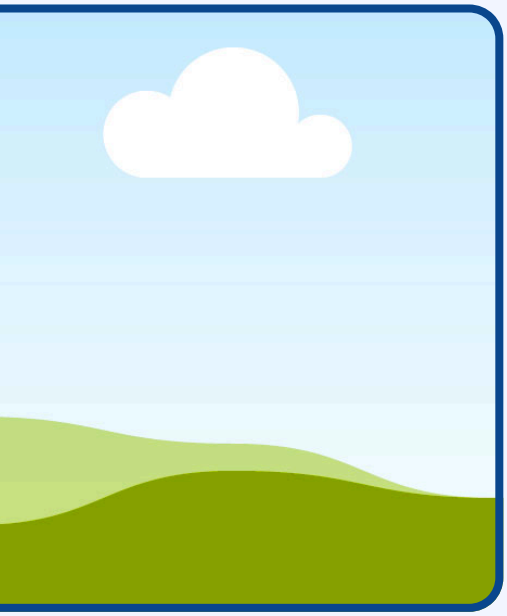
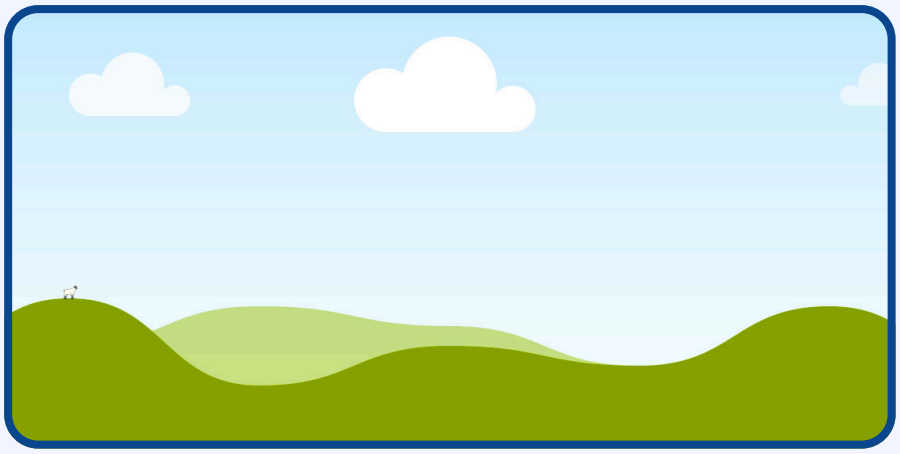
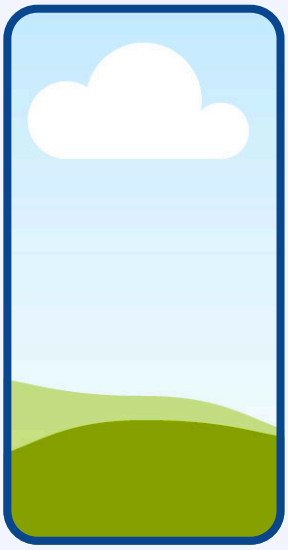
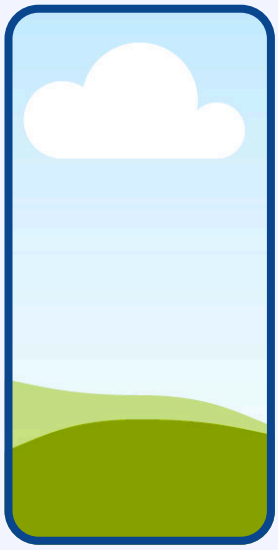
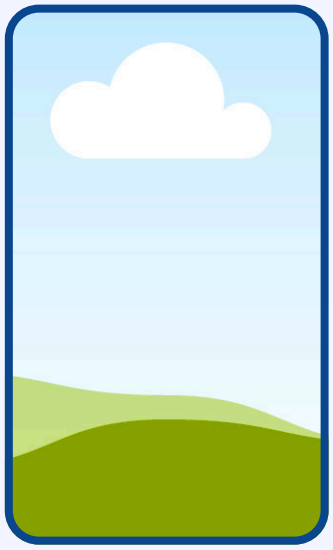
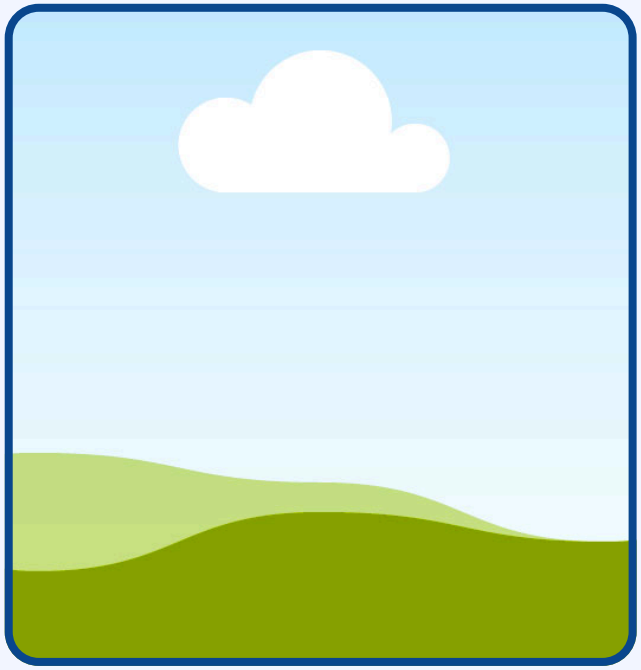
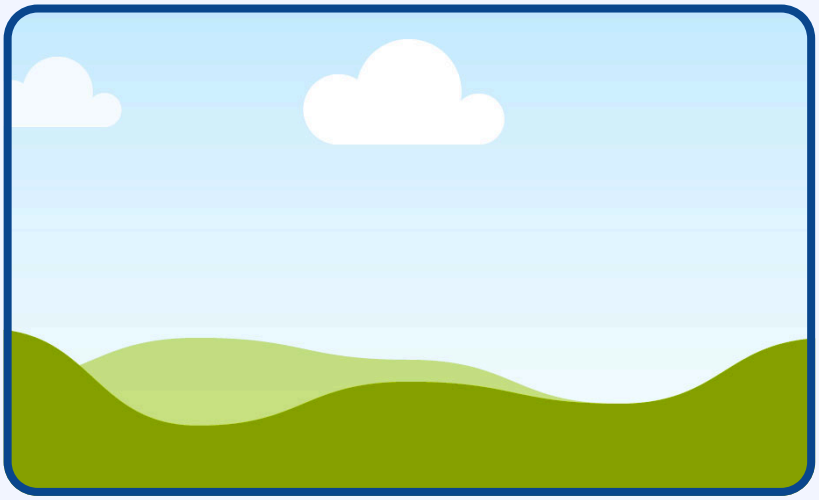
Scan here to view Food Hub locations!
Scan to view all of our Foodbank Food Hub locations, referrers, and opening hours.

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

Community News

Term 2, Week 6, 28th August 2026

Playgroup

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