

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 pleased 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 class 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 correlating 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 colleagues 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.

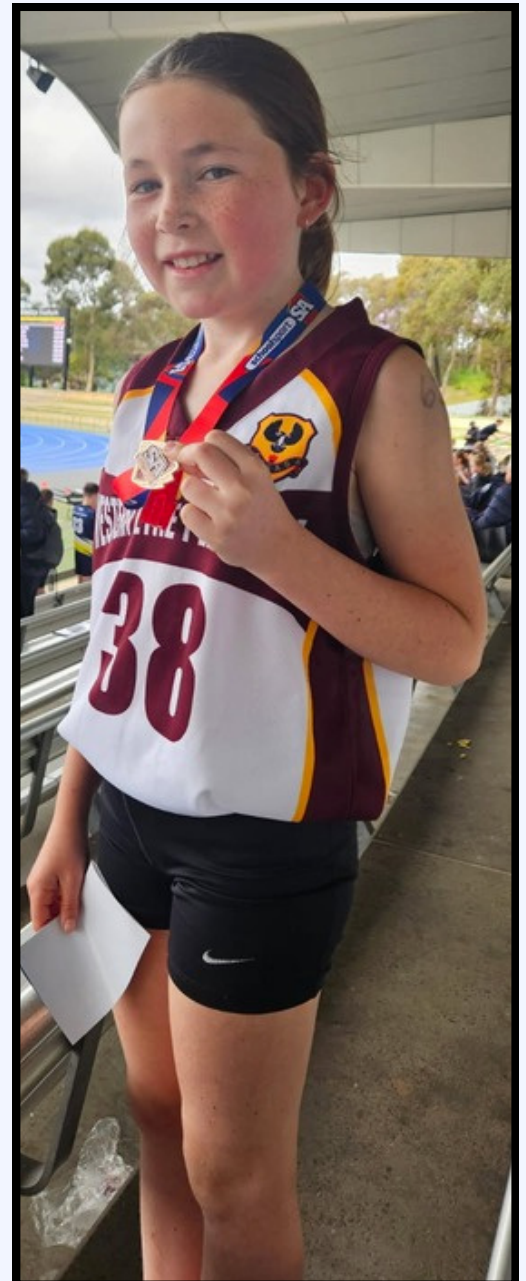
Sabella

3rd 100m
3rd 200m
3rd Relay



Ellieyre

4th 100m
3rd Relay



*Strawberry Fete
Friday 23rd October
2026*

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

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 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 lose her.

Her expertise in the Early Years has been most sincerely 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.

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"

Last Day of Term 3
Friday 25th September
2026

- Casual Clothes
- Governing Council Lunch
- 2pm Dismissal

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

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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

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!"



7
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



Jump Rope for Heart

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 healthy 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 organisation of the day. A great time was had by all.





JUMP ROPE FOR HEART





JUMP ROPE FOR HEART





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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.

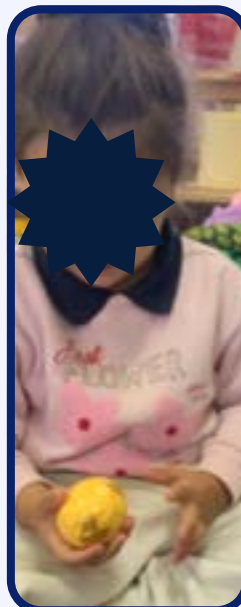
Children's fine motor skills have been put to the test building skills in the arts and crafts centre with cutting, gluing, sticking, painting and constructing together. Children designed houses, planned what materials to use, and began by painting the right-sized boxes. The "Blue Mermaid House" is currently 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





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
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
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



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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.



**Penong Primary
School**

Strawberry Fete

**Friday
23rd October 2026**





Community News



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.*



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