



NEWSLETTER



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

POORAKA PRIMARY SCHOOL R - 6
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Cooperation

Respect

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Trust

Responsibility

Dates to remember:

Term 1 Finish - Early Dismissal 2:00pm
Thursday 14th April

Term 2 Starts
Monday 2nd May

Parent / Teacher Interviews
Week 2 : 2nd May - 6th May

NAPLAN Online - Year 3 and 5 Students
Week 2 & 3 : 10th - 20th May

Governing Council meeting
Week 4 : 25th May - 9:00am

National Simultaneous Story time
Week 4 : 25th May - 11:00am

National Sorry Day
Thursday 26th May

Reconciliation Week
Friday 27th May - Friday 3rd June

FUTURE DATES:

Swimming R-5 - TBC (Term 1 date was cancelled due to COVID restrictions)

Pupil Free Days - TBC

Sports Day - Term 3

Annual General Meeting

Pooraka Primary School's Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 30th March.

The 2021 Annual Report and highlights was presented, with many achievements and improvements acknowledged and celebrated. A copy of the Annual Report is available on our website.

2022 Governing Council members and Office Bearer positions elected:

- Amanda McLachlan - Chairperson
- Aislin Bailey – Vice-Chairperson and Secretary
- Jenny Werfel
- Josephine Strangways
- Sarfrajahmed Girach
- Cara Little

Congratulations to the 2022 Governing Council.

There are still positions available on the Governing Council. If you were unable to attend the AGM and would still like to nominate, please pick up a nomination form from Verlaine in the front office.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 25/5/22.

We would like to wholeheartedly thank our outgoing Governing Council members for their contributions. We especially thank Michelle Hall for her extensive service and commitment as Governing Council Chairperson over the past few years. Your support has been greatly appreciated and valued.

Fruit fly restrictions at our school have now ended.

NAPLAN ONLINE

In 2022, all South Australian schools will undertake NAPLAN online. At Pooraka, students in years 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN Online in term 2, from **10 May until 20 May 2022**.

Online testing provides improved assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information to help schools tailor teaching and learning to student needs.

If you **do not wish** to have your child complete the NAPLAN Online test this year, please contact the school to complete and sign an exemption form for your child.

You can view sample tests and have a go at questions via the NAPLAN online website www.nap.edu.au. You can access this from home and help your child practice using the types of tests they will be doing.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact the school.

Site Improvement Plan

At Pooraka Primary School we are committed to supporting every student to reach their full potential through high quality standards of teaching, and learning achievement, within a safe and supportive environment.

Our 2022 Site Improvement Plan (SIP) continues to focus on reading improvement. We are currently making some amendments to our SIP to reflect an ongoing development of the goals and targeted priorities and will share this in the coming weeks.

Goal 1: Improve student achievement in Reading.

Challenge of Practice: If all educators explicitly teach the stages of phonics and reading strategies then we will improve student achievement of SEA and High Bands in Reading.

Goal 2: Every student to further develop as Balanced Readers through implementing targeted and consistent Modelled and Guided Reading processes.

Challenge of Practice: If we develop Guided Reading sessions, including explicit teaching, learning intentions and success criteria across all classes R-6, then we will improve student achievement in reading.

Goal 3: Students will transfer their knowledge of phonics and reading to their spelling and writing.

Challenge of Practice: If we explicitly teach the stages of phonics and the grammatical functions of words, then students will begin to transfer this knowledge and apply it in their spelling and writing.

Teachers continue to embed this work into their daily teaching and learning practice.

Celebrations and Special Events

Despite the restrictions and challenges that COVID-19 continues to bring to our daily lives, our students and staff have still been able to celebrate a range of special events this term. Over the coming weeks our students will work on newsletter items to share these events and experiences with you including :

Two Two Tuesday; SAPOL Crossing Monitor Training; Year 6 Aquatics Day;
NRL Workshop; Bullying No Way Day; Harmony Week.