



# NEWSLETTER



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Department for Education

POORAKA PRIMARY SCHOOL R - 6  
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Week 11, Term 1, 2022

Cooperation

Respect

Caring

Trust

Responsibility

## Dates to remember:

### Term 2 Starts

Monday 2nd May

### Parent / Teacher Interviews

Week 2 : 2nd May - 6th May

### NAPLAN Online - Year 3's and 5's

Week 2 & 3 : 10th - 20th May

### Governing Council meeting

Week 4 : 25th May - 9:00am

### National Simultaneous Storytime

Week 4 : 25th May - 11:00am

### National Sorry Day

Thursday 26th May

### Reconciliation Week

Friday 27th May - Friday 3rd June

22/2/2022

TWO – TWO TUESDAY

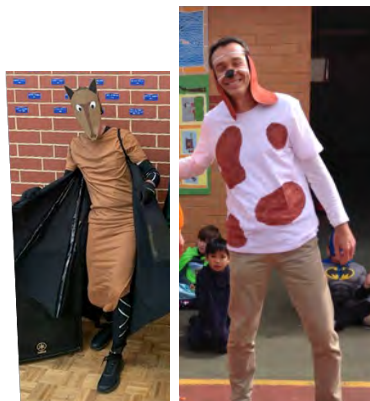
## Farewell & Good Luck to Mr Warren

It is with mixed emotions that I announce the retirement of David Warren, our amazing specialist Science teacher.

David has shared his knowledge, skills and kindness at Pooraka School for around 20 years and will be deeply missed by students and staff alike. We have all been so fortunate to work and learn alongside such a professional, passionate, humble and kind human. David's engaging Science and RBL lessons will be remembered by students for years to come, and his quirky Book Week costumes will bring us memories of joy, surprise and laughter.

David, we wish you a wonderful retirement. Enjoy the new adventures ahead, knowing you have earned every moment of fun, rest and peacefulness to come. We thank you for your long standing commitment and contributions to Pooraka Primary School.

We welcome Jacqui Prouza into the role of Science teacher for the remainder of 2022.



22/2/2022 was a palindrome date which means that the date can be read the same backwards and forwards. This happens rarely so we decided to celebrate this special date. Everyone was invited to wear tutu's, we set organised lots of games and activities at breaktimes, and at exactly 2:22pm on 2/22/22 we took a whole school photo. **CAN YOU SPOT YOURSELF?**



## Pooraka Primary recognised for the most improved literacy and numeracy results

### HIGH-PROGRESS INSTITUTIONS

#### Kimba Area School

Reading, from years 7-9

#### Mannum Community College

Numeracy, from years 7-9

#### Minlaton District School

Numeracy, from years 3-5

#### Moonta Area School

Numeracy, from years 7-9

#### Blair Athol North B-6 School

Numeracy, from years 3-5

#### Cobdogla Primary School

Writing, from years 3-5

#### Glen Osmond Primary

Writing, from years 3-5

#### Modbury South Primary

Writing, from years 3-5

#### Mypolonga Primary

Reading, from years 3-5

#### Pooraka Primary

Reading, from years 3-5, writing years 3-5, numeracy years 3-5

#### Richmond Primary

Numeracy, from years 3-5

#### Riverton Primary

Reading, from years 3-5

An article published in The Advertiser on 17th March indicates that some of the states smallest public schools (including Pooraka Primary) are “celebrating being for the most improved literacy and numeracy (NAPLAN) test results”.

“The Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) says 12 public schools showed above average or well-above progress when compared with similar schools”. Pooraka Primary has made significant inroads in reading, numeracy and writing from years 3-5.

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**.

The NAPLAN online website [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au) allows you to explore sample tests and show students the types of questions they will be doing in the online test.



### Harmony Day

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2022, Pooraka Primary School celebrated Harmony Day. Students were invited to wear something orange or traditional dress.

Some of the upper primary students organised yard activities during break times, and in the shelter shed there was a fun disco with music, bubbles, games and colourful lights! Some seniors also organised some arts and crafts, and we all made these really cool helicopters that fly in wind. Everyone really enjoyed themselves.

Harmony Day is a day when we celebrate harmony and difference, respect and kindness. The day is filled with friendship, happiness, inclusion and celebrating everyone’s different cultures, beliefs and values. It is about kindness and gratitude - which are things that we value at Pooraka Primary.

By news reporter, Rania Dizdarevic in Room 9.

The year 6 senior students are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our new senior tops, hats and jumpers. We are very excited to show you our designs that kids designed themselves. Last year we voted on our favourite and they are



### YEAR 6 AQUATICS

On the 1st of March 2022 the year 6's went to West Lakes for Aquatics.

We did sailing, surfing, kayaking, and canoeing. We were split into small groups and worked as a team during each activity.

The day was so much fun!

### Clean Up Pooraka Group

The Clean Up Pooraka Group was formed by students to help keep our school clean and tidy. Each week small groups choose an area to tidy.

The students involved so far are: Xavier, Cadie, Kayla, Lily and Jessica. Ella Rose and Alana are the group leaders, supported by Ms Deborah.

The group is important because by cleaning up our yard and making it look nicer, we are also helping the wildlife.

We ask that all students please put their rubbish in the bin. And to the Bin

Chickens - please stop taking it out of the bin! By Ella Rose and Alana