



# NEWSLETTER



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## Harmony Day 2023

Tuesday March 21st

Harmony Day is a celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

**At Pooraka Primary School students are encouraged to wear orange clothes or traditional cultural dress on Tuesday March 21st.**

We will be celebrating with a whole school picnic lunch together.



## Pupil Free Day : Curriculum and Learning

On Friday the 10th March Pooraka staff were involved in a curriculum and learning day. Teachers focussed on Australian Curriculum implementation, with a focus on Reading and Literacy. We looked deeper at reading assessment, analysed data, and took a deep dive into the Units of Work and collaborative curriculum planning. Part of the day also focused on student wellbeing and engagement, and the importance of explicit teaching in this area to promote positive mental health. SSO's also focused on deepening their knowledge and skills in Phonics and Reading.

Late in the afternoon all staff came together for a team building session, which involved some portrait paintings. Come and have a look at our art work on display in the front office.



## Junior Primary Picnic at Unity Park

On Tuesday the 28th February Area 1, 2, 5 and Room 2 had a picnic with our families at Unity Park. The children enjoyed seeing their friends and playing on the playground, kicking balls, playing chasey and eating dinner at the park. The families had a chance to mingle and meet other families, chat with the teachers and enjoy some time together.



## STUDENT ACTION TEAMS at Pooraka

Student Action Teams (SATs) provide a student centred approach to projects of interest to students within the school community.

Underpinning SATs is the concept of building positive self concepts by providing students with a:

- sense of meaning & purpose
- sense of control and
- sense of belonging

SAT's allow greater numbers of students to get involved in projects that interest them throughout the year.

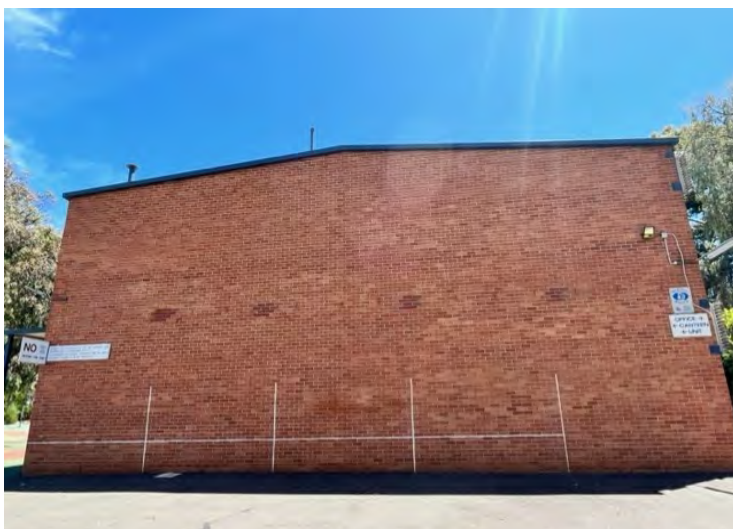
### Current Student Action Teams :

- Mural Project
- Gardening Group
- Harmony Day Committee
- Assembly Leaders Group
- Lunch Club Team

### Coming up :

- Book Week SAT
- Outdoor Classroom Day

## Mural Project at Pooraka Primary



We are about to start a big project.

We will work with a local artist to paint a giant mural on the side of our main building.

Deborah is currently working with students interested in the design process.

We will keep you informed of our ideas and we are happy to have your input and ideas.

When we have agreed on a theme, the artist will come in and run workshops with groups of students.

**WATCH THIS SPACE!**