



NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear families,

It is an absolute privilege to be joining the Pooraka community as Principal for the next five and a quarter years. Over the past 2 weeks, I have met many families and **students and I'm looking forward to working together in partnership to provide an effective learning environment that allows all students to thrive, prosper, learn and achieve.** As you know from my introductory letter at the beginning of the term, I live in the Adelaide Hills. I have 2 sons, Damon and Connor, who are both grown up. I also have a gorgeous Miniature Dachshund puppy called Murphy, who keeps us very busy. Prior to my appointment at Pooraka, I was Assistant Principal at Golden Grove High School, held the position of Acting Principal at Modbury P-6 for 6 months and have spend the majority of my teaching and leadership in Catholic Education. I am a committed and passionate educator who is invested in leading staff in high quality teaching and learning that results in excellent educational outcomes and opportunities for your child. It was great to meet with the Governing Council earlier this week and hear about how committed our parents are in seeing our school thrive. This term we have been incredibly **lucky to have celebrated World Teacher's Day and acknowledge all of the wonderful work of the teaching staff in ensuring your child/ren have the best learning opportunities.** I have had the opportunity to visit all of the classes and interact with students in their learning to witness many engaging activities, where students are proud to talk about **their learning.** I'm excited to see what the rest of the year holds and know that our students at Pooraka have a great team of staff working with them and catering to their needs. Over the course of 2024, as a school, we will be working closely with the students, parents, staff and Governing Council to re-define our Pooraka School values. Values are core to any site and underpin the actions of everyone within the school and school community. We are very excited to commence this work. I am also looking forward to meeting our families as the term continues. If there is anything at all you want to talk to me about, please call the office and we can organise a time to meet.

Michelle Parkes, Principal

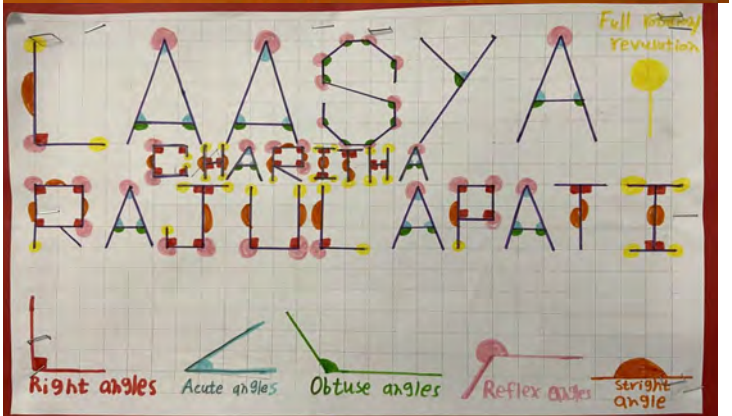




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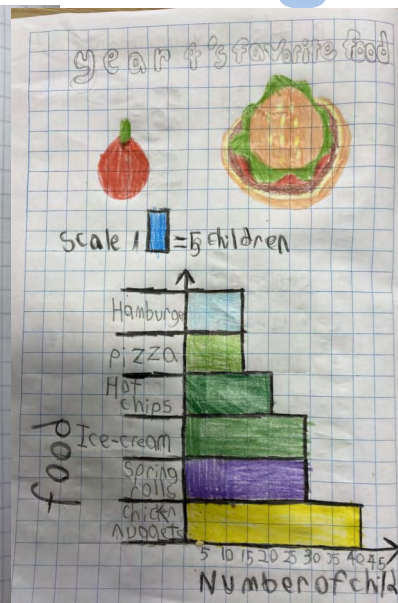
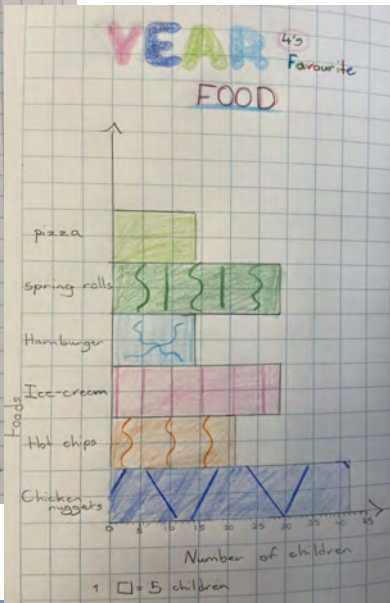
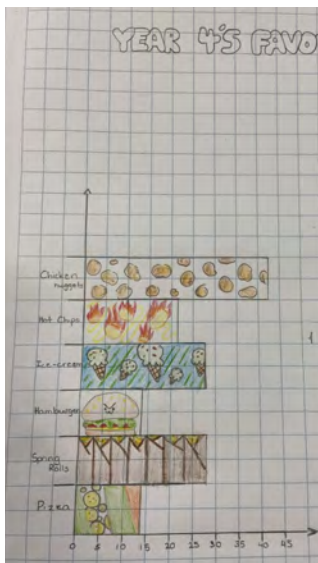
Angles, Angles Everywhere....

Even In Our Names



- Mr Chigwidden's Year 3/4 class have been exploring angles..... Using graph paper and ruler, students have written their name using straight lines. They have identified all of the different types of angles in their name.... Reflex, Obtuse, Right Angle, Acute. Wow, who would of thought there were so many angles in one name

Mathematics Learning Graphs



Look at Mr Andrew's class. They've been exploring different graphs and ways of representing data.



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Gardening Group

Some exciting news from the veggie garden. Last term we decided to pull up all the carrots. The students got a great surprise when they saw the different size carrots. Some were small but a lot were really big . Some kids got to take them home to enjoy.



Term 4

| Week | Monitors |
|------|---|
| 1 | Darcey (R9), Toby (R9), Affan (R9) |
| 2 | Ella-Rose (R9), Ava (R10), Sonya A (R10) |
| 3 | Victoria (R9), Charlize (R9), Leah (R9) |
| 4 | Jaiden (R10), Lucy (R10), Volunteer Please |
| 5 | Alana (R9), Tofinga (R9), Zander (R9) |
| 6 | Darcey (R9), Toby (R9), Affan (R9) |
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School Crossing Monitors Roster





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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SCHOOL CONCERT

Unfortunately this Term, we have had to cancel the annual Term 4 school concert. As you'd be aware from the media, there is a range of industrial action currently underway relating to the Australian Education Enterprise Bargaining Agreement. While we are focused on maintaining a high level of teaching and learning, after hours activities are currently on hold, that require a teacher or staff member to be working outside of scheduled hours. This is for this year only and we are committed to having the concert back in 2024. Thank you for your understanding.

IMPORTANT DATES:

School Closure Day: Friday 17th November, 2023—Week 5

Student Free Day: Monday 18th November, 2023—Week 6



STUDENT SAFETY:

Please remember to drive slowly and safely through the school carpark. This is an area where children are present and we need everyone to remain safe. Thank you.



SICKNESS

If your child is feeling unwell, please keep them home. There are a range of illnesses going around at the moment and we want to limit the spread. Please call the school and report your child being absent. Thank you