

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The term is rapidly progressing and we have lots of upcoming events. Yesterday we went to Penong Primary School for an Aboriginal Culture Day. Students were looking and listening to languages, playing some traditional games and using some traditional tools. We would like to thank Penong Primary for organising this day and inviting us up. Students were interacting with other students, sharing lunch and doing some sport as well. On Thursday the preschool and junior primary class are headed to Denial Bay to take part in some Wirangu activities and fishing. The preschool students will return by 1:00 and the junior primary will be back by 3:00. It should be a great day. Next week all classes have either swimming lessons or aquatics. These will again be held at Blue Lake and Point Sinclair. Please ensure all notes are returned promptly.



As you may have all heard a new strain of Meningococcal has been detected in the Ceduna district.

Families are encouraged to get their children vaccinated as soon as possible. We have scheduled vaccinations at Koonibba Clinic on Tuesday the 21st of March.

PARENTS MUST COLLECT THEIR CHILD(REN) FROM SCHOOL AND ESCORT THEM TO THE CLINIC FOR THEIR SHOT. SCHOOL STAFF CANNOT TAKE STUDENTS TO GET THIS SHOT.

We are happy for students to be taken down and then walked back to school by parents and caregivers. If you have any questions, please contact the school or Ceduna Koonibba Health Service.

It has been noticed on several occasions this year that we have had a lot of children illegally trespassing on school grounds. These children have broken into our sports equipment area by breaking boards; they have broken into the garden shed, put graffiti on the basketball courts and left rubbish around the school. I would ask all families and community members to keep children off of school grounds. If you see students on school grounds please report their names to the school. Generally students tell the school who has been on site and we give those names to the police. Let's work together to keep our school safe. Attendance is continuing to remain strong and we would like to thank students and families who are supporting their children to get to school and get a good education.

Regards

Wade Branford.

School Calendar

Tuesday 7th March- Cultural Day Penong Primary School.

Thursday 9th March- Preschool and Junior Primary Wirangu Day Denial Bay

Monday 13th March- Adelaide Cup Public Holiday.

Tuesday 14th/Wednesday 15th- Swimming lessons Reception- year 3 Point Sinclair.

Thursday 16th/Friday 17th - Upper primary aquatics Blue Lake.

Thursday 13th April - Last Day of term 1

Monday 2nd May - Start of Term 2

Dental Clinic

Monday 6th-Friday 10th of March

Please call 0434601394

between 8.30-4.30pm during this week only for an appointment.

This is a completely free service for school aged children!



School Uniforms for Sale



T-shirts
\$10
Jumpers
\$15

Students with 100% attendance
(including absent notes from families)

Week 4 Term 1

Emily Dudley	Glen Edwards
Edwin Gray	George Mastrovas
Jadell Milera	Sara Peel
Jayrique Woods	Akeehah Champion-Peel
Jaysharna Coleman	Kevin Milera
Reshawn Milera	Kloeisha Miller
Madison Peel-Saunders	Gerald Peel-Williams
Tathan Wanganeen	Ernest Ware
Shinara Hubert-Ware	Kywaan Mastrovas
Eric Peel	Mollena Peel
Travis Wanganeen	Jahmarri Ware
Taesharne Ware	Tailem Woods

Week 5 Term 1

Latavia Doolan	Emily Dudley
Glen Edwards	Hayden Edwards
Jadell Milera	Leonie Mundy
Winston Newchurch	Jayrique Woods
Alvin Austin	Jyezekiah Brady
Akeehah Champion-Peel	Jaysharna Coleman
Kevin Milera	Reshawn Milera
Madison Peel-Saunders	Gerald Peel-Williams
Tathan Wanganeen	Ernest Ware
Ambrose Brady	Shinara Hubert-Ware
Kywaan Mastrovas	Eric Peel
Mollena Peel-Coombes	Travis Wanganeen
Jahmarri Ware	Taesharne Ware
Tailem Woods	

Martin Westwell

Koonibba Aboriginal School is committed to developing all students at critical and creative thinking. We are giving students more opportunities to decide what they want to learn and how they will learn. Students are being involved in 'communities of inquiry' which gets them discussing topics, determining what they want to learn or find out and how they are going to present it. Students are enjoying this new style of learning and are far more engaged in lessons. Martin's team is working with students and staffs to help us design more tasks too encourage students to design their learning and to deepen their thinking processes. Although Martin has had only one visit, he is scheduled to return on 2 other occasions this year to observe our practices and strengthen our ability to deliver lessons that promote critical and creative thinking. We are hoping to invite parents to one of his visits to part-take in a lesson and see the new exciting work we are doing at Koonibba.

