



PORT NEILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 WEEK 3 2023

resilience respect teamwork kindness

DIARY DATES

FEB 20 Parent Information @ 2.30

MARCH 1

_Working bee 9.00

MARCH 10

Sports Day Poonindie

MARCH 13

Public Holiday

MARCH 15



Hello everyone,

Our staff have spent considerable time over the past few weeks reflecting on our 'why and purpose' of Port Neill Primary School and scrutinizing if our 'why' aligns with our school's values and vision. We continue these conversations and ongoing learning to ensure our school vision is showing up in children's experiences. I will extend this conversation with Governing Council members and encourage all parents to reflect on your family's values of education.

An email was sent to parents last week with an attached letter from Professor Martin Westwell, Chief Executive, Department for Education. I encourage parents to complete the survey mentioned in the letter to share your thoughts about how public education can support young people for the future.

Over the last couple of weeks students have been developing their classroom routines and expectations. They have also participated in a range of baseline assessments which will assist teachers to target their teaching to individual student needs and provide useful data for both students and teachers to track and monitor growth in learning. In addition to this, there has been some really interesting learning occurring. The Upper Primary students have been learning about prime and composite numbers, language features and structure of narratives, European settlement and basic coding in the Scratch program. Junior Primary students have been learning how to correctly form letters, how to write interesting sentences with correct sentence structure, investigating their family tree and how to think like a mathematician!

I have loved sitting in the shade near the cubby house and creek during lunch time eating ice-cream, doughnuts and cake while drinking cups of sap tea! Being a customer at the infamous PNPS Shop, has given me the opportunity to have some awesome conversations with students about their learning.

To find out more about your child's school day you could try using some of the following questions...

- What challenged you at school today?
- What new things did you learn?
- Tell me about your favourite part of the day
- Did anyone show an example of kindness today?
- Who made you smile today?
- What do you hope to achieve at school tomorrow?

We extend an invitation to all parents to attend our **Parent Information Afternoon**. This is being held **Monday 20th February 2.30 – 3.10pm**. The intention of the afternoon is for parents to visit classrooms and learning spaces, learn from students about their school experiences, and teachers to share information about their teaching and classroom routines.

Governing Council AGM & General Meeting will be held **Monday 20th February 3.30** following the Parent Information afternoon. Thank you to those parents who have nominated for Governing Council. If you are unable to attend the meeting on Monday please send your apology to Hannah Woolford or Judith Rehn. I look forward to working with you all.

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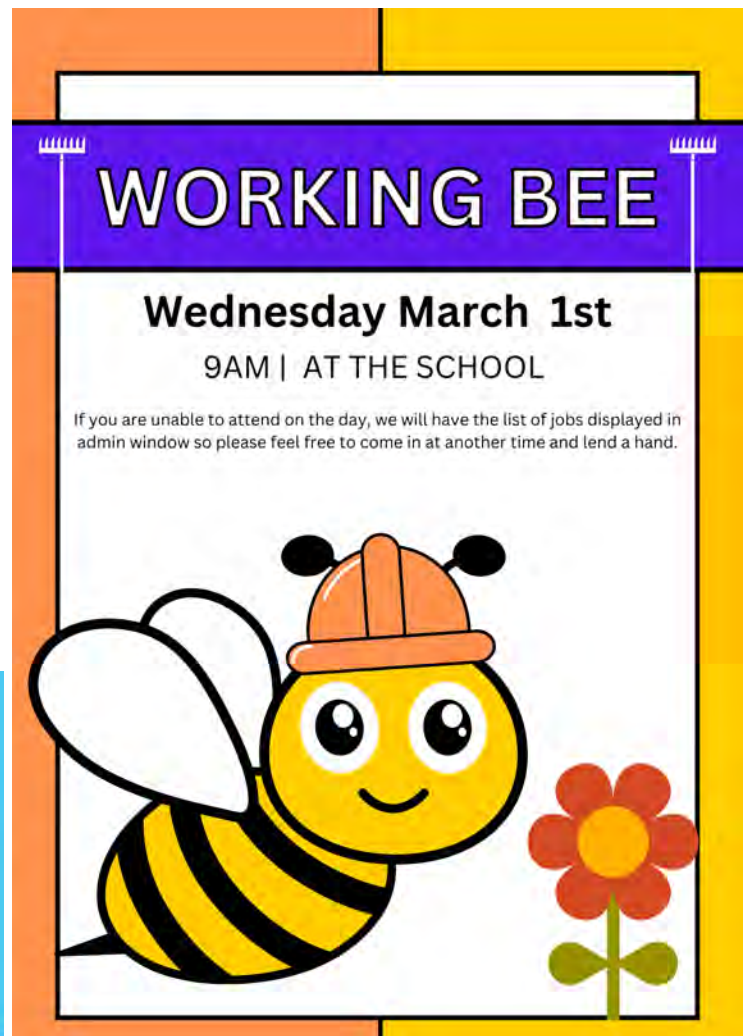
We would really appreciate it if all **school and Playcentre parents** could attend the **Working Bee** on **Wednesday March 1st at 9.00am**. We have quite a large list of jobs ranging from oiling wooden benches, moving bark chips, adding finishing touches to the cubby and completing some of the playground inspection recommendations. Thank you to those people who have already put in an apology for the day. If you are unable to attend on the day, we will have the list of jobs stuck in admin window so please feel free to come in at another time and lend a hand. To keep on top of things we aim to have a Working Bee each term. We thank you in advance for your time and commitment to improving our school.

Combined Sports Day with Ungarra and Poonindie Primary Schools is being held at Poonindie on Friday march 10th. The teams on the day will be mixed with students from the three schools. A team list has been sent home and we ask for your child to wear a T-shirt the colour of their team and black shorts or skirt. More information will be sent home about the day in the near future.

Please contact the school with any questions and thank you for your continuous support.

Best wishes,

Lisa Masters





Art with Sue & Mrs Masters





The staff were invited to a party at the cubby house last week. The food was delicious and the sap tea was a huge hit with everyone!



ALISON'S PAGE:

Week 3 already and everyone has settled back nicely into the school routine again. My work days are Tuesday and Fridays this term. I do Breakfast Club on Tuesday mornings and individual handwriting practise with the JP children in the afternoons. Friday mornings I am at Play Centre and help with PE In the afternoons. Last Friday we went to the beach to practise for sports day. It was a lovely sunny day & the children even got to go on the playground before home time.



Lunchtimes: The children did a lot of Nature Play and cubby buildings at lunchtimes the past two weeks. I also did the Minute to win it orero challenge with them and made paper aeroplanes this week with them. From now on, I will do STEM activities on Tuesday lunchtimes and crafty or creative activities on Friday lunchtimes.

Kimochi Time: Last week we talked about confidence—what it looks and feels like and how to put your brave feelings in front and be confident when we are feeling insecure or sad. We also talked about who we can speak to if we need encouragement or help (good friends, safe adults that we know, etc). Confidence is similar to Resilience, which is one of our school values.



Breakfast Club: We had scrambled eggs this week (we used 16 eggs from our school chooks). Next week we will have croissants with ham and cheese or toast and preserves. Thank you to those families who have already donated items for our Breakfast Club. Useful items we always need are: bread (we go through a loaf each week) or raisin bread. Nutrigrain or other (healthy) Cereals. 2 or 3 litre of juice. Pancake mixture. Yoghurt and fruit that is in season. Or any other breakfast items which you see on special!

PCW Retreat: Fifteen EP PCW's met together on Saturday 4th February at PNPS. We had an encouraging time together to help set us up for a good school year for us all. Self-care is important for everyone.

Meetings: I attended the Inter-Church Council (ICC) AGM and meeting in Tumby last Tuesday night.

Thought for the Day: "Believe you can and you're halfway there."

