Excursion
I am very excited to report that our whole school excursion to Victor Harbour was a resounding success. I would like to congratulate the 19 amazing children we took with us, for their excellent behaviour, great interest and the special way they looked after each other. We were engaged in some truly outstanding learning opportunities.

A special thank you to staff who attended our excursion, It is hard work 24/7 being responsible for our students and I sincerely appreciate our staff support.

I trust the children have shared many wonderful stories with you. Please enjoy the photo gallery attached. Finally a very special thank you to Hazel Nielsen for her organization of the week.

Assembly
Our Term 3 assembly will be held next Wednesday 28th at 1:30 pm. We invite everyone to attend. The children will be sharing their recent learnings and demonstrating some new skills and knowledge. We look forward to seeing you there.

Preschool Upgrade
A special thank you to those who helped with the work on the Kindy yard. It was great to see Nathan Warmington, Wayne Webb, Tony Shipard and Dale Shipard getting on with the job and Stuart Shipard for organising the front end loader.

We sincerely appreciate your support.

State Small Schools Association
Last week I attended the latest State Small Schools Executive. Important issues were discussed and this group is working hard to ensure we support those people in small, rural and isolated circumstances with others in our small schools. We will be sharing some of the nature play work, we have been doing around the schools.

Governing Council
Governing Council will be held next week in the Preschool. on Monday 26th at 3:00pm. Please let the school know if you are unable to attend. Thank you.
October School Holidays
Our October holidays will begin next Friday 30th with a 2:00pm dismissal.
Friday will be our traditional casual day with hot dogs and ice cream lunch ($3).
We trust you will enjoy a wonderful family holiday and we will resume for Term 4 on Monday 17th of October.

Early Childhood Educator
Sally Cormack from the Port Lincoln District Office visited our school past week to work with Tricia in the Kindy. Sally’s role is to support the preschools in our district.
She and Tricia worked on programming and the recording of children’s progress.

Systems Testing
Over this last fortnight our students including our pre-schoolers have been involved in some systems wide testing.
The Kindy children have engaged in the P.A.S.M. (Phonological Awareness Skill Mapping) Test.
With looks at the student’s readiness for school in the Phonics area.
Our year 1/2s along with all others students in the state have been through the Running Records process which looks at reading progress.
The remainder of our students have worked online with the PAT R and PAT M tests. Maths and reading comprehension are the focus.
All the data collected assists our staff to plan appropriately for our individual students.

School Uniform
Unfortunetly it is timely for a reminder that Penong Primary School has an agreed school uniform policy, which consists of the school navy jumper with short sleeved collared tops.
If there is a problem with uniforms please contact the school, we have plenty of new and second hand uniforms at school.

Learning Logs
Staff are busy putting Learning Logs together this term. Please take time to share them with your children.

External Review
Further plans are being put into place for our upcoming review, which will be held on the Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of week 1 next term.
Staff members are currently looking at the lines of enquiry.

Thank you
Thank you to Mr Clarke for repairing the soccer goals

Your Sincerely
Karen Murray
Principal
September
Thursday 29th
Assembly
Friday 30th
Last day of school
Casual Day & Hot Dogs

October
Monday 17th
First day of school
Wednesday 19th
Thursday 20th
Friday 21st
School Review

November
Friday 25th
Strawberry Fete

Well done
Mrs Murray

Upper Primary
Well done to Chloe
for fantastic
independent work.

Junior Primary
Well done to Lahmia
for being on
enthusiastic
participant during
the school camp.

Kindy
Well done to Cody for
great interaction with
the other children.
### School Absences

**Did you know...**

- **Success**
  - Students who attend school regularly are more likely to pass reading and math assessments than students who don’t attend school regularly. The consequences of your child missing school can include falling behind on lessons, lower grades, and poorer performance.

- **Citizenship and Community**
  - Just by being present at school, your child is learning how to be a good citizen by participating in the school community, learning valuable social skills, and developing a broader world view.

- **Education is Important**
  - Your commitment to school attendance will also send a message to your child that education is a priority for your family. Going to school every day is a critical part of educational success, and it’s important to take your responsibilities seriously — including going to school.

**What Parents and Guardians can do**

As a parent or guardian, it is possible to plan ahead in order to limit your child’s absences. Make school attendance a priority, and help your child from falling behind. If it is necessary to miss a day of school, you can do this in the following ways:

- **Help your child get to school on time every day.** Babysitting, problems with a car and the weather are not permissible reasons to miss school. Frequently coming to school late will make it difficult for your child to stay caught up with the first lessons of each morning. Teach your child how to set and use an alarm clock, and keep the television turned off in the morning.

- **Check homework.** Check each night to see that your child understands and completes the day’s homework.

- **Take an active role.** Stay involved with your child’s daily experiences at school. By asking how the school day went, and then listening carefully to what your child shares with you — both the successes and struggles. Make it a point to meet your child’s teacher.

- **Locate potential sources of anxiety.** If your child frequently appears upset or reluctant to go to school and cannot tell you why, schedule an appointment with his or her teacher or school counselor to talk about possible sources of the anxiety.

- **Keep updated on school events and announcements.** Read the school documents that your child brings home and take note of important announcements and dates, such as back-to-school night and parent-teacher conferences.

- **Try to limit the amount of time that your child misses school due to medical appointments or illness.** If possible, avoid scheduling doctor’s appointments during the school day. Allow your child to stay home only in the case of contagious or severe illnesses.

- **Schedule family events with your child’s school schedule in mind.** Plan holiday celebrations or family trips during weekends or school vacations. In the case of family emergencies or unexpected trips, talk to your child’s teacher as far in advance as possible and set up a way that your child can work ahead or bring important homework on the trip.

- **Plan ahead.** Encourage your child to prepare for the next school day by laying out clothes the night before and helping to fix lunches.

- **Promote good health.** Make sure that your child eats a balanced diet with plenty of fruits and vegetables, and has opportunities to exercise every day through a sports team or playtime outside.

- **Create a restful environment.** Finally, make sure that your child can relax before bedtime by doing something quiet like reading, rather than do something stimulating, like watching television. Ensure that your child gets enough quality sleep — ideal amounts range from 8 to 12 hours. Getting enough sleep will help him/her go up on time, be refreshed in the morning, and feel ready for a full day of learning ahead.

By making your child’s school attendance a priority, you will be taking an important step in supporting your child’s school success, and setting a good example.

**Remember — every day counts!**

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**Attendance**

Please find attached our attendance records for the 1st 5 weeks of this term.

I bring to your attention that DECD’s target is 95% across the board.

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The last couple of weeks at kindy has been very exciting with lots of cooking activities. We have still been experimenting with potatoes since Darcy was interested in the book ‘Potato People’. A highlight was cooking ‘potato pizza’ with the Junior Primary class last week. This was a great chance for the kindy children to mix with their future peers and work up to transition that will be happening in Term 4. The pizzas were lots of fun to make and very yummy to eat!!! We have also collected quandongs from our tree and then made quandong muffins!

We have also seen some progress in our new Nature Play area. Thank you to the dads, Tony and Dale for “planting” the dead tree and digging holes for the extension of the fence, also, Stuart Shipard for the use of his front end loader and pump expertise. This is going to be a great new learning space that we will hopefully get to use next term.

The children have all been very excited to learn with lots of different and engaging activities happening at kindy.
For the week from Monday 15th August to Friday 19th August, students from schools across our district represented Western Eyre Peninsula (WEP) at the State SAPSASA Netball Carnival at Priceline Stadium in Adelaide.

Two teams of ten were selected for the event. Team A consisted of Darcee Azzopardi, Zali Chandler, Shara Evans, Torah Stott (Ceduna Area School), Neve Tomney (Karrulkabu Area School), Ella Evans, Melita Tomney, Nylah Gadwin, Courtney Gill (Streaky Bay Area School) and Jordan Olsen (Miltabura Area School). Team B girls were Alicia Crisp-Trowbridge, Shawla Harding, Kelney Skinner, Satia Puckridge (Ceduna Area School), Java Shipard, Leila Brantford (Penong Primary School), Elly Baker (Karrulkabu Area School), Amber Woods (Miltabura Area School) Tanisha Wilson (Crossways Lutheran School) and Katelyn Gunn (Streaky Bay Area School).

Each of the teams played 9 games of netball against both Adelaide and other country districts. Team A won 2 games out of the 9, and Team B won 4 games out of the 9.

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As you can see from the results, both teams had some very close games which made for some exciting netball. The girls showed improvement across the week in the way that they played together as a team. This was fantastic to see particularly as they had not played together as a team before.

All girls are to be commended for the way they conducted themselves. They were encouraging towards each other, displayed outstanding sportsmanship, listened to advice given and made some new friendships.

Special thanks must go to Katie Baker for coaching Team A, as well as Ali Shipard, Renae Olsen, Dee Gill and Jacoba Tomney for umpiring throughout the week and the remaining parents for scoring.

Karen O'Reilly
WEP SAPSASA Netball Coordinator

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Would you please include the following notice in your next School Newsletter to help notify parents that they are not alone with this dilemma and that help is available?

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A DVD based program to cure bedwetting, with Dr Mark Condon, and Physiotherapist, Margaret O’Donovan has been developed by the Bedwetting Institute. It outlines a successful four step program for parents to implement at home with their children.
For a free Bedwetting Fact Sheet please visit the information section on the website:

www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au

“Thank you so much, it has made such a difference to our lives and to his confidence. He can now look forward to next year’s camp instead of dreading it in case he has an ‘accident’ in front of his friends.” Jane

Warm regards

Director
BPharm GradDipHPharm(Syd.)

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this is a genuine message
On Monday the 12th September, the playgroup children and their mums travelled to Fowlers Bay for playgroup on the school bus. We all met at the jetty and picked up the Fowlers Bay children & a coffee from Simone and all the children went on a tour around town before heading to Jacinta and Luke’s house for a play. We enjoyed lots of yummy snacks and a sausage sizzle for lunch. Thank you to Mrs Murray for allowing this to happen, Tricia for driving the bus and Jacinta and Luke for having us at your house. It was a great day by all the children and mums.