



# Penong and Coorabie Districts School



12TH MARCH 2021

## Newsletter

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### SPECIAL POINTS

- Health Checks
- External School Review
- Homework Policy
- Annual Report
- Early Years Master Class
- Leadership training
- School Improvement Planning

### SCHOOL VALUES

RESPECT  
RESPONSIBILITY  
HONESTY  
CARING  
EXCELLENCE

### Health Checks

It was great to see all our children engaged in the health checks programme last week.

It is important that any issues of concern are picked up as early as possible.

It is terrific that our school is serviced in this area.

### External School Review

As a school we are continuing to prepare for our External School Review which will be held on Monday 29th March (week 10).

Last week I was engaged in part 2 of the process. A pre review meeting was held with myself, our Education Director (Tammy Williams) and the Review Officer (Katherine Holman) from Adelaide. We looked at contextual information regarding our school and community.

Discussed was our school improvement work and associated data and formulated inquiry questions.

### *What is an External School Review???*

External School Review is an evidence-informed external evaluation of an individual school's capacity to improve student learning.

External school review strengthens a school's focus on learning by providing an expert external perspective to verify or challenge internal self-review processes and findings, the rigour of Improvement practices, and the school's capacity to achieve or sustain learning improvement over time.

External school review:  
- is transparent and intentional  
- generally happens every 3 years  
- does not include everything a school does.

### Homework Policy

Please find attached reviewed Homework Policy for 2021.



Penong/Coorabie District School is a '**NUT AWARE**' school. We have a student who could be allergic to nuts and could suffer an anaphylactic reaction.

Our school is on Wirangu land and we acknowledge the traditional owners of this country, the nations first people. We recognise their continuing connection to land, water and the community. We pay respect to them and their culture and to elders both past and present.

## Annual Report

Our Annual Report for the 2020 school year has been submitted to the department and will go up on our school website. It addresses issues including:

- Context and highlights
- School Quality Improvement planning
- Preschool Improvement planning
- Aboriginal learners
- Performance summary
- Naplan progress
- Attendance
- Enrolments
- Client opinions
- Financial statement

Copies are available at the school if you are interested.

## Early Years Master Class

Last Thursday Mrs Tricia Shipard and myself attended an Early Years Master Class in Port Lincoln with other staff from Far West Preschools.

The day was spent learning about formative assessment and learning design.

We looked at providing effective literacy learning environments, developing speaking and listening skills and engaging children in meaningful reading experiences. It was great to work with other colleagues for the day.

## Leadership Training

Friday last week was our termly Leadership Day for Principals.

The main emphasis was to look at the impact our work has on student learning. We identified the key features of effective implementation.

## School Improvement Planning

As we continue on our School Improvement journey teachers have been collecting data and analysing student information.

This information informs further classroom practice.

## Welcome

We would like to welcome Shania and Jazmeika, who joined Penong Primary school recently. Shania and Jazmeika join their sister Shannishia who started at the beginning of the term.



## Pool Swimming Lessons

The Junior Primary children enjoyed the opportunity to engage in pool swimming lessons this week. It has been reported that everyone did their best and the students skill development was obvious over a number of lessons. Well done everyone.



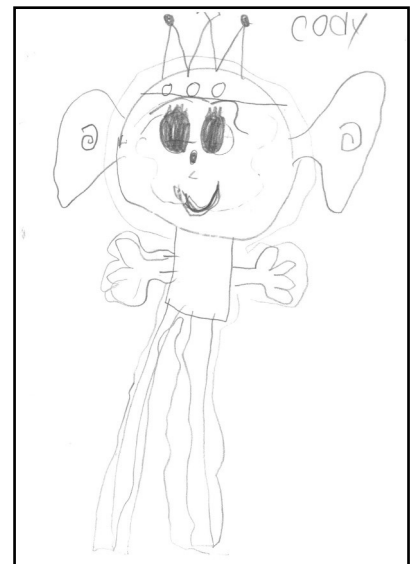
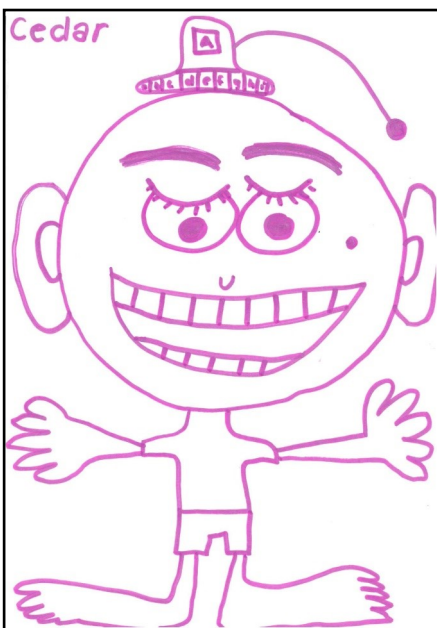
# ART - THINKING SKILLS

During a recent peer tutoring session with the children R-7, the children were engaged in some thinking skills/listening skill activities.

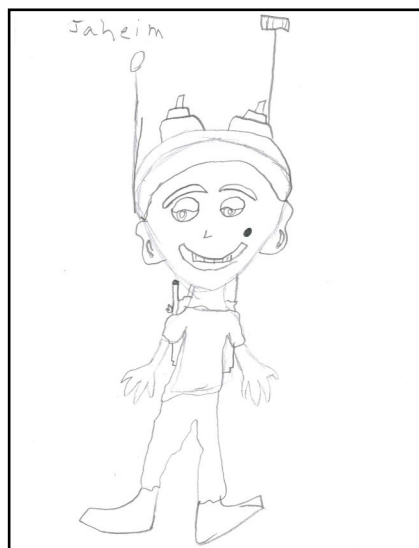
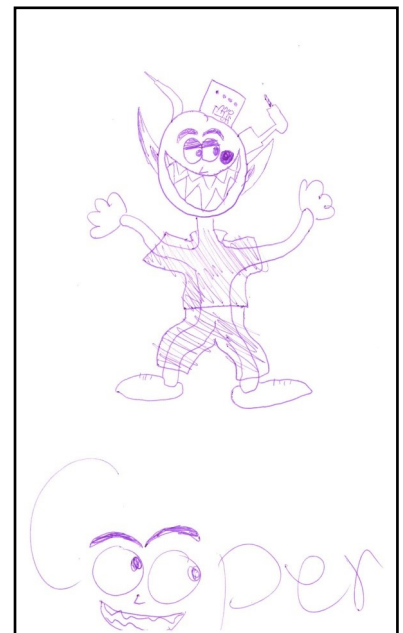
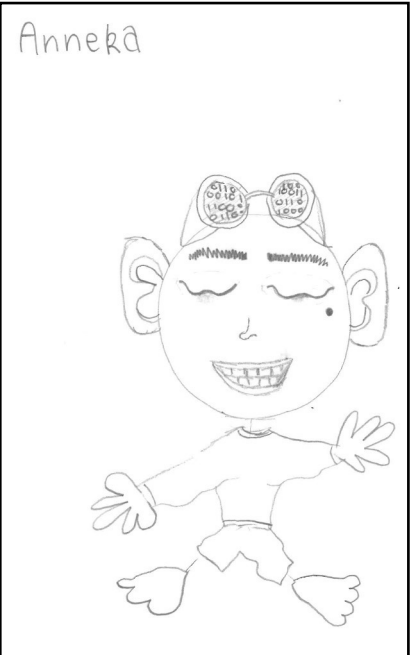
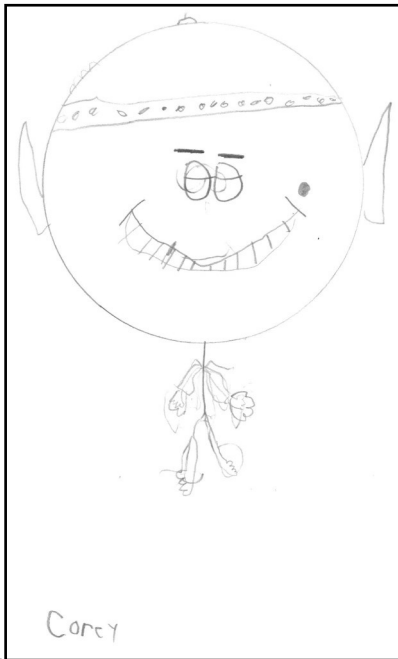
They were given instructions orally they had to draw. You may enjoy some of the outcomes.

The instructions were:

1. The people have very big, round heads.
2. Their bodies are small, but their hands and feet are very large
3. Their clothes hang on them very loosely.
4. Their eyes are close together and they have droopy eyelids.
5. They wear strange electronic equipment on their heads.
6. These people have small noses and they smile a lot.
7. Their eyebrows are very dark and their ears are large.
8. They always have one spot somewhere on their faces.



NEWSLETTER



# WICIAC,

On Tuesday Week 7, Cooper, Cedar and Jock participated in WICIAC at Ceduna.

Congratulations to these students. You all did your best and did your school proud.



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

## March

John Sharpe  
Raya Webb  
Shannishia Smith  
Sally Haines  
Cody Freeman

## KINDY



Week 7 already! Last week Mrs Murray and I travelled to Port Lincoln to attend the Preschool Masterclass which included the Far West kindy's, Tumbly Bay and Cowell. The day was very informative and has provoked many questions for us at Penong. It was great to network with the other kindy staff and share ideas.

This week we travelled to Point Sinclair to engage in some beach activities and experience first hand some of the things we have been learning about at kindy. It was warming to see all of the children enjoying looking for crabs, playing with the beach toys, building sandcastles, jumping off mounds of seaweed and we even found some treats that the 'mermaids' left for us! Thankyou to Ashlee for her help

We have been focusing on trying to expand our vocabulary by introducing new words that are connected to our themes. It has been wonderful to hear new language becoming imbedded in children's conversations at kindy. We are also practicing our rhyming words and while reading the book 'Piranhas don't eat bananas!' that Uvarnah realised her name rhymes with piranha! This was very exciting and everyone gave her a clap!

Next week I have visiting literacy consultant Rita Romano visit with some more programming ideas.



## HOMEWORK RESPONSIBILITIES

### Teachers at Penong Primary School

- ◆ Personal study is a vital factor in successful learning. We believe that the development of good study habits early in the student's education is essential, if students are to absorb and consolidate the material presented during lessons.
- ◆ Ensure that homework is relevant and linked to the classroom programme.
- ◆ Take in to account access to and availability of resources which can often represent a significant barrier to completion of homework.
- ◆ Ensure homework tasks are clearly explained and supported by written documentation.
- ◆ Ensure homework in appropriate to individual students' abilities.
- ◆ Ensure the amount of homework is based on realistic expectations of the time it will take to complete.
- ◆ Monitor homework and provide prompt feedback.
- ◆ Use homework to support learning.

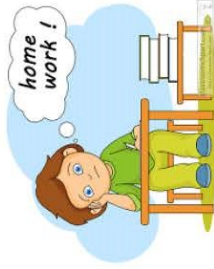
### Responsibilities of Parents and Caregivers

- ◆ Identify a suitable homework environment.
- ◆ Communicate any concerns about the homework to the subject or class teacher .
- ◆ Expect students to be increasingly independent as they progress through the school.
- ◆ Provide support and advice in a manner appropriate to the age of the student.

## HOMEWORK RESPONSIBILITIES

### Responsibilities of Students

- ◆ Complete homework set to guidelines and deadlines .
- ◆ Communicate any concerns about homework to the class or subject teacher.
- ◆ Become increasingly self regulated as they progress through to senior school.



### Suggested Homework Times

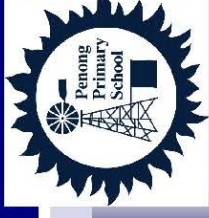
R-2	10-15 minutes
Year 3	10-15 minutes
Years 4	20-25 minutes
Years 6/7	30 minutes

### Penong and Coorabie District

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## PENONG & COORABIE DISTRICT SCHOOL

## HOMEWORK POLICY



**Phone: 86251017**



# HOMEWORK

Information in regard to our School Homework expectations for this following year:

- ◆ Homework may be set for children at the discretion of the teacher.
- a) To enable the children to 'cover' the course
- b) To prepare for a coming school activity
- c) To give extra practice at work wherever needed



- ◆ Work set should be an integral part of the learning program. It should not be given as a matter of course not simply for the sake of giving it.

- ◆ Where possible, the work set should be that which the children can share with the parents

- ◆ A short note from parents is generally required if it has been impossible for a child to do any homework.

- ◆ There is an expectation that children read each night and once over the weekend. Research show that consistent practice builds strong connections in children's brains and has a direct impact on success in reading. (Children who do not read the night before will read to an adult AT LUNCH TIME ).

- ◆ Children have homework folders which are supplied by teachers with appropriate work for each individual child. Parents are expects to sign work achieved at home.



**YEAR RECEPTION, 1 & 2  
READING / SIGHT WORDS**

**YEARS 3 TO 7 :**

**READING / SIGHT WORDS/  
TIMESTABLES**

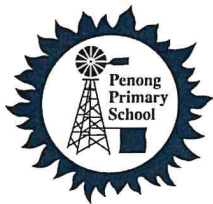
**ACTIVITIES WHERE APPROPRIATE  
SET BY TEACHER**



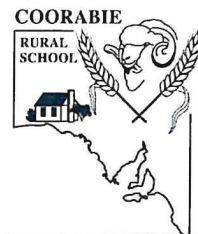
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# *Penong & Coorabie Districts School*



*"Learning Together"*



## **School Values 2021**

**Our agreed values are:**

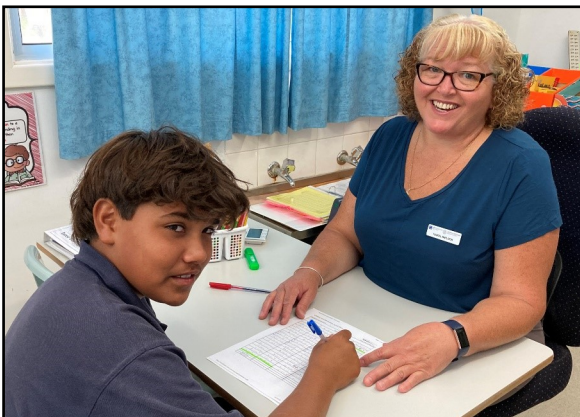
- ◆ Respect  
(Be kind)
  
- ◆ Responsibility  
(Step up)
  
- ◆ Honesty  
(Tell the Truth)
  
- ◆ Caring  
(Be a friend)
  
- ◆ Excellence  
(Be the best you can)
  
- ◆ Courage  
(Be brave)
  
- ◆ Collaboration  
(Work together)

## A Gigantic thank you

Our school community wish to sincerely thank Jeff Denton and his staff at the Penong Hotel for their massive donation to the school with money raised from his monster Christmas Raffle.

This money will go directly towards supporting students in classrooms. Fantastic effort guys.

Thank you



## Penong Primary School Working Bee

Parents/volunteers are invited to come along at  
9:00am Friday 19th March  
to assist with a general clean up  
and jobs that need to be done in  
the yard.

(Please bring rakes, brooms,  
shovels etc.)

All families are urged to attend  
Co-ordinator: Rebecca Freeman,  
Grounds person



It's lovely to see some beautiful  
colour in the school yard.

Great Job Rebecca



# Term 1

## Week 8

Monday March 15th

- JP Aquatics

Tuesday March 16th

- UP Aquatics

## Week 10

Friday April 2nd

- Good Friday, Public Holiday

## Week 11

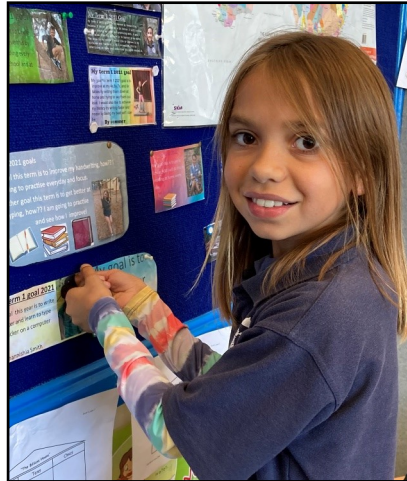
Monday April 5th

- Easter Monday, Public Holiday

Friday April 9th

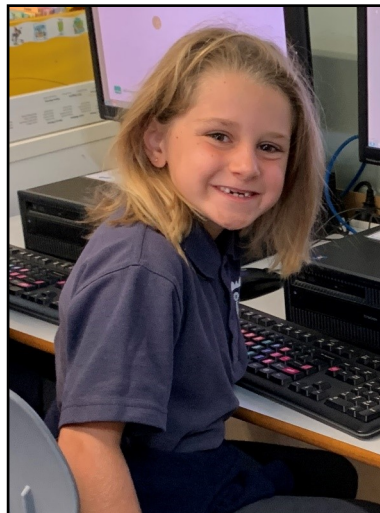
- Student Free Day, Whole school First Aid training

**Well done from  
Mrs Murray**



## **Upper Primary**

*Well done to Shannishia for a mature, respectful and positive approach to all aspects of her education.*



## **Junior Primary**

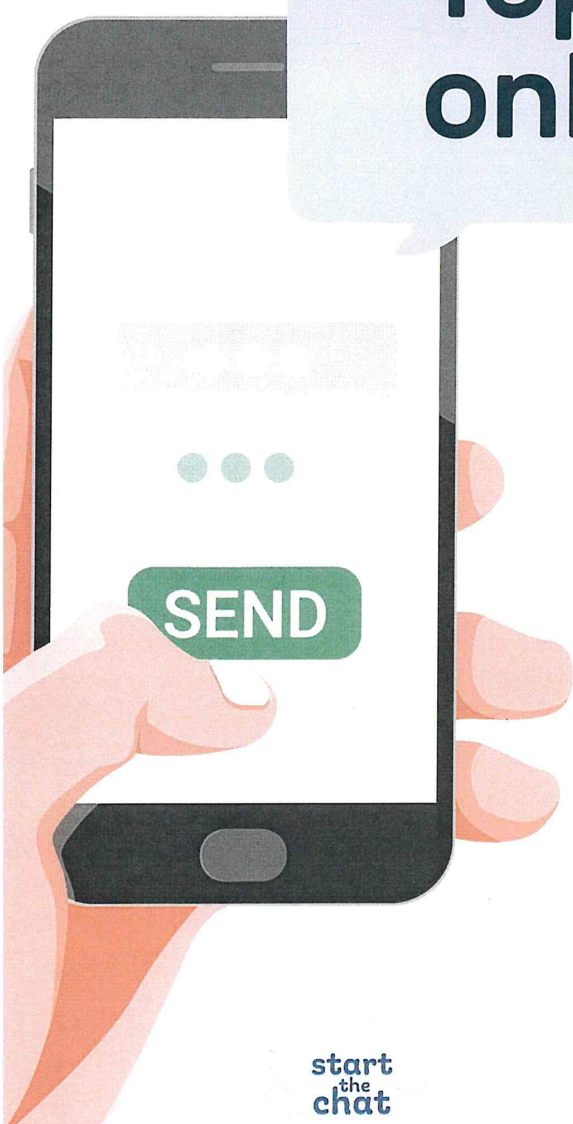
*Well done to Chloe for enthusiastic participation and engagement in all tasks.*



## **Kindy**

*Well done to all the Kindy kids for an excellent excursion to Point Sinclair!!*

# Top tips for online safety

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- 1 Be an upstander** If you see abuse online, report and delete it
  - 2 Protect your personal information online** by using a different password for each account and turning on privacy settings on devices, apps, and social accounts
  - 3 Tame the tech** Explore how to set access and parental controls on home wifi networks, gaming consoles, mobile devices and smart TVs
  - 4 Be conscious of your online profile** Don't post anything that may put you in danger, affect your reputation or be used against you
  - 5 Stay on the lookout for scams and phishing contacts** – don't click links, give out personal information or send money in response to an unexpected request
  - 6 Help others** to be safe online – especially family and friends who aren't tech-savvy

start  
the  
chat



Safer  
Internet  
Day 2021 | Tuesday  
9 February

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## 12TH MARCH 2021



### Dates to Remember

Penong Progress Association

## STOP PRESS

The Penong Progress Association wishes to inform our community that we have recently created a Facebook Page.

Search Facebook for "Penong Progress Association" page for updates of things going on in our community.

### POINT SINCLAIR CLEANING ROSTER

#### MARCH:

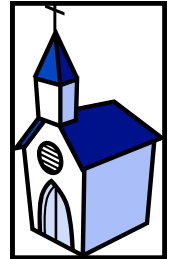
Nathan/Nicole  
Warmington  
Todd/Danielle  
Warmington



### UNITING CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

#### MARCH:

Rebecca Freeman



### Penong Arts Group Expression of interest

Would you be interested in an arts hub in Penong to learn and create arts and crafts. A dedicated space for the entire community to learn, share and have fun. No previous skills are required only an eager mind. Everyone would be welcome. I want to have a meeting to talk about it. If interested contact  
Cindy Durant  
[durantglass@activ8.net.au](mailto:durantglass@activ8.net.au) or  
86251035



# Penong Progress Association

## Point Sinclair Roster 2021

The Progress Association wishes to sincerely thank those who have put their hand up for our Point Sinclair Cleaning Roster.

If you have any issues please contact Karen Murray.

March	Nicole /Nathan Warmington Todd/Danielle Warmington
April	Cindy Ettridge / John Polkinghorne / Shaun & Rebecca Freeman
May	Paul Gravelle / Lynton Murray
June	Tony Dunn / Andrew & Carli Blanchard
July	Blake Murray/ Peter Dobbins/Bianca Warmington
August	Andrea Warmington/ Emma Warmington
September	Sue Millard / Karen Murray
October	Sam & Ali Shipard / Ben Polkinghorne & Andrea Baldock / Petrina & Andrew Mahar
November	Bron Workman / Narissa Bailey / Lawrie Bailey
December	Jenny Chesson / Natasha Oats & Grant Ross
January	Campers

Thank you.

# Uniting Church

## Cleaning Roster

March	Rebecca Freeman
April	Julie Jackson
May	Jill Oats
June	Sisca Seiffert
July	Karen Murray
August	Tricia Shipard
September	Bron Workman
October	Rebecca Freeman
November	Karen Murray
December	Tricia Shipard



## Child Safe Officer Training Course



### Training Course

A Child Safe Officer at your club is vital to promote the message that keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility. Every club must work towards minimising risk to children and the Child Safe Officer helps to ensure everyone is aware of the club's policies and procedures to support this goal and can act on any incidents.

This training provides participants with information about obligations concerning child safety and child safe environments for their club/organisation. On completion, participants should be able to:

- Understand the role of the Child Safe Officer and promote the role through your organisation.
- Demonstrate understanding of the *Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017* and the *Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act 2016* concerning mandatory notification, child safe compliance and working with children checks.
- Demonstrate understanding of 'at risk', 'harm' and 'suspicion on reasonable grounds'.
- Consider appropriate ways to respond to disclosures of abuse or neglect and making reports to the Child Abuse Report Line.
- Identify measures to minimise risk to children and support a child safe environment.

### Course Delivery

Courses are held regularly throughout the year in two modes:

ONLINE: please go to <https://www.sportsa.org.au/events/> to check the course dates and times and to register. Cost is: \$25 (GST inc.) for Sport SA Members \$35 (GST inc.) for Non-Members

FACE TO FACE: by arrangement with your Starclub Field Officer –  
Mark Shirley: 0428 888 076, [Mark.Shirley@sa.gov.au](mailto:Mark.Shirley@sa.gov.au)

Please note: ***Prior to attending this training, you must complete the online training in Child Protection and Harassment and Discrimination. [Details here.](#)***





**COMMUNITY NEWS**  
**12TH MARCH 2021**



**THE FAR WEST MUMS INVITE YOU TO**

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**OUR COMMUNITY  
GARAGE SALE**

Come by, grab a bargain and support our fundraiser for a  
good course

**SATURDAY, 17TH APRIL 2021**  
**10.30AM - 2.00PM**  
**FOWLERS BAY TOWN HALL**

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All proceeds go towards new playground equipment in the  
Fowler's Bay Playground

**FOOD & DRINKS**

Bake sale, Coffee, Cold drinks and more!

Delicious Wood oven pizzas made by Jamie and Fil from  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PIZZA

**TO BOOK A SPACE PLEASE CONTACT**

**FRAN on 0499 00 1643**

**\$15 Table in Hall**

**\$10 your own car boot around hall**

**SPACE IS LIMITED SO RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY**

**CASH ONLY**

# Wanted

Do you have any spare or old tins of outdoor paint (any colour) that would be happy to donate to the School?

Please contact

Rebecca Freeman, on 0428 711 328 to arrange pick up/  
drop off.

The Penong & Districts Progress Association

The Penong Progress Association committee met this week for their monthly meeting. 14 committee members were in attendance:

Issues discussed included:

- Pump Park funding
- Radio tower upgrade
- Community drought event
- Community busy bee
- Community Facebook page

For more information contact Tony Shipard or Lee Warmington

**Penong & Districts Progress Association  
along with “Connecting Drought Communities”**

**Invite all community members to a  
“Penong & Districts community B.B.Q”**

**At the Western United Football Club  
Saturday 10th April, 4:00pm**

Supplied will be:

- free roast spit dinner with all the trimmings
- Live music
- Fun for the children
- Some free drinks



We urge everyone to come  
along and celebrate our great  
community.

