



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Pennington Families and Community,
It is hard to believe we are already in week 8 of the term. Term 3 is always such a busy time for schools, with the start of a new Reception class as we welcomed mid-year Receptions for the first time in many years, Book Week, Science Week, excursions and Student Free days for staff professional learning. This edition of the newsletter showcases how busy everyone has been with exploring, extending and challenging their thinking. We have had a group of students involved in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) congress along with another group that were involved in a student as researchers' day, exploring the elements of the Dept. of Education's new strategy that includes the following Areas of Impact.



It is my great pleasure to congratulate Jess Favell who will be continuing as Pennington's Wellbeing Leader for the next 3 years, we thank Jess for her continuing care and positive outlook, each and every day. All the best and much kindness,
Jasmine



UPCOMING DATES

Parent Morning Tea
Thursday 19th September
8:30am on the deck

Stay and Play
Saturday 21st September
10am-12pm

Last Day of Term 3
Friday 27th September
2:10pm finish

School Holidays Begins
Saturday 28th September

Term 4 begins
Monday 14th October



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STUDENTS AS RESEARCHERS

On the 30th of August we went to the Students as Researchers excursion with Ms Jess .The day started off with team building exercises. The first task was to write a goal for ourselves on a sticky note. When everyone finished we got up and started wandering around the room finding different students from the other schools to share our goal. Next we were split into groups with a bunch of schools and had to discuss different statements situations. There was a variety of age groups so there was a lot of different people and their ideas.Then it was time for morning tea. There was options for all dietary requirements which was nice. Next we had to discuss the areas for improvement needed for our school and then put it in a large spread sheet. After some work we found out that the weakness for our school was Learner Agency. Afterwards we had a brainstorm on ways we could help our weakness. Then it was time for lunch. They had sandwiches and spring rolls. And finally we were told to walk around the room to look at other school targets. In the end we identified the areas for improvement for our school. Overall it was a great experience that taught us about teamwork and improvement skills

-Angeli Gupta & Hareem Hussain
Room 23



On Friday the 30th of August Ms Jess took some students to the Students as Researchers day at the Adelaide Pavillion. First we got in the car and drove to a building on the edge of the city. We went inside and took a seat. We got in a group with other schools and started talking about what needs to improve at schools.. Then it was morning tea, there was some beautiful food and tea. Then we got back to work talking to other students about how we could change the values at our school to make them more kid-friendly. We got ideas from other schools too. After a lunch of sandwiches and, spring rolls and orange juice, the presenter asked us to think about two questions:

Why do I care about improving my learning

What is my role in this?

We then finished the day off and went back to school

-Jai Sassi
Room 23



MATHS PUPIL FREE DAY

On Monday's Pupil Free Day, we continued some of our maths learning. The day was focused on Statistics and Probability. Having good statistical knowledge helps us to interpret data, look for patterns and make decisions. Probability supports us identify possibilities and the likelihood of them happening.

Staff explored and planned their units of work and reviewed current programs. They even got to play some mathematical games, record some data and of course eat smarties when we were finished with them.

Rob Varley
Deputy Principal

STEM Aboriginal Learner Congress

In Week 6, five of our students (Liam, Phoenix, Jakyra, Liana, and Nyzariyah) along with Miss Truc and Mr. Mat, attended the STEM Aboriginal Learner Congress at the Adelaide Convention Centre. This event offered students a chance to envision themselves as creators and innovators in STEM, drawing on over 65,000 years of Indigenous knowledge.



Over two days, they listened to keynote speakers, participated in a yarning circle with Tiahni Adamson (2024 Young Australian of the Year), enjoyed performances by Dem Mob, made healing balm from native plants, and engaged in exciting experiments.



BOOK WEEK

The students (and staff!) of Pennington celebrated Book Week in Week 5. We had lots of students in wonderful costumes as well as a play called Kevin the Sheep based on the book by Jacqueline Harvey.





BOOK WEEK (CONTINUED)





ART WITH MS DANA

Have you noticed some new artwork popping up around the halls of Pennington? Ms Dana has been working very hard with students to create artwork inspired by some talented illustrators!



BE ACTIVE ASSEMBLY

We were lucky enough to have Ben Hinks and Mark Williams come for an assembly last week. Ben told us all about his choice of sailing. The Be Active assembly was informative and amazing. I liked it and I am sure others like it. Bens presentation was amazing and we would like to hear more. We would like to have Ben at our school again.

Hope Tran
Room 23



IELP AT THE ROYAL SHOW

Despite the rain on Friday the 6th of September, our IELP students had an incredible day at the Royal Adelaide Show! The weather didn't dampen their spirits as they explored the lively attractions. From agricultural displays to the Bluey Show and having their photographs taken on a police motorbike, the students embraced the experience with enthusiasm, practicing their English and learning more about Australian culture. Even with the showers, the day was filled with laughter, smiles and unforgettable memories.

Nina Paleologos
IELP Leader



COMMUNITY NEWS

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FREE MOVIE EVENT!

DATE: Saturday 14th September

TIME: 9am-12pm

LOCATION: Hoyts Cinema Kilkenny

The Hospital Research Foundation Group - Kidsflix provide movie events for children and young people, aged 16 and under. This is a FREE charity event for children/young people and their immediate family, or carers. Please be aware that by attending this event your image maybe used on their social media account. If you would like to attend this event, please register by following the QR code. Let Miss Jess know if you have any questions!



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