Welcome to another newsletter. This week see me in Dubbo at the Regional Principal’s Conference. Mrs Barnes will be in charge during my absence.

I was pleasantly surprised when I found out that all of our students had gained selection to compete in the Murray/Darling Swimming Carnival. The boys all put in a great effort which helped Small Schools (Pooncarie, Palinyewah and Pomona) to win the handicap trophy. Well done guys.

Rain and rising river levels are currently playing havoc with our town. It is sad to see the impact that road closures have had on local businesses and the water levels on local properties. I wish everyone who has been affected a speedy return to normal.

Later in the month the school will hosting a community event to welcome the Ulysses Club. This should be a valuable fundraising experience for the P&C and community groups and a great learning experience for our students. To help us with organisation of the day we are looking for the following items:

Hobby horses for our Barrel Race (these will be returned), gum boots for gum boot throwing and donations for an auction to raise funds for the RFDS. Please come along and help out or just enjoy the day.

That appears to be all the news for now, Take care until next time, Lynn Starkey

**Joke’s of the Week**

Why couldn't the bicycle stand up for itself? Because it was two-tyred.

Knock Knock
Who's there! Aileen!
Aileen who?
Aileen against my Rolls Royce!

What did you get for your birthday? Another year!
This one’s for you Lynn

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**Toy Library here today 13th March**

**Ride to School Day 20th March 2012**

Mrs Starkey is heading to Dubbo for a Principal’s Meeting 13th – 16th March

Happy Birthday to you! congratulation’s On your 50th
Our new student Riley on his first big day at School

Our student enjoyed the visit to the Royal Australian Air Museum
Expressions of interest are being called to fill the following position:

**Position:** School Learning Support Officer  
**Location:** Pooncarie Public School

**Period:** Commencing late term one or early term two 2012 for an ongoing period

**Position Details:** A prospective employee would need to supervise students with severe and/or multiple physical and/or intellectual disabilities.

Duties for this position focus primarily on assisting teachers in the implementation of individual education programs and individual transition programs for students with disabilities who have special needs. This involves assisting teachers in providing opportunities for children with special needs to develop personal, social, domestic and pre-vocational skills. It also involves attending to the personal care needs of children in the areas of movement, hygiene, lifting, health care and delivery of dietary needs. Duties may also include the operation of audio-visual aids, duplicating, issuing of learning materials and minor clerical, duties.

A person fulfilling the role of a School Learning Support Officer would be expected to:

- Have an awareness of the needs of students with disabilities
- Providing assistance in school routines
- Manage the toileting and personal care needs of students, including washing, bathing, showering and changing
- Implement the washing of soiled items of clothing and nappies and in the disposal of used sanitary items
- Administer the direct food preparation and provide intensive assistance to students with eating and drinking procedures
- Provide frequent physical lifting, moving students from one piece of equipment to another, rearranging furniture regularly
- Carry out therapy or nursing type duties
- Administering prescribed medication, keeping medication register
- Maintain physical or electronic equipment used by students
- Ability to work with students with emotional, physical or intellectual disabilities
- Have the ability to work as part of a team in the development and implementation of individual education plans, implementation of an augmentive communication system, and general in-class support of all students

Perform other duties as directed by the supervisor

Applicants not currently employed by the NSW Department of Education & Training will be required to undergo a Declaration and Employment Screening Consent and Proof of Identity.

**Enquiries to:** Lynn Starkey (Principal) on 03 5029 5210

**Application:** Please provide your current details on the form below and provide a brief statement in support of your application relating to this position of no more than two (2) pages with no less than font size 11. Please include the name and contact details for two referees.

**Application to:** Lynn Starkey (Principal)

**Closing Date and Time:** 15/3/12 - 4.00pm
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**VERIFICATION**

This section verifies that your supervisor is prepared to release you for this position if successful  
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Recommended by Principal  

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