



Pooncarie Public School

Newsletter 7, Term 2, Week 1

Thursday 30th April 2009

**STRIVE TO
ADVANCE TOGETHER**

Upcoming Events:

- ◇ **Saturday 2nd May**
Pooncarie Field Day
- ◇ **Tuesday 5th May**
Active sports resumes for term two, 3-4pm Tuesday and Thursday afternoons .
- ◇ **Thursday 7th May**
Coomella High School -Year 6 Open Night
- ◇ **Tues. 12th - Thurs. 14th May**
National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy - Yr 3 & 5.
- ◇ **Friday 15th May**
Walk safely to school day
- ◇ **Monday 24th - Friday 29th May**
Education Week
- ◇ **Wednesday 27th May**
Computer Skills Assessment



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Welcome back, I hope everyone had a great Easter and enjoyed the school holidays. The students have returned with lots of enthusiasm and great stories from their break.

Congratulations to Sally who survived turning 40 and still going strong! Also, congratulations to Jenny Decaux who was the lucky winner of the P&C Easter raffle.

I would also like to thank John Wootton for filling the GA position while Dingo is on leave, your work is much appreciated.

It is looking like another busy term, with NAPLAN, Cross Country, Athletics and more!!

Regards,
Mrs. Kemp

POONCARIE FIELD DAY

Mrs Barnes and the students are looking forward to seeing their fabulous Art and Craft on display at the Field Day.

Please make sure that you collect your model farm *before you leave the Field Day on Saturday* as Mrs Barnes will be unable to transport them home again. The P and C is currently trying to fill a roster for help on the Gate and the Pooncarie PS Stall.

Please return your roster with preferred times ASAP.

SCHOOL VEGIE GARDEN

John Wootton our relieving General Assistant invites any school families to come down to the school garden and harvest some fruit and vegetables. Currently there is silver beet and watermelon which is ripe and ready to eat!



ACTIVE SPORTS NEWS

A reminder that Active Sports will return to after school this term, from 3pm—4pm on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. It will begin in week 2 and finish in week 9.

FRIDAY 1ST MAY

Many of our families will be involved in the sports at Red Cliffs this Friday afternoon. If your child is involved you may collect them from lunchtime onwards. Students will not miss any class work as sport and fitness will be held in the afternoon for this week.

Mrs Holgate will remain at school until 3pm with students who are not traveling to Red Cliffs.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COACH TRAINING

Scott Umback is planning to conduct Community Coach Training on Wednesday 20th May for interested parents and community members. Please contact the school before Friday 8th May if you are interested in participating.

YEAR 6 OPEN NIGHT AT COOMEALLA HIGH

The Year 6 open night at Coomealla High School will be held next Thursday 7 May, 2009.

6.15pm BBQ/ Sausage sizzle

7.00pm Talk by principal and students

7.30pm Tour of school

SCHOOL DENTIST

GWAHS Lower Western Sector Child Dental team wishes to advise that the NSW School Dental Van is now located at Dareton Public School. The service is available for all children under 18, including the 0-5 age group. Mobile phone 0419 990 264.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

It's great to see that so many students have commenced reading for the 2009 Premiers Reading Challenge. Library books may be changed over on Mondays and Wednesdays after lunch. Online reading logs can be accessed and updated from home. Go to <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

STOP PRESS!! TERM 2 PLANNER—IMPORTANT

Please note that the date on your calendar for the Small schools Athletics carnival to be held in Clare has now changed. The carnival will now be held on **Thursday 25th June 2009**. Please amend this date on your Term 2 planner.

Pooncarie's Field Day is almost here.

The theme this year is "Energy Alternatives".

Some 100 exhibitors have committed to being part of the day either to display stock, produce or machinery.

In the more traditional area of Field Day exhibits, the famous Uardry stud from Deniliquin will return with their Merino and Dohne sheep, SA's Megan Heddle will be back with her AFRINOs bred at her Jeancourt SAMM stud, Andrea van Niekerk from Moama will bring her Dell Dorper and Dumisa White Dorper sheep and Pat and Charlie Edson from Culburra, SA, intend to bring back their record-breaking Dorper sheep and some of their South African Boer goats.

Merinos, such good 'doers' in the tough, southwestern division, will be represented by the local stud, Dunedin Park, on the Darling Anabranche. The Slatter family of Pinnaroo, who exhibited for the first time at the 2007 Field Day, will return with their Wiltipols and fellow South Australian, Denis Russell of Parilla, who has brought sheep to every Field Day since its inception in '1999, will be back with a selection of White Dorper and Drought- master sheep, now successfully proven, after much initial skepticism, in harsh rangeland country. Other South Australians exhibiting are Peter and Mandy Linte' n from Tungkillo with their Seymour Vale Santa Gertrudis cattle, some of which will be for sale on the day.

Other exhibits, mainly under marquees, will include, in the beverage, clothing and craft field, Mildura's Callipari's Wine & Food, Varapodio Estate, Walter's Bushman Outfitters, The Patch Shack and locals, carpenter John Neri, Julie and Stacey Cullinan and the Pooncarie Craft Shop, coordinated by Mrs Pat Wakefield. In the equipment and agricultural field, exhibitors include, Mildura's Landmark, GBC Motors, Northstar Motors, Body Shop Paints, Wentworth Pumping Services, Kynnton's Shearwool and Port Adelaide's Quality Wool and the Mildura Native Nursery. Financials will also be represented, including the Wentworth Community Bank, Sunraysia Business Concepts and WHK Insurance- Kennedy & Pollock. Aside from the exhibitors, there will be activities and competitions to please and entertain almost everyone. Whip-cracking competitions will be open to adults, and children, and champion "cracker", Anthony Rennick, will give regular shows during the day and evening. There will be photo, craft, art competitions, a Mothers' Day one for the littlies, and the popular Well-worn Akubra hat to be judged.

The always-entertaining sheepdog and goat dog trials will provide events for seniors, juniors and novices with a Night Final this year. Organisers have received solid attendance numbers already and the event will be recognized to earn points for the New South Wales Yard Dog Association Commentator and participant David Kellock promises to make the competition memorable.

Shearing teams, with both the powered blades and the traditional hand snips, always prove entertaining with their combination of speed and skill — and encouragement from teammates. The local lads are determined not to be second best this time and plan to give the South Aussies a real run for their money in the teams' event. A real coup for organizers is the confirmation that Australian Blade Shearing titleholder, 20-year-old John Dalla, will compete in the Tri-State Blade Shearing Championship. He competed with the world's best in Norway last year, along with three-times Field Day winner Dave Newman. Regrettably, Newman is unable to make it this year so locals are hoping exPooncarian,

John "Roo" Nicholls, now based in New Zealand, will give Dalla a run for his money and that \$1000 winner's purse!

While the down-turn in the economy has caused a fair bit of belt-tightening in the south-west and Sunraysia region, as elsewhere, major sponsors of the Field Day, Brady, Runiciman & Co. (BR&C) and Deacon Real Estate Services have been encouraged by the interest shown so far. They and the locals remain upbeat for a successful event.

For further information and details on events, competitions, entry closing dates and facilities, email: pooncariefielddaybigpond.com or contact: Chairman Angus Whyte Secretary Rachel Strachan
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