



Pentland State School



Pentland Post

School Mission Statement

In a supportive partnership, provide for the development of each child the attitude, skills and knowledge needed to cope with the demands of living in our society.

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SEAFORTH CAMP









PRINCIPALS PIECE

Congratulations on another wonderful term at Pentland SS. The students and staff have all worked very hard.

Reading Improvement

Over the past week I have been busy completing our termly reading tests and it is wonderful to see such improvement in the students reading abilities and comprehension. At our staff meeting this week, we discussed the students' current reading behaviours and areas of development ready for our teaching next term. I look forward to seeing continued improvements.

Swimming

As the weather warms up, we will begin our swimming lessons next term. We will be swimming on Fridays. Year 3-6 students will be at 12pm-1pm and the P-2 students, along with Homestead SS will be 1.30pm-2.30pm. Our cluster swimming carnival will be held in Greenvale on Friday 1st November.

Attendance

Just a reminder that every day counts at school and if your child/children are going to be away you need to contact the school via text message or phone. Our current attendance is 85.6%. We have some room for improvement.

Technology

We have recently purchased six new laptops to add to our computer room. Each student now has their own laptop with their name and details on it. Some students do share with an older or younger class member. However, they all have access to a laptop when required. We have been accessing a technician from Townsville to ensure all of our technology is up to date and in good working order.



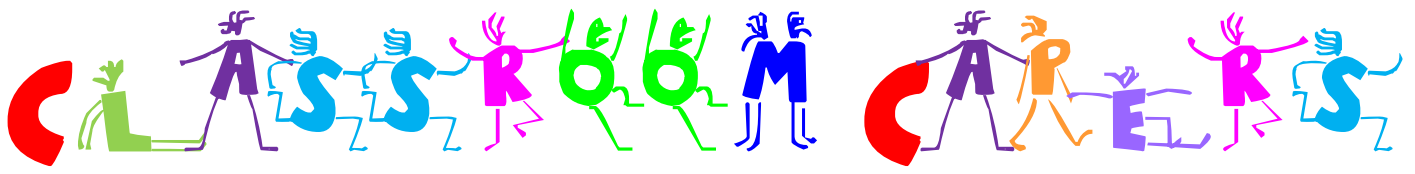
I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday. Enjoy the time off from the daily routine, and relax and spend some time with your wonderful children.

Yours in learning

Laura Peagham

Principal





RECOUNTS

Last week we went on school camp. I liked to swim in the beach. I liked swimming because it was fun. I like playing in the sand building my house. I used seaweed for grass. I used shells for the pathway to my house. Jeanne Jones



Last week Pentland and Homestead State schools went to Seaforth Pines for school camp. My family got to Seaforth Pines before the bus got there. I liked the boat ride and I saw a slimy eel. I loved the water fight because I had four guards. We built a big raft that broke when we put it in the ocean. We were in the car for six hours travelling home. My favourite activity was building a raft because I was the last person on the raft.

Sam Jenkins.



Last week Pentland and Homestead schools went to Seaforth Pines for School camp. On Monday the big old bus broke down beside a creek bed. On Tuesday we went swimming in the blue ocean. On Wednesday we did archery. I shot one of the animal targets. On Thursday we tried to build a raft. It broke! On camp, the best activity was swimming.

Calix Palmer



Last week Pentland and Homestead State Schools went to Seaforth Pines for school camp. On Monday the bus broke down for three hours. On Tuesday we had a boat ride, swimming and built a golf course. On Wednesday we did a rope course and water fight. On Thursday we had a mud fight. I smashed everyone with mud. We got very dirty, so it was fun! My favourite activity was the ropes and the mud.

Elysse Peagham



Last week Pentland and Homestead went to school camp. On Monday the bus broke down for three hours. On Tuesday we had a great boat ride and a swim in the sparkling ocean. On Wednesday we did low ropes course. I was really good helping my team members. On Thursday I loved the dirty mud war because everyone got muddy. On Friday we went home but I wished I could have stayed, because we had fun.

Jack Jones



Last week Pentland and Homestead went to Seaforth Pines on school camp. On Monday the bus broke down for three hours. On Tuesday the school went on a boat ride. On Wednesday the junior students went to the rope course. On Thursday we went to the big mud play. On Friday we travelled home. My favourite part was playing in the mud.

Jayte Manley



When our school Pentland had gone to camp on September the 1st my favourite three things on camp would definitely be the boat ride, the gauntlet run and the abseiling.

When we had the boat ride on Tuesday it was a really cool fun and wet ride. But I still enjoyed it very much. I also learned that if someone stayed travelling on a boat for a week, when they get to land they would struggle to stand. It was great.



On Wednesday my favourite thing was the gauntlet run. One team went first at throwing sponges. When the other team held a ball walking to the finish line. I made it to the finish line once and that was cool. I did learn that in the old days people would throw real spears and swords, at real people.

Thursday is when we did abseiling, and we wore this suit to keep us steady when we would walk down the wall. I really liked it because I wasn't afraid of heights. I think most people would have liked the abseiling. I slid down the wall because my shoes had no grip. I had lots of fun!

By Alexis Hurren



Last Week was camp and we went to Seaforth near Mackay. We went on a big bus because we went with Homestead State School. It was alright on the bus, but after a few hours we had an oil leak near a creek bed, so we had to stop there and then we got another bus. We were stuck in the dry creek bed for about 3 hours, but we had fun. We played games and ate our lunch. When we got to Seaforth Pines it was late, but we still had dinner and had a fun trip.

My favourite activities were doing archery, abseiling and going in the beach to swim. I also really liked the Gauntlet run, because Mr S was helping Brooke and I throw the sponges at people and he tried to throw sponges at the Homestead principal Mrs Hollis, and after that we got to have free time in the water. Abseiling was fun, but it seemed scary at first. I really enjoyed all the activities at camp and I hope we get to do them again.

Althea Hurren

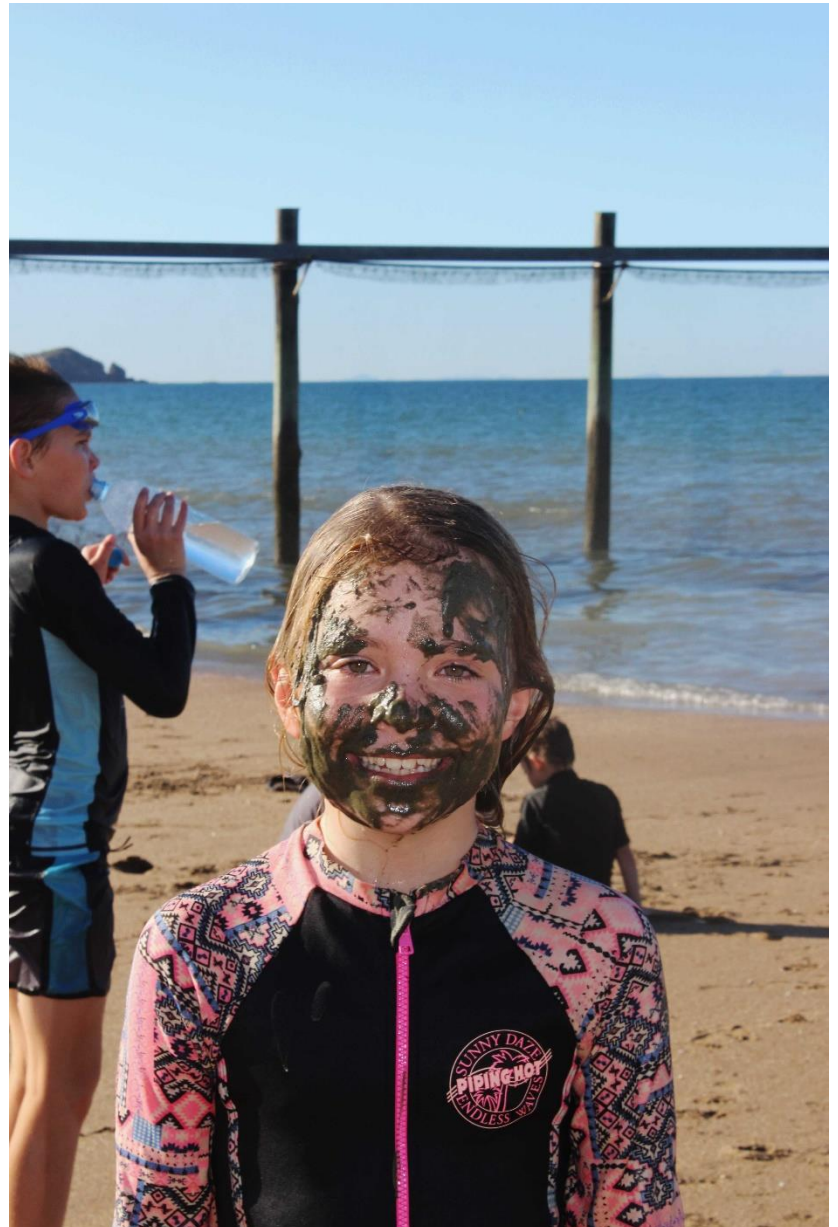


Camp was great; my favourite thing there was the Abseiling. Kate, one of people there, said I was amazing at it.

The next day we had a gauntlet run. My favourite part of that was throwing the sponges at people. That was so fun! I love it.

I also liked swimming in the ocean. At the beach, there were lots of good shells. Camp was great. I did not want to go home, but it is nice to be home.

By Brooke



Camp was astonishing! We did so many things and saw amazing sights. The boat ride was the top of the world. We saw turtles, a stingray and I saw a SHARK! Abseiling was epic. We got to jump off a wall and be safe at the same time and I gave Jasper Epong a high five on a wall. On Thursday we did archery with the Mackay district bowmen. They taught us how to aim and shoot a bow. I hit a deer in the chest.

Denan Palmer



On Monday last week Pentland state school and Homestead state school went on camp. We went to Seaforth Pines, but before Seaforth Pines our bus had an oil leak. We got stuck in a dry rocky creek bed. It was annoying; we got stuck there for three hours. A new bus came from Seaforth. We got to Seaforth at six thirty. On Tuesday we went on a sick boat ride. The water was crystal clear and the mountains, you will have to see them yourself; they were magical! On Wednesday we went to the beach. We got to swim and we caught a fish that was stuck in the net.

Joshua Kazmaier



Last week was camp and we went on a big bus. Then we broke down on the side of the road and we waited for 3 hours for a new bus, because the sump fell out of the bus, so we waited and waited for 3 hours. Tuesday we went on the boat and saw a turtle and Denan said he saw a shark, but I'm not sure if I believe him, but because he is a cool friend, I do believe him.

Lathanial



How good was camp? I'll give you a hint - it starts with 'A'...Awesome! Of course some things didn't all go to plan (I'm sure you've heard about our bus breakdown!) but we all had a great time! My favourite 3 things definitely have to be the boat ride, the gauntlet run, and overcoming my fear of heights in abseiling!

On Tuesday we had our boat ride! That was cool, but I got super tired on our way back to shore, because everyone had gone quiet and the soft rocking of the boat and the beautiful view of the water and the islands in the background, just made me struggle to keep my eyes open! Mrs Bristow also said that if we spent a week on a boat, when we get on to land we'd struggle to stand up straight. (that made me wonder if Captain James Cook struggled from spending many months on a boat until he reached pure land!)



Wednesday was pretty cool too...mostly a big water day! My favourite activity was the Gauntlet Run. I even learned that back in the day, some tribes would use this as a

punishment, with actual spears and swords, and most definitely not sponges and water like we used!

Finally, Thursday! (Okay, I didn't wake up feeling as bright and cheerful as usual...I had a sore throat and felt tired and stuffy.) That was when we would do abseiling! My tummy was filled with butterflies and I felt even sicker than I already was! But, little that I knew, I was going to overcome my fear of heights.

"I'm going to fall! I'm going to fall!" was all I could think when I was up first with Alexis. The lady I was with - Katie, checked my harness was strapped tightly, and she reassured me that I was okay when I climbed over the fence! That's when I was right on edge. I couldn't breathe and my face turned pale...this



wasn't going as I expected! Then I had to walk down the wall! I gulped down the fear crawling up inside me and walked down slowly.

Everyone was cheering me on, even Katie! I put a confident smile on my face and kept walking down, a bit faster this time, and when I reached the ground I felt so happy! Then I knew immediately that I wanted to go again!

So, they were my favourite activities and that's how I overcame my fear of heights. (now I don't feel like a big baby!) Big thanks to Seaforth Pines for looking after us, and thanks Homestead for coming with us! I hope you all had fun!

Angela



MR S & MRS P'S LITTLES

Term 3 is quickly coming to a close. We have had a busy term, which included a week long camp. The junior classroom are currently putting the finishing touches on their retelling of a cultural story that will be shared on parade. Our drafts are looking fantastic!!!

In prep, we have had a term full of fun and laughter, with rhyme. We have been learning about words that rhyme with one another and been making our own poems.

After learning all about capacity, using water to find out how much a container can hold, we have moved onto maps and direction. Students have been enjoying creating their own maps, and writing directions. Our directions have become so good that students are able to trust their friends to guide them from one end of the classroom to the other with their eyes closed.



During this term we have been exploring digital technologies, and learning how to program little robots to go where we need them to go, as well as further enhancing our computer skills.

I would like to say thank you to all students for a fantastic term and I'm looking forward to term 4.



3 to 6 Classroom

Well, Term 3 is coming to an end. The meerkats in the upstairs classroom have had a busy, hectic, yet enjoyable term.

In English, both years 3 and 4, and years 5 and 6 are working on the final stages of the multimodal units. Years 3 and 4 are writing about a main character overcoming fear by including extended detail around thoughts, feelings and emotions. Some of the fears in our stories are: fear of the dark; fear of people (the main character is an animal); and, fear of dogs. Years 5 and 6 are turning the Narrative Poem 'Fur and Feathers' by A. B. Patterson into a detailed story – using the plot plus extended detail to provide information about the setting, the characters and the events.

In Maths, we have been learning the relationship between grams and kilograms, litres and millilitres, as well as cubic metres and cubic centimetres. We know that: $1\text{cm}^3 = 1\text{mL} = 1\text{g}$. We have also learnt that whilst we only use millilitres and litres, other places use decilitre and centilitre – mostly the western European countries.

Year 3 and 4 have continued their unit on natural features versus man-made features and have compared how these differ in countries such as Fiji and New Zealand. Years 5 and 6 are surprising me with their preferred country to move to and reasons for it. I think some may now have caught the travel bug and would love to see where that takes them.

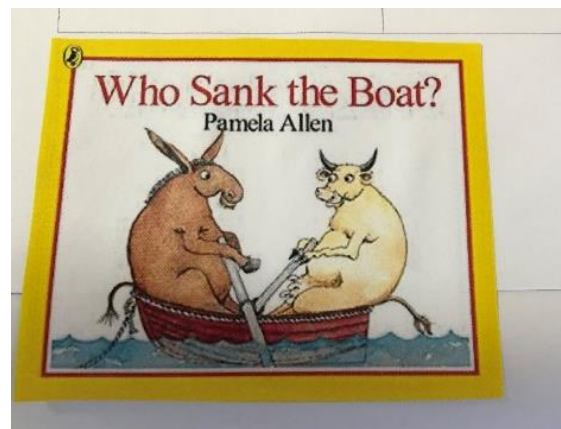
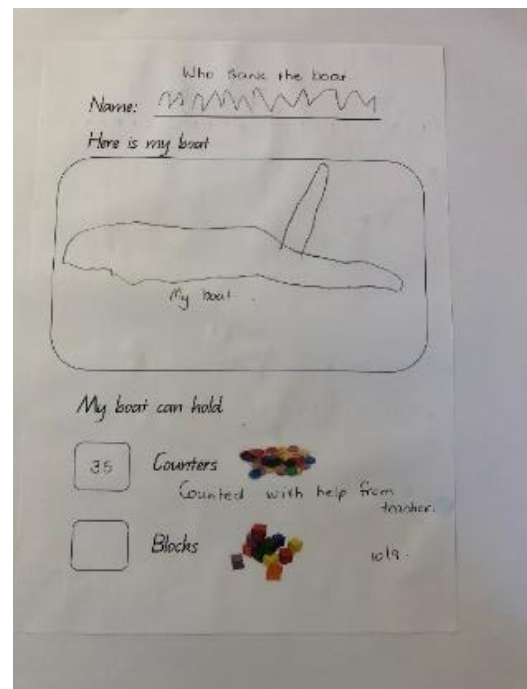
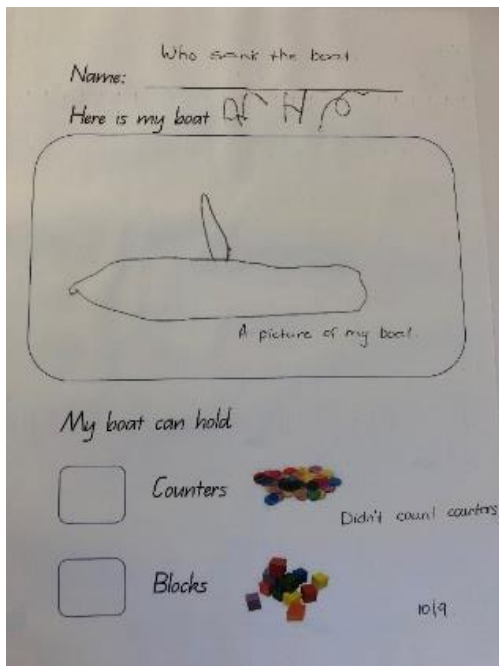
Thank you to all the parents who came for parent teacher interviews. I'd like to just extend a friendly reminder to all my parents that they can arrange appointments anytime during the term to discuss their child should they choose to. Wishing all my students and their families a safe and happy spring holiday.

Pauline Bristow



Kindy

Term 3 has come to an end with Kindy. In the last two weeks off Kindy we had a special visit from Miss Carah from Townsville. The Kindy students love spending time with Miss Carah. One of the activities we did while Miss Carah was here was read the book "Who sank the boat". It was a very interesting story. Especially when we found out who actually sank the boat. After brain storming about making a boat, the Kindy students got to make their own boats and tried their best to try and sink them by seeing how many counters there boats would hold. They had a great time exploring with their boats. Have a great break!



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| Sam Jenkins is AWESOME ! | Fantastic retell of the 4 dragons. |
| Denan Palmer is AWESOME! | Great team player on camp. |
| Jayte Manely is AWESOME! | A great retell |
| Althea Hurren is AWESOME! | Being and independent and dedicated learner |
| Jack Jones is AWESOME! | Fantastic work in Maths with addition with regrouping |

Calendar of Events

- 20th April – Astronomy Night
- 7th October – Public Holiday
- 8th October – School starts
- 1st November – Cluster Swimming Carnival

SCHOOL RULES

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be an Active Learner



EXTRA CURRICULAR

CHOIR

On Tuesday 17th September, the choir students went to Wookatook to perform. They presented their warm up songs, Advance Australia Fair, Waltzing Matilda and Morning Town Ride. I would like to thank Louise and Graeme Dean for hosting the morning. They supplied biscuits and punch for a gold coin donation, which was donated to the Royal Flying Doctor. It was great to provide the students with an opportunity to showcase their newly learnt singing skills. I look forward to seeing them on presentation night.



PLAYGROUP POSTINGS

Where did Term 3 go? It's hard to believe we are about to be on holidays. I'll take it though!

We wrapped up our Dinosaur and Dr Seuss themed units this week with cutting coloured spaghetti, hat making, colour matching, blocks, puzzles and much more.

Thank you all for the wonderful term.

Next term our themes will be Spring, Seaside and Sports. I'm hoping to see you all there.

Enjoy your holidays.



P&C PIECES

Another term done and dusted. Christmas is right around the corner now!!! Camp was fantastic and all the children had a great time. Thank you to all the teachers and staff.

Not too much to report on this time. The last tuckshop for the term will be this Thursday and last day of school is Friday.

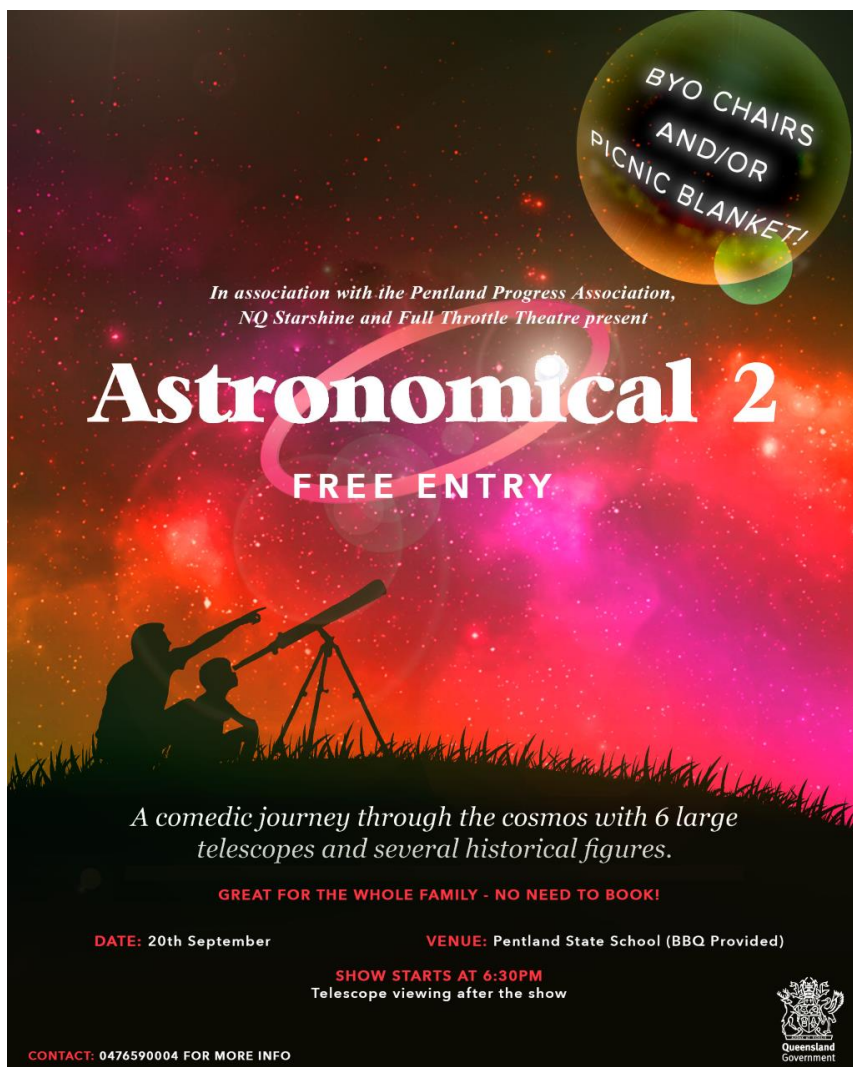
P and C will be catering for the astronomy night which will be this Friday the 20th. We will be doing a BBQ dinner at 5.30pm and the show will start at 6.30pm. We will have burgers, sausage on bread, choc pudding, ice cream and soft drinks for sale. Everybody is more than welcome to join in, so please come along for the show and have a night off cooking!

It will be great to look at the moon and stars through a big telescope. Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Thankyou

Kylee Jenkins

P & C President



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AND/OR
PICNIC BLANKET!

*In association with the Pentland Progress Association,
NQ Starshine and Full Throttle Theatre present*

Astronomical 2

FREE ENTRY


*A comedic journey through the cosmos with 6 large
telescopes and several historical figures.*

GREAT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY - NO NEED TO BOOK!

DATE: 20th September **VENUE:** Pentland State School (BBQ Provided)

SHOW STARTS AT 6:30PM
Telescope viewing after the show

CONTACT: 0476590004 FOR MORE INFO



P&C CAKE STALL



Pentland
Markets

Saturday 28th
September

Delicious home-
baked goods!

Lunch Box

Ideas

KEEP IT BALANCED

What is considered a balanced lunchbox?

- Main Lunch – sandwich, wrap, left over dinner, salad.
- Core Snacks – dairy eg cheese or yoghurt, popcorn, cruskits, carrot sticks and dip, dip, muffin, egg.
- Two Pieces of fruit (seasonal)
- Water
- +1 Extra snack for active kids
- Try putting together a small picnic in lunch box – slices of tomato, ham, grated carrot, grated cheese and some bread/ flatbreads/ rice cakes so the kids can build their own sandwich.





Jokes



Why did the cookie go to the doctor?

It felt crummy.

What type of music are balloons scared of?

Pop music!

What did baby corn say to
mama corn?



Where's popcorn?

Why do potatoes make
good detectives?



Because they keep their eyes peeled

What do you serve but
not eat?



A volleyball

What's orange and sounds like a parrot?

A carrot!

What did the ocean say to the beach?

I'm not shore

Which animal talks the most?

A yak!

What kind of shoes do spies wear?

Sneakers.