

8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Year 2 Parents and Carers,

Piara Waters Primary School runs a number of extension programs each term. These programs aim to challenge and extend student's knowledge and skills in their areas of strength. The programs also aim to develop students' employment skills, such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving, initiative and enterprise, organisation, resilience and critical thinking.

### ***Science Extension Program***

The Year 2 Science extension program will be led by Mrs Ashlee Steel, who is the Junior Science teacher at Piara Waters Primary School over 15 weeks over Terms 2 and 3.

To begin with, students will be learning about a chosen scientist and his/her discovery. Then, they go on to work on student-led group investigations. Over the course, students will have the opportunity to research, plan and conduct investigations. To conclude, students will present their findings and reflections.

Completed projects will be showcased in our school during National Science Week and submitted into the Science Talent Search 2024.

### ***When will the program take place?***

The students will work with Mrs Steel for an hour each week. They will be withdrawn from their regular class program at this time and will need to catch up on work as required by their class or respective specialist teacher. The program will commence in Term 2, Week 2.

### ***How are students selected for this extension program?***

This program is recommended for students with a strong interest in Science and Science inquiry. A student who signs up to this program should also be able to attend weekly sessions over the period stated, be motivated to contribute to the tasks and work collaboratively.

Students will self-nominate by returning the attached form to the front office by Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The form includes a compulsory short 100-word or less write-up by the student explaining why they would like to participate in this program.

No late forms will be accepted. If you are away, you can email your form to [piarawaters.PS.Admin@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:piarawaters.PS.Admin@education.wa.edu.au).

Students will be selected based on the write-up and information from classroom teachers, Miss Ramm will announce who is selected on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

If you have any questions, please email Mrs Steel - [ashlee.blackman@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:ashlee.blackman@education.wa.edu.au).

Miss Alison Ramm  
Principal

**Application Form**

***When is my expression of interest form due?***

Please return to the Front Office by Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Why would I like to participate in this program? (100 words or less)

- I understand that I may be required to complete additional homework at home or during breaks.
- I understand I need to make a commitment to attending every session, unless I am sick and away from school.
- I understand that I will need to demonstrate the school values and golden rules during the extension lessons, to remain in the program.

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer signature \_\_\_\_\_