



# TERM 4 UPDATE

Dear parents and carers,

I trust you have enjoyed some of the beautiful sunshine over the school holidays. Below is information for Term 4, which commences for students on **Monday, 9 October**.

## INFORMATION

### 2023, TERM 4 STAFFING UPDATE

This term, we welcome Miss Sanja Koncar who replaces Miss Emily Inness (Room 13). Miss Inness has started her maternity leave and eagerly awaits the birth of her daughter next month.

We also welcome Mrs Erica Houston to our front office team. Erica comes to us from Riverton Primary School.

### MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL

The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless for medical or teacher-directed educational purposes. As we utilise iPads for educational purposes, our students should not have a mobile phone with them at school.

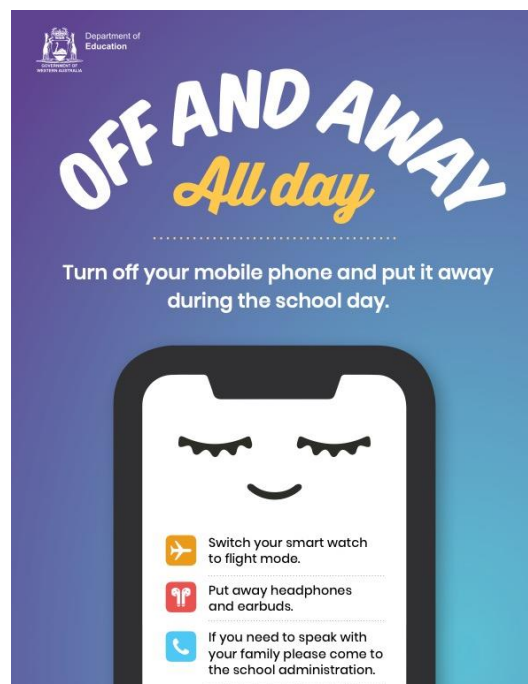
If a student must bring their phone to school (we understand for some families, students travel to and from school alone, and you provide them with a phone for safety reasons), **then it must be turned off and handed into the front office before school, and collected after school.**

**Phones need to be off and away all day, meaning from entrance to and exit from the school gate.**

Our previous process has been that mobile phones were stored in school bags; however, this has caused problems, and following a staff review, **mobile phones will now be kept at the front office.**

Students should only bring a phone to school with parental consent. If we are unsure if parents have provided permission, the admin team will contact parents to confirm.

A reminder to parents that if you need to get a message to your child during the day, you must contact the front office, who will pass the message on.



### 2024 TEACHERS AND CLASS PLACEMENT PROCESS

Parents of Kindergarten students in 2024 (who have finalised enrolment) have been emailed a link to the Kindergarten class placement survey. Parents who wish to provide feedback on their child's Kindergarten days and class must complete [this survey](#) by Monday, 16 October.

We are finalising our 2024 Pre-Primary to Year 6 class structure and teachers. We will then provide an opportunity for parents to provide feedback on their child's class placement. I will provide further information and the survey link in the parent update note for week 2.

### LEAVING STUDENTS (KINDY TO YEAR 6) - DESTINATION SURVEY

If your child will not be attending Piara Waters Primary School in 2024 (current Pre-primary to Year 5 students), can you please notify the front office as soon as possible.

Please use this [survey link](#), or email [PiaraWaters.PS.Admin@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:PiaraWaters.PS.Admin@education.wa.edu.au) to let us know what school your child is enrolled in for 2024.



We also need to record the school each Year 6 student will be attending in 2024 and parents should complete the survey by October 12.

### ASSEMBLIES (KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6)

Class assemblies are held at 8:30 am on Fridays, except for the Junior assembly in Week 3, which will be held on Thursday. We will continue to provide a WebEx link for families who cannot attend via Connect prior to the assembly.

Assemblies for Term 4 are:

- **Friday, 13 October** – Senior assembly, Year 5, room 29 and 30 (students in Year 3 to 6 attend).
- **Thursday, 26 October** – Junior assembly, Year 1, room 9 and 11 (students in Kindy to Year 2 attend).
- **Friday, 10 November** – Senior assembly, "The Arts" (students in Year 3 to 6 attend, and the junior choir).
- **Friday, 24 November** – Junior assembly, Kindergarten 1, 2, & 3 (students in Pre-Primary, Year 1 and 2 attend).



## EVENTS IN WEEK ONE

### Sunday, 8 October



#### PERTH RUNNING FESTIVAL – 4KM DASH – TEAM PIARA

Congratulations to everyone who completed the Minister's Running Challenge. I understand our school had one of the largest number of students who completed the challenge. 😊

Students who completed the Education Minister's Running Challenge, and/or entered the [Perth Running Festival](#) 4km event can run in our Interschool Shirt and be part of Team Piara.

Mr Voloczi and Mrs Watkins will meet participating students and parents near Gate C of Optus Stadium (ticket box, riverside) at 9am. They will have our Interschool Team shirts to hand out to students (and ex-students). They will also be flying our school flag so that you can find them.

The 4km dash participants must then assemble at 9:25am, with the event starting at 9:40am.

Mrs Watkins will be running the 4km with our students/families. Mr Voloczi and Miss Ramm will meet our students at the [finish line inside Optus Stadium](#).

## Monday, 9 October START OF TERM FOUR

Students return to school today. We look forward to seeing everyone back.

## Wednesday, 11 October

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We will incorporate our new **Fitness Track** into Running Club this week. The Fitness Track was made possible by P&C Colour-a-thon Fundraising, and school funds, and was installed over the school holidays.

## Thursday, 12 October

### DESTINATION SURVEY DUE TODAY

Parents of year 6 students are reminded to complete the destination survey by the end of today, using [this link](#).

## Friday, 13 October

### CRAZY HAIR AND SOCK DAY – GOLD COIN DONATION

The P&C invite all students to come to school wearing their craziest socks and hairstyles. Students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation to take part. Money raised will go towards more shade sails for our school.



**PWPS CRAZY SOCK  
AND/OR  
CRAZY HAIR DAY**  
Friday, 13th October

Bring a gold coin for our P&C.

All funds raised go to more shade and drink fountains.



## ICY POLES FOR SALE

On Friday, Kindergarten to year 6 students may bring \$1 to purchase an icy pole at lunchtime. All proceeds go to the 2024, year 6 camp.

As well as a fundraiser, this is also an opportunity for students to learn money skills. Students are responsible for taking care of their \$1, and lining up to make their lunchtime purchase.

## SENIOR ASSEMBLY – Rooms 29 and 30

This morning our Senior assembly is being hosted by the Year 5 students in Room 29 and 30. Assembly begins at 8:35 am in the Undercover Area. Students from Year 3 to Year 6 will attend.

Parents and carers are welcome to attend, or you can view the assembly at this Webex link:

<https://educationwa.webex.com/educationwa/j.php?MTID=me2e79228bc2be2f844234040e0a99304> Meeting number: 2653 662 9371 Meeting password: PWPS

## Saturday, 14 October

### REFERENDUM AND P&C FUNDRAISING STALLS AT SCHOOL

Our Undercover Area will be used by the Electoral Commission for the Referendum today.

Bring your family and friends to cast their vote at our school, and support our Sausage Sizzle, Bake Sale and Fairy Floss stall. Stalls will open at approximately 8:30am and finish at early afternoon (unless sold out).

Our Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) are running the stalls as a fundraiser for additional shade and drink fountains around our school.

There are many ways you can help out and meet other parents in the process;

- Friday 13 October – cutting onions in the school canteen, 1:30pm to 2:30pm
- Saturday 14 October – assisting at the Bake Stall or Sausage Sizzle cooking sausages, serving etc.
- Friday 13 October (2:00 – 2:45pm) or Saturday morning – if you can donate something to our Bake Stall, please drop it off at our school canteen on Friday, or bring it to the stall on Saturday.

If you can volunteer some time to help at these stalls, please email [pwpsfundraising@outlook.com.au](mailto:pwpsfundraising@outlook.com.au)





## TERM 4: EVENTS IN OCTOBER

### SCIENCE, READING AND MATHS TESTING (YEAR 1 - 6 STUDENTS)

Our Year 3 to 6 students completed a Science test at the end of Term 3. The Science test is based on the Australian Curriculum content for each year level.

All Year 1 to 6 students will complete a Reading and Maths test in the first fortnight of Term 4. The Reading and Mathematics tests are based on the Australian Curriculum, but are also adaptive, meaning the test moves to easier or harder questions depending on the child's responses. This allows us to better measure progress and identify where each child is at.



These online [Progressive Achievement Tests](#) (PAT) are developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) and allow us to diagnose student achievement levels, and also measure their individual progress. We also undertook this testing at the same time last year.

These assessments are considered alongside the teacher's judgements, and with other external assessments such as On Entry (P-2), Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN, to be sure we know where individual students and cohorts of students are at, so we can plan at the individual, classroom and whole school level.

There is no need for children to be concerned about the tests, and no preparation is required.

### FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL (KINDY – YEAR 6 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES)

Our Faction Athletics Carnival, for all students in Kindy to Year 6, will be held over two days. Attached and also on [our website](#) is a detailed program for parents.

#### Day 1 – Monday, 16 October

- 8:35am - Kindergarten group A sprints (on oval) followed by tabloid games in the Kindergarten area.
- 8:55am to 2:30pm - Jumps, Throws, 200m and 400m events will be held for selected students in Year 1- 6. Students have been selected based on their trial results in physical education lessons. Selected students were provided with a note from Mrs Watkins or Mr Headland at the end of Term 3. The team list is also on the whiteboard outside Block 3 and in the Village Undercover Area. If your child was away at the end of Term 3, this note will be handed out at the beginning of this week.



#### Day 2 – Friday, 20 October

- 8:30am – Pre-Primary to Year 6 faction march to the oval (year 3-6 then return to class).
- 8:40am - Kindergarten group B sprints (on oval) followed by tabloid games (Kindy area).
- 8:40am to 11:15am – Pre-primary to Year 2 sprints and activity rotations for all students (Year 3-6 students return to class).
- 11:20am to 1:30pm - Year 3-6 sprints and activity rotations for all students (Pre-primary to Year 2 students return to class).
- 1:30 pm - Year 1-6 relays for selected students and presentations (All Pre-primary to Year 6 students to watch).
- Our day will conclude with presentations at 2:20pm.
- The P&C have arranged food vans for parents (not students) to use during the day.
- Students may access the food vans, and also purchase Icy Poles and drinks from 2:30pm.





## CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE FUNDRAISER

The Containers for Change P&C fundraiser and sustainability initiative is on again this term.

Last term, Rooms 7 and 37 were the winning junior and senior class and will look after the trophy this term!

Bring your containers into the alcove area in Block 1 on **Thursday mornings** between 8 am and 8:30 am

If you can assist in accepting and counting containers on Thursday mornings 8:00am to 9:30am, please email [pwpsfundraising@outlook.com.au](mailto:pwpsfundraising@outlook.com.au) or pop down and see the team on Thursday mornings.

## WORLD TEACHERS DAY – DRESS UP AS A TEACHER (ALL STUDENTS)

We will be acknowledging our amazing teachers for World Teachers Day on **Thursday, 26 October**.

Students are encouraged to come dressed as a teacher to acknowledge the difference our teachers make.

## HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE AT PIARA WATERS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (YEAR 6 STUDENTS)

Year 6 students will have a full-day excursion to Piara Waters Senior High School to practice important high school skills such as navigating large school sites and interpreting timetables. All students attend, regardless of what high school they are enrolled in for 2024. *More information will be provided in Term 4.*

- **Wednesday, 25 October** (Week 3) for Room 33 and 36 Year 6 students and teachers.
- **Monday 30 October** (Week 4) for Room 34 and 35 Year 6 students and teachers.

Students must be at Piara Waters Primary School, on time, at 8:15am.



## VACSWIM SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Vacation Swimming lessons are available in the January school holidays.

- Wednesday 3 January to Friday 12 January 2024.
- Monday 8 January to Friday 12 January 2024.
- Monday 15 January to Thursday 25 January 2024.

**VacSwim**  
Enrolments now open!  
Places are limited, so get in early.

Help keep your child safe in the water.  
Enrol now for the school holidays.

[education.wa.edu.au/vacswim](http://education.wa.edu.au/vacswim)



Enrolments close on Thursday, 26 October. You can find out more [HERE](#).

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (ALL STUDENTS)

There will be a Staff Development Day on **Friday, 27 October**. Students do not attend school on that day. The [OSH](#) is open, and parents should contact them directly for a booking.

## TERM 4: EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

### FRENCH CREPES INCURSION (YEAR 5 - 6 STUDENTS)

In French, students in Years 5 to 6 have learnt how to complete a shopping transaction at the bakery. To further their knowledge, the *Miam Miam* crêpe van will be visiting our school on **Thursday, 2 November**.

Year 5 to 6 students will have the opportunity to use the language learned in class to carry out their purchase (in French). Crêpe choices are sugar, lemon sugar, cinnamon sugar, caramel, or strawberry jam. Additional options are fresh strawberries, banana and whipped cream.



**Cost:** \$7 per crêpe (students bring money on the day to pay for the crêpe as part of the process). Additional options are an extra \$1 per item.

If you DO NOT wish for your child to participate, please notify your child's class teacher by **Thursday, 26 October**.

### ELECTIONS FOR 2024 STUDENT LEADERS (YEAR 4-5 STUDENTS)

This term our Year 4 and 5 students will elect the 2024 student leaders and faction captains. All Year 5 students will be provided with a nomination form by the end of Week 2.

Interested students must return the nomination form to the front office by **Monday, 30 October**.

Nominees will prepare a short speech, which will be presented to all Year 4 and 5 students. Student Leader speeches will be held on **Wednesday, 8 November**, and Faction Captain speeches on Thursday, 9 November. Students will vote, and the elected leaders will be announced at the end-of-year concert on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December.

### YEAR 6 GRADUATION AND LEADERS PHOTOGRAPHS (YEAR 6 STUDENTS)

On **Wednesday, 8 November**, our Year 6 students will have their graduation (group) photograph taken. All students should wear their leavers shirt on this day. The photographs will be taken at the start of the day, it is imperative all students are in class by 8:15am.

The student leaders and faction captains will also be photographed. Faction captains should bring their faction t-shirt for this photograph.

### INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL (YEAR 3-6 SELECTED STUDENTS)

The Interschool Athletics Carnival, for invited students in Years 3 to 6, will be held on the following two days:

- **Tuesday, 31 October** - Jumps, Throws, 200m and 400m events.
- **Friday, 3 November** –Track and Team events.

The Interschool team will be selected following our faction athletics carnival, and permission slips sent home.





## SCIENCE EXPO (YEAR 6 STUDENTS, PARENTS, COMMUNITY, YEAR 1-5 STUDENTS)

We will hold a Science Expo in week 6 this term, where all Year 6 students will share their science skills and knowledge.

The Year 6 Science Expo projects will be displayed in the Undercover Area between **Monday, 13 November and Thursday, 16 November** for the students in Year 1 to 5. The students will participate in the judging of the “students choice” award.

All Year 6 students will present their projects at a Science Showcase Evening for families and the community on **Thursday, 16 November**, from **5:30pm to 7:30pm** in the Under Cover Area and Science Rooms. We will also have on display entries from the STAWA Science competition for year 2 to 5.

The Science Showcase Evening is a new event and we look forward to parents and community members coming along to see the high standard of Science learning at our school.



## TERM 4: EVENTS IN DECEMBER

### “A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT” - SIMULATION DAY

All Year 6 students will participate in activities to simulate a day at high school. Students will also hear from ex-PWPS students to share their high school learning and advice for a successful transition.

The day will be held on **Monday, 4 December** from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at Piara Waters Primary School.

### TRANSITION AND ORIENTATION MORNINGS 2024 (KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 5)

This year, we will be running the following transition and orientation mornings.

- On the morning of **Tuesday, 5 December**, the Pre-Primary to Year 5 students will be meeting their 2024 teacher, in their new classroom from 9:00 – 10:30am.
- An Orientation morning for students (and their parents) going into Kindergarten Group A in 2024 will take place from 9:00am – 10:30am on **Wednesday, 6 December**.
- An Orientation morning for students (and their parents) going into Kindergarten Group B in 2024 will take place from 9:00am – 10:30am on **Thursday, 7 December**.

### COLOUR-A-THON ADVENTURE RUN – KEY FUNDRAISER

The colour-a-thon Adventure Run will take place after lunch on **Friday, 8 December**.

This event is a key fundraiser for the P&C. This year, all funds raised will go towards shade sails, drink fountains and seating around the school for all students to use.

More information to follow.

If you can assist with setting up the colour run, or spreading colour during the event, please email [pwpsfundraising@outlook.com.au](mailto:pwpsfundraising@outlook.com.au)





## YEAR 6 GRADUATION CEREMONY AND EVENTS (YEAR 6 STUDENTS AND PARENTS)

Our Year 6 Graduation and Awards Ceremony will be held on the evening of **Monday, 11 December** on the lawn between the office and the staffroom (the Games Garden).

- 5:45pm – Gates and photo booth open, students arrive.
- 6:00pm – Pre-ceremony entertainment.
- 6:15pm to 7:45pm – Graduation and awards ceremony (gates will be closed at this time).
- 7:45pm to 8:15pm – Photo booth and gates re-open.

More information will be provided during Term 4 regarding tickets and seating.

### Excursion to Outback Splash

The Year 6 excursion to [Outback Splash](#) will be held on **Tuesday 12 December** from 9am to approximately 2:50pm.

Students will be able to wear free dress with bathers for water-based activities. Further information will be sent out in an excursion note closer to the event.

## END OF YEAR CONCERT AND BOOK AWARDS (ALL KINDY - 6 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES)

This will occur on our oval on **Wednesday, 13 December**.

- K-2 concert and award presentations - 4:00pm and 5:15pm.
- Year 3-6 concert and award presentations - 6:00pm and 7:15pm.

Food trucks will be on site, or you can BYO family picnic.



## YEAR 6 AND LEAVING STUDENTS ARCH

On **Thursday 14 December**, the school will come together to farewell our Year 6 students when they will leave through our student archway, out onto the lawn area on the corner of Jolly Avenue and Wright Road.

Students in Kindergarten to Year 6 who are also leaving our school are invited to join the departing arch.

The school gates will be open at 2:15pm if parents wish to join our final farewell to our students. The Leavers Arch will take place from 2:20 pm.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- Students commence school holidays on Friday, 15 December 2023.
- Students return to school on Wednesday, 31 January 2024.

**Miss Alison Ramm**  
Principal

<b>Term 4</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>Containers for Change</b> <b>8.00am – 8.30am</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>Icy poles for sale</b> <b>lunchtime</b>
<b>Week 1</b>	9/10 Commence PAT Maths and Reading Assessments	10/10	11/10 Kindy A Minister for Education visit and Special Running Club (7:45am to 8:15am)	12/10 2023 Destination Survey due	13/10 Senior assembly 8:30am RM 29 & 30 Crazy Hair and Sock Day Gold Coin Donation
<b>Week 2</b>	16/10 PWPS Faction Jumps, Throws, 200m, 400m (Yr1-6) Kindy A sprints and tabloids Kindy 2024 Class Placement Survey due	17/10	18/10 Kindy B	19/10 PAT Maths and Reading Assessments Yr 1-6 to be complete	20/10 P-6 Faction Athletics Track and Team (8:30am to 3:00pm) Kindy B sprints and tabloids
<b>Week 3</b>	23/10 Numero Interschool Heat (hosted at PWPS)	24/10	25/10 Kindy A High School Experience at Piara Waters SHS (Rm 33 and Rm 36)	26/10 Assembly Rooms 14 & 15 Icy Poles for sale – lunch Come dressed as a teacher	27/10 School Development Day Students don't attend (World Teacher Day)
<b>Week 4</b>	30/10 High School Experience at Piara Waters SHS (Rm 34 and Rm 35) 2024 Year 6 Student Leader Nomination Forms Due	31/10 Year 3-6 Interschool Athletics Day 1	1/11 Kindy B	2/11 FRENCH CREPE INCURSION Yr 5-6 8:45am – 12:10pm	3/11 Year 3-6 Interschool Athletics Day 2
<b>Week 5</b>	6/11 P&C Meeting 7pm	7/11	8/11 Kindy A Year 6 Graduation & Student Leaders Photograph 8:30am 2024 Year 6 Student Leader Speeches	9/11 2024 Year 6 Faction Captain Speeches	10/11 Music / Senior assembly
<b>Week 6</b>	13/11 Yr 6 Science Fair (Rm 33) – present to other students	14/11 Yr 6 Science Fair (Rm 36) – present to other students	15/11 Kindy B Yr 6 Science Fair (Rm 34) – present to other students	16/11 Yr 6 Science Fair (Rm 35) – present to other students Yr 6 Science Community Showcase 5:30pm – 7:30pm	17/11 Yr 6 Science Fair (Finalists) – present to other students and final judges
<b>Week 7</b>	20/11	21/11	22/11 Kindy A	23/11	24/11 Assembly (Kindy Room 1,2,3)
<b>Week 8</b>	27/11	28/11	29/11 Kindy B	30/11	1/12
<b>Week 9</b>	4/12 “A day in the life of a High school student” simulation day	5/12 P-6 Transition morning 2023 (9:00am to 10:30am)	6/12 Kindy A Kindergarten Orientation Group A 2023 (9:00am to 10:30am)	7/12 Kindergarten Orientation Group B 2023 (9:00am to 10:30am)	8/12 COLOUR -a-thon Adventure Run Return all library books
<b>Week 10</b>	11/12 Year 6 Graduation (evening) Year 6 Reports home	12/12 Year 6 Outback Splash Excursion	13/12 Kindy B Staff v Students match End of year concert and book awards (evening) K-5 Reports home	14/12 Farewell arch for Year 6 and leaving students 2:20pm Goldie draw	15/12 School Development Day (Students don't attend)



BAKE  
SALE

We're running a baked goods stall at the  
Referendum on Saturday 14th October 2023  
and need your help!

If you are able to donate some homemade cookies,  
cakes, slices, cupcakes or any baked goods to sell, We  
would really appreciate any donations.

HELP  
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Can you help man the stall? An hour, half an hour, any time  
would be welcomed.

For more information and to let us know you're able to donate baked  
goods, please contact us via [pwp@psfunding.org.uk](mailto:pwp@psfunding.org.uk)  
or through our Facebook group

Para Waters Fundraising Volunteers 2023

