

TERM 4 OVERVIEW AND WEEK 1 REMINDERS

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, 7 October**.

PERTH RUNNING FESTIVAL – 4KM DASH – TEAM PIARA

Congratulations to everyone who completed the [Minister's Running Challenge](#).



Students who completed the Education Minister's Running Challenge and/or entered the [Perth Running Festival](#) 4km event, which is on this **Sunday, 6 October**, can run in our Interschool Shirt and be part of Team Piara.

Mrs Gallagher and Mrs Skepper 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 Gallagher and Mrs Skepper will then meet our students at the [finish line inside Optus Stadium](#). Some of our staff are participating in the longer events at the Running Festival and will be racing to try to meet the PWPS students at the finish line also!



TERM 4 STAFFING UPDATE

- We welcome **Mrs Amanda Partington** back to the staff. She will be working as a Special Needs Education Assistant this term and will also take some Minilit and Maqlit reading intervention groups.
- **Mr Brendan Snook** will be the senior Physical Education teacher this term, replacing Mrs Watkins, who is on leave following the birth of her healthy baby girl.
- **Mrs Teila De-ludicibus** will teach on Mondays in room 21 for the first half of the term, before Ms White returns to full time.

LEAVING STUDENTS (KINDY TO YEAR 6) - DESTINATION SURVEY

If your child will not be attending Piara Waters Primary School in 2025 (current Pre-primary to Year 5 students), please notify the front office as soon as possible.

Please use this [survey link](#) to let us know what school your child is enrolled in for 2025.

We also need to record the school each Year 6 student will be attending in 2025 and these parents should complete the survey by October 31.

2025 TEACHERS AND CLASS PLACEMENT PROCESS

Parents of 2025 Kindergarten students (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, 7 October.

We are still finalising our 2025 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 3.

TERM 3 SWIMMING LESSON PAYMENTS (Pre-Primary to year 4)

Thank you to the parents who have paid for the Pre-primary to Year 4 swimming lessons that took place at the end of last term.

We still have a number of outstanding payments due. Payment can be made via QKR, direct deposit to the school bank account, or by card in person, or over the phone, to the school office.

If you are unsure if you have made payment, please call the office on 9397 4300 or email piarawaters.ps.admin@education.wa.edu.au

WHERE CAN I PLAY IN TERM 4

This term, we are implementing a new 'Where can I play?' roster. As part of transitioning the Pre-primary students to "big school", they will be able to play in the dental and dome areas with the Year 1 students on Wednesdays.

To further support our transition process, on Wednesdays, the following will occur:

- Year 2 and 3 will play together
- Year 4 and 5 will play together
- Year 6 have the option of playing with their own year group on the oval, or visiting / supporting their buddies in the Kindergarten play area.

You can see the term 4 [Where Do I Play timetable on our website](#).



Where Can I Play? Term 4



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Kindy & PP	Kindy & PP Area	Kindy & PP Area	Kindy & PP Area	Kindy & PP Area	Kindy & PP Area
Year 1 & 2	Games Garden	Oval	Dome	UCA	Dome
	Flag Grass	Wandjoo	Dental Area	Wandjoo	Dental Area
	UCA	Sandpit Playground & 50s Grass	Games Garden	Sandpit Playground & 50s Grass	Games Garden
Year 3 & 4	Basketball Court & Village UCA	Dome	Flag Grass	Oval	Oval
	Wandjoo	Dental Area	UCA	Flag Grass	Wandjoo
	Sandpit Playground & 50s Grass	UCA	Sandpit Playground & 50s Grass	Games Garden	Sandpit Playground & 50s Grass
Year 5 & 6	Oval	Basketball Court & Village UCA	Basketball Court & Village UCA	Basketball Court & Village UCA	Basketball Court & Village UCA
	Dome	Games Garden	Wandjoo	Dome	Flag Grass
	Dental Area	Flag Grass		Dental Area	UCA (recess only)
Year 6			Oval		
			Kindy & PP Area		

WEEK 1, TERM 4 INFORMATION

Monday, 7 October

JUNIOR CHOIR (Year 2 and 3 students, before school)

Junior choir recommences today. It is the same time, 8:00 am to 8:30 am. Ms Sudhakaran looks forward to seeing everyone again after the school holidays. Students who are new to our school are welcome to join the choir, please just attend the session and introduce yourself to Ms Sudhakaran.

UPDATED LUNCH ORDER MENU FOR TERM 4

There is a new lunch order menu for term two, which starts today. You will find the menu attached to this notice and also on our website [here](#)

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

All Year 1 to 6 students will complete a [Progressive Achievement Tests](#) (PAT) Reading and Maths test in the first two weeks of Term 4. These 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 to previous questions.



Our students are assessed using the PAT Reading and Maths tests at the same each year to enable us to measure individual progress and check student achievement levels. 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. This data is used to plan at the individual, classroom and whole school level.

There is no need for children to be concerned about these tests, and no preparation is required. Catch up testing will be held during Week 2 for students who were absent when their class was assessed in one or both of these assessments.

Tuesday, 8 October

YEAR 6 TALK MONEY INCURSION (WORKSHOP 1)

Today, the Year 6 classes will be having a free hour long incursion by [Talk Money](#). A guest speaker will visit each Year 6 classroom and present workshop, providing an introduction to money and key finance concepts for primary school students.



The timetable for the visits is:

TIME	CLASS	TEACHER
8:30 – 9:30am	Room 26	Mr Thomas
9:30 – 10:30am	Room 25	Mrs Bray
10:30 – 10:50am	RECESS	
10:50 – 11:50am	Room 24	Mrs Lourenco
11:50 – 12:50pm	Room 21	Ms White

Wednesday, 9 October

SENIOR CHOIR (Year 4 to 6 students, before school)

Senior choir recommences today at the usual time of 8:00 am to 8:45 am. Ms Sudhakaran looks forward to seeing everyone again after the school holidays. Students who are new to our school are welcome to join the choir, please just attend the session and introduce yourself to Ms Sudhakaran.

Thursday, 10 October

YEAR 6 TALK MONEY INCURSION (WORKSHOP 2)

Year 6 classes will participate in the second [Talk Money](#) workshop in their classroom today.

The timetable for the visits is:

TIME	CLASS	TEACHER
8:30 – 9:30am	Room 26	Mr Thomas
9:30 – 10:30am	Room 25	Mrs Bray
10:30 – 10:50am	RECESS	
10:50 – 11:50am	Room 24	Mrs Lourenco
11:50 – 12:50pm	Room 21	Ms White

Friday, 11 October

PRE-PRIMARY BETTER BEGINNING LIBRARY INCURSION

Today, the City of Armadale librarian, Shirley Reilly, is coming to read a story and promote the new Piara Waters library to our Pre-primary classes. This is part of the Better Beginnings Library program. Each Pre-primary student will be given a goody bag which includes a reading passport that they take to the library to receive a stamp each time they borrow certain books.



Each class will participate in the incursion at the following times:

Time	Class	Teacher
9:00 - 9.30am	Room 7	Mrs Van Riel
9.30 - 10:00am	Room 6	Mrs Muller
10:00 - 10.30am	Room 8	Mrs Scata
11-11.30am	Room 4	Mrs Eren
11.30-12pm	Room 5	Ms Chapman/Mrs Doran

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 2025, 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.

Icypoles will be sold at lunch time every Friday this term, except the faction athletics day where they will be sold at 2:30pm.



TERM FOUR INFORMATION

ASSEMBLIES (KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6)

Class assemblies are held at 8:30 am on Fridays. 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, 25 October** – Senior assembly, Year 5, rooms 10 and 20 (students in Years 3 to 6 attend).
- **Friday, 1 November** – Junior assembly, Year 1, rooms 12 and 15 (students in Kindy to Year 2 attend).
- **Friday, 22 November** – Junior assembly, Kindergarten 1B and 2B (students in Pre-Primary, Year 1 and 2 attend).
- **Friday, 29 November:** Senior assembly, “The Arts” (students in Years 3 to 6 and the junior choir attend).



OCTOBER EVENTS

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, 14 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 Years 1- 6. Students have been selected based on their trial results in physical education lessons. Selected students were provided a note from Mr Headland at the end of Term 3. The team list is also on the whiteboard outside Block 3 and 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, 18 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 a food van 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. All proceeds from the sale of icypoles and drinks go to the 2025 year 6 camp. If any year 5 parents are able to assist with this stall between 2:30pm and 3:00pm, please email piarawaters.ps.admin@education.wa.edu.au



YEAR 5 SCITECH CHALLENGE – SELECTED STUDENTS

A small group of students have been selected to participate in the Scitech Challenge Day on Monday, 14 October. Students will travel by train from the Cockburn Train Station (7:20am) to Scitech and back (3:30pm).

The Scitech Challenge Day enables teams from various schools to use their interest in science, technology, engineering and maths to solve space related challenges.

Anhad S (Rm 10), Zayn H (Rm 10), Oliver A (Rm 10), Daniel A (Rm 10), Maxwel J (Rm 11), Mariam B (Rm 11), Ashlyn S (Rm 20) and Diva T (Rm 20) have been selected to represent our school this year. These students received consent forms at the end of last term. We hope they have an educational yet fun time at Scitech.

YEAR 5 - EXCURSION TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Year 5 students will visit [Parliament House](#), to enhance their learning of the year 5 HASS Curriculum. Permission slips and information will be sent home with students at the start of term 4.

There is no cost for this excursion. Students will catch public transport to and from the excursion.

- Rooms 11, 22 and 54 – **Tuesday, 15 October**
- Rooms 10 and 20 – **Thursday, 17 October**

Students will need to wear their school uniform, appropriate footwear for walking in, and a hat. They will also need a small backpack with a packed lunch, water bottle, clipboard, and pencil. The permission slip and further details will be sent home at the start of the term.

VACSWIM SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Vacation Swimming lessons are available in the January school holidays and are free for families.

- Monday 6 January to Friday 17 January 2025
- Monday 13 January to Friday 17 January 2025
- Monday 20 January to Thursday 30 January



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

Enrolments close on Wednesday, 16 October. You can find out more [HERE](#).

INTERSCHOOL NUMERO CHALLENGE (YEAR 5 AND 6 STUDENTS)

Congratulations to the following Year 5 and 6 Maths Extension students who have been selected in our Interschool Numero Team.

We will be competing in the Central Heat of the Numero Competition on **Friday, 25 October** at Southern Grove Primary School.

<i>Da Pyramids of Piara</i>	<i>Piara Likes Pies</i>	<i>Reserves</i>
Zayn H	Dylan T	Emily
Rishika N	Elena L	Milan
Sharveya S	Anhad S	Deborah
Hamish W	Vainavi S	Leighton



Parents are responsible for transport to and from the event. Please ensure your child arrives at Southern Grove Primary School **by 8:30am**, where they will meet Ms White. The tournament will conclude at 12:45pm, after which parents will need to arrange transport back to Piara Waters Primary School.

READING AWARDS (ALL STUDENTS)

Children who read at home regularly during the year will reach or exceed 150 days of Home Reading during Semester 2. We will be presenting students with their 150 days of Home Reading certificates on **Tuesday, 22 October** and **Wednesday, 27 November** at 2:15pm in the library, at 2:15pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

Please ensure your child records their home reading and tallies their total days read before bringing their Reading Log to school each Monday so significant milestones can be recognised.



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 visit our school on **Thursday, 24 October**.

Year 5 to 6 students will have the opportunity to use the language learned in class to make 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 **Monday, 21 October**.

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

We will be acknowledging our amazing teachers for World Teachers Day on **Friday, 25 October**.

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

HAVE SUM FUN ONLINE MATHS COMPETITION (YEAR 3 TO 6)

Students in the maths extension programs will be able to be selected in our interschool teams in final round of the [Have Sum Fun online](#) competition. A team of four students in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will compete in this competition. The term 4 competition is between **21 October and 7 November**.

The winning teams are chosen based on accuracy and speed, and so far this year, our year 3, 4 and 6 teams have been placed 1st, 2nd and 1st, respectively. Can the Piara Waters teams continue with their fantastic results?

P&C FUNDRAISER – FREE LAMB TASTING (ALL FAMILIES)

Together with Murdoch University, we will be hosting a **FREE Lamb Tasting Research event** for adults on Saturday, 26th October 2024 at the undercover (assembly) area at Piara Waters Primary School.

There are 20 spots available (+ 5 Standby spots) for each session:

- 11:30am
- 12:30pm
- 13:30pm

Please use this link to sign up for a spot and be sure to arrive 15 minutes early on the day. <https://www.volunteersignup.org/LJ9LR>

Only 1 hour of your time will help to raise \$1,000 for our school!

Further information about the event is [here](#) and please note that your attendance implies your consent to participate by completing and returning a survey after completing the taste testing, and the data to be used by Murdoch University.

Participants must be:

- Aged over 18 years old
- Regular consumers of red meat, at least once per fortnight
- Willing to eat samples of red meat cooked to medium doneness (will be slightly pink in the middle)
- Not suffering from any medical condition precluding the consumption of cooked meat
- Untrained in this process and cannot repeat the tasting within 6 months
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** No details that can identify participants are gathered in the course of the study **

Please reach out if you have any queries, or if you wish to enquire about your participation, please contact MeatTastings@Murdoch.edu.au

MASSED CHOIR FESTIVAL (SENIOR CHOIR STUDENTS YEAR 4-6)

This year, students in our choir will be performing at the Massed Choir Festival, held at HBF Stadium on the evening of the **Saturday, 2nd November**. The Massed Choir Festival brings together a mass student choir, of approximately 500 students, to perform together.

Students have already attended the first rehearsal, back in Term 3. The next rehearsal is: **Thursday, 31 October** at HBF Stadium (students will be transported by bus to this rehearsal)

Permission slips and further details have been sent to choir students in Term 3.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

YEAR 6 GRADUATION AND LEADERS PHOTOGRAPHS (YEAR 6 STUDENTS)

On **Monday, 4 November**, our Year 6 students will have their graduation (group) photograph taken. All students should wear their leavers shirt on this day and follow our [school dress code](#), which includes no makeup, jewellery (except sleeper or stud earrings) and hair tied back.

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.



JUNIOR SCIENCE CHICKENS (PRE-PRIMARY – YEAR 1 STUDENTS)

Mrs Steel has arranged for some chicks to be “hatched” in the Junior Science Room on **Monday, 4 November**. The students in Pre-primary and Year 1 will have the opportunity to watch and observe the eggs hatch during their science lessons as part of Science (Biology) curriculum. The chicks will leave us, to return to the farm on **Friday, 15 November**.

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, 5 November** - Jumps, Throws, 200m and 400m events.
- **Thursday, 7 November** –Track and Team events.

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



PIARA WATERS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION (ONLY YEAR 6 STUDENTS ENROLLED AT PWSHS IN 2025)

Students who are enrolled in Piara Waters Senior High School for 2025 will attend the Orientation Day on **Wednesday, 6 November**. This is a full day at the high school and students will travel to and from home to the high school, and not attend PWPS at all that day.

The Orientation Day will help familiarise students with their new school environment, meet future teachers and students from other primary schools who are also attending the high school next year.

Students not attending Piara Waters Senior High School in 2025, will attend PWPS as per normal that day. There will be other days established for alternative high school orientation sessions which students should attend. Please notify via the [absentee process](#) when your year 6 child is attending an orientation. We will mark them as attending an external education activity on that day (not absent from school).

ELECTIONS FOR 2025 STUDENT LEADERS (YEAR 4-5 STUDENTS)

This term our Year 4 and 5 students will elect the 2025 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 **Thursday, 7 November**.

Nominees will prepare a short speech, which will be presented to all Year 4 and 5 students. Student Councillor speeches will be held on **Tuesday, 19 November**, and Faction Captain speeches on **Thursday, 21 November**. Students will vote, and the elected leaders will be announced at the end-of-year concert on **Wednesday, 11 December**.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (ALL STUDENTS)

There will be a Staff Development Day on **Friday, 8 November**. Students do not attend school on that day. The [OSH](#) is open, and parents should contact them directly for a booking.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

At 11:00am on **Monday, 11 November** we will observe a period of silence in our classes to remember all those who have died or suffered in wars and armed conflicts.



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, 11 November and Friday, 15 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 also present their projects at a **Science Showcase Evening** for families and the community on **Thursday, 14 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 was a new event last year, and we look forward to parents and community members coming along to see the high standard of Science learning at our school.



Our P&C will also be running a sausage sizzle and bake sale on this evening.

YEAR 5 AND 6 SWIMMING LESSONS

Year 5 and 6 swimming lessons will access to in-term swimming lessons this term.

Permission slips and further information will be provided in Week 3 of the term. Swimming lessons will be held at Coogee Beach.

The cost of lessons will be \$27 This covers the cost of the bus trip to and from school. Payment is due prior to your child swimming lessons commencing.



Swimming Lessons - Week 7 and 8 (18 November to 29 November – 10 lessons)		
Session 1 (9:00 – 9:40 am)	Session 2 (9:45 – 10:25am)	Session 3 (10:50 - 11:30 am)
Year 6 Rooms 21, 25, 26	Year 5 and 6 Rooms 11, 22 and 24	Year 5 Rooms 10, 20 and 54

ADHD PARENT WORKSHOP

This year, we have been focussing as a staff on expanding our knowledge of how to make students with diagnoses of ADHD thrive at our school.

Part of our process on ADHD is to also strengthen our understanding of students with ADHD and working with families to ensure the strategies we use at school are relevant and effective, and align with those used at home.

Piara Waters PS parents are invited to attend a workshop at 6:30pm, on **Monday, 18 November**. Run by ADHD coach and educator [Eliza Dadson](#), this parent information session covers information on Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD) including the difference between boys and girls with ADHD, strategies to support your child and sharing some of the strategies used by our classroom teachers.

SCIENCE INCURSION – REPTILES (YEAR 3 & 6)

To extend our year 3 and 5 students' learning about the biological science outcomes, all classes will participate in a reptile incursion on either **Wednesday, 20 or Thursday, 21 of November**. This is a free incursion; the cost will be covered by the school. The incursion is provided by the [Perth Reptile Company](#).



2025 PRE-PRIMARY TO YEAR 6 CLASS PLACEMENTS

Parents will receive an email informing them of their child/children's 2025 class placement on the afternoon of **Tuesday, 26 November**. If you have not received an email by Wednesday, 27 November, please check your email's spam folders and then email PiaraWaters.PS.Admin@education.wa.edu.au

Students will meet their 2025 class teacher on **Tuesday, 3 December**, when we will hold our pre-primary to year 6 transition morning.

CANNING VALE COLLEGE PERFORMING ARTS TROUPE PERFORMANCE FOR KINDY TO YEAR 4

The [Canning Vale College Performing Arts troupe](#) is an extra-curricular program of students from year 7 to 12 who train in Circus, Dance, and Drama skills. The troupe promotes the Act Belong Commit Healthway message through performances.

Our Kindergarten to year 4 students will watch their 45-minute show, in our undercover area on **Thursday, 28 November**. It is FREE and is a show for kids, by kids. The show is based on a journey through the jungle, and the importance of teamwork and resilience. This story is told through a combination of circus, dance, and drama to promote ways to stay physically active and belong through the arts. This year, there will be live music as part of the show, performed by students from their Approved Specialist Music Program as the house band.

DECEMBER EVENTS

LIBRARY RETURNS

All students are to return their library books the week beginning, **Monday, 2 December**. The library will be open for student borrowing again when we return on Wednesday, 5 February 2025.

“A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT” - SIMULATION DAY (YEAR 6)

All Year 6 students will participate in activities to simulate a day at high school. Students will experience the routines of high school and attend styled classes, helping our students prepare for a successful transition to high school.

The day will be held on **Monday, 2 December** from 8:30 am to 12:50 pm at Piara Waters Primary School.



TRANSITION AND ORIENTATION MORNINGS 2025 (KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 5)

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

- On the morning of **Tuesday, 3 December**, the Pre-Primary to Year 5 students will be meeting their 2025 teacher, in their new classroom from 9:00 – 10:30am.
- An Orientation morning for students (and their parents) going into Kindergarten Group A in 2025 will take place from 9:00am – 10:30am on **Wednesday, 4 December**.
- An Orientation morning for students (and their parents) going into Kindergarten Group B in 2025 will take place from 9:00am – 10:30am on **Thursday, 5 December**.

VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA

On **Friday, December 6** we will be holding a morning tea to say **THANK YOU** to all the parents and community members who have supported our students to Learn, Grow and Thrive during 2024.

COLOUR -A-THON – KEY P&C FUNDRAISER

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

This event is a key fundraiser for the P&C.

If you can assist with setting up the colour run, or spreading colour during the event, please email 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, 9 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 SPLASHM (YEAR 6)

The Year 6 excursion to [Outback Splash](#) will be held on **Tuesday, 10 December** from 9am to approximately 4:00pm.

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, 11 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.

Please note, there will be a small section marked off for “paparazzi” parents during their child’s item. In the main viewing area, families will need to remain seated to ensure that everyone can see the hard work our classes put into their items.



YEAR 6 AND LEAVING STUDENTS ARCH

On **Thursday 12 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 5 students 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, 13 December 2024**. This means that all students are required to attend school up until Thursday, 12 December.
- Students return to school on **Wednesday, 5 February 2025**. The start of school is exceptionally important. Family vacations need to take place between 13 December and 4 February, so that they do not impact on learning and classroom procedures.



COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL PROGRAMS

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE (OSH CLUB) EXPANSION

As previously advised, we were concerned that the number of places in the OSH program were not sufficient for our growing school.

We have been working with the OSH club to expand the number of places, and are pleased to advise that the regulatory and licensing process for this change is now complete. The centre can now enrol up to 120 students for each session (it was previously 90 students).

The registration process is the same, and parents are encouraged to book in early, for the places they will use, [on the OSH website](#).

MUSIC LESSONS (AFTER SCHOOL)

PWPS students can participate in guitar and keyboard lessons after school in our music room. Lessons are in small groups or individually. Please contact **PMI** Plus (Primary Music Institute) for more information. Please note this is a private provider, and we do not endorse the lessons.

CHESS CLUB (YEAR 1-6, AFTER SCHOOL)

[King Chess Club](#) (this is a private provider) will continue providing our students with an opportunity to learn Chess, after school on Mondays. Term 4 lessons are from October 14 to December 9. The lessons are held in the Junior Science Room from 2:35pm to 3:35pm.

Supervision is through the King Chess Club, and there is a cost of \$144 for the term. Registrations can be made [here](#).

Miss Alison Ramm
Principal

3 October 2024



KING CHESS CLUB
Presents

**AFTER SCHOOL
CHESS COACHING CLASSES**

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PIARAWATERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

**TERM 4: OCTOBER 14 - DECEMBER 09, 2024
(ALL MONDAYS)**

TIMINGS: 2.35 PM - 3.35 PM



For Registration,
Please Scan the QR Code
or



Click: <https://shorturl.at/zYBTK>

CONTACT:
SIVA MURUGAPPAN (INTERNATIONAL CHESS COACH)
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Term 4	MONDAY Junior Choir 8:00-8:30am	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY Senior Choir 8:00-8:45am	THURSDAY	FRIDAY Icy poles for sale lunchtime
Week 1	7/10 Commence PAT Maths and Reading Assessments Yr 1-6	8/10 Year 6 Talk Money Incursion Session 1	9/10 Kindy A	10/10 Year 6 Talk Money Incursion Session 2	11/10 Pre-primary Ripper Nipper Reading Incursion 9:30-12:00pm
Week 2	14/10 PWPS Faction Jumps, Throws, 200m, 400m (Yr1-6) Kindy A sprints and tabloids Scitech Challenge Year 6	15/10 Yr 5 Excursion Parliament House Room 11, 22 and 54	16/10 Kindy B	17/10 PAT Maths and Reading Assessments Yr 1-6 to be complete Yr 5 Excursion Parliament House Room 10 and 20	18/10 P-6 Faction Athletics Track and Team (8:30am to 3:00pm) Kindy B sprints and tabloids
Week 3 Have sum fun Term 4 comp	21/10	22/10 Reading Achievement Assembly 2:15pm	23/10 Kindy A	24/10 FRENCH CREPE INCURSION Yr 5/6 8:45am – 12:10pm	25/10 World Teachers Day Senior assembly 8:30am Room 10 and 20 Interschool Numero Challenge
Week 4 Have sum fun Term 4 comp	28/10	29/10	30/10 Kindy B Evacuation Drill	31/10 Massed Choir Festival rehearsal 9.45 - 11.45 (HBF Stadium)	1/11 Junior assembly 8:30am Room 12 and 15 Massed choir festival (Saturday) 7:15 – 8:45pm (HBF Stadium)
Week 5 Have sum fun Term 4 comp	4/11 Year 6 Graduation & Student Leader Photos 8:30am Junior Science Chickens arrive P&C Meeting 6:30 – 8:30pm	5/11 Year 3-6 Interschool Athletics Day 1	6/11 Kindy A Year 6 Orientation at Piara Waters Senior High School	7/11 Year 3-6 Interschool Athletics Day 2 2025 Year 6 Student Leader Nomination Forms Due	8/11 School Development Day – Student's don't attend
Week 6	11/11 Yr 6 Science Fair Remembrance Day	12/11 Yr 6 Science Fair Back up day – Interschool athletics Day 1	13/11 Kindy B Yr 6 Science Fair	14/11 Yr 6 Science Showcase 5:30pm – 7:30pm Back up day - Year 3-6 Interschool Athletics Day 2	15/11 Yr 6 Science Fair Junior Science Chickens leave
Week 7	18/11  Year 5 / 6 Coogee Beach Swimming Lessons ADHD Parent information workshop 6:30pm	19/11 2025 Year 6 Student Leader Speeches	20/11 Kindy A Science Reptile Incursion Year 3 and 5	21/11 Science Reptile Incursion Year 3 and 5 2025 Year 6 Faction Captain Speeches	22/11 Junior assembly 8:30am – Kindy 1,2,3A
Week 8	25/11  Year 5 / 6 Coogee Beach Swimming Lessons	26/11 Parents advised of 2025 P-6 class placements	27/11 Kindy B Reading Achievement Assembly 2:15pm	28/11 Canning vale Circus performance – Year K to 4	29/11 Senior assembly 8:30am (The arts)
Week 9	2/12 No more student library borrowing from today Yr 6 High School simulation day	3/12 P-6 2025 Transition morning (9am – 10:30am)	4/12 Kindy A Kindy 2025 Orientation morning 9:00 – 10:30am (Group A)	5/12 Kindy 2025 orientation morning 9:00 – 10:30am (Group B) Staff v Students match	6/12 Volunteers Morning Tea 10am P&C Colour-a-thon 1 – 2:30pm
Week 10	9/12 Year 6 Graduation (5:45 – 8:15pm)	10/12 Faction Reward Year 6 Outback Splash excursion	11/12 Kindy B K-6 Student Reports Home End of year concert and book awards (4:00 – 7:30pm) Food Vans	12/12 Goldie Draw Last Day for Students Farewell arch for Yr 6 and leaving students 2:20pm	13/12 School Development Day (Students don't attend)

A reminder about our school uniform

It is the school's policy that students wear the school uniform every day, including on school excursions. For some interschool events, an interschool uniform will be provided.

Please label all uniform items to make it easier to return to your child should the item be lost. Our lost property bins are placed outside the flag poles.

Our Uniform

- Royal/Navy polo shirt (displaying the school logo)
- Navy Zina Skirt
- Navy Jazz Pants
- Navy Cargo shorts
- Navy PE shorts
- Navy nylon fleece track pants
- Navy nylon fleece zip jacket (displaying the school logo)
- Navy Hat (Bucket/ Wide Brim). Hats may be purchased which are double-sided, to also show the student's faction colour.
- Year 6 students may also wear their Leavers Shirts and Leavers Jumpers.

Socks and Shoes

- Students are encouraged to wear plain coloured socks or sports socks.
- Appropriate footwear must be worn. Students will be participating in regular physical activity, so sports sneakers are the most appropriate footwear.

Faction Shirts

Students may wear their school faction shirts on any day of the week, however, they are encouraged to do so on the day of their Physical Education lesson. Faction shirts should also be worn for faction cross country and athletics carnivals.

Jewellery

- Jewellery should be restricted to a watch, sleepers or studs.
- Items of jewellery relating to a child's religious or cultural background may be worn.

Hair and make-up

- Hair below the shoulders must be tied up neatly.
- Make-up is not to be worn at any time, including school excursions and events.



SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS

Second-hand uniforms can be purchased from the PWPS P&C. You can purchase items on the Qkr! App, and these will be delivered to your child's classroom during the week. Please note this second-hand uniform service only operates during the school term in Weeks 2 to 9.