TERM 1, WEEK 4 UPDATE



Dear Parents and Carers

On Friday, the Year 6 students in Rooms 19 and 25 hosted the first assembly of the year. The students brilliantly developed and presented a variety of school holiday recounts using drama.

We heard about adventures with cavemen and dinosaurs, scary

rollercoasters and close encounters with sharks.





Well done to the students and their teachers for a wonderful first assembly.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS SHIRTS AND JUMPERS

Year 6 students will shortly be able to order a Leavers Shirt and an optional Leavers Jacket. Orders will also be able to be placed in mid term 2 for both items.

We have reviewed feedback from 2024 parents and changed to a different supplier. As sizing for the shirts was problematic last year, we have some sizing samples being delivered so that students can try on, and parents can check sizes. We will open the shirts and jumpers order as soon as these arrive and provide more information to families.

Classroom teachers will work with students this week to determine which name they want on the back of the Leavers Shirt. We use first names or nicknames on the back of the shirt. We do not use full names, as we wish to protect our students' identities in public.

THANKYOU P&C FOR THE SOCCER GOALS

Last year, the P&C donated funds for new and additional soccer goals for our oval. Thanks to Ryker and the students in room 19 for putting these together last week. The students are already enjoying using them!







WEEK 4 EVENTS

MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY

PARENT & CITIZENS (P&C) MEETING

As not all positions were filled at last week's P&C meeting, a second meeting will occur this evening.

The meeting will be held in the school library from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The 2025 committee will be finalised at this meeting.

You can join the meeting via Webex at this link (Password PWPS)

You don't need to take a job to attend the meeting. Come and see how the P&C works. "Many hands make light work," and the more people who assist, the less an individual has to do.

It is also a great way to meet other parents and learn more about our school.

Queries: pwpsfamilies@hotmail.com

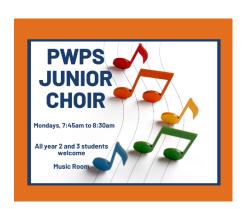


JUNIOR CHOIR (YEAR 2/3) ON TODAY

Junior Choir (Years 2 and 3) is on today. Interested students need to meet in the music room and be ready at 7:45am.

All Year 2 and 3 students are welcome, including those who have not yet attended.

The school will participate in the <u>WA Government Schools Music</u> <u>Society Concert</u> (WAGSMS) on the 24th of June. Year 3 choir students (and possibly year 2, pending numbers) will be eligible to join our school performance.



WHOLE SCHOOL APPROACH TO HOME READING

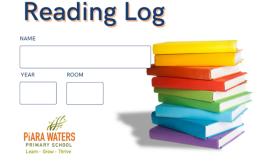
All students from PP to Year 6 should now have brought home their Piara Waters Primary School Reading Log.

Students should read at home for approximately 20 minutes four times a week and record their reading in their Reading Log.

All students are expected to read at home, whether this be the readers sent home by their classroom teacher or books they choose from the library or at home.

Please remind your child to bring their reading log to school every Monday for their classroom teacher to check and stamp.

A Reading Log will be provided to Kindergarten students when they commence their home reading program later this term.



TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY

COMPASS EDUCATION (all students and parents)

At the end of 2024, Piara Waters Primary School began transitioning to a new online school management system called Compass Education, which manages student information, attendance, and class schedules.

Some families will already be familiar with Compass as it is already used at other schools, such as those local to us - Piara Waters Senior High School, Harrisdale Senior High School and the South Metro PEAC.



Compass will allow PWPS parents to:

- monitor their child's attendance
- enter an explanation for absence or lateness
- request long term absences (instead of using the attendance form)
- view your child's timetable and school calendar
- provide consent for some school events, such as excursions and incursions
- view documented plans / IEPs for identified students (we are progressively uploading these)
- view information about your child attending the sick bay

On Tuesday, we will email login details and information to all of our parents. In the coming weeks, we will also hold parent information sessions on how to log in and use the new platform.

Please be aware that emails sent to parents from the front office or teachers through our Compass platform may contain the 'compass.email' domain name. If you are not sure, please speak to your child's teacher.

HOW TO ACCESS COMPASS

- Visit the <u>Compass Education website</u> and choose Piara Waters Primary School.
- Or download the Compass Education App from the Apple or Google Play stores.

USER GUIDES

- Compass brochure for parents
- Logging into Compass
- Using Compass on a desktop computer

Information on Compass Education can also be found on the Compass Education <u>website</u> (note we do not have all of the features illustrated on this site)

YEAR 4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT INCURSION

Armadale Museum will present their Local Government incursion to our remaining Year 4 classes. This incursion delves into how local government decisions around planning, infrastructure, rules and community development have shaped the Armadale area.

The incursion compliments the Year 4 HASS curriculum and gives students a deeper understanding of the local government's role in daily life.

Classes participating in the Year 4 incursion are:

Period 3 10:50-11:50	Room 28 - Ms. Burkhalter
Period 4 11:50-12:50	Room 35- Mrs Bray
Period 5 1:30-2:30	Room 29 - Ms. Taylor

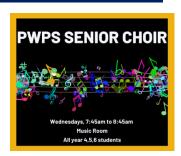
WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY

SENIOR CHOIR (YEARS 4 to 6) ON TODAY

Year 4/5/6 (Senior) Choir is on today. Interested students need to meet in the music room and be ready for 7:45am.

All year, 4/5/6 students are welcome.

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Classes participating in the Year 4 incursion are:

Period 3 10:50-11:50	Room 54 – Mr Jenson
Period 4 11:50-12:50	Room 37 - Ms. Matheson
Period 5 1:30-2:30	Room 27 - Miss. McLaughlin

THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY

FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY

JUNIOR ASSEMBLY (KINDY, GROUP B STUDENTS - YEAR 2)

Our first junior assembly for the year is this morning, and the Year 2 students in rooms 50 and 52 will host it. The Assembly begins at 8:35 a.m. in the Undercover Area.

Parents and carers are welcome to attend, or you can view the assembly at this <u>Webex link</u>. Meeting password: PWPS

We now use Compass Education to notify parents when their child receives a merit award. The emails will have the name of your child's teacher but be sent from 'compass.email'.

SWIMMING LESSON PERMISSION AND ENROLMENT NOTES (Years 5 and 6)

Swimming information, permission notes, and forms went home to all Year 5 and 6 students on Friday, 14 February.

Permission forms and payment are due back to your child's classroom teacher **today**. This is a firm deadline, as we need to confirm student numbers with the Department of Education to ensure sufficient Swimming Instructors are employed.



ICY POLES FOR SALE

Year 6 students will be selling Icy Poles at lunchtime for \$1. Icy Poles will be available each Friday this term. All proceeds from the sale of icy poles will go towards the Year 6 Camp.

Miss Alison Ramm

Principal

23 February 2025



Saturday, 8th March



The School and P&C will be running a Sausage Sizzle and Bake Sale between 9am and 2pm. This is on the State Election Day, where our Undercover Area will be used as a Polling Booth.

We will be looking for volunteers to cook sausage sizzles, serve and also donate baked goods.

Parent and Community – Term Planner Term 1 (see here for full-year calendar)

Term 1	MONDAY Junior Choir 7:45-8:30am	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY Senior Choir 7:45-8:45am	THURSDAY	FRIDAY lcy poles for sale lunchtime
Week 5	3/3 Labour Day Public Holiday	Year 5 / 6 Coogee Beach Swimming Lessons 10:55 – 2:30 Monarch Caterpillars Arrive Junior Science	5/3 Kindy A	6/3	7/3 ELECTION BAKE SALE AND STALL ON SATURDAY, 9am – 2pm
Week 6	Year 5 / 6 Coogee Beach Swimming Lessons 10:55 – 2:30	11/3	12/3 Kindy B NAPLAN Yr 3,5 – Writing test	13/3 NAPLAN Yr 3,5 – Reading Test	14/3 NAPLAN Yr 3,5 – Conventions Test
Week 7	17/3 NAPLAN Yr 3,5 – Numeracy test Chickens arrive Junior Science	18/3 NAPLAN Yr 3,5 – catch up testing	19/3 Kindy A NAPLAN Yr 3,5 – catch up testing Harmony Day (Kindy A)	20/3 NAPLAN Yr 3,5 – catch up testing	21/3 NAPLAN Yr 3,5 – catch up testing Harmony Day
Week 8	24/3 NAPLAN Yr 3,5 – catch up testing	25/3	26/3 Kindy B	27/3	28/3 Senior assembly 8:30am Yr 5 – Rm 11 & 22 Chickens leave Junior Science
Week 9	31/3	1/4	2/4 Kindy A Parent / Teacher interview afternoon (school closed from 11:30am)	3/4	Junior assembly 8:30am PP Rm 5 & 6 Interschool Summer Carnival (Yr5/6)
Week 10	7/4	8/4	9/4 Kindy B Year 6 Camp	10/4 Year 6 Camp	11/4 Year 6 Camp
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