



# TERM 1, WEEK 4 UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

Thankyou to the fabulous year 4 and 5 students in rooms 54 and 10 for putting on our first assembly for the year. It is never easy to prepare for an assembly in the first few weeks of the year, and you did it very well. It was terrific to see your confidence acting our your Golden Rules skits and your clear speaking into the microphone. Well done all!



## INFORMATION

### NAPLAN TESTING YEAR 3 AND 5 STUDENTS

On Friday, year 3 and 5 students should have bought home an information flyer regarding the 2024 NAPLAN tests.

Between now and the commencement of the testing, students in year 3 and 5 will undertake a number of practice tests, in their classrooms. The purpose of these practice tests is to enable students to become familiar with the testing platform and types of questions they will be asked.

We will be doing a co-ordinated test practice on Monday, 26 February at 8:30am. This coordinated test will also enable us to check our school network capability.

All of the NAPLAN tests are undertaken on school iPads, except the year 3 writing test, which is undertaken using pencil and paper.

Further information, including our test dates is on our [school website](#).

If you do not wish your child to participate in NAPLAN, please contact Miss Ramm as soon as possible. All exemptions, withdrawals and modifications must be submitted by Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.



## P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 26 February, in the school library, commencing at 6:30pm. The Agenda and further information about the P&C is [here](#).



All office bearer positions are declared vacant at this meeting .  
The P&C is a critical body in our school, they coordinate and raise significant funds and also provide a number of events for our students to enjoy, such as the colour run.

They also provide our second hand uniforms service.

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

Queries: [pwpsfamilies@hotmail.com](mailto:pwpsfamilies@hotmail.com)

## MATHEMATICS, READING AND EALD VOCABULARY INTERVENTION

Classroom teachers provide ongoing adjustments and support for students in their classroom who are not able to access the age-appropriate curriculum.

In addition to this, the school has in place Reading, Vocabulary (EALD students) and Mathematics intervention programs, where identified students are withdrawn from the classroom and work in small groups with a dedicated Education Assistant to improve specific skills. Selected Year 2 to Year 6 students will participate in these intervention programs.

- Our Mathematics Intervention program utilises the '[Bond Blocks](#)' resource. It was designed by Perth primary school teacher Narelle Rice in partnership with Dr Paul Swan and uses evidence-based research to help students develop their understanding and learning around number concepts. More information can be found on our school [website](#).
- Our Reading Intervention consists of MiniLit, MaqLit and Reading Decoding Intervention. The intervention programs focus on teaching letter/sound knowledge, decoding skills such as blending and segmenting and comprehension skills. More information can be found on our school [website](#).
- Our EALD Vocabulary intervention [program](#) supports students where English is a second language (at home or for the student). Students attend small group sessions to expand their vocabulary and English conventions.

Parents will be notified if students are attending one of our intervention programs. Students cease attending the program when they have learnt the target skills.

## WEEK 4 EVENTS

### MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY

#### WHOLE SCHOOL APPROACH TO HOME READING (PRE-PRIMARY TO YEAR 6)

Don't forget that all students from Years PP to 6 are expected to bring their reading logs to school today. Students should have recorded 4 home reading entries in week 1 of their reading log. Teachers will stamp and check reading logs each Monday.

**Reading Log**

NAME

YEAR  ROOM

**PIARA WATERS**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Learn • Grow • Thrive

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## EXTREME WEATHER PROCEDURES ON MONDAY

Due to the extremely hot conditions, we will operate on extreme weather procedures on Monday. This means;

- Encouraging students to refill their water bottles regularly.
- Students should “slip, slop, slap” before school and reapply with our bottles of sunscreen that are in every classroom.
- Physical education lessons will be in the air-conditioned undercover area, or students will “talk sport” in classrooms. Year 4, 5 and 6 year level sport/ summer carnival practice will be cancelled.
- Students do not go outside to eat or for recess and lunch. This means K and P students stay in their classrooms at recess and lunch. Year 1-3 students access activities inside the drama and music room, block 2, library and undercover at recess and remain in their classrooms at lunchtime. The year 4-6 students stay in their classrooms at recess and access the activities in the drama and music, block 2, library and undercover area at lunch.
- Vigorous activities are postponed.
- Short breaks, which students require, are in the shade.
- Continue to keep lunchboxes and water bottles inside the classroom
- On Fridays.... Icy poles will be on sale!

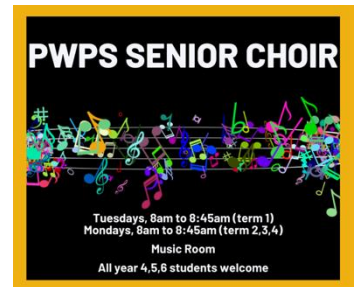


## TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY

### SENIOR CHOIR (YEARS 4 to 6)

Year 4/5/6 (Senior) Choir is on today. All Year 4 to 6 students are welcome. Interested students need to meet in the music room and be ready for 8 am. Students should bring their school bags to choir.

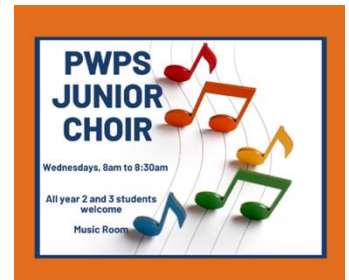
The session finishes at 8:45 am when students will make their way to class. Students are on time and do not need to go to the office for a late pass.



## EDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY

### JUNIOR CHOIR (YEAR 2/3)

Junior Choir (Years 2 and 3) is on today. All Year 2 and 3 are welcome to attend. Students must meet in the music room and be ready for 8 am. They should bring their school bags to choir. The session finishes at 8:30 am when students will make their way to class.



## THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY

### LOCKDOWN PRACTICE

Today, we will be conducting a lockdown practice. During this practice, your child's classroom's doors and windows will be locked and the students will be asked to sit on the mat with their teacher. This is a short and routine safety procedure.

If your child comes home on Wednesday afternoon explaining that they participated in this lockdown practice, there is no need for concern. It's part of our commitment to maintaining a safe and secure school environment. Classroom teachers will also talk about the Lockdown practice with students prior to the drill.



## FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY

### JUNIOR ASSEMBLY – YEAR 2, ROOM 19 AND 51

This morning, we will have our first Junior assembly of the year. It is hosted by the Year 2 students in Rooms 19 and 51. Assembly begins at 8:35 am in the Undercover Area.



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=m86ada0229375dc373338eb8ba55fa852>

Meeting password: PWPS

### ICY POLES FOR SALE

Icypoles will be sold today, at lunchtime, for \$1 by our senior students. All proceeds go towards the 2024 Year Six camp.

## Have you returned your student update forms?

Please make any corrections, and return them ASAP so that we have the right information for your child.

Miss Alison Ramm

Principal

Term 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY Year 4-6 Choir 8:00 – 8:45am	WEDNESDAY Year 2/3 Choir 8:00 – 8:30am	THURSDAY	FRIDAY Icy poles for sale lunchtime
Week 5	26/2 P&C AGM – 6:30pm  NAPLAN coordinated practice year 3 and 5 8:30am	27/2	28/2 Kindy A	29/2	1/3
Week 6	4/3 <b>Labour Day Public Holiday</b> (Students do not attend)	5/3	6/3 Kindy B	7/3	8/3 Senior assembly 8:30am Room 21, 22 and 25
Week 7	11/3	12/3	13/3 Kindy A NAPLAN Yr 3, 5 – Writing test 8:30am	14/3 NAPLAN Yr 3,5 – Reading Test 8:30am	15/3 NAPLAN Yr 3,5 – Conventions Test 8:30am
Week 8	18/3 NAPLAN Yr 3,5 – Numeracy test 8:30am	19/3 NAPLAN Yr 3,5 – catch up testing 8:30am	20/3 Kindy B NAPLAN Yr 3,5 – catch up testing 8:30am	21/3 NAPLAN Yr 3,5 – catch up testing 8:30am  Harmony Day	22/3 NAPLAN Yr 3,5 – catch up testing Junior assembly 8:30am Room 13 and 17
Week 9	25/3 NAPLAN Yr 3,5 – catch up testing	26/3 Year 5-6 Interschool Summer Carnival	27/3 Kindy A Icy poles for sale Kindy A (only)	28/3 Senior assembly 8:30am Room 30, 31 and 33  Goldie Draw Faction Reward Staff v Students match	29/3  <b>Good Friday Public Holiday</b> (Students do not attend)