

TERM 4, WEEK 8 UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to our fabulous Kindergarten B students for running our junior assembly on Friday. It was a fitting way to end our assemblies for 2023. Everyone spoke beautifully, and the singing of the rap version of 'The Wheels on the Bus' was so catchy! A special thank you to our parents and friends for joining us. It was a huge turnout, and all our kindy students were excited to see you there.

Every kindy student has made tremendous progress this year, and this morning showed us just how ready they are for full-time Pre-primary next year.

Maths and Reading high achievers

At the junior assembly, we also presented certificates to the year 1 and 2 students who received the highest ACER Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) scores.

Congratulations to the following year one and two students who received the "highest" test score in their year level.

Each year, our year one to six students complete the ACER PAT Maths and Reading tests. Our year three to six students also complete the Science test.

This allows us to track the performance of our students in comparison to Australian norms and identify strengths and weaknesses and areas for teachers to focus on. It also allows us to celebrate students who excel in reading, mathematics and science.



Maths

Year level	Student	Scale score
Year 6	Elliot L	156.5
Year 5	Dylan T	154.6
Year 4	Zayn H	159.2
Year 3	Violette G	140
Year 2	Joshua S	144
Year 1	Daniel K	121



Reading

Year level	Student	Scale score
Year 6	Vanshdeep K	156.2
Year 5	Dylan T	151.8
Year 4	Zayn H	147.4
Year 3	Lian J	141.3
Year 2	Evan T	138.1
Year 1	Eugene L	121.1

YEAR 6 AND KINDERGARTEN BUDDY ACTIVITY

This week, the Year 6 students in Rooms 35 and 36 buddied up with the Kindy A students to engage in a series of fun, educational activities designed and created by the Year 6 students.

The Kindy students were kept busy rotating between various activities, including gross motor skills, recycling techniques, napkin painting, a scavenger hunt and identifying and counting mathematical-based problem-solving. After the session, the Kindy students provided the Year 6s with feedback on their activities. Next week, they will use this constructive feedback to reflect upon and build on their activities.



The Week 8 sessions see Room 35/36 visit on Tuesday and Room 33/34 visit on Thursday afternoon.

YEAR 5 GOLD INCURSION

On Friday, The Year 5 classrooms participated in an incursion. They learned how gold is mined, the properties of gold, and its uses. They then got to spend time working collaboratively on creating pulley systems for their gold bars. Thanks to Dr. Teresa McGrath from the Gold Industry Group for such an informative and fun learning experience!



2024 CLASSROOM UPDATE

In 2024, we will receive a new transportable classroom to accommodate our growing number of students. The new transportable classroom (room 54) will be located near Room 10 and will be our Year 4/5 classroom for 2024.

Amongst other things, the addition of the new transportable means changes have been made to the location of some year groups.

In 2024, the following classroom changes will occur:

- The Year 3 classes will move from their current position near the Undercover Area to the Village.
- The Year 6 classrooms will be located next to the Undercover Area.
- The Year 5 classrooms will now be around the Wandjoo play area in Rooms 54, 10, 11 and 20.
- Most of Year 1 will be located in Block 2, with Mrs Rapanaro's Year 1 class staying in Room 9 and Miss Natale's Year 1 class moving to Room 17.

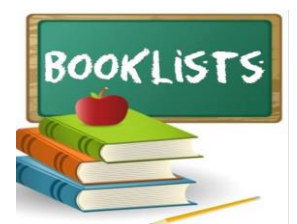
Some families who have been at Piara Waters PS for some time will remember when we had Year 3 in the village and Year 6 next to the UCA.

You can find the 2024 map on our school website [here](#).

2024 ITEMS FOR PERSONAL USE (BOOKLISTS)

Here is the link to the [2024 Student Items for Personal Use](#) (Booklists).

You can order online at West School Supplies and have free delivery to your home. You should do so by the 8th of January to have items for the start of the school year. Alternatively, you will find these items at local stores, except the Handwriting Book for Pre-Primary and Year 1 students. Again, we've kept these lists to a minimum for our families.

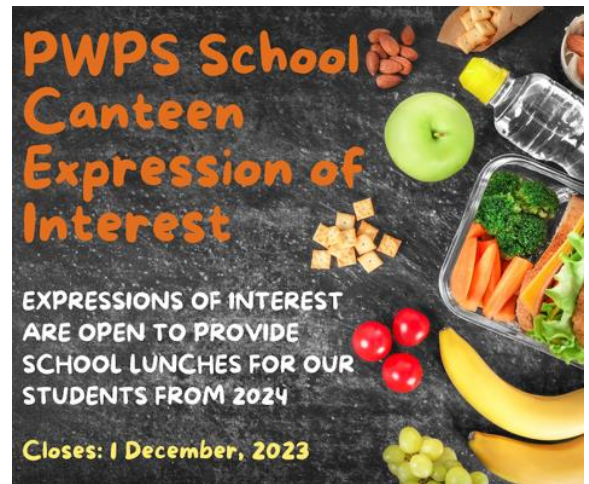


PWPS SCHOOL CANTEEN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

We are currently seeking expressions of interest to operate a Canteen service from the school site, commencing 31 January 2024.

The canteen will operate a lunch service from Monday to Friday. The successful operator must adhere to the Department of Education Healthy Food and Drink in Public Schools Policy.

Expressions of interest must be received by 4.30 pm on Friday, 1 December 2023. Download the Expression of Interest document [HERE](#).



DAY CLEANER POSITION ADVERTISED

To keep our school clean, we have continued to have a cleaner in place during the school day - in addition to the before- and after-school cleaning teams.

Our Day Cleaner position is currently vacant, and we have advertised it to commence on Monday, 29 January 2024. You can find the advertisement [here](#), which closes on Friday, 1 December.

More information is also available from Joanne Power in our front office.



A REMINDER ABOUT THE START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Students should not be on school grounds before 8:00 am if they attend OSH Club, sports training (e.g. running club) or a meeting with their parents. The school has a teacher on duty at 8:00 am. If your child is coming to school independently, we ask that you remind them that they are not to be at school before 8:00 am.

- **Before 8:00 am** – Children must be in the OSH club or attending a sports training activity.
- **Between 8:00 am and 8:15 am** – All K-6 children (and parents) must sit quietly near the flag poles. A teacher is on duty in this area at this time. Walk-to-school raffle tickets will only be provided for children who arrive between 8:00 am and 8:15 am.
- **8:15 am** – a “double” siren sounds, and students need to move to their classrooms. All classroom doors open at 8:15 am. Students should unpack their bags, hand in home-reading, etc, at this time and prepare for learning.
- **8:30 am** – learning commences in classes. All students must be in class prior.

The OSH before and after-school care has been fully booked. However, they have advised that they have ongoing vacancies daily, especially when families cancel up to 48 hours prior. You can book [HERE](#) for before and after-school care and their school vacation program.

WEEK 8 EVENTS

MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER

PARENT HELP NEEDED – 8:15 am, BLOCK 2 ALCOVE

If any parents can help move a couple of the big orange and blue tables into the shade, please meet Mrs Skepper in the Block 2 Alcove at 8:15 am.



2023 PRE-PRIMARY TO YEAR 6 CLASS PLACEMENTS

Today/this evening, parents will receive an email informing them of their child/children's 2024 class placement. If you have not received an email by Tuesday, 29th November, please check your email's spam folders and then email PiaraWaters.PS.Admin@education.wa.edu.au

Students will meet their 2024 class teacher next Tuesday, 5 December, when we will hold our pre-primary to year 6 transition morning.

TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER

KINDY AND YEAR 6 BUDDY ACTIVITY

The Year 6 and Kindergarten students are continuing to engage in their buddy activities this week. This morning, the Rooms 35 and 36 students will continue working with the Group A Kindy students.



THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

Don't forget to bring your recycled containers to the block 1 alcove between 8 am and 8:30 am each Thursday morning. Room 37 is currently leading the senior term 4 challenge, and rooms 18 and 6 are coming equal first in the junior challenge.



KINDY AND YEAR 6 BUDDY ACTIVITY

This afternoon, the Rooms 33 and 34 students will be working with the Group B Kindy students on a series of fun, engaging, and educational activities in the Kindy classrooms and playground.

FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER

YEAR 2 BUNNINGS INCURSION

The Year 2 classes will have Bunnings Harrisdale coming today to help students create a Christmas decoration (popsicle stick Christmas tree). This is part of the Bunnings community program.

Time	Class
10:50am – 11:20am	Room 16 & Room 17
11:20am-11:50am	Room 18 & Room 52
11:50am – 12:20pm	Room 51 & Room 19
12:20pm – 12:50pm	Room 50

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.

FUTURE EVENTS

P&C COLOUR -A-THON (MAJOR FUNDRAISER)

Our Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) will hold their major fundraiser on **Friday, 8th December**. All funds raised will go toward more outdoor sporting equipment across the Kindergarten to year six play areas.

Their annual Colour-a-thon requires students to collect sponsorship for participating in the scheduled run. You can see the fun from last year [here](#).

For every \$5 raised, students will receive a ticket into the prize draw. Prizes will include a Nintendo, a Bike, and various sporting equipment.

During the day, students will wear a white shirt and run around the oval while being “coloured” by our staff and P&C volunteers.

- Kindergarten (A&B) and Pre-primary will run 1:00 pm – 1:20 pm
- Year 1 to Year 3 will run 1:25 pm – 1:55 pm
- Year 4 to Year 6 will run 1:55 pm – 2:25 pm

Kindergarten A students are also invited to attend. Parents who wish to bring their Kindy A children to the oval for the 1- to 1:20 pm session.

Sponsorship forms and money (either into the P&C box or via QKR) are due by Monday, 11th December, to the grey box outside the library. Prizes will be drawn at the end-of-year concert on Wednesday, 13th December.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION EVENING

Our Year 6 Graduation and Awards Ceremony will be held on the evening of Monday, 11 December on the grass area between the office and the library.

Gates will open at 5:45 pm, with students and family having the opportunity to use the photo booth before pre-ceremony entertainment beginning at 6:00 pm.

The Graduation and awards ceremony will occur from 6:15 pm to 7:45 pm. The gates will close after the ceremony. Year 6 parents will receive information about tickets this week.

END OF YEAR CONCERT AND AWARDS NIGHT

Our End-of-Year concert and Book Awards will be held on Wednesday, 13th December.

The K-2 classes will perform and be awarded their prizes from 4:15 pm to 5:30 pm.

From 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm, the Year 3-6 classes will perform and be awarded their prizes (3-5), and the 2024 student leaders and captains will be announced.

We have the following Food Trucks available on the school oval between 4:00 pm and 7:30 pm for families, or you can BYO a picnic.

[Honey Crème.](#)
[Tomato n Basil](#)
[Just Chillin](#)

[Spice Box](#)
[Unicone](#)
[Kulfilicious](#)

Miss Alison Ramm

Principal



Parent and Community – Term Planner 2023

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY Containers for Change 8.00am – 8.30am	FRIDAY Icy poles for sale lunchtime
Week 9	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) Kindy/Year 6 Buddy Activity Rm 35/36	6/12 Kindy A Kindergarten Orientation Group A 2023 (9:00am to 10:30am) CVC Performing Arts Troupe Year 3 and 5 Performance	7/12 Kindergarten Orientation Group B 2023 (9:00am to 10:30am) Kindy/Year 6 Buddy Activity Rm 33/34	8/12 Volunteers morning tea COLOUR -a-thon Adventure Run Return all library books
Week 10	11/12 Year 6 Graduation (evening) Year 6 Reports home Colour-a-thon sponsorship money due for prize draw.	12/12 Year 6 Outback Splash Excursion Faction Reward	13/12 Kindy B Staff v Students match End of year concert and book awards (evening) K-5 Reports home Colour a thon prize draw at concert.	14/12 Farewell arch for Year 6 and leaving students 2:20pm Goldie draw	15/12 School Development Day (Students don't attend)

School Holidays and School Attendance

- Students commence school holidays on Friday, 15 December. It is expected all students attend school up to and including Thursday, 14 December.
- The 2024 school year commences on **Wednesday, 31 January**, and we look forward to seeing every child return to school on this day. Kindergarten B students will begin on Thursday, 1 February 2024.
- The vacation period is between Friday, 15 December 2023 and Thursday, 30 January 2024.
- Vacations are not supported during the school term.



**Attendance
Matters**

Every student. Every day.

Colour-a-thon 2023

**Raffle
Prizes!**

Friday 8th December 2023

Kindy to Pre-Primary: 1pm to 1.20pm

Year 1 to 3: 1.20pm to 1.50pm

Year 4 to 6: 1.50pm to 2.20pm

**Get Sponsors and go into draw for some awesome prizes
Raise money for new outdoor play equipment**

Every \$5 gets you a ticket into the raffle to win a prize!

Students will have the option to Participate or Opt Out.

Participate:

- Ask as many families and friends to sponsor you and collect the money.
- Sponsorship money can be paid via QKR or dropped into the P&C box with your form on the day.
- Wear or bring a white shirt on the day and an old hat/cap, a change of clothes and a towel.
- Every \$5 raised gets you a raffle ticket into the draw to win a prize.
- At the End Of Year Concert and Book Awards, Wednesday 13th Dec, prize winners will be announced and prizes handed out.

Opt Out:

- Please inform your child's teacher if you do not wish for your child to participate in the event.
- Students not participating will sit and watch.