

2025 TERM 1 UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you and your children have had a restful, relaxing break. We are looking forward to welcoming back our students on **Wednesday**, ready for another busy and productive school year. Our Kindergarten B students will start on Thursday.



are stored inside either the bike rack near the Undercover Area or this one.

Various works were completed over the school holidays. Our new Year 1 classroom, Room 55, was installed and is ready to welcome Ms Boatwright's class on Wednesday. New shade umbrellas were installed in the Year 5 eating area next to the mural, and the bike racks on the dental lawn were expanded. Please ensure all bikes and scooters

INFORMATION

2025, TERM 1 STAFFING UPDATE

A special welcome to our newly recruited staff:

- **Miss Zoe Marmara** will teach Year 2 in room 16. She has been teaching Year 2 at Harrisdale Primary School for the last few years. She undertook a practicum at our school and was keen to return. Welcome back, Zoe!
- **Mr Luke Roberts** will teach year 5 in room 21. Luke has taught in Catholic and WA Public schools, most recently at Mount Pleasant Primary School.
- **Miss Jami Brandhoff** will teach year 5 in room 22. Jami was a high-performing graduate, and we are delighted to have her formally start her career with us.
- **Mr Lochlan Jones** will teach senior Physical Education. Lochlan is the permanent PE teacher at East Wanneroo PS and has joined our school, whilst Sarah Watkins is on parenting leave.
- **Miss Bridget Chester** will work as the Education Assistant in Kindergarten Room 3A. Bridget has a background in early childhood, working in childcare and schools, most recently at Bibra Lake PS.
- **Mr Cristiano Ottaviano** will work as a Special Needs Education Assistant on Mondays and Fridays. He is also studying to be a School Psychologist and has undertaken various roles, including, more recently, youth worker at the City of Cockburn.
- **Mrs Beth Krapljanov** will work full-time as an SNEA. She has a strong background in supporting people with disabilities and has begun studying to become a primary school teacher.
- **Ms Sinead Donohoe** is our new cleaner and will ensure the year 2 classrooms are sparkly each morning.

We also welcome back our staff who have been on leave:

- **Mrs Megan Mackin**
- **Mrs Kat Nelson**
- **Mrs Alana Padua**
- **Mrs Jarred Stenfors**

The region has allocated **Miss Elise Scudds** as our School Psychologist. Elise will work on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and most Fridays.

The Department of Health has re-allocated **Emily Cardy** as our school nurse. Emily is returning from maternity leave. The School Nurse will focus on checks for all Kindergarten children in the coming months.

The updated education staff photo list is on our school website , and the Corporate Services staff photo list is [HERE](#). The school map can be found [HERE](#).

SPECIALIST CLASSES AND LIBRARY TIME

We have several specialist teachers who teach our Pre-primary to year 6 classes. You can find out which specialist classes your child has [HERE](#).

You can find out what day your child's class visits the library [HERE](#). Library visits will commence on Thursday of this week. If your child forgets to bring a bag, they will read books in the library at this time instead of borrowing.

EXTREME WEATHER

The weather for the first week of the term is forecast to be extreme (the high 30s). In extremely hot weather;

- All lunchboxes and drink bottles are stored inside (please take them inside this week!).
- Physical Education lessons are modified and take place indoors.
- Our play areas are adjusted so students can play inside at recess and lunchtime. Our extreme weather play plan is available [HERE](#).



JUNIOR AND SENIOR CHOIR RECOMMENCES WEEK 2

Our Junior Choir (Year 2 and 3) and Senior Choir (Year 4/5/6) will recommence from Week 2. This year, the Junior and Senior choir will commence at 7:45am in the Music Room.

The Junior Choir will meet on Mondays, beginning Monday, 10 February (7:45 – 8:30 a.m.). All Year 2 and 3 students are welcome. At the end of term 1, we will ask students to decide if they want to remain in the choir and this will be confirmed with a choir contract.

The Senior Choir will be held on Wednesdays, beginning Wednesday, 12 February (7:45 – 8:45 a.m.). All year, 4/5/6 students are welcome. After a few weeks, we will also ask students to decide if they want to remain in the choir and this will be confirmed with a choir contract.

Students should bring their school bags to choir. When the session finishes, students will make their way to class. Students are on time and do not need to go to the office for a late pass.

Any child who would like to try out choir or join the choir is welcome to attend. Auditions are not required.

LUNCH ORDER SERVICE

Munch Box Food Service will continue to provide the school with a lunch order service. Orders need to be placed by 9am through the [Spriggy Schools](#) website or app. Further information regarding the lunch service can be found [HERE](#), including the Term 1 menu.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC

We are a large school and it is not possible for every family to secure a car park close to the school. We encourage our students and families to walk, ride or scoot to school if they can.

- If you drive to school, we encourage students to be dropped off and picked up at the **Kiss and Drive area** on Wright Road. A reminder that in this area, cars pull up, children exit on the left hand door of the vehicle, and walk themselves to/from class. A deputy principal/principal will be on duty every morning from 8:10am to 8:25am and afternoon from 2:30pm to 2:45pm at the Kiss and Drive area.
- Our Kindergarten and Pre-primary parents may use the **Early Childhood car park** on Jolley Avenue. This is a short-stay car park, only for a few minutes, while K and P parents quickly collect their child from class and return straight away. A deputy principal or principal will be on duty every afternoon from 2:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Further information about getting your child to and from school can be found [HERE](#).

The WA Police Children's Crossing Unit has several unfilled **Traffic Warden** positions, including at our crossing on Wright Road. If you are interested in working as a Traffic Warden, please speak to the Principal or a Deputy Principal or see [here for the application process](#).



Thank you for your patience, understanding, and respect for the residents who live on the streets surrounding our school. School drop-off and pick-up will never be perfect, but when we work together, we ensure the safety of our school community.

WEEK 1 EVENTS

MONDAY, 1 FEBRUARY

Year 4 and 5 students – music or drama preferences due 2 February

In semester one, years 4 and 5, students will participate in either music or drama for one hour a week. If students have a preference for music or drama, please indicate this [on this survey](#) by today, Monday 1 February. (This is the same survey included in the parent note at the end of 2024).



All students participating in Instrumental Music (IMSS) must participate in music. Students participating in the choir may choose to do either Drama or Music as their specialist subject.

Lost Property

As your children start to get ready to start school on Wednesday, you may be missing some items of school uniform, maybe a lunch box or even a drink bottle.

The lost property items will be placed outside the front office on Monday and Tuesday. If you think your child is missing something, please come and take a look.



WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY

Pre-Primary to Year 6 Students Return, and Kindergarten Group A

Today, we look forward to welcoming all of our Kindy Group A students and all of our Pre-primary to Year 6 students who are returning or starting at Piara Waters Primary School today.

Please remember that gates open at 8am and students and parents must wait next to the flag poles if arriving prior to 8:15am, when two sirens will sound and classroom doors will open.

Stationary does not need to be labelled for Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students, however we would appreciate it if all items can be labelled with your child's name for year one to six.

Year 5/6 public speaking extension group applications open

Year 5 and 6 students have the opportunity to nominate and audition for a place in our Public Speaking competition. Students will be provided with a [copy of the nomination](#) form today. It is due back on Monday the 10th of February so auditions can take place on Tuesday the 11th of February.



THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY

Kindy group B start school

Today, we welcome our Kindy Group B students who will be starting their schooling journey today.

FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY

Icy poles for sale

Year 6 students will be selling icy poles today from the canteen area for \$1. Icy poles will be available for purchase each Friday this term. (All proceeds from the sale of icy poles will go towards the Year 6 Camp.

Icy poles for Kindergarten and Pre-Primary children will be sold in the K/P area. Year 1 to 6 students will be able to purchase their icy poles from the undercover area.

This is also an opportunity for students to manage and care for money. Money is not provided to classroom teachers, students must put their money in a safe place and take it out at lunchtime if they wish to purchase.



End of year concert photos download link expires today

A reminder that you can download some photographs and an item video from the 2024 end of year concert at the links below. We don't have an image of every child, but we do have some memories of their fabulous performance.

The links, which are published in the version of this notice in Connect at the end of 2024, and now, are valid until **Friday, the 7th of February, 2025.**

- Kindergarten item – Go Santa Go
- PrePrimary item – Santa Claus is coming
- Year 1 item – Elves just want to have fun
- Year 2 item – Can't stop the feeling!
- Year 3 item – Pirate Medley
- Year 4 item – Shotgun
- Year 5 item – Try Everything
- Year 6 – Everybody wants to rule the world
- Choirs – Living on a Prayer
- Kindergarten photographs
- Pre-primary photographs
- Year 1 photographs
- Year 2 photographs
- Year 3 photographs
- Year 4 photographs
- Year 5 photographs
- Year 6 photographs
- Choir photographs and movies



TERM 1 SUMMARY: EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

ASSEMBLIES (KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6)

Class assemblies are held on Fridays at 8:30 a.m. We will continue to provide a WebEx link for families who cannot attend via Connect prior to the assembly.

Assemblies for Term 1 are:

- **Friday, 21 February** – Senior assembly, Year 6, Room 19 and 25 (students in Year 3 to 6 attend).
- **Friday, 28 February** – Junior assembly, Year 2, Room 50 and 52 (students in Kindy to Year 2 attend).
- **Friday, 23 March**: Senior assembly, Year 5, Rooms 11 and 22 (students in Years 3 to 6 attend).
- **Friday, 4 April** – Junior assembly, Pre-primary, Room 5 and 6 (students in Kindy to Year 2 attend).



PARENTS & CITIZEN'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday, February 17**, in the school library, commencing at 6:30 p.m.

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

EVENTS IN MARCH

NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5)

Between the **12th and the 23rd of March**, the students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN Reading, Writing and Mathematics assessments.

As part of their preparation for NAPLAN, the students will participate in a range of online practice tests using the school iPads. These practice tests are a good opportunity for the students to learn how to use the online platform and familiarise themselves with the format for answering questions and completing the tasks.

The practice tests are not 'marked' and the data is not stored. However, they are administrated in a similar format to the NAPLAN tests and allow us to check our IT equipment and network. More information for parents about the NAPLAN testing is [here](#).



YEAR 5 AND 6 SWIMMING LESSONS

Year 5 and 6 students have their in-term swimming lessons between the **4th and 23rd of March**. Swimming lessons will be held at Coogee Beach for the year 5/6 students.

We are aware that the Year 6 students completed beach swimming lessons recently, however allocation of swimming lessons is done by the Department of Education's Swim Team. Swimming lessons held at the beach provide our senior students with experience at the beach in readiness for their camp, which will be held at the end of Term 1.

Permission slips and further information will be provided in the coming weeks.



HARMONY DAY

All students from Kindy to Year 6 will celebrate Harmony Day on **Friday, 21 March**. On this day, students, staff and parents are encouraged to wear something **orange**, OR wear the traditional dress of their country of origin.

Kindy A students will celebrate Harmony Day and have the opportunity to dress up on **Wednesday, 19 March**.

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

There will be a number of activities held in classrooms, and the playground to acknowledge and celebrate Australian multiculturalism.



EVENTS IN APRIL

YEAR 5/6 INTERSCHOOL SUMMER CARNIVAL

Year 5 and 6 students have the opportunity to try out for the VSSA Summer carnival that will occur on **Friday, 4 April 2025**. Students will use senior sport time to train and practise the sport they have chosen. Selected students will compete against the other schools in the VSSA network in a round-robin style competition. The sports they can choose are: Volleyball, Sofcrosse, Basketball, Cricket and Ultimate Frisbee.

YEAR 6 CAMP – WOODMAN POINT

Year students will participate in an overnight camp at [Woodman Point Recreational Camp](#) from **Wednesday, 9 April, to Friday, 11 April**.

Students will participate in a range of hands-on, adventure activities, including raft building, flying fox and abseiling.

Miss Alison Ramm
Principal
2 February 2025

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 Icy poles for sale lunchtime
Week 1	3/2 Teachers Return School Development Day (Students don't attend)	4/2 School Development Day (Students don't attend)	5/2 Kindy A First day for Students P-6 First day for Kindy Group A	6/2 First day for Kindy Group B	7/2 **Year 7 for 2027 Gifted and Talented Programs close
Week 2	10/2 Year 5/6 Public Speaking extension applications close	11/2 International Women in Science Day Year 5/6 Public Speaking extension auditions	12/2 Kindy B	13/2	14/2
Week 3	17/2 P&C AGM – 6:30pm	18/2	19/2 Kindy A	20/2	21/2 Senior assembly 8:30am Yr 6 Rm 19 & 25
Week 4	24/2	25/2	26/2 Kindy B	27/2	28/2 Junior assembly 8:30am Yr 2 Rm 50 & 52
Week 5	3/3 Labour Day Public Holiday	4/3 Year 5 / 6 Coogee Beach Swimming Lessons 10:55 – 2:30	5/3 Kindy A	6/3	7/3
Week 6	10/3 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	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
Week 9	31/3	1/4	2/4 Kindy A	3/4	4/4 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 Goldie Draw Faction Reward

Piara Waters Primary School

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All proceeds go to the
2025 Year 6 Camp

LUNCH TIME FRIDAYS
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UNDERCOVER AREA (PP-6)
AND KINDY PLAY AREA



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