

TERM 1 WEEK 2 UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

It was fabulous to see our students return to school on Wednesday and to welcome our 53 new Pre-Primary to Year 6 students. A big thank you to our amazing students, who always make new students feel welcome and help them settle into our school.

We also had the pleasure of supporting our new Kindergarten students as they commenced their first day of school last week. Thank you, parents, for already teaching your children to independently put their water bottle, crunch and sip and lunch in the right places and get ready for the school day.



A number of students need to bring in their stationary items. We understand that these are probably on order. If this is the case, please let your classroom teacher know, and we will arrange some interim supplies. We have a very minimal "booklist," but it is essential that students always have their complete set of equipment.

Classroom teachers will email parents if students run out of supplies (e.g., pencils). You can find our stationary/booklists [here](#).



NAPLAN (YEAR 3 AND 5 STUDENTS)

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students undertake.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national proficiency standards. NAPLAN is just one aspect of our school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it provides us with additional information about our students' educational progress.

NAPLAN is held across Australia at the same time. This year, it will be between the 4th and 23rd of March. You can find more information on our [school website](#) and the [NAPLAN website](#). Prior to the 4th of March, our year 3 and 5 students will undertake some practice assessments so that they can become familiar with the test process and online platform.

On Monday, a [hard copy of the information page](#) will be sent home to each year 3 and 5 student. You can also download a [Simple English NAPLAN information brochure](#).



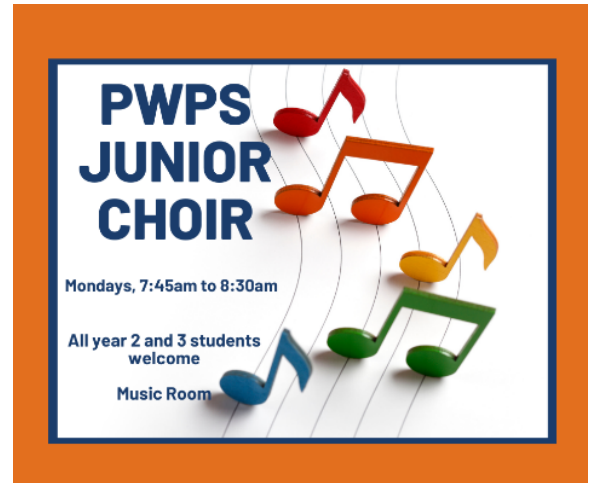
WEEK 2 EVENTS

MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY

JUNIOR CHOIR (YEAR 2/3) COMMENCES TODAY

Junior Choir (Years 2 and 3) starts today. Interested students need to meet in the music room and be ready for 7:45am. They should bring their school bags to choir. The session finishes at 8:30 am when students will make their way to class.

All Year 2 and 3 students are welcome. After a few weeks, we will ask students to decide if they want to remain in the choir. Auditions are not required.



YEAR 5/6 PUBLIC SPEAKING EXTENSION GROUP APPLICATIONS CLOSE

Year 5 and 6 students have the opportunity to nominate and audition for our Public Speaking Extension Program. Last week, students were provided with a [copy of the nomination](#) form. The forms are **due today so that** auditions can take place tomorrow (Tuesday, February 11).

MACQLIT READING INTERVENTION GROUPS

MacqLit small group reading Intervention groups re-commence today for years 4-6. These groups continue from last year and provide students with extra assistance to develop essential reading skills. Parents will be informed if new students are identified to join the program.

WHOLE SCHOOL APPROACH TO HOME READING (Year 1-6)

We cannot stress enough the importance of reading. Improved vocabulary, critical thinking and analytical skills, and focus and concentration are just some benefits of reading. Therefore, we have a whole-school approach to promoting and ensuring that PWPS students read at least four times a week.

Today, all students from Pre-primary to year six will bring home a Piara Waters Primary School Reading Log, which they will use to record their home reading. (Kindergarten students will commence home reading in the coming months.)

All students are expected to read at home. Classroom teachers will either provide books for home reading or provide information on what books to read (e.g., books from the library).

A form titled "Reading Log" for Piara Waters Primary School. It includes fields for "NAME", "YEAR", and "ROOM". To the right of the form is a stack of colorful books. At the bottom left of the form is the school logo: "PIARA WATERS PRIMARY SCHOOL Learn • Grow • Thrive".

Students should read for up to 20

minutes four times a week. Home reading should be recorded in your child's reading log. Four times a week is the minimum number of times students need to read. However, we know many of our students can read more often, so this year's Reading Log has space to record up to seven nights per week.

Please remind your child to **bring their reading log to school every Monday** so their classroom teacher can check and stamp it.

Students who read 200 or more nights in a year will receive a badge, and they can earn many other certificates and goldie awards along the way!

TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

YEAR 5/6 PUBLIC SPEAKING EXTENSION GROUP AUDITIONS

Year 5 and 6 students who have nominated for a place in our Public Speaking Extension Program will audition today. Auditions will take place during period 2, in the drama room with Mrs Walton.

SAFER INTERNET DAY (Year 3-6)

Safer Internet Day is a global initiative to raise awareness of online safety issues.

The eSafety Commissioner leads the initiative in Australia. They educate people about online safety risks, such as abuse, how to be safe online, and where to go for help.

Students in Years 3 to 6 may watch a webinar hosted by the eSafety Commission this week. This year's topic is safe and positive gaming with others.

Parents who would like more information on Safer Internet Day can find information [here](#).

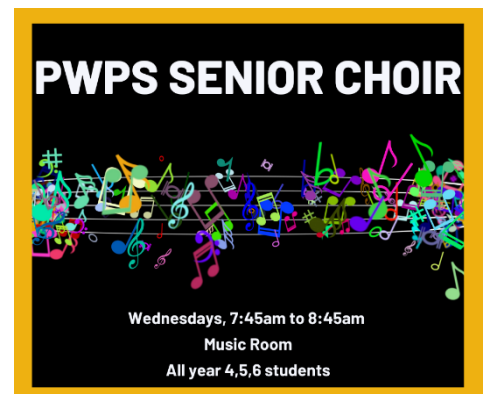


WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY

SENIOR CHOIR (YEARS 4 to 6) COMMENCES TODAY

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

All year, 4/5/6 students are welcome. After a few weeks, we will ask students to decide if they want to remain in the choir.



CLASS INFORMATION LETTERS (K to 6)

Today, each class teacher will send a class welcome and information notice via Connect. This will include information about class procedures and the class timetable.

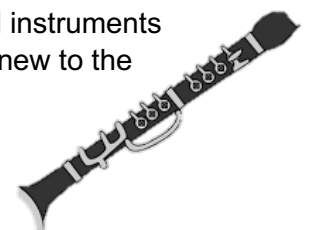
Class information letters are in addition to our school handbooks, which you can find on our website.

- [General](#) parent handbook
- Additional information for [kindergarten](#) parents
- Additional details for [pre-primary](#) parents

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SCHOOL SERVICE (IMSS) YEAR 5/6 CLARINET LESSONS

The Year 5 and 6 IMSS clarinet lessons for selected students commence today. Clarinet lessons will occur in the Art Room, with the teacher, Mrs Stephanie Wells. Students with musical instruments are reminded to bring them in with their music books and other materials. Students new to the program will be told today what they need.

Lesson times: Year 5 at 1:20 – 1:50 pm and Year 6 at 1:50 – 2:20 pm



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THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SCHOOL SERVICE (IMSS) BRASS, FLUTE AND CELLO LESSONS

Today, we have several instrumental music lessons commencing for selected students. Students with musical instruments are reminded to bring them in with their music books and other materials. Students new to the program will be told today what they need.

Year 5 and 6 Flute lessons will be held in the Music Room with Mrs Penny Hall.

- Year 6 Flute lessons will be 10:50 – 11:20am
- Year 5 Flute lessons will be 11:20 – 11:50am

Year 5 and 6 Brass lessons will be held in Room 3 with Mrs Helen Garrett.

- Year 5 Brass lessons will be 12:20 – 12:50pm
- Year 6 Brass lessons will be 12:50 – 1:20pm

Year 4 and 5 Cello lessons will be held in the Music Room with Mrs Jo Bell.

- Year 4 Cello lessons will be 1:20 – 1:50pm
- Year 5 Cello lessons will be 1:50 – 2:20pm



FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY

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.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SCHOOL SERVICE (IMSS) VIOLIN AND VIOLA LESSONS COMMENCE

Mrs Therese Arnold, the Violin/Viola teacher, will commence her IMSS lessons today. They will take place in the Music Room. Students with musical instruments are reminded to bring them in with their music books and other materials. Students new to the program will be told today what they need.

The Violin/Viola schedule is as follows:

- Year 5 Viola lessons will be held from 11:50 – 12:20 pm
- Year 5 Violin lessons will be 12:20 – 12:50 pm.
- Year 4 Violin lessons (group 1) will be 1:20 – 1:50 pm
- Year 4 Violin lessons (group 2) will be 1:50 – 2:20 pm

Miss Alison Ramm

Principal

9 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 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 Parent / Teacher interview afternoon (school closed from 11:30pm)	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

CHESS CLUB (KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6)

[King Chess Club](#) (a private provider) provides our students with an opportunity to learn Chess after school on Mondays.

Term 1 lessons are from Monday, 10 February, to Monday, 7 April 2025. We hold them in the Junior Science Room from 2:35 to 3:35 pm. Supervision is through the King Chess Club, run by head coach Siva Murugappan. There is a cost of \$155 for the term. Registrations can be made [here](#).



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TERM 1: FEBRUARY 10 - APRIL 07, 2025
(ALL MONDAYS)

TIMINGS: 2.35 PM - 3.35 PM



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