

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 many new students.

We were also excited to welcome several new teachers and deputy principals to our team.

- **Mrs Jill Doyle** is our Year 3/4 Deputy Principal. Mrs Doyle has previously been the Deputy Principal at Settlers PS and Tuart Rise PS.
- **Mrs Kylie Gallagher** is our kindergarten and pre-primary deputy principal. Mrs Gallagher was previously the deputy principal at Wilson PS.
- **Miss Emily Hodson** is teaching Year 5, Room 11, this year. She comes to us from Neerigan Brook Primary School. Before commencing as a teacher, she attained a degree in Criminology and worked for Local Government in Community Service roles.
- **Ms Stephanie Taylor** is teaching Year 4, Room 29, this year. She has ten years of experience teaching in New Zealand and was trained in Canada.
- **Mrs Sheela Sudhakaran** is our music teacher. She is very experienced and talented, and most recently, has been the music teacher at Harmony PS and Woodland Grove PS.
- **Mrs Heidi Van Reil** is our new Pre-Primary, Room 7 teacher. She has a wealth of teaching experience, most recently at Bertam PS. She has also previously supported families on school readiness and behaviour management.
- **Mrs Anel Alcock** is our Year 1, Room 12 teacher. Mrs Alcock was a relief teacher at our school before teaching at Harmony PS and is now returning to us.
- **Ms Ally Brookes** is our Year 1, Room 14 teacher. Miss Brookes most recently taught at Wilson PS and has previous experience teaching in an international school in Dubai.
- **Mrs Elle Bray** is our Year 3, Room 36 teacher and has significant experience in classroom teaching and Gifted and Talented Education at various schools, most recently, Bateman PS.
- **Miss Kath McLaughlin** is our Year 4, Room 27 teacher. She comes to us from Marri Grove PS and brings a wealth of knowledge, particularly in teaching middle years literacy.
- **Mrs Marnie Walton** is our Drama teacher for this year, whilst Mrs Irma McCullen takes leave. Mrs Walton was most recently the drama and arts teacher at Kalamunda PS.



We welcome back education assistant Mrs **Lee-Anne Vincent** from her extended leave, Ms **Renay Nguyen** and Mrs **Avis Wojick**, who will teach Kindergarten Groups 2A and 2B and Mrs **Heena Jain**, who will be the Year 2 Technologies teacher.

The updated Education and Corporate Staff photo list is on our school website [HERE](#), and you can find the school map [HERE](#)

SCHOOL INFORMATION AND EVENTS

Attached to this notice is our current planner for the 2024 school year.

Our school website is updated with [events](#) and [news](#) throughout the year. As dates change, we will inform parents via the weekly parent update and adjust the website.

If you have issues accessing Connect, the platform we use to send all school notices, please speak to the front office.

ASSEMBLIES (KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6)

Class assemblies are held at 8:30 am on Fridays. We will continue providing a WebEx link for families who cannot attend via Connect before the assembly. This will be included in the weekly parent note.

Assemblies for Term 1 are:

- **Friday, 16 February** – Senior assembly, Year 4/5, Room 11 and 54 (Year 3 to 6 students attend).
- **Friday, 23 February** – Junior assembly, Year 2, Rooms 19 and 51 (students in Kindy to Year 2 attend).
- **Friday, 8 March** – Senior assembly, Year 6, Rooms 21, 22 and 25 (students in Years 3 to 6 attend).
- **Friday, 22 March** – Junior assembly, Year 1, Rooms 13 and 17 (students in Kindy to Year 2 attend).
- **Friday, 28 March** – Senior assembly, Year 3, Rooms 30, 31, and 33 (Year 3 to 6 students attend).



PARKING AND STUDENT PICK-UP

We acknowledge that we, like most schools, need more parking bays for parents and pick up and drop off.

We encourage families to walk, scoot or cycle to school.

You might also like to use the Kiss n Drive area on Wright Road. This is not a place to park but a place to stop, say goodbye to your child/children, have them exit your vehicle, and walk into class.

The deputy/principal team supervise this area each afternoon from 2:30 pm to 2:45 pm. To improve the morning functionality, we will also provide supervision each morning for the next few weeks.



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, 5 February, to Monday, 25 March 2024. 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 \$144 for the nine lessons. Registrations can be made [here](#).

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WEEK 2 EVENTS

MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY

YEAR 6 LEAVERS SHIRTS ORDER DUE

Orders for the Year 6 Leavers shirts are due at 9 am this morning. Please place your order using the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/ftsk9vJXJJ>

Year 6 parents should refer to the Connect notice sent last week.



CLASS INFORMATION LETTERS (K to 6)

On Monday, 5 February, each class teacher will send a class 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

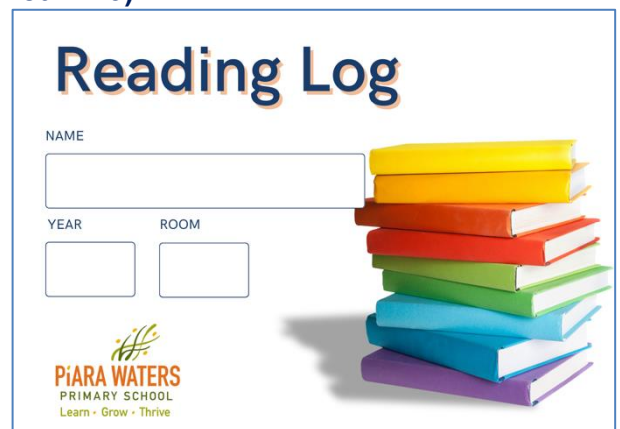
WHOLE SCHOOL APPROACH TO HOME READING (Year 1-6)

Today, all students from years one to six will bring home a Piara Waters Primary School Reading Log.

This will be where students record this home reading.

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.

Students should read for at least 20 minutes four times a week. Home reading should be recorded in your child's reading log. Please remind your child to bring their reading log to school every Monday for their classroom teacher to check and stamp.



Reading Log

NAME

YEAR ROOM

PIARA WATERS
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Class teachers will provide more information on how Home Reading will work in their classroom.

A Reading Log will be provided to Kindergarten and Pre-primary students when they commence their home reading process.

TUESDAY 6 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 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.

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.

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, like online abuse, how to be safe online and where to go for help.



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

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

WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY

STUDENT UPDATE FORMS SENT HOME (K to 6)

It is important that we have up-to-date student contact and medical records so that we can contact families when required.

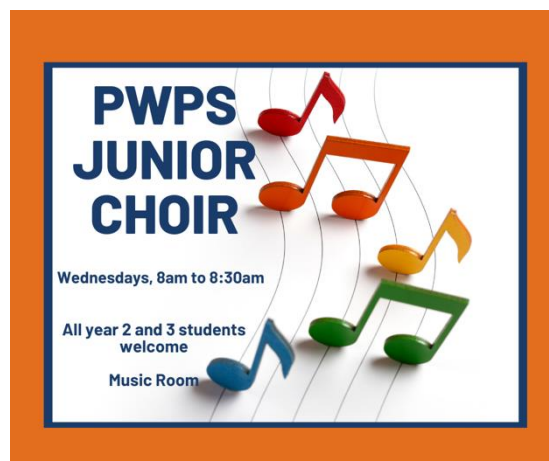
Today, students will be sent home a printout of the information we have on our system for parents to review and edit as needed.

Please return all forms to the office as soon as possible and by Wednesday, 14 February.

JUNIOR CHOIR (YEAR 2/3) COMMENCES TODAY

Junior Choir (Years 2 and 3) starts today. Interested 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.

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.



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

The Year 5 and 6 IMSS clarinet lessons for the selected students commence today. Clarinet lessons will occur in the Music Room, with the clarinet teacher, Ms Kiara Wild.

Lesson times: Year 5 at 11:50 – 12:20 pm and Year 6 at 12:20 – 12:50 pm

THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY

YEAR 5/6 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING EXTENSION PROGRAM CLOSE TODAY

Mrs Marnie Walton, our drama teacher, will be running a public speaking extension class for interested year 5/6 students in semester one. This will take place during the school day, on Fridays.

Students will be selected based on their written expression of interest and an audition.

[Expressions of interest](#) must be returned to the office today.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SCHOOL SERVICE (IMSS) YEAR 5/6 BRASS AND FLUTE

The Year 5 and 6 IMSS brass and flute lessons commence today in the music room.

The brass teacher is Mrs Helen Garrett. The flute teacher is Mrs Penny Hall.

FRIDAY 9 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 (except Week 9, when icy poles will be on sale on Thursday due to the public holiday). All proceeds from the sale of icy poles will go towards the Year 6 Camp.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SCHOOL SERVICE (IMSS) YEAR 4 VIOLIN AND VIOLA LESSONS COMMENCE

Mrs Therese Arnold, the Violin/Viola teacher, will commence the Year 4 violin and viola lessons today. They will take place in the Music Room. Violin lessons will be 1:20 – 1:50 pm, and Viola lessons will be 1:50 – 2:20 pm.

Year 4 lessons in Cello will commence next week.

Miss Alison Ramm

Principal



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Term 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY Year 4-6 Choir 8am	WEDNESDAY Year 2/3 Choir 8am	THURSDAY	FRIDAY Icy poles for sale lunchtime
Week 2	5/2 Year 6 leavers shirts orders close (9am)	6/2 Senior choir commences today (8am to 8:45am)	7/2 Kindy B Junior choir commences today (8am to 8:30am)	8/2	9/2
Week 3	12/2 International Women in Science Day	13/2	14/2 Kindy A	15/2	16/2 Senior assembly 8:30am Room 11 and 54
Week 4	19/2	20/2	21/2 Kindy B	22/2	23/2 Junior assembly 8:30am Room 19 and 51
Week 5	26/2 P&C AGM – 6:30pm	27/2	28/2 Kindy A	29/2	1/3
Week 6	4/3 Labour Day Public Holiday (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	14/3 NAPLAN Yr 3,5 – Reading Test	15/3 NAPLAN Yr 3,5 – Conventions Test
Week 8	18/3 NAPLAN Yr 3,5 – Numeracy test	19/3 NAPLAN Yr 3,5 – catch up testing	20/3 Kindy B NAPLAN Yr 3,5 – catch up testing	21/3 NAPLAN Yr 3,5 – catch up testing 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 Yr 5-6 Interschool Summer Carnival back up day	29/3 Good Friday Public Holiday (Students do not attend)