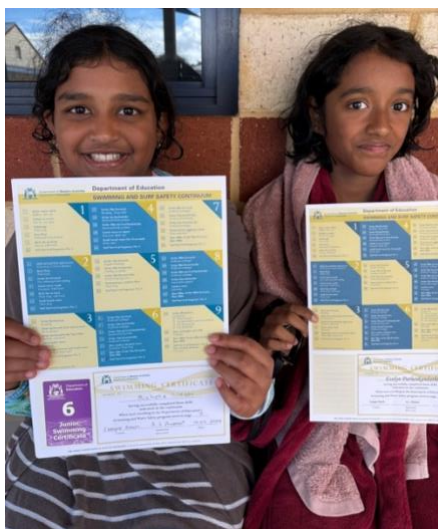


TERM 1, WEEK 7 UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 students, who completed their two-week block of swimming lessons on Friday. Thank you for being superstars, trying your hardest, and demonstrating our school values.

Thank you to the teachers and education assistants for the extra hours they have put in to make these swimming lessons successful.



Swimming lessons held at the beach provide our senior students with opportunities to develop confidence and valuable experience of ocean water in readiness for future life and the year 6 camp held at Woodman Point.



Please note that our Pre-primary to Year 4 classes will have swimming lessons in Term 3 at the pool.

COMPASS PARENT INFORMATION AND 'HOW TO' SESSIONS

We will be holding information and 'how-to' Compass sessions for parents this week in the school library. Parents are invited to attend the Tuesday afternoon (2.00 pm—2.30 pm) or Friday morning (8:30 am—9:00 am) session.

These sessions will be helpful, if you need any assistance logging into Compass and how to use the platform for your child.

Compass allows PWPS parents to:

- monitor their child's attendance
- enter an explanation for absence or lateness
- view your child's timetable and school calendar
- provide consent for some school events, such as excursions and incursions
- view documented plans / IEPs for identified students (we are progressively uploading these)
- view information about your child attending the sick bay

You do not need to RSVP, just turn up! Bring your device if you can!

All parents have been emailed login details for Compass. If you have misplaced this email, please get in touch with the front office, or we can sort it for you at one of these sessions.

UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

The School Education Act requires that you let us know as soon as possible that your child will be absent from school, what their likely date of return is, and the reason why.

This year, we have introduced the [Compass software](#), which makes it easy for parents to see any unexplained absences, provide reasons for them, advise of future absences, and track their child's attendance and any times they have been late to school.

Preferred ways of communicating an absence:

1. Enter the reason for past absences (unexplained absences) or advise us of future absences into [Compass](#). (See the support sheet attached to this Connect notice)
2. Use the online absentee form on our website [Absentee Form](#)
3. Email: PiaraWaters.PS.absentees@education.wa.edu.au

Additional ways of communicating an absence:

4. Send the class teacher a written note
5. Phone the front office directly on 9397 4300
6. Speak with your child's teacher



You can find more information about School Attendance on our [website](#).

SCHOOL HALF-DAY CLOSURE AND PARENT INTERVIEWS

As indicated on previous school calendars, on Wednesday, April 2nd, the **school will close at 11:30 a.m. to allow** parent/teacher interviews to take place.

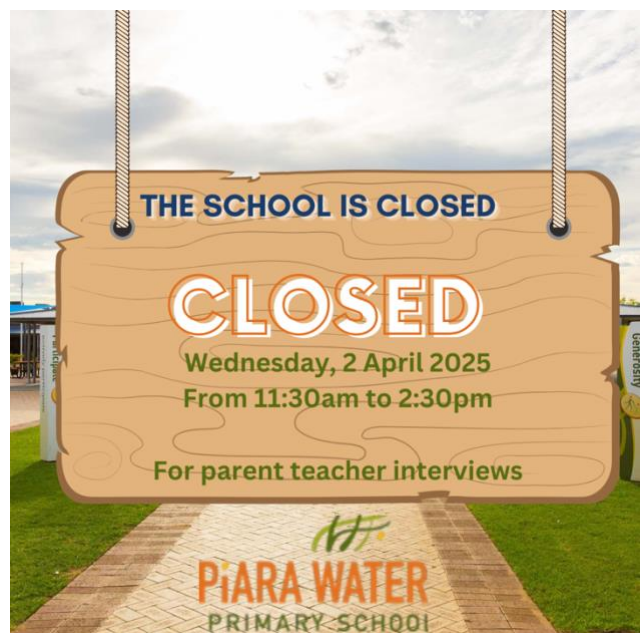
We will hold Parent and Teacher interviews from **12 pm- 5 pm**.

We ask that you arrange to collect your children from school at 11:30 am, have them walk/scoot/ride home, or organise supervision through [OSH Club](#). If this is not possible, please notify the front office so we can put alternative arrangements in place for your child.

Interviews will be held in classrooms. Each interview time slot is 12 minutes. If you need to arrange more than one interview, we suggest you do not book interviews back-to-back. Leaving a space between each interview will enable you to get to the next classroom, and not use up any of your interview time.

Specialist teachers, the deputy principals and I, and all classroom teachers can be booked for interviews.

Interviews need to be booked online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au. Bookings will open at 7am, this Wednesday and close at 9am on the 31st of March. See below for the process to book an interview.



SCIENCE EXTENSION PROGRAM FOR YEARS 3,4,5,6

Interested Year 3, 4,5 and 6 students can apply to participate in the Science Extension Program. The extension classes will take place in term 2 and 3, on Fridays between 8am and 9:30am.

Students will learn about scientists and their discoveries. Then, they will work on student-led group investigations. Over the course, students will have the opportunity to research, plan, and conduct investigations. To conclude, students will present their findings and reflections.

Completed projects will be showcased in our school during the Science Showcase Evening. Up to 10 of the best projects from each session will be submitted to the [Science Talent Search 2025](#).

All Year 3, 4, 5, and 6 students can apply. The forms are due back to the front office by Thursday, 27 March 2025. You can download the form or get one from your science teacher, who will share this information in class this week.

Year 1 and 2 students will also have the opportunity to enter a submission in the SSTAWA Science Talent Search Competition. Students will undertake the work as part of their science lesson, and in term 3, those students who are excelling will be provided additional time to complete their submission.

WEEK 7 EVENTS

MONDAY 17 MARCH

JUNIOR CHOIR (YEAR 2/3) ON TODAY

Junior Choir (Years 2 and 3) is on today. Interested students need to meet in the music room and be ready at 7:45 am.

All Year 2 and 3 students are welcome, including those who have not yet attended. Due to the NAPLAN assessment beginning today, Year 3 students will return to class at 8:15 a.m., and Year 2 students will return to class at 8:30 a.m. this week.

The school will participate in the [WA Government Schools Music Society Concert](#) (WAGSMS) on the 24th of June. Year 3 choir students (and possibly year 2, pending numbers) will be eligible to join our school performance.

NAPLAN TESTING – NUMERACY (Year 3 only)

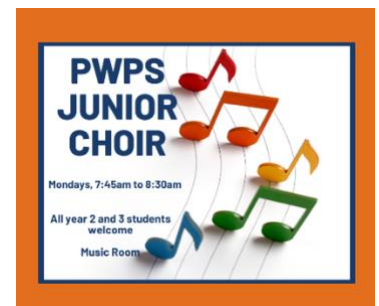
Year 3 students will take the Numeracy test this morning between 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. This test covers all three strands of the Mathematics curriculum: Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability. Students will complete their tests on a school iPad.

NAPLAN TESTING – CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE (Year 5 only)

Year 5 students will sit the Conventions of Language test this morning between 8:30 am and 10:00 am. This test covers grammar, spelling and punctuation. Year 5 students will complete their tests on a school iPad.

JUNIOR SCIENCE CHICKENS (Pre-primary – year 1 students)

Mrs Steel has arranged for some chicks to be “hatched” in the Junior Science Room; they arrive today. Pre-primary and Year 1 students will have the opportunity to watch and observe the eggs hatch during their science lessons as part of the Science (Biology) curriculum. The chicks will leave us to return to the farm on Friday, 28 March.



TUESDAY 18 MARCH

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WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH

PARENT – TEACHER INTERVIEW ONLINE BOOKINGS OPEN (7AM)

Online booking for parent/teacher interviews opens at 7am today.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code **e64ek**



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Please select the appointment times that best suit your family. Between appointments, please allow time to walk from one classroom to the other.



When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you do not receive your email, please check your junk mail, or enter the event code again and check the spelling of your email address. Update your details if your email address is incorrect.

DO NOT DELETE the email you receive. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

Please add your appointments to your calendar - reminders will not be sent home.

Bookings must be finalised by Monday, 31 March at 9am, to enable teachers to prepare for interviews.

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- OR return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.

SENIOR CHOIR (YEARS 4 to 6) ON TODAY

Year 4/5/6 (Senior) Choir is on today. Interested students need to meet in the music room and be ready for 7:45am. All students in Years 4, 5 and 6 are welcome.

The school will participate in the [WA Government Schools Music Society Concert](#) (WAGSMS) on the 24th of June. Year 4-6 choir students will be eligible to join our school performance.

HARMONY DAY DRESS UP (For Kindy A)

Today, Kindy A students and staff can wear something **orange** or the traditional dress of their country of origin.



THURSDAY 20 MARCH

PARENT & CITIZENS (P&C) GENERAL MEETING

Our [Parents and Citizens Association](#) is an important parent group at our school.

As not all positions were filled at the P&C meeting held earlier this term, another meeting will occur **this morning**.

The meeting will be held in the school library from 8:00 to 8:15 a.m. At this meeting, the 2025 committee will be finalised.

You don't need to take a job to attend the meeting. Come and see how the P&C works. "Many hands make light work," and the more people who assist, the less an individual has to do. It is also a great way to meet other parents and learn more about our school. Queries: pwpfamilies@hotmail.com

FRIDAY 21 MARCH

HARMONY DAY DRESS UP DAY (Kindy B to Year 6)

Harmony Day is today! All students and staff may choose to wear something **orange** or the traditional dress of their country of origin today.

Orange has been the Harmony Week colour since the first event in 1999. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to freedom of ideas and the encouragement of mutual respect.

This year, Harmony Week is celebrated from Monday, March 17, to Sunday, March 23. Internationally, March 21st is recognised as the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

There will be several activities held in classrooms to acknowledge and celebrate Australian multiculturalism.



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YEAR 4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT INCURSION

The year four students are continuing their learning in HASS about the role of Local Government.

This morning, they will hear from Michelle Silver, one of our Local City of Armadale Councillors, and have the opportunity to ask clarifying questions.

The incursion will take place in the Undercover area, and the session times are as follows:

- 9.00 - 9.45am for Rooms 54, 27 and 35
- 9.45 - 10.40 am for Rooms 28, 29 and 37

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 go towards the Year 6 Camp.

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 8	24/3	25/3	26/3 Kindy B	27/3	28/3 Senior assembly 8:30am Yr 5 – Rm 11 & 22 Chickens leave Junior Science
Week 9	31/3 Parent teacher interview bookings system closes (9am)	1/4	2/4 Kindy A Parent / Teacher interview afternoon 12 to 5:00pm (school closed from 11:30am)	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 "Little Prince" Year 3 Spare Parts Puppet Show Excursion	10/4 Year 6 Camp	11/4 Year 6 Camp Goldie Draw Faction Reward Book Club orders close

Miss Alison Ramm

Principal

16 March 2025

CAREER CONVERSATIONS – PATHWAYS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2025

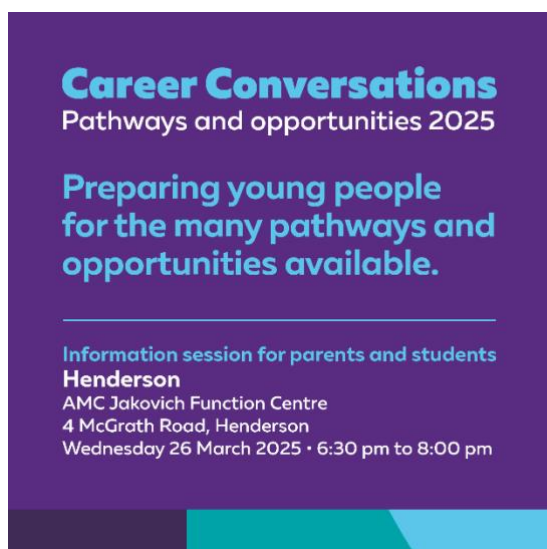
The Department of Education has advised they are hosting the following **Career Conversations - Pathways and opportunities 2025** events in the metropolitan area:

Metropolitan events (6:30 pm to 8:00 pm)

South metropolitan	Henderson	Wednesday 26 March
	Bentley	Wednesday 2 April

This is your chance to attend an **inspiring, free event** where you and your young people can dive into a conversation about post-school options and hear directly from our **industry experts**. Whether you're curious about career pathways, university options, or training opportunities, this event has something for everyone!

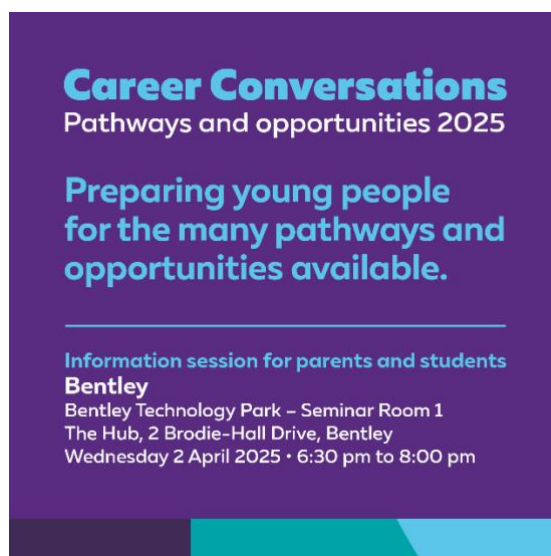
Reserve your place today by clicking the link [HERE](#).



Career Conversations
Pathways and opportunities 2025

**Preparing young people
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Information session for parents and students
Henderson
AMC Jakovich Function Centre
4 McGrath Road, Henderson
Wednesday 26 March 2025 • 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm



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Bentley
Bentley Technology Park – Seminar Room 1
The Hub, 2 Brodie-Hall Drive, Bentley
Wednesday 2 April 2025 • 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm