

TERM 3 OVERVIEW AND WEEK 1 REMINDERS

Dear parents and carers

I trust you have enjoyed the school holidays with your children. Below is a summary of what is on in Term 3 and more detailed information about this week.

We will continue to provide a weekly update, which will be published on Connect and our School Website in the [News](#) section. The [Calendar](#) and [Events](#) section of our school website is also a good way to keep up to date.

TERM 3 STAFFING UPDATE

- We welcome back to our staff, **Mrs Taleah Bray**, who replaces Miss Alana Cipriani in Year 6, Room 25. Miss Cipriani has taken six months leave to travel and work in the United Kingdom.
- We also welcome Mrs Eliza Wardrop back, who will be teaching Visual Arts and will be replacing Miss McCallum. Mrs Marnie Walton will also be teaching some lessons in Visual Arts. Miss McCallum is on leave and travelling for the next six months.
- We also welcome a new teacher, **Mr Brandon Jensen, to our staff, who will replace** Miss Emilee McDermott in Year 4/5, Room 54. Miss McDermott has taken on a position in a private school.
- Mrs **Catherine Paxton** has returned from her leave and will be working in the front office for a few days a week. Welcome back, Catherine.
- Mrs **Kath Chamberlain**, from our front office team, has been selected for a promotional position at Gwynn Park Primary School and will be their acting Manager of Corporate Services this term. We are currently finalising the selection process for her replacement and will notify the school community when it is complete.

NAIDOC WEEK

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories.

As this fell during the school holidays, we held our school-based NAIDOC Week celebrations in the final week of term 3. Students and staff all contributed to a big NAIDOC flag, which you can see on our basketball court fence. Classes also displayed their learning about First Nations cultures and histories on their classroom doors and windows.



WEEK 1, TERM 3 INFORMATION

Monday, 15 July

JUNIOR CHOIR (Year 2 and 3 students, before school)

Junior choir recommences today – **please note it has been moved to Mondays**. It is the same time, 8:00 am to 8:30 am. Ms Sudhakaran looks forward to seeing everyone again after the school holidays. Students who are new to our school are welcome to join the choir, please just attend the session and introduce yourself to Ms Sudhakaran.

UPDATED LUNCH ORDER MENU FOR TERM 3

There is a new lunch order menu for term two, which starts today. You will find the menu attached to this notice and also on our website [here](#).

MENU Term 3 2024	
DAILY SPECIALS	EVERYDAY MENU
MONDAY	SANDWICH & TOASTIES
Chicken Caponata w/ Pasta \$5.50	Hot & Cold Chicken & Cheese \$5.00
Spagetti Bolognaise \$5.50	Hot & Cold Chicken & Cheese \$4.50
TUESDAY	Hot & Cold Chicken & Cheese \$4.00
Chili Con Carne \$5.50	Hot & Cold Chicken & Cheese \$3.50
Chicken Curry w/ Tandoori Pasta \$5.50	Hot & Cold Chicken & Cheese \$3.00
WEDNESDAY	COLD CHOICES
Pizza (Meat/veg) (Chicken V) \$5.50	Hot & Cold Chicken & Cheese \$1.50
Spagetti Bolognaise \$5.50	Hot & Cold Chicken & Cheese \$1.00
THURSDAY	HOT CHOICES
Hot & Cold Chicken & Cheese \$5.50	Hot & Cold Chicken & Cheese \$1.50
Hot & Cold Chicken & Cheese \$5.00	Hot & Cold Chicken & Cheese \$1.00
FRIDAY	BEVERAGES
Hot & Cold Chicken & Cheese \$5.50	Hot & Cold Chicken & Cheese \$1.50
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MINISTER'S RUNNING CHALLENGE BEGINS TODAY

The Minister's Running Challenge is on again! Piara Waters Primary School [won the inaugural challenge in 2023](#), and we look forward to achieving well again this year. The running challenge is a health and fitness campaign to encourage and promote physical activity and well-being among children.

Over nine weeks (Monday, 15 July, to Friday, 13 September, Term 3), Kindergarten to year six students are encouraged to engage in at least 20 minutes of physical exercise or running per week. This could be before school at our Running Club, or running, jogging, power walking, dancing, or participating in other sports outside of school.



Each runner goes into the draw to win a weekly prize, and up to 4,000 students receive free entry into the [Perth Running Festival](#) 4km dash on Sunday, 6 October, at Optus Stadium in Perth.

In 2023, we ran as a Piara Waters PS team at the Perth Running Festival and will be organising for the same to occur in 2024.

You need to log in to the Minister's Running Challenge website here, register your details, and log your activities between July 15th and September 13th.

DRAMA AND MUSIC PREFERENCES YEAR 5 AND 6 STUDENTS

This semester, students in years 5 and 6 in rooms 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, and 26 will have the choice to study music or drama. Students will submit their preference in class on Monday via this Microsoft Form. <https://forms.office.com/r/fQ5UKcTJKU> If students are absent on Monday, they may complete the form at home.

Please note that IMSS students must attend music as they are required to undertake a class music lesson each week as part of their IMSS commitment.

All year 4 and 5 students who studied drama or music in semester one will be studying visual arts in semester two and won't need to submit their preferences.



Tuesday, 16 July

RUNNING CLUB (K-6, before school)

Running Club resumes on the oval for all Kindy to Year 6 students today between 7:45 and 8:15 a.m. Remember to bring your QR code.

If you are new to our school, just turn up, and our physical education teachers will provide you with a QR code.



Wednesday, 17 July

SENIOR CHOIR (Year 4 to 6 students, before school)

Senior choir recommences today (note move to Wednesdays) at the usual time of 8:00 am to 8:45 am. Ms Sudhakaran looks forward to seeing everyone again after the school holidays. Students who are new to our school are welcome to join the choir, please just attend the session and introduce yourself to Ms Sudhakaran.

Thursday, 18 July

Friday, 19 July

JUNIOR ASSEMBLY – PRE-PRIMARY, ROOM 5 AND 6

This morning, the Pre-Primary students in Rooms 5 and 6 will host our junior assembly. The Assembly begins at 8:35 a.m. in the Undercover Area.

Everyone is welcome to attend, or you can view the assembly at this Webex [link](#). Meeting password: PWPS

2025 KINDERGARTEN, PRE-PRIMARY AND YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS CLOSE

The government requires students to apply to enrol in Kindergarten, and then re-enrol for Pre-primary and also Year 7. Enrolments for Kindergarten, Pre-primary and Year 7 students close on today, **Friday, 19 July** across all WA Public schools.

Whilst applications for enrolment are accepted after this date, they are not provided with first priority to places. You can access enrolment information and the application form for Kindergarten and Pre-primary via our school website [here](#) or from the front office.

For enrolments to Piara Waters Senior High School for Year 7 in 2025, visit their webpage [here](#).

A poster for enrolment closure. It features the Piara Waters Primary School logo at the top. The main text reads: "Kindergarten and Pre-Primary Enrolments 2025", "Applications close Friday, 19th of July 2024". There are two circular images: one showing children in a classroom and another showing a teacher and a child looking at a document. At the bottom, it says: "Enrol in Kindy if your child is four years old by 30 June 2025" and "Enrol in Pre-Primary if your child is five years old by 30 June 2025".

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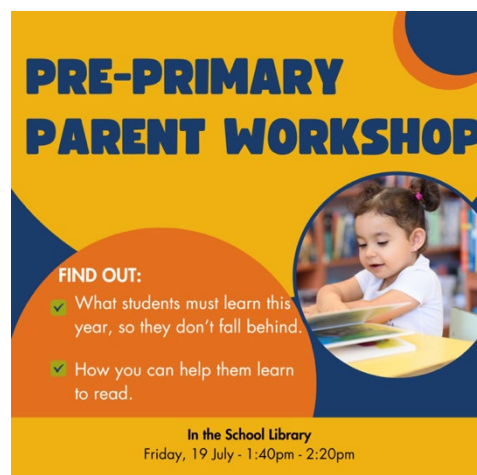
Enrol in Pre-Primary if your child is five years old by 30 June 2025

PRE-PRIMARY PARENT WORKSHOPS (READING AND LEARNING)

This afternoon, the Pre-primary parents and carers are invited to an information workshop presented by the Pre-primary teachers. This is a repeat of the workshop held at the end of last term. A key focus of this workshop is the important reading skills your child needs to learn this year to ensure they do not fall behind in future years. The workshop will cover the following topics:

- The Pre-primary curriculum – what a student learns in the year
- The importance of assisting your child's learning at home
- Strategies and resources to develop your child's learning at home

Today's workshop will be held in the school library (1:40pm – 2:20 pm)



Parents do not need to book to attend; please just attend by signing through the front office.

TERM THREE INFORMATION

ASSEMBLIES (KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6)

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

Assemblies for Term 2 are:

- **Friday, 19 July:** Junior assembly, Pre-primary, rooms 5 and 6 (Kindy to Year 2 attend).
- **Friday, 2 August:** Senior assembly, Year 3, rooms 35 and 36 (Year 3 to 6 attend).
- **Friday, 9 August:** Junior assembly, Pre-primary, rooms 4, 7 and 8 (Kindy to Year 2 attend).
- **Friday, 6 September:** Senior assembly, Year 4, rooms 27 and 29 (Year 3 to 6 attend).
- **Friday, 20 September:** Junior assembly, Year 2, rooms 16 and 18 (Kindy to Year 2 attend).

CHANGES TO SEMESTER TWO TIMETABLE AND LIBRARY TIMES

There have been some small adjustments to the Semester two teaching timetable.

- Rooms 5, 35 and 52 will now have library on a different day. See the class library schedule [HERE](#).
- Year Pre-primary to year 6 classes will focus on a different [Arts subject](#). It is a requirement that students study at least one semester of visual arts and one semester of a performing arts (music or drama at PWPS). Our pre-primary classes learn visual art with their classroom teacher and have a semester of drama and a semester of music with a specialist teacher. Our year 1 to 6 students learn visual arts for one semester and then either music or drama for one semester.
- The full specialist subject arrangements for semester two can be found [HERE](#).

JULY EVENTS

YEAR 3 - EXCURSION TO MUSEUM BOOLA BARDIP

Year 3 students will visit the [Perth Museum, Boola Bardip](#), to enhance their learning of the year 3 HASS Curriculum. Permission slips and information will be sent home with students at the start of term 3. The cost of this excursion is \$10 per student. Students will catch public transport to and from the excursion.

- Rooms 32 and 36– **Tuesday, 23 July**
- Rooms 30, 31 and 33– **Wednesday, 24 July**
- Rooms 34 and 35– **Thursday, 25 July**

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SCHOOL SERVICES (IMSS) – SCHOLARSHIPS TESTING 2025 (YEAR 3 AND 4)

We have started the selection process for students wishing to take up an instrument in the [Instrumental Music School Services](#) (IMSS) Scholarship Program. The program seeks to identify students with an innate musical talent and provide them with the opportunity to develop this talent on an instrument.



'The program offered through the School of Instrumental Music is aimed at those students who show keen interest and aptitude in music, and who are prepared to make an ongoing commitment to musical activity.'

At the end of last term, **Year 3 and 4 students** started to sit the musical aptitude test with Ms Sudhakaran, our music teacher. This test measures pitch discrepancy and musical memory of pitch and rhythm. The test takes place during Year 3 and 4 music lessons. Further information about the IMSS test will be provided to parents this term.

At Piara Waters Primary School students have the opportunity to learn Strings (Cello, Violin or Viola) or Brass (Trumpet, Clarinet).

YEAR 6 - DENTAL SCREENING

The dental therapy staff will complete a quick, 10-minute dental screen in classrooms on **Wednesday, 24 July**. Only students enrolled in the Dental Therapy School program will be seen.

YEAR 1 - 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION

On **Wednesday, 24 July**, the **Year 1** students will celebrate 100 days of school. On that day, they will rotate between the Year 1 classrooms and learn how the number 100 can be represented in various ways. As part of the celebration, Year 1 students are invited to come dressed up in a "100" theme.

Some dress-up ideas include wearing a t-shirt that represents the number 100 or dressing up as a 100-year-old person!



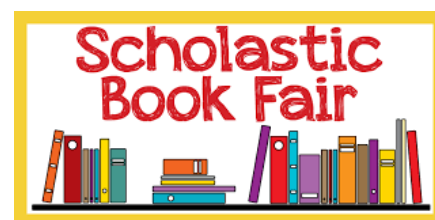
K – 6 - BOOK FAIR

We will be holding our annual book fair in the library on Friday, July 26, Monday, July 29, Tuesday, July 30, and Wednesday, July 31. The Book Fair raises money for our school library. All profits from the sale of books go directly into purchasing new books for our library. In addition, it provides an opportunity for students and families to purchase good books, usually at good prices!

The Book Fair is open for families and students (before and after school) for purchasing:

- **Friday 26, Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 July** between 8 am to 10 am and also 2 pm to 3.30 pm
- **Wednesday, 31 July**, between 8am to 10 am

Students will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair during class time to look at the books available and make a wish list.



PEAC TESTING (YEAR 4)

All Year Four students will sit the PEAC test on **Tuesday, 30 July**. This will be during class time with classroom teachers. You can find out more about the PEAC program and testing on our [website](#).

KINDERGARTEN PARENT WORKSHOPS (READING AND NUMERACY)



**KINDERGARTEN
PARENT WORKSHOP**

In the School Library
Wednesday 27 July, 8:35am - 9:20am
Wednesday 14 August, 1:4pm - 2:20pm

FIND OUT:

- ✓ Early reading skills your child needs to develop in Kindergarten.
- ✓ How you can assist them develop important reading and maths skills.

The poster features a group of children holding up colorful books at the bottom.

Kindergarten parents and carers are invited to an information workshop presented by the Kindergarten teachers. A key focus of this workshop is the important reading and maths skills your child needs to learn this year, to ensure they do not fall behind in future years. The workshop will cover the following topics:

- The Kindy curriculum – what a student learns in the year
 - The importance of assisting your child's learning at home
 - Strategies and resources to develop your child's learning
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- **Wednesday, 24 July** – 8:35am – 9:20am
 - **Wednesday 14 August** - 1:40pm – 2:25pm

Parents do not need to book to attend.

AUGUST EVENTS

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL (SELECTED YEAR 3-6 STUDENTS)

Year 3-6 students who placed 1st to 6th at our faction cross-country carnival are invited to represent Piara Waters Primary School at the interschool event on **Wednesday, 7 August**. Permission slips and further information will be sent out on Monday.

Leading up to the Interschool Cross Country carnival, (optional) training sessions will be held at Homestead Park, Thornlie, between 3:15 and 3:45 p.m. on the following dates. Please note that as it is after school hours, parents must make their own way there with their children and stay at the venue during training times.

Meeting point: Homestead Park, next to the car park outside Thornlie Community Centre on the corner of Glenbrook Road and Connemara Drive.

- Thursday, 18th July (Week 1)
- Tuesday, 23rd July (Week 2)
- Tuesday, 25th July (Week 2)
- Thursday, 30th July (Week 3)
- Tuesday, 1st August (Week 3)



LANGUAGES WEEK (YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6)

During Week 4, **Monday, 5 August, to Friday, 9 August**, we will celebrate Languages Week.

Students in Years 1 to 6 will participate in a range of activities that celebrate the different languages spoken at school.

SCIENCE WEEK (KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6)

During Week 5, **Monday, 12 August to Friday, 16 August**, the Science teachers have a number of classroom and lunchtime activities planned for Science Week in conjunction with National Science Week. More details will be published closer to the event.

BOOK WEEK PARADE AND DRESS UP (KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6)

All students are invited to dress up as a book character or a book title for our Book Week parade and dress-up day on **Friday, 23 August, at 8:35am**.

Kindy A students will have their Book Week Parade and Dress Up event on **Tuesday, 20 August, 8:35am**.



HAVE SUM FUN ONLINE MATHS COMPETITION (YEAR 3 TO 6)

Students in the maths extension programs will be able to be selected in our interschool teams in the [Have Sum Fun online](#) competition. A team of four students in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will compete in this competition. The term 3 competition is between **5 August and 23 August**.

SCIENCE IQ COMPETITION (YEAR 5/6)

We have selected two teams of year 5/6 students to represent our school and compete in the term three competition between **12 August and 23 August**.

- Team 1: Jemma T, Emily W, Vikasni, Diya
- Team 2: Leighton, Hamish, Sharveya and Dylan

SPEAK UP AWARDS

Last term we selected our school team for the Speak Up Awards. The Speak Up Awards are organised by the Freemasons Lodge, Western Australia, and provide an opportunity for students to compete in a formal public speaking competition.

Following on from the success of Mikayla Jackson being the state winner of the Speak up Award last year and Aakaash coming third in the inter-electorate speaking competition at Parliament house last term, we wish our team of Claire, Ishan, Avneet and Deonna (reserve) all the best for the first round of heats in **August**.



STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (ALL STUDENTS)

There will be a Staff Development Day on **Friday, 30 August**. Students do not attend school on that day. The [OSH](#) is open, and parents should contact them directly for a booking.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

NUMERO PARENT WORKSHOP (YEARS 1-6)

Parents are invited to attend a workshop to learn the benefits of Numero, and how to play it. The workshop will be held on **Wednesday, 4 September, 8:30 to 9:20am**, in the school library.



Many PWPS classes use Numero to extend student's mathematical thinking. We also use Numero as a key feature of our maths extension classes and enter a team annually in the Interschool Numero competition.

SWIMMING LESSONS (PRE-PRIMARY TO YEAR 4)

Pre-Primary to Year 4 students will have access to in-term swimming lessons this term.

Permission slips and further information will be provided in Week 3 of the term. Swimming lessons will be held at the Cockburn Arc swimming pool.

The cost of lessons will be between \$60 to \$70. This includes entry into the pool each day and the bus trip to and from school. Payment will be due by the end of term 3.

Swimming Lessons - Week 7 and 8 (26 August to 6 September – 9 lessons)					
Session 1 (9:20 - 10:00 am)	Session 2 (10:05 - 10:45 am)	Session 3 (10:50 - 11:30 am)	Session 4 (12:00 - 12:40 pm)	Session 5 (12:45 – 1:25 pm)	Session 6 (1:30 – 2:10pm)
Year PP, 1, 2 Rooms 8, 9, 16	Year PP, 1, 2 Rooms 7, 12, 18	Year PP, 1 Rooms 5, 13	Year PP, 2, 4 Rooms 6, 50, 54	Year PP, 3 Rooms 4, 31	Year 4 Rooms 28, 37

Swimming Lessons - Week 9 and 10 (9 September to 20 September – 10 lessons)					
Session 1 (9:20 - 10:00 am)	Session 2 (10:05 - 10:45 am)	Session 3 (10:50 - 11:30 am)	Session 4 (12:00 - 12:40 pm)	Session 5 (12:45 – 1:25 pm)	Session 6 (1:30 – 2:10pm)
Year 1, 2 Rooms 15, 51, 19	Year 1, 2, 3 Rooms 17, 52, 32	Year 3 Rooms 30, 33	Year 3 Rooms 34, 35	Year 1, 3 Rooms 14, 36	Year 4 Rooms 27, 29

MASSED CHOIR FESTIVAL REHEARSAL (SENIOR CHOIR YEAR 4-6)

This year, students in our senior choir will be performing at the Massed Choir Festival, held at [HBF Stadium](#) on the evening of **Saturday, 2 November** (Term 4). The Massed Choir Festival brings together a mass student choir of approximately 500 students to perform together.

Students will need to commit to the two rehearsals:

- **Wednesday, 11 September**, at Churchlands SHS
- **Thursday, 31 October** at HBF Stadium

Permission slips and further details about transport arrangements (students will travel to and from the rehearsals on a bus) will be sent to choir students later in the term.



MUSIC CONCERT (YEAR 2-6 CHOIR AND YEAR 4-6 IMSS STUDENTS)

On **Wednesday, 18 September**, our choirs and IMSS music students will be performing for family and friends at an afternoon music concert in the Undercover Area. The concert will be held between 1:30pm and 2:30pm in our undercover area.

BETTER BEGINNINGS LIBRARY INCURSION (KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS)

On **Monday, September 9**, Kindy A students will participate in the City of Armadale Libraries 'Better Beginnings incursion. Local librarian Shirley will visit each class to share a story and tell the students about the new local library. Students will each receive a reading pack from the City of Armadale.



Kindy B students will participate in the incursion on **Friday, 13 September**.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE FINISHES

The Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on the 6th of September. Interested students are encouraged to register [online](#), and read a minimum of 12 books between the **5th of May and the 6th of September**.

Every Piara Waters Primary School student who completes the challenge will have a star hung in our library to celebrate their achievement.



COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL PROGRAMS

MUSIC LESSONS (AFTER SCHOOL)

PWPS students can participate in guitar and keyboard lessons after school in our music room. Lessons are in small groups or individually. Please contact **PMI** Plus (Primary Music Institute) for more information. Please note this is a private provider, and we do not endorse the lessons.

CHESS CLUB (YEAR 1-6, AFTER SCHOOL)

[King Chess Club](#) (this is a private provider) will continue providing our students with an opportunity to learn Chess, after school on Mondays. Term 3 lessons are from July 22 to September 16. The lessons are held in the Junior Science Room from 2:35pm to 3:35pm.

Supervision is through the King Chess Club, and there is a cost of \$144 for the term. Registrations can be made [here](#).

Miss Alison Ramm
Principal



KING CHESS CLUB
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AFTER SCHOOL
CHESS COACHING CLASSES

@
PIARAWATERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 3: JULY 22 - SEPTEMBER 16, 2024
(ALL MONDAYS)

TIMINGS: 2.35PM - 3.35PM



For Registration,
Please Scan the QR Code
or



Click: <https://shorturl.at/db2t8>

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Term 3	MONDAY Junior Choir 8:00-8:30am	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY Senior Choir 8:00-8:45am	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	15/7	16/7 Running Club K-6 7:45am – 8:15am	17/7 Kindy A	18/7	19/7 Junior assembly 8:30am Room 5 and 6 Pre-primary parent workshop – 1:4pm – 2:20pm 2025 K and PP enrolments close
Week 2	22/7	23/7 Running Club Yr 3 Excursion Boola Bardip Museum Rm 32 & 36	24/7 Kindy B Yr 3 Excursion Boola Bardip Museum Rm 30, 31, 33 Kindy parent workshop 8:35am – 9:20am Yr 6 Dental Screening 100 Days of School – Year 1 dress up and activities	25/7 Yr 3 Excursion Boola Bardip Museum Rm 34, 35	26/7 Book Fair in library
Week 3	29/7 Swimming Forms Being Sent Home Book Fair in library	30/7 Running Club Book Fair in library Year 4 PEAC test	31/7 Kindy A Book Fair in library	1/8	2/8 Senior assembly 8:30am Room 35 and 36
Week 4 Languages Week	5/8 Swimming Forms to be returned	6/8 Running Club	7/8 Kindy B Interschool Cross Country (Yr3-6)	8/8 Back up day – Interschool Cross Country	9/8 Junior assembly 8:30am Room 4, 7 and 8
Week 5 Science Week	12/8 P&C Meeting 6:30 – 8:30pm	13/8 Running Club	14/8 Kindy A Kindy parent workshop 1:40pm – 2:25pm	15/8	16/8
Week 6 Book Week	19/8	20/8 Running Club Book Week Parade and Dress Up Day Kindy A	21/8 Kindy B	22/8	23/8 Book Week Parade and Dress Up Day (K-6)
Week 7 Aug / Sept	26/8  Year PP-4 Swimming Lessons	27/8 Running Club	28/8 Kindy A	29/8	30/8 School Development Day – Student's don't attend
Week 8	2/9  Year PP-4 Swimming Lessons Education Assistant Appreciation Week	3/9 Running Club Parents earn faction points too!	4/9 Kindy B Numero Parent Workshop 8:30am – 9:20am	5/9	6/9 Senior assembly 8:30am Room 27 and 29
Week 9	9/9  Year PP-4 Swimming Lessons Kindy A Better Beginnings Incurion 9:30-10:30am	10/9 Running Club –	11/9 Kindy A Massed Choir Festival rehearsal 9.45 - 11.45	12/9	13/9 Kindy B Better Beginnings Incurion 9:30-10:30am
Week 10	16/9  Year PP-4 Swimming Lessons	17/9 Running Club ends today 	18/9 Kindy B IMSS and Choir parent concert 1:30pm	19/9	20/9 Junior assembly 8:30am Room 16 and 18 Goldie Draw Faction Reward Staff v Students match