

TERM 3, WEEK 8 UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy Father's Day to all our Piara Waters Primary School dads! We trust you had a lovely day and enjoyed the cards and gifts made by your children at school.

The Kindergarten Dads were treated to their own personal grooming and sports sessions last week. They even received a new tie to take home. Thank you to our Kindergarten team for putting in place a fabulous morning.



Student attendance and late arrivals

On Friday, the staff spent the day looking at our performance data and analysing gaps and areas for improvement.

A key area for improvement is the attendance of our students. Whilst our 2023 student attendance rate is higher than the state average, it is the lowest since our school opened (excluding COVID-related attendance).

We cannot stress enough the importance (and requirement) of attending school every day. It is not okay to stay away for things that can be undertaken outside of the school day (e.g. getting your hair cut, seeing Grandparents, going away for the weekend).

If a child misses:

- Five days each term, they miss out on about three terms of primary school
- One day a week, they miss 1 and a half years of primary school
- 1.5 days a week, they miss just over 2 years of primary school
- Three days a week, they miss just over 4 years of school

We have exceptional teachers at Piara Waters Primary School, but they can only do their job if children are in class.

The number of students **who are late** to school is also of concern. If students are late just 10 minutes a day, that adds up to an hour a week of lost learning.

Being late for class often means important instructions are missed, and the class is interrupted. Your child may feel uncomfortable and on the outer with peers.

Children must arrive on time, ready to settle into their school work. **Please aim to have your children at school by 8:15 am.** The time between 8:15 am and 8:30 am is for students to unpack, set up their learning equipment and prepare for learning. It is too late to arrive at 8:30 am. This is when gates are closed and formal learning commences.

Attending School regularly and arriving on time helps prepare children for the real world, where it is expected that they turn up to work every day and on time.

What if my child is sick?

Children will get sick and need to stay home occasionally. However, don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick. Keep in mind complaints such as a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home. Don't send your child to school if they have a fever, diarrhoea, vomiting, a serious cough, rash, conjunctivitis or a contagious illness e.g. chicken pox.

If your child is absent from school, please let us know, and the reason why using the [form on our website](#).



WEEK 8 EVENTS

Monday, 4 September

SWIMMING LESSONS – YEAR 1 TO 4

Swimming lessons continue this week for some students in Year 1 to Year 4.

SPEAK UP AWARDS – PRELIMINARY FINALS

Today, Mikayla in Room 36 will be presenting her speech, 'The Truth About Nursery Rhymes' at the Speak Up Awards preliminary finals. We wish her all the best.

Thursday, 7 September

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

The P&C Containers for Change competition only has two more weeks! Bring your recyclable containers to the Block 1 alcove between 8 am and 8:30 am on Thursday, for a chance for your class to win a prize.



ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS

Learn • Grow • Thrive

Friday, 8 September

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE ENDS TODAY

The [Premier's Reading Challenge](#) ends today.

So far, 72 of our students have completed the Reading Challenge. There is a star for each of these students who have completed the challenge on display in the library.

Any Piara Waters Primary School student who completes the challenge by Friday, will be in the running for our school based prizes, as well as the Premier's Challenge statewide prizes.



COFFEE VAN

A coffee van will be on-site from 7:45am until 8:30am. The van will be on the grass area outside the Undercover Area.

JUNIOR ASSEMBLY – ROOMS 18, 19 & 51

This week's Junior Assembly is being hosted by Year 2 students in Rooms 18, 19 and 51. Assembly begins at 8:30 am in the Undercover Area. Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 will attend.

Parents and carers are welcome to attend, otherwise, you can view the assembly on this Webex link: <https://educationwa.webex.com/educationwa/j.php?MTID=m7656598e06893b80114ec42fc1519a60>

Join by meeting number

Meeting number (access code): 2652 410 1773

Meeting password: PWPS

Miss Alison Ramm

Principal

Leaving Piara Waters PS in 2024?

To assist our planning for 2024, it would be appreciated if;

- Parents of year 6 students can advise which Secondary school their child will attend. We require this information for student transfer processes.
- Parents of Pre-primary to year 5 students who will not attend Piara Waters Primary School in 2024, let us know. We are currently determining if we will require an additional classroom for 2024, and your early notice will assist us with this planning.

You can provide notification via this [online form](#).

Tommy Sugo Fundraiser

You can support this P&C fundraiser and fill your fridge by ordering online.

- You can place your order [HERE](#).
- Orders are delivered the next business day, to your home.
- There is no delivery fee for orders over \$90.
- This fundraising opportunity continues through to the 6th of October (term 3 holidays).



All funds raised will go towards new shade for the school.

Term 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY Running Club K-6 7:45am – 8:15am	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY Containers for Change 8:00-8:30am	FRIDAY
Week 8	4/9 Year PP-4 Swimming Lessons	5/9	6/9 Kindy B	7/9	8/9 Junior assembly Rm 18, 19 & 51 Coffee Van 7:45 – 8:30am
Week 9	11/9 Year PP-3 Swimming Lessons	12/9 Running Club – Parents earn faction points too!	13/9 Kindy A	14/9 Massed Choir Festival Rehearsal (am)	15/9 Saturday evening Massed Choir Festival Performance
Week 10	18/9 Year PP-3 Swimming Lessons	19/9 Running Club ends today for 2023 	20/9 Kindy B	21/9	22/9 Senior assembly 8:30am Rm 28 & 31 Coffee Van Goldie Draw Faction Reward Swimming payment due Staff v Students match

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY Containers for Change 8:00-8:30am	FRIDAY
Week 1	9/10	10/10	11/10 Kindy A	12/10	13/10 Senior assembly 8:30am RM 29 & 30 Coffee Van 7:45 – 8:30am Crazy Hair and Sock Day Gold Coin Donation
Week 2	16/10 PWPS Faction Jumps, Throws, 200m, 400m (Yr1-6) Kindy A sprints and tabloids Coffee Van	17/10	18/10 Kindy B	19/10 Scitech Challenge Day Selected Year 5/6 Students	20/10 P-6 Faction Athletics Track and Team Kindy B sprints and tabloids P&C Stalls Coffee Van
Week 3	23/10	24/10	25/10 Kindy A	26/10 Junior assembly Rm 9 & 11 Coffee Van 7:45 – 8:30am	27/10 World Teacher's Day School Development Day – Student's don't attend

