

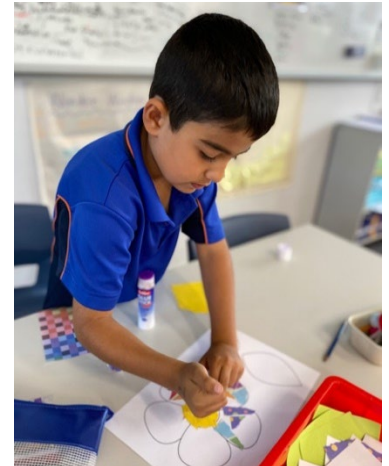
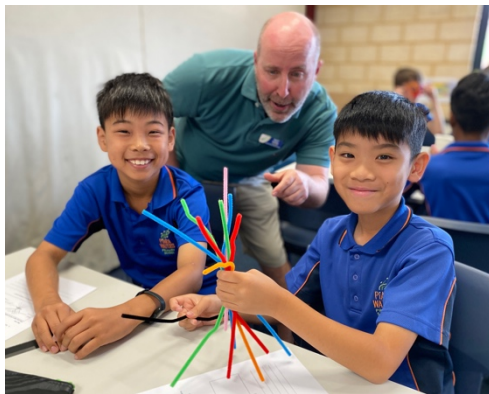


TERM 4, WEEK 10 UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

Last week, was very busy, as we focused on preparing all of our students for 2025. The week began with our year six students spending Monday moving between classrooms with their backpacks on, and following a timetable. Our high school simulation day gives the students an opportunity to understand what they might experience next year.

On Tuesday, students met their 2025 classroom teacher, their classmates and saw their new classroom.



It was lovely to welcome our 2025 Kindergarten students and their parents to our orientation days on Wednesday and Thursday. Everyone had a fabulous morning learning just how much fun learning is at school. Thank you for coming along. If you could not make it, you can collect your child's orientation bag from the front office.



On Friday, we ended the week in a colourful and spectacular way. First, we thanked our parents and other volunteers at our annual Parent Volunteer morning tea. It was great to see everyone; I enjoyed having time to sit and chat with parents. Thank you for adding value to our school!

After lunch, the students and staff participated in the P&C Colour-a-thon. Thank you so much to our P&C and their team of volunteers for putting on this event for our students – the students really enjoyed foam station. Everyone was bubbling with excitement! Some photos of the Colour-a-thon can be found on our [Facebook page](#).

In addition to it being a fun afternoon, it is also the P&C's major fundraiser for the year. Please make sure you return your [sponsorship/fundraising](#) this week. If you return your e-funds (via QQR) or form and money (to the grey box outside the library) by Monday, you will go into the draw for some terrific prizes. Every \$10 raised gets you a ticket in the mega raffle. Prizes will include a Bike Voucher (\$250), Razor Ripstick, Lego, Waterslide and various sporting equipment and games. Prizes will be announced at the start of the senior concert on Wednesday evening.

HOT AND EXTREME WEATHER ARRANGEMENTS THIS WEEK

This week, we will be putting into place our hot and/or extreme weather protocols. We will continue to monitor the weather each day and put in place the appropriate adjustments.

- **Hot weather** - During hot weather, all water bottles and lunchboxes are kept inside the classrooms. Students are encouraged to play in the shade, and to utilise the sunscreen which is available in every classroom. Physical education lessons are modified.
- **Extreme Heat or Heatwave** - During a period of extreme heat, students will remain inside (classrooms or in other internal spaces such as the undercover area/library) during break and eating times. Physical Education lessons will be modified or cancelled and not taken outside. Any planned vigorous activity will be postponed.



We will continue to monitor the weather for the Wednesday evening concert and put in additional measures to ensure students are comfortable. The current plan is outlined in the information below, but is subject to further modification as required.

TERM 4, WEEK 10 INFORMATION

Monday, 9 December

P&C COLOUR -A-THON SPONSORSHIP/DONATIONS DUE

Sponsorship forms and money (either into the P&C box outside the library or via QKR) are due by 2:30 pm today. Prizes will be drawn at the end-of-year concert on Wednesday, 11 December.

If you has misplaced the hard copy form that went home, you can download a new one [HERE](#).



OLD STUDENT CHAIRS AVAILABLE FOR A GOLD COIN

We have a number of student chairs excess to our needs which are being offered to the school community for a donation.

These chairs will be in the area under the flag poles from Monday afternoon, with additional chairs being added during the week as they are no longer needed in classes.

Student leaders or staff will be on hand before and after school to accept your kind donations. *(Picture for illustration only)*



HOME READING

Today is your child's last chance to be recognised for reaching a home reading milestone. Please make sure they have tallied their total number of days read during 2024 in their Reading Log. Certificates for 150 and 200 days home reading will be presented in class this week.

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YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Graduating students and parents

- Students were provided tickets for family members last Thursday. If you haven't received them, please check your school bags! You must bring these along, as entry is via ticket only.
- The gate between the art room and the office will open at 5:30 pm for Year 6 students and ticket holders.
- You will have the opportunity to use the photo booth (in the art room) before the choir commences at 6:00 pm. At 6 pm, all graduating students must be in the library.
- The seats are not numbered, but you will be asked to sit on the side where your child will be standing (orange or blue side). White tickets for limited viewing are seats at the back or you may stand at the back or side.
- Everyone must be seated by 6:15 pm. The gates will be closed at this time and then opened after the ceremony at 7:45 pm.



Senior Choir students

- Year 4 and 5 students who are able to join us on the night, should meet Ms Sudhakaran and Mrs Skepper in the music room at 5:30pm.
- Students enter via the OSH gate, next to the undercover area. The gate will be closed but not locked.
- Students will perform from 6:00pm to 6:15pm.
- Students can then be collected from the music room at 6:20pm (unless their sibling is graduating, and they have a ticket for the graduation).
- Parents of choir students may watch the pre-ceremony performance by standing at the back or the sides of the event.
- Students wear their full school uniform to the Graduation Ceremony

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CHOIR COMBINED PRACTICE (YEAR 2 TO 6)

At 1:30pm today, there will be a combined choir practice (Junior and Senior Choirs) in the Music Room. This is in addition to the normal, Junior choir rehearsal at 8am this morning.

Tuesday, 10 December

WINNING FACTION – EXTRA LUNCH PLAY

This morning, we will announce the Faction with the most points for the term. The year 1-5 students in the winning faction will have an additional 10 minutes of lunch play today.

YEAR 5, 2025 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SCHOOL SERVICE – ‘MEET THE TEACHER’

The following Year 4 students will meet with Mrs Garrett (Brass teacher from the School Music Service) in the music room at 9:30am. Mrs Garrett will introduce the students to the trumpet and trombone and determine which students are best suited to learn the instruments. In 2025, we can only offer five places to Year 5 students to learn a brass instrument.

Room 27	Room 28	Room 29	Room 37	Room 54
Neona S Alfie G Jordan D Jetha C	Aarvi T	Lian J	Michael T Maddison K Namora Y Tayte M Aarvi T	Ryan A Candice N Zain S Eliaz J Evelyn J Oscar C

YEAR 6 END OF YEAR EXCURSION

The Year 6 students are off to Outback Splash at 9:00 am and will return at approximately 4:00 pm. We will put a notice in Connect if the bus will be late. Students must ensure they have a backpack, hat, recess and lunch, sunscreen, towel, bathers and enclosed shoes. A rashie is also recommended. This is the broad timetable for the day.



- 8:15am Gather in class to mark the class roll and discuss expectations and arrangements
- 8:45am Prepare to depart PWPS.
- 9:00am Travel from PWPS to Outback Splash via bus.
- 10:00am Gather at meeting point and eat recess.
- 10:10am Form groups and explore Outback Splash with group supervisor.
- 12:00pm Gather at meeting point and eat lunch.
- 1:00pm Explore the water slides and splash zone as a whole group.
- 2:30pm Prepare to depart Outback Splash.
- 3:00pm Travel from Outback Splash to PWPS via bus.
- 4:00pm Arrive back at PWPS.

Wednesday, 11 December

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CHOIR COMBINED PRACTICE (YEAR 2 TO 6)

At 1:30pm today, there will be a combined choir practice (Junior and Senior Choirs) in the Music Room. This is in addition to the normal, Senior choir rehearsal at 8am this morning.

STUDENT REPORTS SENT VIA CONNECT

Student reports for every Kindergarten to Year 6 student will be sent home electronically this afternoon. Parents will receive a notification via Connect when reports are ready to be downloaded.

If you have not received your child's report by Thursday, please email (piarawaters.ps.admin@education.wa.edu.au) or telephone the school office.



The Department of Education has recently implemented changes to end of semester reports. Classroom and Specialist teachers will continue to assess and report on student achievement; however end of semester reports will now look different. The Department of Education has confirmed that for end of semester reports:

- There is no requirement for individual learning area comments
- There is no requirement to report grades at the strand/sub-strand level
- An overall comment must be provided
- Parents can request information regarding a student's achievement relative to the performance of their student's peer group.

At Piara Waters Primary School, your child's end of semester report will include the following:

- English – one grade for each sub-strand (Reading and Viewing, Writing and Speaking and Listening), no learning area comment
- Mathematics – one grade for each sub-strand (Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability), no learning area comment
- Other Subject Areas - one grade for each of the other subject areas, no learning area comment
- An overall comment

YEAR 5 ICY POLE FUNDRAISER – PARENT HELP NEEDED

The Year 5 students will sell icy poles for \$1 at this evening's concert. All money raised will go towards the 2025 Year 6 Camp. If there are Year 5 parents who will be at the concert and able to assist in the icy pole selling, could you please let the office know or email pjarawaters.ps.admin@education.wa.edu.au



We are also looking to borrow some Esky's. If you can loan one, please let us know.

END-OF-YEAR CONCERT AND AWARDS NIGHT

Our End-of-Year concert and Book Awards will be held tonight.

Students need to be seated in their classroom groups, in front of the stage, on the school oval and ready for the concerts to start. Please be seated by;

- K-2 students for the junior concert at 4:05 pm
- Year 3-6 students for the senior concert **at 6:05 pm.**

Students sit in front of the stage with their teachers for the duration of the junior or senior concert. Parents need to collect their students from the student area at approximately 5:30 pm (junior) and 7:30 pm (senior). Parents will not be able to enter the student area to collect children during the concert as this obstructs the visibility of others.

****Due to the heat – if you do not wish your K-2 child to return to the front of the stage area to watch the junior concert, please advise them and their teacher prior to the concert. They will then move to the area on the school side of the marquee when they exit the stage. You need to collect them from there.**

Visibility, seating, photography and respect for others

- Please be respectful of our students and talk in between items and presentations.
- We will have two photographers who will take lots of photos. There will also be a video of each performance. Links to these will be shared to year level groups in the days following the concert.
- Please do not stand up (unless no one is behind you) and block the view of others.
- There will be a small area to the side of the stage marked "Photo area". If you wish to stand in this area during your child's item you can.
- Immediately behind the student area will be a "low seating zone" for picnic rugs and very low back chairs.
- Behind the "low seating zone" will be a high back seats zone.
- Near the stage is a place

Costumes

You can find more information, including what costume your child should wear [HERE](#).

BYO or Food Trucks

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm – Oval gates open, food trucks arrive, or you can have a BYO family picnic.

The following Food Trucks will be on the school oval between 3:30 pm and 7:30 pm for families, or you can BYO a picnic.

- [K-Jun Kitchen](#)
- [The Twisted Kitchen](#)
- [Just Chillin](#)
- [Honey Crème](#)
- [Sweets on the Run](#)
- [Kulfilicious](#)

Social stories have been written to help students prepare for the End of Year concert and Book Awards. They can be found here:

- [Junior Concert story](#)
- [Senior Concert story](#)



PROGRAM

All Kindy to year 2 students to be seated with their teachers in front of the stage by 4:05pm

4:00 - 4:15pm - Junior Choir

4:15pm - Welcome

4:25pm - Kindergarten item and awards

4:40pm - Pre-Primary item and awards

4:55pm - Year 1 item and awards

5:10pm - Year 2 item and awards

5:30pm to 6:00pm

K-2 students return to their parents.

Break for picnic / Food trucks.

All year 3 to 6 students to be seated with their teachers in front of the stage by 6:05pm

6:00 to 6:15pm - Junior and Senior Choir and
Colour-a-thon Prizes

6:15pm - Year 3 item and awards



6:30pm - Year 4 item and awards


6:45pm - Year 5 item and awards

7:00pm - Presentation of 2025 student leaders and
faction captains

7:15pm - Year 6 graduation song and farewell



Entry/Exit point 


Parent Photo position 

CHOIR PERFORMANCES AT THE END OF YEAR CONCERT

The Junior Choir (Year 2 and 3) are performing in both concerts this evening, while the Senior Choir (Year 4 to 6) are only performing in the Senior concert.

Students are to wear the concert costume their classroom teacher has communicated. Information about the concert costumes can be found on our school website [here](#).

Junior choir meeting place and time can be found on our [website here](#). Junior Choir (Year 2 and 3) students are to meet Ms Sudhakaran at the music room at 3:15pm.

Information about the Senior choir (Year 4 to 6) meeting place and time can be found [here](#).

Thursday, 12 December

STUDENT MEDICATION

- If your child is **returning to Piara Waters in 2025** their medication will be stored securely over the holidays unless you wish to collect it from the office by noon this Friday.
- If your child is **leaving Piara Waters** at the end of 2024, we will send their response medication (eg asthma puffers, epipens, allergy medication) home with them on Thursday. Tablet medication that is kept in the locked cabinet in the office (eg Ritalin, Seizure medication) must be collected by an adult. Please collect this medication from the office by noon on Friday, or contact us to make alternate arrangements.

GOLDIE DRAW

This morning, we will conduct our last Goldie Draw for the year. Students who are drawn out of the box and attending school will have the opportunity to pick a prize from the prize box.

CLASS PARTIES

Some classes may have made arrangements to have a class party. Teachers holding a class party will communicate relevant information directly to parents. Please note that students may be sharing food.

NO IMSS MUSIC LESSON TODAY

IMSS Music lessons have now finished for the year. Students who learn Cello, Violin, Brass and Flute are reminded that there is no lesson today.

PRE-PRIMARY FMS WATER ACTIVITIES

The Pre-primary students will be engaging in Fundamental Movement Skills activities that incorporate water today. Due to the likely hot weather forecast, these will be held before recess. Students may wish to bring a towel and, if they don't like being in wet clothes, a change of clothes.

YEAR 6 AND LEAVING STUDENTS AND STAFF FARWELL ARCH

From 2:20 pm, we will be farewelling our year six students through our student archway, out the gate near the art room, and onto the lawn area in front of the school office.

Students and staff (K-5) leaving our school are invited to join the departing arch.

We will be farewelling the following staff through the arch:

- Mrs Tanika Holdsworth to Winterfold PS
- Miss Sanja Koncar to Hammond Park PS
- Mr Brendan Snook will be enjoying some family time in 2025, with the some visits to do relief.

The school gates will be open at 2:15 pm if parents wish to join our final farewell to our students.

STUDENT FREE DAY

- Students do not attend school today.
- The front office will be open today.
- It will then close and reopen on Wednesday, 29 January 2025.
- A package outlining key 2025 dates and information will be sent to 2025 parents.

Miss Alison Ramm

Principal

8 December 2024

Term dates 2025

You can view the provisional 2025 Term Planners on our [Website](#)

Term	Learning days for students	Holidays for students
1	Wednesday 5 February to Friday 11 April	Saturday 12 April to Sunday 27 April (includes Easter)
2	Monday 28 April to Friday 4 July	Saturday 5 July to Sunday 20 July
3	Monday 21 July to Friday 26 September	Saturday 27 September to Sunday 12 October
4	Monday 13 October to Thursday 18 December	Friday 19 December to Sunday 1 February 2026