

# TERM 4, WEEK 10 UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

Last week, we had a focus on preparing students for 2024. On Monday, our year six students spent the day moving between classrooms with their backpacks on and following a timetable.

On Tuesday, students met their 2024 classroom teacher, their classmates and saw their new classroom. The year 4/5 students in Miss McDermott's class will commence in 2024 in the senior science room (room 23), as their new transportable classroom will arrive during term 1. It will be located between room 10 and the kindergarten area. When this building has been completed, we will finalise the landscaping and play area refurbishment outside the kindergarten classrooms.



It was lovely to welcome our 2024 Kindergarten students and their parents to our orientation days on Wednesday and Thursday. Everyone had a fabulous morning learning just how much fun and learning goes on 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.



We celebrated our week of learning new things on Friday with 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. 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 QKR) or form and money (to the grey box outside the library) by Monday, you will go into the draw for some terrific prizes. Every \$5 raised gets you a ticket in the mega raffle.

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize – Nintendo Sports
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - \$250 bike voucher at Lakes Bikes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize – Waterslide
- And also a variety of random sports equipment prizes.

If you've lost your form, you can download another one [here](#).



It wasn't just Friday that we benefited from volunteers. Throughout the year, many parents have helped out. We acknowledged these parents at our annual Parent Volunteer morning tea on Friday. It was great to see everyone; I enjoyed having time to sit and chat with parents. Thank you for adding value to our school!

## VAPING INFORMATION FROM THE MINISTER

Attached to this notice is a letter from the Minister for Education, Dr Tony Buti MLA, regarding vaping. From 2024, all Year 5 and 6 students at Piara Waters Primary School will learn about the harmful effects of vaping in their Health Education lessons.



## CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

Thank you to our fabulous P&C for running the Containers for Change this term. The winning classes were:

- Junior - Room 17
- Senior – Room 37

If you have excess containers over the school holidays, you can deposit them at a Containers for Change depot and nominate the Piara Waters Primary School P&C as your charity. Otherwise, save them up for the 2024 classroom competitions!



## WEEK 10 EVENTS

### LIBRARY RETURNS

All students are to return their library books this week. The library will be open for student borrowing again when we return on Wednesday, the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2024.

## MONDAY 11 DECEMBER

### HELP NEEDED – 1:30 pm, GRADUATION CHAIR SET UP

We have 500 chairs for Year 6 Graduation that need to be set up in the Games Garden. If any parents or carers can help with this task, please email Joanne Power, our MCS ([joanne.power@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:joanne.power@education.wa.edu.au)) or come along at 1:30 pm. "Many hands make light work!"



### 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, 13<sup>th</sup> December.

## 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 Miss Ramm's office will open at 5:45 pm for Year 6 students and ticket holders.
- You will have the opportunity to use the photo booth 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). 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.



### *Choir students*

- Choir students will use the OSH gate next to the undercover area at 5:45 pm.
- Students will meet Mrs Skepper and Mrs Thompson outside the music room.
- Choir parents can watch the choir perform between 6:00 pm and 6:15 pm before taking their child home at 6:15 pm. You will be able to stand at the back and the sides of the Games Garden area.
- Choir students with a sibling graduating and a ticket to the ceremony will take their seats at 6:15 pm.

## TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER

### YEAR ONE WRITING (POETRY) EXTENSION – PARENT PRESENTATION

Parents and carers of year one students participating in the writing extension are invited to a short poetry presentation today. Students will present their work in the drama room between 9.45 am and 10:30 am. If you wish to attend, please sign in through the front office before 9:45am. Ms Richer looks forward to seeing you.

### YEAR 6 END OF YEAR EXCURSION

The Year 6 students are off to Outback Splash at 9:00 am and will return at approximately 3:00 pm. We will put a notice in Connect if the bus will be late. Students must ensure they have a hat, recess and lunch, sunscreen, towel, bathers and enclosed shoes. A rashie is recommended.



### 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.

## WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER

### STAFF V STUDENTS ULTIMATE FRISBEE MATCH AND FREE PLAY LUNCH

At lunchtime today, the staff will play the Year 6 students in a game of Ultimate Frisbee.



All Year 1 to 6 students can choose which area they play in at lunchtime today.

### GOLDIE CERTIFICATE DRAW CLOSES.

Students must have their Goldie Certificate slips in the box outside the library by 2:30 pm today, to be in the Thursday prize draw! Only students attending school on Thursday will be eligible for a prize.

### 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](mailto:piarawaters.ps.admin@education.wa.edu.au)) or telephone the school office.



### YEAR 5 ICY POLE FUNDRAISER

The Year 5 students will sell icy poles for \$1 at this evening's concert. All money raised will go towards the 2024 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 see Mrs Kirkham on the night or let the office know in advance

[piarawaters.ps.admin@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:piarawaters.ps.admin@education.wa.edu.au)





## 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 on the school oval and ready for the concerts to start; the junior concert is at 4:05 pm, and the senior concert is **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, families, friends and the community find a spot behind the student seating, pull up a rug, picnic blanket, or some low-back camping chairs, and get ready for the Concert (it's bring your own seats). If you have high back seats, please move to the back so everyone can see. Please be respectful of our students and talk in between items and presentations.

### Program of Performances

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm – Oval gates open, food trucks arrive, busking by our IMSS students

#### 4:00 – 5:30 pm – Junior concert

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

- 4:00 pm – 4:15 pm - Pre-show entertainment / Choir
- 4:15 pm - Welcome and National Anthem
- 4:25 pm - Kindergarten item and awards
- 4:40 pm - Pre-primary item and awards
- 4:55 pm - Year 1 item and awards
- 5:10 pm - Year 2 item and awards

#### 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm

K-2 students return to their parents.  
Break for picnic / Food trucks.

#### 6:00 – 7:30 pm – Senior concert

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

- 6:00 to 6:15 pm - Pre-show entertainment – Choir / IMSS student performance
- 6:15 pm - Year 3 item and awards
- 6:30 pm - Year 4 item and awards
- 6:45 pm - Year 5 item and awards
- 7:00 pm - Presentation of 2024 student leaders and faction captains
- 7:15 pm - Year 6 graduation song and farewell



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

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.

[Honey Crème,](#)  
[Tomato n Basil](#)  
[Just Chillin](#)

[Spice Box](#)  
[Unicone](#)  
[Kulfilicious](#)

## THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER

### 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.

### YEAR 6 AND LEAVERS 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;

- Ms Bronwyn Mace to Madora Bay PS
- Mrs Ellie Royal to Applecross PS
- Ms Isabella Jesson to Richmond PS
- Mrs Rachael Thompson to Parkfield PS (Bunbury)
- Mrs Taleah Bray to Aspiri PS

Our French Language Assistant, Ms Coline Marion completes her 12-month placement with us, and returns to France.

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

A special acknowledgement to Xavier in year 6, who coordinates the logistics for the farewell archway. He has done this for the last few years, and we will certainly miss him next year.



## FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER

### STUDENT FREE DAY

Students do not attend school today.

The front office will be open today. It will then close and reopen on Wednesday, 24 January 2024.

A package outlining key 2024 dates and information will be sent to 2024 parents on Friday.

**Miss Alison Ramm**  
Principal



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Principal's address

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