

TERM 4, WEEK 6 UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to our junior (years 2 and 3) and senior (years 4 and 5) choir for performing at our Art assembly on Friday. They were accompanied by our Instrumental Music Students, who showed off their musical talents by playing their brass or wind instruments.



We are pleased to announce that our Instrumental Music Program will be expanded in 2024. Currently, we provide students in years 5 and 6 the opportunity to learn a wind or brass instrument through the School of Instrumental Music.

From 2024, Year 4 students will be able to learn a string instrument (Cello, Violin or Viola) through the program. The program provides free lessons once a week at school from a Department of Education School of Instrumental Music teacher.

We were also blessed to see a video of the winning entry of Emily W and Arianne O, who won First place in the Year 5 category for the Modern Language Teachers' Association Side By Side Competition.

To complete the show, Mikayla J was presented with her engraved shield and trophy from the head of Grand Lodge WA, Grand Master *Daniel Ganon*, for winning the Speak Up State Final a few months ago.



PAT TESTING – HIGH ACHIEVERS

Each year, our year one to six students complete the ACER PAT Maths and Reading tests. Our year three to six students also complete the Science test.

This allows us to track the performance of our students in comparison to Australian norms and identify strengths and weaknesses and areas for teachers to focus on. It also allows us to celebrate students who excel in reading, mathematics and science.

At the assembly, we presented the following students with certificates for achieving the highest score in their year level at our school. A special mention to Dylan Tan, who won all three certificates in year 5! We will present the year one and two winners at the next junior assembly.

Maths

Year level	Student	Scale score
Year 6	Elliot L	156.5
Year 5	Dylan T	154.6
Year 4	Zayn H	159.2
Year 3	Violette G	140

Reading

Year level	Student	Scale score
Year 6	Vanshdeep K	156.2
Year 5	Dylan T	151.8
Year 4	Zayn H	147.4
Year 3	Lian J	141.3

Science

Year level	Student	Scale score
Year 6	Mikayla J, Vanshdeep K & Zoe T	143.9
Year 5	Dylan T	155.7
Year 4	Rishika N	152.4
Year 3	Avinoor D	135.1



P&C COLOUR -A-THON (MAJOR FUNDRAISER)

Our Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) will hold their major fundraiser on Friday, 8th December. All funds raised will go toward more outdoor sporting equipment across the Kindergarten to year six play areas.

Their annual Colour-a-thon requires students to collect sponsorship for participating in the scheduled run. You can see the fun from last year [here](#).

For every \$5 raised, students will receive a ticket into the prize draw. Prizes will include a Nintendo, a Bike, and various sporting equipment.

On the day, students will wear a white shirt and run around the oval whilst being "coloured" by our staff and P&C volunteers.

- Kindergarten (A&B) and Pre-primary will run 1:00 pm – 1:20 pm
- Year 1 to Year 3 will run 1:25 pm – 1:55 pm
- Year 4 to Year 6 will run 1:55 pm – 2:25 pm

Kindergarten A students are also invited to attend. Parents who wish to bring their Kindy A children to the oval for the 1- to 1:20 pm session.

Sponsorship forms and money (either into the P&C box or via QKR) are due by Monday, 11th December. Prizes will be drawn at the end-of-year concert on Wednesday, 13th December.



SCIENCE EXPO (YEAR 6 PARENTS)

This week, we are holding our Science Expo, where all Year 6 students will share their science skills and knowledge.

The Year 6 Science Expo projects will be displayed in the Undercover Area between **Monday, 13 November and Wednesday, 15 November**, for the students in Pre-Primary to Year 5 to view.

This year, we are also holding our inaugural Science Showcase on Thursday evening, showcasing all of the year six projects and the finalists in years 2 to 6 from the recent STAWA Science Talent Search Awards. See below for further information.



PRIMARY ACADEMIC AND EXTENSION PROGRAM (PEAC) 2025 (YEAR 4 PARENTS)

Primary Extension and Challenge (PEAC) is a part-time supplementary program for students in Years 5 and 6 in Public Schools.

Students are identified as suited to participation in the PEAC Program through a Verbal Reasoning and Mathematical Reasoning Test conducted in Year 4. Only the top 3% of students in the state are selected to participate in the program.

This year, we have had 11 students selected from our year 4 cohort of 115 students. Congratulations to the following students who have been selected;

- Aakaash A
- Aiden S
- Anhad S
- Aryan S
- Avantika N
- Denzel S
- Dylan C
- Rishika N
- Rithika S
- Vihaan C
- Zayn H

GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM 2025 (YEAR 5 PARENTS)

Applications for Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance programs in year 7, 2025, are **now open**. Year 5 students should have recently bought home a flyer with information about this flyer.

These academic, arts and language programs are available at select public secondary schools. Options include:

- a fully selective academic school, Perth Modern School
- an arts college, John Curtin College of the Arts
- Two regional schools, Albany Senior High School and Bunbury Senior High School

Applications are open to students in Year 6 2024 who will enter Year 7 in 2025. Applications close at 11:59 pm, Sunday, 11 February 2024. More information can be found [here](#).



WEEK 6 EVENTS

MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER

SCIENCE EXPO – ROOM 36 & 33 (YEAR 6 PARENTS)

The Year 6 Science Expo projects from Room 36 and some from Room 33 will be displayed in the Undercover Area today for the students in Year PP to 5 to view.

TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER

SCIENCE EXPO – ROOM 35 & 33 (YEAR 6 PARENTS)

The Year 6 Science Expo projects from Room 35 and some from Room 33 will be displayed in the Undercover Area today for the students in Year PP to 5 to view. The students will participate in judging the “students’ choice” award.

WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER

SCIENCE EXPO – ROOM 34 & 33 (YEAR 6 PARENTS)

The Year 6 Science Expo projects from Room 34 and some from Room 33 will be displayed in the Undercover Area today for the students in Year PP to 5 to view. The students will participate in judging the “students’ choice” award.

THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER

SCIENCE SHOWCASE EVENING

All Year 6 students will present their projects at a Science Showcase Evening for families and community members.

The Science Showcase is an opportunity for families, friends and the wider school community to view our students’ ideas and efforts as they attempt to answer real-world questions relevant to them through Science and Science Inquiry.

Our Year 6 students are the focal point of the evening. We will also display the winning entries from the STAWA Science Talent Search.

SHOWCASE EVENING DETAILS

- Time: 5.30 to 7.00 p.m.
- Presentation Areas: Undercover Area, Drama Room and Senior Science Room
- Students must be at school and report to their respective presentation areas between 5.20 and 5.30 p.m.
- At the end of the showcase, students are to be picked up from their presentation areas between 7:00 pm and 7:15 p.m.

VOTING

- All parents and community members are invited to visit the showcase and view the student presentations between 5.30 p.m. and 7.00 p.m.
- Everyone will vote for their favourite projects. The project with the highest votes will win the Community Choice award, which will be presented at the finals showcase on Friday.

A vibrant blue poster for the Science Showcase Evening. The title 'SCIENCE SHOWCASE EVENING @ P.W.P.S.' is written in large, bold, white and yellow letters. Below the title, a yellow lightning bolt strikes a red cloud. The text 'A community event presenting Science Investigation projects of our graduating students along with a display of work by our Science Talent Search 2023 Winners and Science Extension Students.' is written in a smaller, white font. The date and time '16 NOVEMBER 2023 5.30 TO 7.00 P.M.' are displayed in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, the text 'JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF DISCOVERY IN OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY, UNDERCOVER AREA, AND SCIENCE ROOM.' is written in a smaller, white font. The bottom of the poster features illustrations of three test tubes with colored liquids (green, red, orange), a red apple, and a flask with blue liquid. There are also colorful speech bubbles and a heartbeat line in the top right corner.

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YEAR 4, 2024 IMSS STRING PROGRAM – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST DUE (YEAR 3 PARENTS)

Year 3 students who received an Expression of Interest Letter for the 2024 IMSS Strings Program last week are reminded that they are due to the office today.



FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER

ICY POLES FOR SALE

Icypoles will be sold today, at lunchtime, for \$1 by our senior students. All proceeds go towards the 2024 year six camp.

SCIENCE EXPO FINAL

Today, the winning Year 6 Science Expo projects from Monday to Wednesday will be displayed in the Undercover Area for the final judging.

At today's event, the following awards will also be presented:

- The student choice award from Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
- The community choice award from Thursday evening
- The staff selected finalists from Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.



All finalists will be judged by a new judging panel today, and trophies will be awarded to the winners.

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](#).

Parent and Community – Term Planner 2023

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY Containers for Change 8.00am – 8.30am	FRIDAY Icy poles for sale lunchtime
Week 6	13/11 Yr 6 Science Fair (Rm 36 + Rm 33 some projects) present to other students	14/11 Yr 6 Science Fair (Rm 35 + Rm 33 some projects)	15/11 Kindy B Yr 6 Science Fair (Rm 34+ Rm 33 some projects)	16/11 Yr 6 Science Community Showcase 5:30pm – 7:00pm	17/11 Yr 6 Science Fair (Finalists) – present to other students and final judges
Week 7	20/11	21/11	22/11 Kindy A	23/11	24/11 Assembly (Kindy Room 1,2,3) Room 35 PenPal Excursion Year 5 Gold Incursion
Week 8	27/11 Parents advised of 2023 P-6 class placements	28/11	29/11 Kindy B	30/11	1/12
Week 9	4/12 “A day in the life of a High school student” simulation day	5/12 P-6 Transition morning 2023 (9:00am to 10:30am)	6/12 Kindy A Kindergarten Orientation Group A 2023 (9:00am to 10:30am) CVC Performing Arts Troupe Year 3 and 5 Performance	7/12 Kindergarten Orientation Group B 2023 (9:00am to 10:30am)	8/12 Volunteers morning tea COLOUR -a-thon Adventure Run Return all library books
Week 10	11/12 Year 6 Graduation (evening) Year 6 Reports home Colour-a-thon sponsorship money due for prize draw.	12/12 Year 6 Outback Splash Excursion	13/12 Kindy B Staff v Students match End of year concert and book awards (evening) K-5 Reports home Colour a thon prize draw at concert.	14/12 Farewell arch for Year 6 and leaving students 2:20pm Goldie draw	15/12 School Development Day (Students don't attend)

School Holidays and School Attendance

- Students commence school holidays on Friday, 15 December. It is expected all students attend school up to and including Thursday, 14 December.
- The 2024 school year commences on **Wednesday, 31 January**, and we look forward to seeing every child return to school on this day. Kindergarten B students will begin on Thursday, 1 February 2024.
- The vacation period is between Friday, 15 December 2023 and Thursday, 30 January 2024.
- Vacations are not supported during the school term.



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