



Principal's Message



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the 2019 school year. It has been a smooth start to the year, with students settling into their new classes particularly well.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new families who have joined our school for the first time this year. I hope you have found the early days of being a part of our school community positive.

We have also welcomed new staff this year who all bring valued expertise to our school. With the opening of Aspiri Primary School, we have opened as a slightly smaller school with total student numbers as anticipated.

I would also like to share some news that has arisen unexpectedly. I will be leaving the school in two weeks after accepting a position as Regional Executive Director in the Pilbara.

The new incoming Principal will be Ms Tracey Renton who is currently the Principal of Somerly Primary School in the North Metropolitan area. Ms Renton is an experienced Principal who is very much looking forward to be taking up the position of Principal at Piara Waters Primary School.

I know you will join with me in welcoming her when she commences at the school in Week 5 of this term. It is with sadness that I say farewell after being back at the school for six months, but I am very confident that the school will continue to achieve great things through the outstanding staff who will continue the journey planned.

I wish you all the best for a wonderful rest of the year.

Cheryl Parkin
Principal

Special points of interest:

- * Fathering Project Tips
- * Night Fields
- * P&C AGM
- * QKR Payments
- * New School Website

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Qkr is now at Piara Waters Primary School

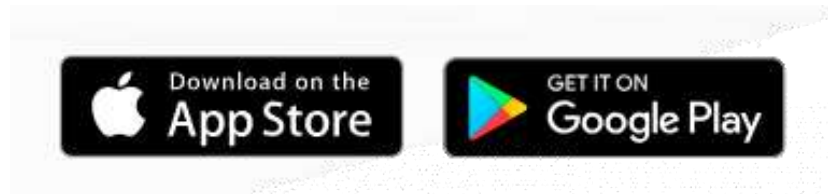
The new Qkr (pronounced 'quicker') app is now live for families of students at Piara Waters Primary School.

Qkr by MasterCard can be downloaded for free from Apple's app store for iPhones (for iPads download the iPhone app) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

After downloading the app and registering, simply select Piara Waters Primary School from 'Nearby Locations' on Qkr or type piara after tapping the magnifying glass in the top right of the home screen on Qkr.

You can pay for school contributions and charges now, and other items will be available for payment on Qkr over time, so download it today and take a look at our school on Qkr.

All feedback to the school office is very welcome.



1:1 Bring Your Own iPad Program



Piara Waters Primary School aims to create engaging 21st century learning experiences for all of our students. In 2019, students from years 3 to 6 will have the opportunity to participate in our 1:1 iPad Program.

This means that students are able to bring their own iPad device from home, provided that it meets requirements to support learning experiences at school. You can find more information about our 1:1 iPad program in the Connect Library or on our website:



<http://www.piarawatersps.wa.edu.au/1to1-intro-faq/>

An option for purchasing is available through this portal:

<https://sales.winaust.com.au/shop/piarawatersps>

School Website

Please be advised that our new school website has been released.

If you only see our old school website, please try clearing your browsing history and cache then try accessing the below web address again.

<http://www.piarawatersps.wa.edu.au/>



Fathering Project Tips



Tip 20 – Drugs and your kids.

As part of The Fathering Projects involvement with your school, I will be including helpful tips and ideas for all fathers and father – figures. I hope these tips will help, inspire and encourage all fathers and father – figures to be the best that they can be, as all fathers and father – figures are critically important in every child’s life.

More involved fathers and father – figures = better outcomes for children.

- Become involved - don't just leave it to others.
- Provide information, but not threats. Love, encouragement and listening are much more effective than threats.
- Help kids deal with pressure, e.g. to realise that is OK to say “no thanks, I will pass”.
- Be aware of new drugs that become available - what they are made of and what impact they have - and know what symptoms to look for in a user.
- Talk with your kids (even pre-teen, if appropriate) about drugs and the dangers, and their awareness of drug availability and use in their area, school or even peer group.
- Talk to your children about peer pressure & non-accusatory strategies to ‘pass’, such as ‘I am playing sport tomorrow’, or ‘I feel sick’.

The Fathering Project is not a counselling service; we are seeking to inspire and equip fathers and father - figures to engage with their children.



If you would like more information about The Fathering Project, you can contact me:
David Walker at dwalker@parkerville.org.au or 9391 1900.

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10 FEB 2019**

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Your child will form part of a group of like-minded peers, taught by expert teachers and mentors who will extend and enrich their studies.

If your child is in Year 5 in 2018, you can apply now for entry into Year 7 in 2020. Limited places may also be available for children entering Years 9, 10 and 11 in 2020.

You can apply for these programs no matter where you live and, if selected, your child is guaranteed a place at the school.

To apply visit
education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented

For more information:

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ActiveAte is an exciting new program developed by Kids Are Kids! to support children with Autism. The program will focus on improving nutrition and increasing daily physical activity. Children will have the opportunity to join in with others to have fun with physical activity and explore different foods that are possibly new to them. Parents will have the opportunity to meet and share experiences and information with other parents as well as hearing about evidence-based strategies from the therapists running the group. Together, parents and therapists will trouble shoot and look at how to incorporate positive changes into daily life.

The first ActiveAte group will launch in February 2019, and will also run throughout the year in different locations. Registrations are now open.



ActiveAte Group Program For children with ASD

The ActiveAte Group Program is designed for children and youths with Autism who would benefit from additional opportunities to increase physical activity and explore food choices in a fun and supportive group environment.

The program will help your child's development in the following areas:

- Physical skills through fun activities
- Positive experience with food
- Confidence joining in games with peers

The program will also include information for parents on:

- Creating a positive mealtime routine
- How to support your child to explore food choices
- Trouble shooting barriers to eating a range of foods and participating in physical activity
- Exploring ongoing opportunities for physical activity

This group will be hosted by two of our therapists. The content of the group has been developed by Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, Speech Pathologists, Clinical Psychologists and a Dietitian.

When: Term 1, 2019, Every Tuesday for 8 weeks, 3:30-5:00pm

Where: Kids Are Kids!, 26 Parry Avenue, Bateman

Cost: \$250 for the 8 week program. Please note some rebates and funding may apply.

Siblings are permitted and appropriate activities and supervision can be arranged.

Register your interest:

Please call 9313 6566 or email info@kidsarekids.org.au

The program is made possible and has been subsidised for families by funding from the Helen Leech Endowment through Perpetual's IMPACT Philanthropy Program.

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www.kidsarekids.org.au

2019 Specialised Learning Programs for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder Parent Information



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2019 SPECIALISED LEARNING PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH ASD PARENT INFORMATION

Specialised learning programs for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Students with autism who have complex support needs can apply to enrol in one of eight specialised learning programs located in public primary schools or one of five specialist learning programs located in public secondary schools.

In 2019, specialised learning programs will open at Alkimos Primary School (PS), Coolongup PS, North Mandurah PS, Ashdale Secondary College, Eaton Community College, Fremantle College and Ocean Reef Senior High School. A further three secondary schools, Baldivis Secondary College, Butler North Senior High School (planning name only) and Coodanup College, will offer the program from 2020. Each primary school selected to offer the program is in close proximity to one of the selected secondary schools, providing students with a seamless Kindergarten to Year 12 program if required.

The specialised learning programs that are currently located at Cooida PS, Gosnells PS, Heathridge PS, Marangaroo PS, Samson PS and Southern River College will continue.

By 2020, programs will be located in eight primary schools and eight secondary schools.

What are the specialised learning programs for students with ASD?

These programs cater for the needs of students from Kindergarten to Year 12 with ASD. The programs are designed for students at significant risk of disengagement, underachievement and/or students who exhibit very complex behaviour.

The programs target age appropriate student academic engagement and achievement. Teaching and learning activities are aligned to the Western Australian Curriculum. Each student has a personalised plan that addresses their specific learning needs.

The programs use evidenced-based teaching approaches including: applied behavioural analysis; explicit teaching; and positive behaviour support.

There are usually between 22 and 25 students in each primary program and between 15 and 18 students in each secondary program.

Secondary school programs are located close to primary school programs. This results in a stronger, more coordinated pathway for students with autism from Kindergarten to Year 12.

How long do students stay in the program?

Students usually spend some of their time in their "homeroom" classroom undertaking personalised learning and some of their time in their mainstream classroom/s where they also receive additional support.

Teachers closely monitor the progress of students and, if a student meets exit criteria, and if a move is supported by parents, the school staff work with the family and the local school to support the student to transition to their local school.

Who is eligible for the programs?

There are specific eligibility criteria, which include:

- a diagnosis of autism;
- no diagnosed intellectual disability;
- significant social, emotional and/or behavioural issues and challenges that are directly attributed to the impact of autism;
- independent self-management of personal care requirements; and
- eligibility for enrolment in Western Australian public schools.

Are the staff trained?

Yes. Each program is staffed with a Program Coordinator, trained teachers and education assistants.

All teaching and support staff receive professional learning that enables them to support the teaching and learning needs of students with ASD. Program schools will select their staff during Term 3 and 4, 2018.

How do I apply to enrol my child?

Parents can express their interest in enrolling their child for the program by contacting the school directly.

Principals of program schools will also work with nearby schools with eligible students to ensure families have the opportunity to consider the new programs.

When will I know if my child is accepted into the program?

Enrolments for 2019 programs will be finalised during Term 4, 2018. Schools will contact parents who have expressed an interest in the program early in Term 4.

Parents will be asked to attend an interview that will help the school to assess the child's eligibility for the program and determine whether the program is suited to the students' needs.

Students will continue to be selected for the programs as vacancies arise.

Can my child continue at their local school?

Yes. Most students with autism perform well in mainstream classes in local schools, often with minimal additional support. Education support schools and centres will continue to enrol students with autism who have intellectual disability.

Can my child enrol in one of the programs if they do not live in the school's local intake area?

Yes, students are able to apply to enrol in the school running the program regardless of where they live.

Generally, parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from school. Parents can apply to the Department of Transport for an allowance to help with associated transport costs.

How are the programs funded?

Schools that are running the programs receive additional funding. This funding supports the school to coordinate and manage the program, provide specialist professional learning for program staff, and to purchase specialist resources and equipment.



Keyboard & Guitar lessons
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Small Group & Private Lessons

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- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – with lessons outside of school hours
- Only \$15.95 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons also available (\$32.95 per child for 30 minutes)
- Learning plan for all students via “PMI Stars” program – structured objectives with progress visibility
- PMI teachers supply keyboards and textbooks for keyboard lessons (students bring their own guitars)
- Ten minutes per day of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement!
- Instrumental music can improve your child’s school results – including for reading, maths, coordination
- Limited spaces available – so please enrol ASAP

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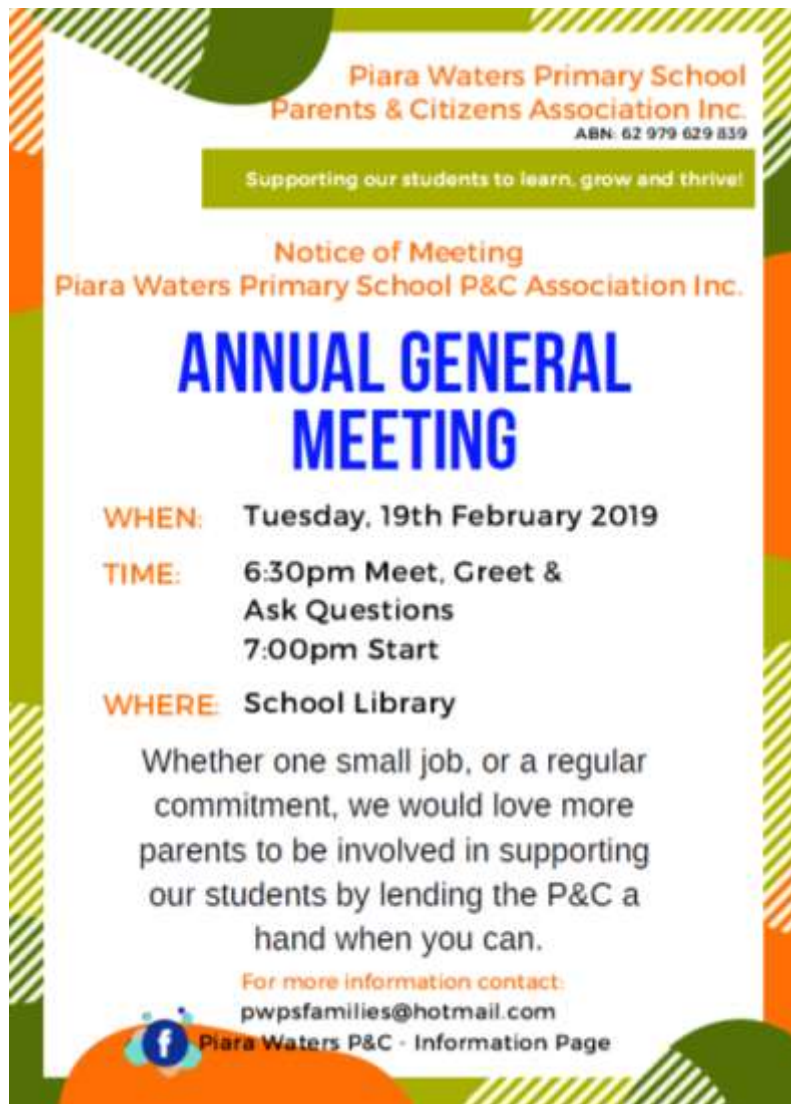
Join in a day of **FREE AFL, soccer, and basketball** for 6 to 12 year olds and 13 to 18 year olds. Parents and siblings are welcome!

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P&C News



Piara Waters Primary School
Parents & Citizens Association Inc.
ABN: 62 979 629 839

Supporting our students to learn, grow and thrive!

Notice of Meeting
Piara Waters Primary School P&C Association Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, 19th February 2019

TIME: 6:30pm Meet, Greet & Ask Questions
7:00pm Start

WHERE: School Library

Whether one small job, or a regular commitment, we would love more parents to be involved in supporting our students by lending the P&C a hand when you can.

For more information contact:
pwpsfamilies@hotmail.com
Piara Waters P&C - Information Page

School Banking

School banking will commence on Wednesday the 13th of February in the CFS Room (near the undercover area) from 8:00am to 8:25am.

We can't wait to see you banking at Piara Waters!

Now is the perfect time to open your Youthsaver School Banking account. Just go into any Commonwealth branch and ask to open an account for School Banking. **It's so easy, you only** need to take your birth certificate, and mum and dad need to take their drivers licence and you will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book on the spot. You will be able to start banking the next business day and collecting your tokens and rewards! If your parent or guardian is a Commonwealth Bank customer with NetBank you also have the option to open the account online as well.

Further information is available at <https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking.html>



2019

Ranford Junior Soccer Club

Let your child develop their self-esteem, interpersonal relationships and soccer skills in a friendly and family orientated atmosphere.

Our Club is divided into 3 Divisions*:

- Juniors Pre-Primary, Year 1, Year 2
- Intermediates Year 3 & Year 4
- Seniors Year 5, Year 6, Year 7

*Year levels for Divisions are dependent upon enrolments and may be subject to change.

Games are played on Saturdays (at the Ranford Oval) at the following times:

- Juniors 9.00am - 10.00am
- Intermediates 10.00am - 11.00am
- Seniors 11.00am - 12.00pm

Training for all divisions are held on Wednesday afternoons from 4.30pm - 5.30pm. All games and training sessions are held at the Ranford Primary School Oval.



2019 REGISTRATION FEES

New Player Registration | \$180 (Includes Shorts and Socks) Existing Player from 2018 Re-Registration | \$130

Please note that fees must be paid on the registration day via cash, or EFT can be made.

Places are strictly limited and late registration may not be entertained.

Email: ranfordjsc@gmail.com for a printable copy of the registration form or any queries or you can follow us on Facebook @ [Ranford Junior Soccer Club](#) for updated notifications and information. Additional copies of the registration forms will be available during the registration sessions to be held at Ranford Pavilion (Ranford Oval).

Registration Dates

Saturday February 16th, 9.00am- 12.00pm,

Saturday February 23rd, 9.00am- 12.00pm &

Tuesday February 26th, 4.00pm-6.00pm



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School Times

School Starts 8:30am
Kindy - PP Recess 10:30am - 10:50am
Yrs. 1 - 6 Recess 10:30am - 10:50am
Kindy - PP Lunch 12:15pm - 1:00pm
Yrs. 1 - 6 Lunch 12:50pm - 1:20pm
School Finishes 2:30pm



We're on the Web!

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