

2026 TERM 1 UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

INFORMATION

Welcome to the 2026 school year. We hope everyone had a restful break, and is ready to recommence learning on Monday, 2 February (or Thursday, 5 February for Kindy B students). A special welcome to our new families.

We have taken the opportunity to progress some projects over the break. This includes the completion of our **Gazebo**, which will provide a protected space for outdoor learning and during recess and lunch. The team at Huts and Decks WA did a marvellous job, and the project was made possible by combining school funds with a \$25,000 donation from Yaz Mubarakai, MLA, member for Oakford.

A **swing** in the Kindy/pre-primary area will be completed this week, and there is a new waterproof shade sail over the dome playground.

We have commenced turning the **drink fountains** in our school into **refrigerated** and this will be completed this term.

Our **Basketball Courts** will have a roof installed in term 3 of this year, thanks to a further commitment of funds from Yaz Mubarakai, MLA, member for Oakford, our P&C and funds put aside by the school.

Our **new classroom** will be delivered and placed near the art room in March. In the interim, the Room 56 year 5 class, taught by Ms Matheson, will work in the Art Room (room 53).



2026, TERM 1 STAFFING UPDATE

A special welcome to our newly recruited staff:

- **Mrs Renae Tomic** has taken over the role of Manager Corporate Services. Renae commenced this week and has a wealth of experience in the private sector, and recently was a Senior Operations Manager at Price-Waterhouse-Coopers.
- **Ms Kelly MacDonald** joins the School Officer team, having done some casual work with us in term 4 last year.
- **Mr James Morris** will teach year 2 in room 17. James has returned to Perth after two years teaching in Japan. Prior to this, James taught at Makybe Rise PS and was in the leadership team at Peter Carnley Anglican Community School for many years.
- **Miss Ashlea Osborn** will teach year 2, in room 51. Ashlea is a highly experienced teacher, coming to us from Harrisdale PS.
- **Miss Amy Stephen** will teach year 4, in room 28. Amy has taught in Canberra and Harrisdale PS.
- **Miss Sinead Dempsey** will teach year 4, in room 37. Sinead taught music in semester two at PWPS, and also taught at Harrisdale PS.
- **Mr Ryan Long** will teach Music, Wednesdays to Fridays. Mr Long has recently moved from sunny Broome, having taught at St Mary's Catholic College for the last 4 years. He is a Jazz Vocalist, and in addition to his Bachelor of Education he has a Bachelor of Creative Arts (Music – Jazz vocals) from the WA Academy of Performing Arts
- **Mr Ari Gazeas** is teaching Visual Arts on Tuesday. Mr G grew up in Greece, moved to England to complete a Bachelor of Arts in Painting and Drawing and a Master of Arts in Painting. He moved to Australia and completed a Teaching Degree in Primary Education. Ari has his own art studio and is also teaching visual arts at Aspiri Primary School.
- **Mrs Agnes Bilick** will teach visual art on Wednesdays. Mrs Bilick also teaches Science at Gwynne Park Primary School and taught Pre-Primary at Harrisdale PS in 2025.
- **Mr Mason McShane** will work as a SNEA on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. He is also studying to be a primary school teacher at university.
- **Miss Brooke Oxwell** will work full-time as an SNEA. She has experience working in various primary schools south of the river and is also studying online to be a primary school teacher.

We also welcome back our staff who have been on leave:

- **Mrs Ashlee Steel**
- **Mrs Jaimi Taylor**

Congratulations to **Miss Zoe Marmara** (year 2, room 16) who got married in January; she will now go by **Mrs Fernandes!**

The updated education staff photo list is on our school website [HERE](#) and our Corporate Services staff photo list [HERE](#). The school map can be found [HERE](#).

SPECIALIST CLASSES AND LIBRARY TIME

We have several specialist teachers who teach our Pre-primary to Year 6 classes. You can find out which specialist classes your child has on which day by logging into Compass and checking their schedule.

You can find the day your child's class visits the library in Compass and here. Library visits will commence on Wednesday of this week. If your child forgets to bring a bag, they will read books in the library at this time instead of borrowing.

EXTREME WEATHER PREPARATION

The weather for the first week of the term is forecast to be extreme (the high 30s).

In extremely hot weather:

- All lunchboxes and drink bottles are stored inside (please take them inside this week!).
- Physical Education lessons are modified and take place indoors.
- Our play areas may be adjusted so students can play inside at recess and lunchtime. Our extreme weather play plan is available [HERE](#).



JUNIOR AND SENIOR CHOIR RECOMMENCES THIS WEEK

Mr Long is excited to be leading our choirs this year. **Junior Choir** will meet on Wednesdays, beginning February 4 at 7:45am. Choir will conclude at 8:30am, students will then return to class. All Year 2 and 3 students are welcome. At the end of term 1, we will ask students to decide if they want to remain in the choir and this will be confirmed with a choir contract.

Senior Choir will be held on Thursdays, beginning February 4 at 7:45am. Senior choir will conclude at 8:45 am, when all students return to class. All year 4, 5 and 6 students are welcome. At the end of term 1, we will also ask students to decide if they want to remain in the choir and this will be confirmed with a choir contract.

Students should bring their school bags to choir and leave them outside the door in a neat, orderly manner. When the session finishes, students will make their way to class. Students are on time and do not need to go to the office for a late pass.

***Any child who would like to try out choir or join the choir is welcome to attend.
Auditions are not required.***

LUNCH ORDER SERVICE

Munch Box Food Service will continue to provide the school with a lunch order service. Orders must be placed by 9am via the [Spriggy Schools](#) website or app. Further information on the lunch service is available [HERE](#), including the latest [menu](#).

PARKING AND TRAFFIC

We are a large school and it is not possible for every family to secure a car park close to the school. We encourage our students and families to walk, ride or scooter to school if they can.

- If you drive to school, we encourage students to be dropped off and picked up at the **Kiss and Drive area** on Wright Road. A reminder that in this area, cars pull up, children exit on the left hand door of the vehicle, and walk themselves to/from class. A deputy principal/principal/school chaplain will be on duty every morning from 8:10am to 8:25am and afternoon from 2:30 pm to 2:45 pm at the Kiss n Drive area.
- Our Kindergarten and Pre-primary parents may use the **Early Childhood car park** on Jolley Avenue. This is a short-stay car park, only for a few minutes, while K and P parents quickly collect their child from class and return straight away. A deputy principal or principal will be on duty every afternoon from 2:30 pm to 2:45 pm.
- Students are encouraged to cross Wright Rd at the Children's Crossing where there is a traffic warden in the morning and afternoon.

Further information about getting your child to and from school can be found [HERE](#).

LOST PROPERTY

Parents, as you get your children ready for the new school year, you may be missing some items of school uniform. If so, we have them, amongst our lost property.

We have a selection of school t-shirts, jumpers and hats. Along with various swimming items and non-uniform clothing.



These items, without names, have been placed in the lost property bins outside the library.

School uniform items that had names have been placed into the students' 2026 classrooms and can be collected on Monday, when students return.

Uncollected items will be donated to the P&C later next week..

WEEK 1 EVENTS

MONDAY, 2 FEBRUARY

Pre-Primary to Year 6 Students Return, and Kindergarten Group A

Today, we look forward to welcoming all of our Kindy Group A students and all of our Pre-primary to Year 6 students who are returning or starting at Piara Waters Primary School today.

Please remember that gates open at 8am and whilst students and parents must normally wait next to the flag poles if arriving prior to 8:15am, you may wait outside your classroom on day one. Please note that at 8:15am two sirens will sound and classroom doors will open.



Stationary does not need to be labelled for Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students, however we would appreciate it if all items can be labelled with your child's name for year one to six.

Year 5/6 public speaking extension group applications open

Year 5 and 6 students have the opportunity to nominate and audition for a place in our Public Speaking competition. Students will be provided with a [copy of the nomination form](#) today. Forms must be returned by Monday 9 February, there are no exceptions to this due date.

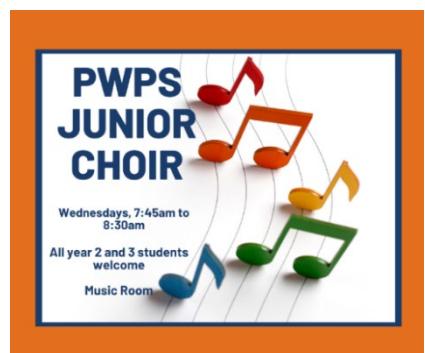
TUESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY

WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY

Junior Choir (Year 2/3) commences today

Junior Choir (Years 2 and 3) starts today. Interested students need to meet in the music room and be ready for 7:45am. They should bring their school bags to choir. The session finishes at 8:30 am when students will make their way to class.

All Year 2 and 3 students are welcome. After a few weeks, we will ask students to decide if they want to remain in the choir. Auditions are not required.



Instrumental Music School Service (IMSS) Year 5/6 Clarinet Lessons

The Year 5 and 6 IMSS clarinet lessons for selected students commence today. Clarinet lessons will occur in the Drama Room, with the teacher, Mrs Stephanie Wells. Students with musical instruments are reminded to bring them in with their music books and other materials. Students new to the program will be told today what they need.



Lesson times: Year 5 at 1:20 – 1:50pm
Year 6 at 1:50 – 2:20 pm

THURSDAY, 5 FEBRUARY

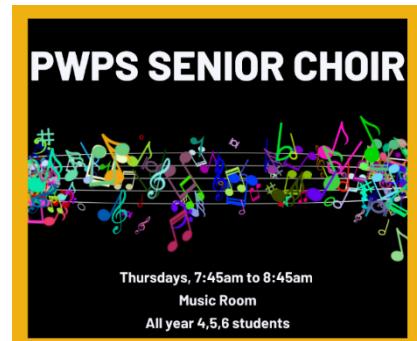
Kindy group B start school

Today, we welcome our Kindy Group B students who will be starting their schooling journey today.

Senior Choir (Years 4 to 6) commences today

Year 4/5/6 (Senior) Choir starts today. Interested students need to meet in the music room and be ready for 7:45am. Students should bring their school bags to choir. The session finishes at 8:45 am, when students will make their way to class. Students are on time and do not need to go to the office for a late pass.

All year, 4/5/6 students are welcome. After a few weeks, we will ask students to decide if they want to remain in the choir.



FRIDAY, 6 FEBRUARY

Icy poles for sale

Year 6 students will be selling Icy poles today from the canteen area for \$1. Icy poles will be available for purchase each Friday this term. (All proceeds from the sale of icy poles will go towards the Year 6 Camp.

Icy poles for Kindergarten and Pre-Primary children will be sold in the K/P area. Year 1 to 6 students will be able to purchase their icy poles from the undercover area.

This is also an opportunity for students to manage and care for money. Money is not provided to classroom teachers, students must put their money in a safe place and take it out at lunchtime if they wish to purchase.



End of year concert photos download

A reminder that you can download some photographs and an item video from the 2025 end of year concert at the links below.

You can download some photographs and [2025 Concert video](#) a from the concert from our Dropbox [here](#). We don't have an image of every child, but we do have some memories of their fabulous performance.

We ask that you respect the privacy of other students and only post photographs of your child on social media. The Dropbox links will be valid until today, **Friday, 6 February 2026**.



TERM 1 SUMMARY: EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

ASSEMBLIES (KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6)

Class assemblies are held on Fridays at 8:30 a.m. We will continue to provide a WebEx link for families who cannot attend via Connect prior to the assembly.

Assemblies for Term 1 are:

- **Friday, 21 February** – Senior assembly, Year 3, Room 30, 31 and 345 (students in Year 3 to 6 attend).
- **Friday, 27 February** – Junior assembly, Year 2, Room 50 and 52 (students in Kindy to Year 2 attend).
- **Friday, 6 March**: Junior assembly, Year 1, Rooms 13 and 15 (students in Kindy to Year 2 attend).
- **Friday, 20 March** – Senior assembly, Year 5, Room 11 and 22 (students in Year 3 to 6 attend).
- **Friday, 27 March** – Junior assembly, Pre-primary, Room 4 and 5 (students in Kindy to Year 2 attend).



SAFER INTERNET DAY (Year 3 to 6)

Safer Internet Day is a global initiative to raise awareness of online safety issues.

The [eSafety Commissioner](#) leads the initiative in Australia. They educate people about online safety risks, such as abuse, how to be safe online, and where to go for help.

Students in Years 3 to 6 may watch a webinar hosted by the eSafety Commission this week. This year's topic is safe and positive gaming with others.



Parents who would like more information on Safer Internet Day can find information [here](#).

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN IN SCIENCE DAY

On Wednesday, 11 February, our Science team will celebrate International Women in Science Day by running a series of events in class during normal science lessons.

PARENTS & CITIZEN'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday, February 9**, in the school library, commencing at 6:30 p.m. All office bearer positions are declared vacant at this meeting

The P&C is a critical body in our school, they coordinate and raise significant funds and also provide a number of events for our students to enjoy, such as the colour run. They also provide our second hand uniforms service.

You don't need to take a job on to come to the meeting. Come and see how the P&C works. "Many hands make light work", and the more people that assist – the less an individual has to do.

Queries: pwpsfamilies@hotmail.com

PETER COMBE MUSIC CONCERT

Peter Combe, a well known Australian children's will be presenting a one hour concert for our Pre-Primary to year 2 students. He will be singing some of his newer songs, Stars and A Frog in My Cheese Sandwich, plus old favourites, Toffee Apple, Spaghetti Bolognase, Tadpole Blues, Juicy Juicy Green Grass and of course, of course...Wash Your Face in Orange Juice!!

Event information will be provided via Compass in the coming weeks. The cost for students who attend is \$8.

YEAR 5 AND 6 SWIMMING LESSONS

Year 5 and 6 students have their in-term swimming lessons between the **23 February and 6 March**. Swimming lessons will be held at Coogee Beach for the year 5/6 students.

Swimming lessons held at the beach provide our senior students with experience at the beach in readiness for their camp, which will be held at the start of term 2.

Event information will be provided via Compass in the coming weeks.



EVENTS IN MARCH

NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5)

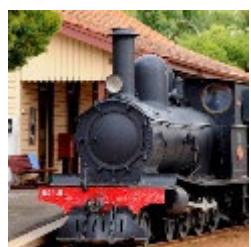
Between **11 and 19 March**, the students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN Reading, Writing and Mathematics assessments.



As part of their preparation for NAPLAN, the students will participate in a range of online practice tests using the school iPads. These practice tests are a good opportunity for the students to learn how to use the online platform and familiarise themselves with the format for answering questions and completing the tasks.

The practice tests are not 'marked' and the data is not stored. However, they are administrated in a similar format to the NAPLAN tests and allow us to check our IT equipment and network. More information for parents about the NAPLAN testing is [here](#).

KALAMUNDA HISTORY VILLAGE (YEAR 2 EXCURSION)



All Year 2 students will have the opportunity to visit Kalamunda History Village between **Monday, 16 March and Wednesday, 18 March**.

Event information will be provided via Compass in the coming weeks.

HARMONY DAY

All students from Kindy to Year 6 will celebrate Harmony Day on **Friday, 20 March**. On this day, students, staff and parents are encouraged to wear something **orange**, OR wear the traditional dress of their country of origin.

Kindy A students will celebrate Harmony Day and have the opportunity to dress up on **Wednesday, 18 March**.

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

There will be a number of activities held in classrooms, and the playground to acknowledge and celebrate Australian multiculturalism.

YEAR 5/6 INTERSCHOOL SUMMER CARNIVAL

Year 5 and 6 students have the opportunity to try out for the VSSA Summer carnival that will occur on **Tuesday, 24 March 2026**. Students will use senior sport time to train and practise the sport they have chosen. Selected students will compete against the other schools in the VSSA network in a round-robin style competition. The sports they can choose are: Volleyball, Sofcrosse, Basketball, Cricket and Ultimate Frisbee.

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL PROGRAMS

CHESS CLUB (YEAR 1-6, AFTER SCHOOL)

King Chess Club (this is a private provider) will continue providing our students with an opportunity to learn Chess, after school on Mondays.

Term 1 lessons are from Monday, 2 February - Monday, 30 March. The lessons are held in the Junior Science Room from 2:35pm to 3:35pm.

Supervision is through the King Chess Club, and there is a cost for the term. Registrations can be made [here](#).

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**TERM 1: FEBRUARY 02 - MARCH 30, 2026
(ALL MONDAYS)**

TIMINGS: 2.35 PM - 3.35 PM

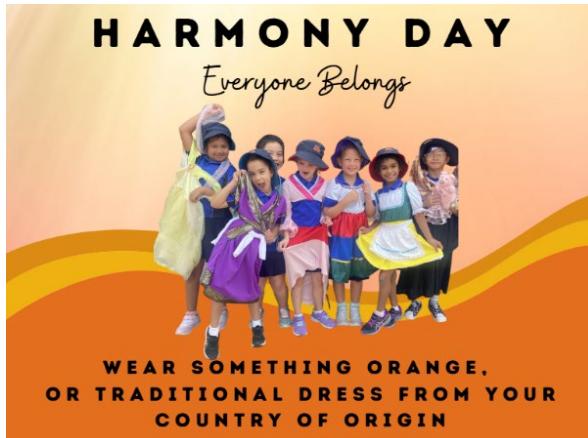
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CONTACT:
SIVA MURUGAPPAN (INTERNATIONAL CHESS COACH)
Ph: 0470437111

MUSIC LESSONS (AFTER SCHOOL)

PWPS students can participate in guitar and keyboard lessons, after school in our music room from 2.45pm – 5.15pm on Thursdays. Lessons are in small groups, or individual. Please contact PMI Plus (Primary Music Institute) for more information. Please note this is a private provider and we do not endorse the lessons.

Miss Alison Ramm
Principal
31 January 2026



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Parent and Community – Term Planner Term 1 (see [here](#) for full year calendar)

Term 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY Junior Choir 7:45 - 8:30am	THURSDAY Senior Choir 7:45 - 8:45am	FRIDAY Icy poles for sale lunchtime
Week 1	2/2 First day for Students P-6 First day for Kindy Group A	3/2	4/2 Kindy A	5/2 First day for Kindy Group B	6/2
Week 2	9/2 P&C AGM Meeting 6:30 – 8:30pm	10/2 Safer Internet Day	11/2 Kindy B International Women in Science Day	12/2	13/2
Week 3	16/2	17/2 Peter Combe Music Concert P-2 9:40am – 10:30am	18/2 Kindy A	19/2	20/2 Senior Assembly 8:30am Yr 3 - Rm 30, 31, 34
Week 4	23/2 Year 5/6 Swimming Lessons Coogee Beach 8:45am – 1:45pm	24/2	25/2 Kindy B	26/2	27/2 Junior Assembly 8:30am Yr 2 – Rm 50, 52
Week 5	2/3 Labour Day Public Holiday	3/3 Year 5/6 Swimming Lessons Coogee Beach 8:45am – 1:45pm	4/3 Kindy A	5/3	6/3 Junior Assembly 8:30am Yr 1 – Rm 13, 15
Week 6	9/3	10/3	11/3 Kindy B NAPLAN Yr 3,5 Writing	12/3 NAPLAN Yr 3, 5 Reading	13/3 NAPLAN Yr 3, 5 Conventions of Language
Week 7	16/3 NAPLAN Yr 3, 5 Numeracy Yr 2 Excursion – Kalamunda History Village	17/3 NAPLAN Yr 3, 5 Catch up tests Yr 2 Excursion – Kalamunda History Village	18/3 Kindy A NAPLAN Yr 3, 5 Catch up tests Harmony Day Dress Up (Kindy A) Yr 2 Excursion – Kalamunda History Village	19/3 NAPLAN Yr 3, 5 Catch up tests	20/3 Senior Assembly 8:30am Yr 5 – Rm 11, 22 Harmony Day Dress Up (Kindy B-Year 6)
Week 8	23/3	24/3 Year 5/6 Interschool Summer Carnival	25/3 Kindy B	26/3	27/3 Junior Assembly 8:30am PP – Rm 4, 5
Week 9	30/3	31/3	1/4 Kindy A	2/4 Goldie Draw Faction Reward Staff V Student Match	3/4 Good Friday Public Holiday

Piara Waters Primary School

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All proceeds go to the
2026 Year 6 Camp

LUNCH TIME FRIDAYS
SCHOOL CANTEEN
UNDERCOVER AREA (PP-6)
AND KINDY PLAY AREA

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