

# TERM 1 WEEK 2 UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

It was wonderful to see our students back at school on Monday and to warmly welcome our new Pre-Primary to Year 6 students. A sincere thank you to our thoughtful and supportive students, who consistently help new classmates feel included and quickly at home within our school community.

We also had the delight of supporting our new Kindergarten students as they began their first days of school last week and started to find their place within our learning community. Thank you to our families for nurturing your children's growing independence, with many already confidently organising their belongings, placing their water bottles and lunch items in the correct areas, and preparing themselves for the day ahead. These early routines play an important role in helping our youngest students develop a strong sense of belonging as they learn, grow, and become valued members of our school.



## ARRIVING AT SCHOOL – 8am to 8:15am

- A reminder that our school rule is students are to arrive at school from 8am and definitely before 8:30am. Students are not able to arrive before 8am, as we do not have any staff on duty to supervise students prior to this time. **Please note that school gates will not be open prior to 8:00am.**
- OSH, Choir and String Ensemble students will be able to enter through the OSH gate; however, all other students are not to be on site until 8:00am.
- Parents who have pre-arranged meetings that are scheduled prior to 8am should enter through the front office or the OSH gate.

## Extension of waiting area 8am to 8:15am

**Before the 8:15am siren, any students on site must be seated under the flags or in the Games Garden (unless at choir, OSH or ensemble).**

As our numbers have increased, we acknowledge that there is not enough space under the flags, therefore the Games Garden is now an additional before-school area for students and families to congregate prior to the start of the day.

Please assist us by reminding your children of this expectation.

## STUDENT STATIONARY ITEMS

A number of students still need to bring in their stationary items. We understand that these are probably on order. If this is the case, please let your classroom teacher know, and we will arrange some interim supplies.

We have a very minimal “booklist,” but it is essential that students always have their complete set of equipment. Classroom teachers will email parents if students run out of supplies (e.g., pencils). You can find our stationary/booklists [here](#).

## CLASS INFORMATION LETTERS (K to 6)

Each class teacher sent a class welcome and information notice via Connect last Friday (Kindy A will be this Monday). This will include information about class procedures and the class timetable.

If you have not received this, please contact the school on 08 9397 4300 or via email [piarawaters.ps.admin@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:piarawaters.ps.admin@education.wa.edu.au)

Class information letters are in addition to our school handbooks, which you can find on our website.

- [General](#) parent handbook
- Additional information for [kindergarten](#) parents
- Additional details for [pre-primary](#) parents

## MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY

### YEAR 5/6 PUBLIC SPEAKING EXTENSION GROUP APPLICATIONS CLOSE

Year 5 and 6 students have the opportunity to nominate and audition for our Public Speaking Extension Program. Last week, students were provided with a [copy of the nomination](#) form. The forms are **due today so that** auditions can take place tomorrow (Tuesday, 10 February). There are no exceptions to this deadline.

### IMSS (INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SCHOOL SERVICE) YEAR 4/5/6 VIOLIN/VIOLA LESSONS

The Year 4, 5 and 6 IMSS violin/viola lessons for selected students commence today. These lessons will occur in the Music Room, with the teacher, Mrs Therese Arnold. Students in Year 4 and 5 will be told what group/time they are to attend and all students are reminded to bring in their instruments, music books and other materials. Students new to the program will be told today what they need.

Lesson times:

- Year 4 (Group 1) at 8:30 - 9:00 am
- Year 4 (Group 2) at 9:00 - 9:30 am
- Year 5 (Group 1) at 9:30 - 10:00 am
- Year 5 (Group 2) at 10:00 - 10:30 am
- Year 6 Violin at 11:20 – 11:50 am
- Year 6 Viola at 10:50 – 11:20 am



### MACQLIT READING INTERVENTION GROUPS

MacqLit small group reading Intervention groups re-commence today for years 2-6. These groups continue from last year and provide students with extra assistance to develop essential reading skills. Parents will be informed if new students are identified to join the program.

## READING LOGS DUE BACK AT SCHOOL TODAY (P-6)

We cannot stress enough the importance of reading. Improved vocabulary, critical thinking and analytical skills, and focus and concentration are just some benefits of reading. Therefore, we have a whole-school approach to promoting and ensuring that PWPS students read at least four times a week.

Today, all students from Pre-primary to year six will bring back to school their Piara Waters Primary School Reading Log, which they have used to record their home reading. Even if your child didn't read the first week back, please bring back the reading log. (Kindergarten students will commence home reading in the coming months.)



**Students should read for up to 20 minutes four times a week.** Home reading should be recorded in your child's reading log. Four times a week is the minimum number of times students need to read. However, we know many of our students can read more often, so this year's Reading Log has space to record up to seven nights per week.

Please remind your child to **bring their reading log to school every Monday** so their classroom teacher can check and stamp it.

Students who read 200 or more nights in a year will receive a badge, and they can earn many other certificates and goldie awards along the way!

## PARENT & CITIZENS (P&C) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our [Parents and Citizens Association](#) is an important parent group at our school.

The functions of P&Cs are covered by legislation. P&Cs promote the interests of the school. They do this through:

- cooperation between parents, teachers, students and members of the community
- assisting in providing resources, facilities and amenities for the school
- fostering community interest in educational matters.

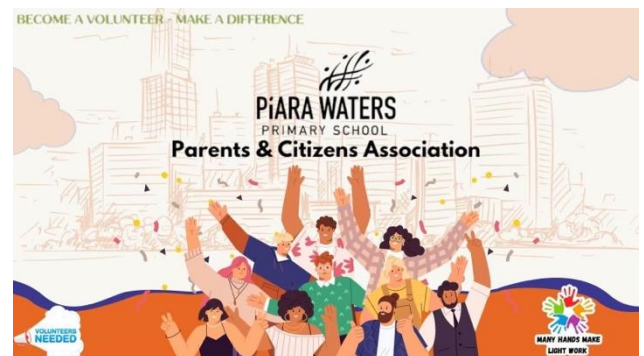
They coordinate fundraising, which improves our school environment. They also run our second-hand uniform online shop, sell school bags and library bags, and run service events for our school community.

The AGM is this evening, commencing at 6:30 pm, in the school library. At this meeting, the 2026 committee will be elected.

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

It is also a great way to meet other parents and learn more about our school.

Queries: [pwpsfamilies@hotmail.com](mailto:pwpsfamilies@hotmail.com)



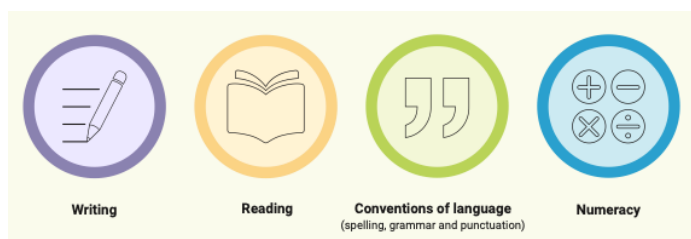
## NAPLAN (YEAR 3 AND 5 STUDENTS) NOTICE TO GO HOME TODAY

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students undertake.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national proficiency standards. NAPLAN is just one aspect of our school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it provides us with additional information about our students' educational progress.

NAPLAN is held across Australia at the same time. This year, it will be between 11 March and 19 March. You can find more information on our [school website](#) and the [NAPLAN website](#). Prior to these assessments, our year 3 and 5 students will undertake some practice assessments so that they can become familiar with the test process and online platform.

Today, a [hard copy of the information page](#) will be sent home to each year 3 and 5 student. You can also download a [Simple English NAPLAN information brochure](#).



## TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY

### YEAR 5/6 PUBLIC SPEAKING EXTENSION GROUP AUDITIONS

Year 5 and 6 students who have nominated for a place in our Public Speaking Extension Program will audition today. Auditions will take place today, in the drama room with Mrs Walton, for those students who returned a nomination form by Monday.

### IMSS (INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SCHOOL SERVICE) YEAR 4/5/6 CELLO LESSONS

The Year 4, 5 and 6 IMSS Cello lessons for selected students commence today. Cello lessons will occur in the Music Room, with the teacher, Mrs Joanne Bell. 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 4 at 10:50 – 11:20 am  
Year 5 at 11:20 – 11:50 am  
Year 6 at 11:50 – 12:20 pm



### SAFER INTERNET DAY (Year 3-6)

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.

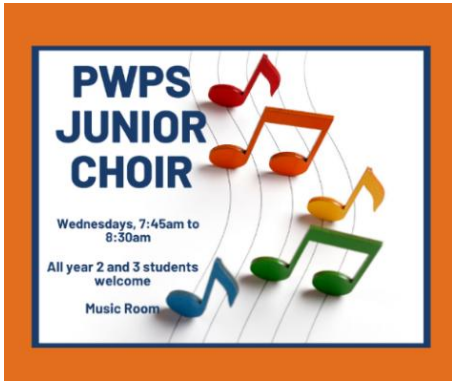
Students in Years 3 to 6 may watch a webinar hosted by the eSafety Commission this week. This year's topic is safe and positive gaming with others.

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

A promotional graphic for free parent and carer webinars. It features a teal background with a circular inset showing a woman and a child looking at a laptop. A play button icon is overlaid on the circle. At the bottom, there are logos for the Australian Government and the eSafety Commissioner, along with the website eSafety.gov.au/SID.

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## WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY



### JUNIOR CHOIR (YEAR 2/3)

Junior Choir (Years 2 and 3) is on today. Interested students need to meet in the music room and be ready for 7:45am.

All Year 2 and 3 students are welcome.

### IMSS (INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SCHOOL SERVICE) CLARINET LESSONS (YEAR 5/6)

A reminder that the Year 5 and 6 IMSS clarinet lessons for selected students will occur in the Drama Room, with the teacher, Mrs Stephanie Wells. Students are reminded to bring along their musical instruments, music books and other materials to the lesson.

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



### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN IN SCIENCE DAY

Our Science team will celebrate International Women in Science Day today by running a series of events in class during normal science lessons.

**Science**  
 Kusala Rajendran  
 -SEISMOLOGY-

Kusala Rajendran is a female scientist who studies about earthquakes. She was born in India and studied about seismology at University of South Carolina. She is currently a professor at the Centre of Earth and Sciences, USA. Some of her interests are, Seismology, Paleoseismology and Tectonics. Kusala Rajendran is the number one seismologist in India. Many Girls are great scientists and that's no problem. Both Girls and boys have the right to be scientists no matter what!

**Kusala Rajendran**  
 By: Claire Besto

International Day of Women And Girls In Science

**JANE X LUU**

**TIME line**

- 1963- Jane x Luu was born
- 1975 immigrated to USA from Vietnam
- 1991, 2012, 2013 awards
- 1992- found first Kuiper belt object

**Her Life**  
 Jane x Luu was born in Vietnam but immigrated to America. At school she topped in science and later became an astronomer, engineer and astrophysicist.

**What was she known for?**  
 Jane x Luu along with David C. Jewitt discovered the Kuiper belt which was believed to be empty.

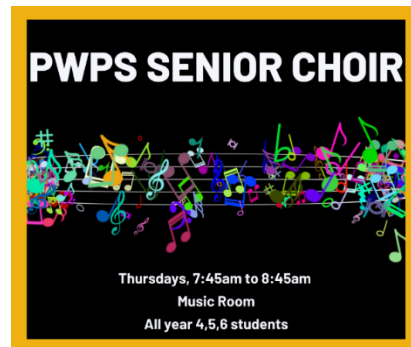
**Diagram:** A diagram of a solar system showing the sun, planets, and the Kuiper belt.

## THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY

### SENIOR CHOIR (YEARS 4 to 6)

Year 4/5/6 (Senior) Choir is on today. Interested students need to meet in the music room and be ready for 7:45am.

All year, 4/5/6 students are welcome.



### IMSS (INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SCHOOL SERVICE) YEAR 5/6 FLUTE/BRASS LESSONS

The Year 5 and 6 IMSS Flute and Brass music lessons commence for selected students today. 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.

**Year 5 and 6 Flute** lessons will be held in the Conference Room with Mrs Penny Hall

- Lesson times: Year 5 at 10:50 – 11:20 am  
Year 6 at 11:20 – 11:50 am



**Year 5 and 6 Brass** lessons will be held in Conference Room with Mrs Helen Garrett.

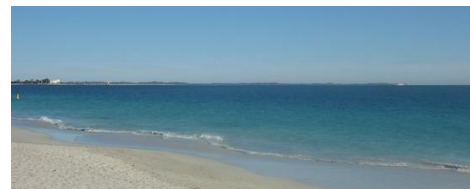
- Lesson times: Year 5 at 12:40 – 1:20 pm  
Year 6 at 1:20 – 2:00 pm

## FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY

### SWIMMING LESSONS PERMISSION AND ENROLMENT NOTES (YEAR 5 AND 6)

Swimming information, permission notes, and forms will go home to all Year 5 and 6 students early this week. Swimming lessons will be held between 23 February and 6 March at Coogee Beach for year 5 and 6 students.

**Permission forms** are due back to your child's classroom teacher by **Friday, 13 February**. This is a firm deadline, as we need to confirm student numbers with the Department of Education to ensure that sufficient Swimming Instructors are employed.



**Payment is due by Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> February.**

Please note, the swimming lessons for our Pre-Primary to year 4 students will be held in a swimming pool during Term 3.

### ICY POLES FOR SALE

Year 6 students will be selling Icy Poles at lunchtime for \$1.

Icy Poles will be available each Friday this term. All proceeds from the sale of icy poles will go towards the Year 6 Camp.

**Miss Alison Ramm**

**Principal**

**8 February 2026**



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

<b>Term 1</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Junior Choir 7:45 - 8:30am	<b>THURSDAY</b> Senior Choir 7:45 - 8:45am	<b>FRIDAY</b> Icy poles for sale lunchtime
<b>Week 1</b>	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
<b>Week 2</b>	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
<b>Week 3</b>	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
<b>Week 4</b>	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
<b>Week 5</b>	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
<b>Week 6</b>	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
<b>Week 7</b>	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)
<b>Week 8</b>	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
<b>Week 9</b>	30/3	31/3	1/4 Kindy A	2/4 Goldie Draw Faction Reward Staff V Student Match	3/4 Good Friday Public Holiday