

TERM 1 WEEK 3 UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

Our 2026 **student leaders** should be acknowledged for their diligent performance in their duties before school and throughout the day. It has been a pleasure to see their initiative and enthusiasm.

This Friday, we commence our **school assemblies**. Each class presents an assembly throughout the year, and all parents (and grandparents) are invited to attend. Please ensure that only photographs that you take of your child are shared with others.

All Kindy B and year PP, 1 and 2 attend the junior assemblies. All of our Year 3, 4, 5, and 6 students attend the senior assemblies. Students may not leave class to attend a sibling's assembly.



At the start of every assembly, we proudly sing both verses of the Australian National Anthem. The words are listed below so you can practice them at home with your children.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM



Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are one and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
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STAFFING UPDATE

Emma-Lee Jackson has been offered a position as an Early Childhood Consultant at AISWA, and given that this has been a long-term career goal for her, she will be taking up this well-deserved opportunity. We congratulate her on her appointment and, on behalf of the staff, thank her for the wonderful contributions she has made to our school in a short time.

Mr James Morris will be joining our school leadership team as Deputy Principal. James is an outstanding educator and has previously been a Deputy Principal at other schools. Mr Morris commenced teaching in room 17 at the start of the year.

Miss Sophie O'Hallaran (new teacher) will be teaching the students in Room 17.

These changes will take place from **Monday, 23 February**, and there will be a slight change to the deputy principals who are the first contact for each year level as follows.

- Kindergarten – Mrs Lisa Skepper
- Pre-Primary – Mr James Morris
- Year 1 – Mrs Kylie Gallagher
- Year 2 – Mr James Morris
- Year 3 – Mrs Jane Weir
- Year 4 – Mr Karl Voloczi
- Year 5 – Mrs Kylie Gallagher
- Year 6 – Mr Karl Voloczi



YEAR 6 LEAVERS SHIRTS NAMES (CLASS PROCESS)

This week, Year 6 students will inform their class teacher of the name (one word only) they would like on the back of the Year 6 leavers' t-shirt. We only put first names (or one-word nicknames) on the shirts to maintain student privacy. Parents might like to discuss this with their child.

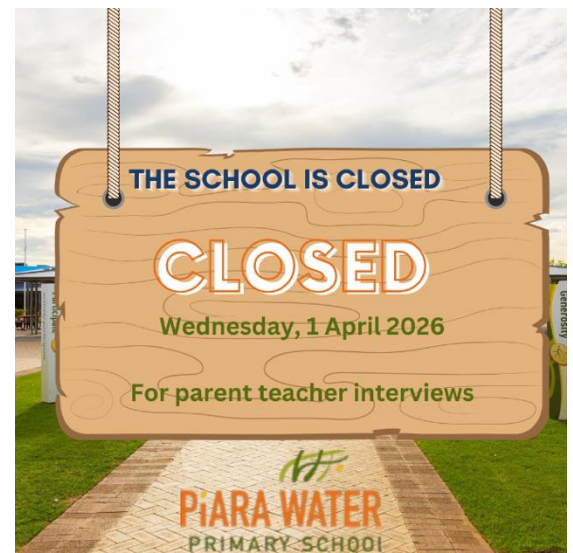
SCHOOL CLOSURE AND PARENT INTERVIEWS

On **Wednesday, 1 April**, the school will be **closed for the entire day** to allow parent-teacher interviews to take place.

Parents should make arrangements with [OSH Club](#) or other care arrangements for students on the day.

The purpose of this closure is to enable parents to meet with teachers.

Booking information will be provided closer to the date.



ARRIVING AT SCHOOL – 8 am to 8:15 am

- A reminder that our school rule requires students to arrive between 8 am and 8:30 am (preferably at 8:15 am). Students cannot arrive before 8 am, as we do not have staff on duty to supervise them before that time. **Please note that the school gates will not open before 8:00 am.**
- OSH, Choir, tennis lessons and String Ensemble students may enter through the OSH gate; however, all other students are not to be on site until 8:00 am.
- Parents with pre-arranged meetings scheduled before 8 am should enter through the front office or the OSH gate.
- **Before the 8:15 am siren, all students and families on site must be seated under the flags or in the Games Garden** (unless at choir, OSH, tennis, or ensemble).

ON-ENTRY ASSESSMENT (PRE-PRIMARY)

Over the next four weeks, Pre-primary students will participate in the statewide On-entry Assessment Program. It is a requirement that all Western Australian Pre-primary students undertake the assessment.

During this time, Pre-primary teachers will spend one-on-one time with each student in their class to find out about their literacy and numeracy skills and understandings. The teacher will use this information to plan and target teaching programs to suit each child's learning needs. During the assessment, a relief teacher will teach the class.

The literacy assessment tasks for Pre-primary students include:

- Speaking and listening – engage in conversation
- Reading – recognise rhyming words, identify the sounds in letters and words, listen and respond to questions about stories read to them.
- Writing – draw a picture and attempt to write their name and words about their picture.

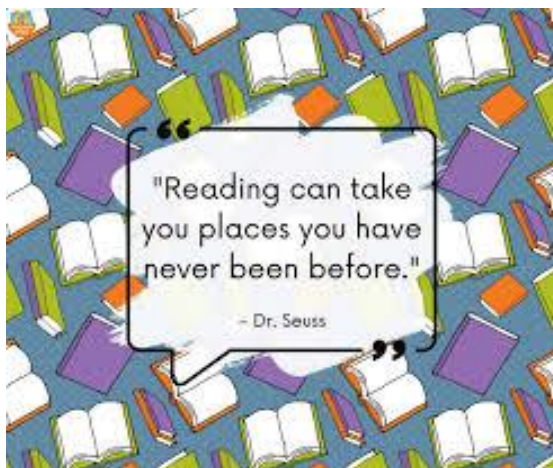
The numeracy tasks for Pre-primary students include:

- Number – identify, count, and match small quantities and numbers.
- Measurement – compare length and weight by observing and touching the objects.
- Geometry – identify shapes and simple 'position' words.

Parents will be given a summary of their child's results towards the end of the term. These summaries provide an overview of your child's responses to questions and tasks completed during the assessment and include some ideas about how you can help your child at home.

If you would like further information, contact your child's teacher or visit [the On-entry assessment website](#)

MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY



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

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

SWIMMING LESSONS PERMISSION AND ENROLMENT FORMS (YEAR 5/6) - DUE TODAY

Swimming information, permission notes, and forms were sent home to all Year 5 and 6 students last week. Swimming lessons will be held at Coogee Beach from 23 February to 6 March for Year 5 and 6 students.

Permission forms are **due** back to your child's classroom teacher **today**. 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 February**. Swimming lessons must be paid for before students attend, unless a payment plan has been arranged with the [Manager of Corporate Services](#).

To help your child prepare for the upcoming swimming lessons, a social story can be found [here](#).

STUDENT UPDATE FORMS SENT HOME TODAY

We must maintain up-to-date student contact and medical records so we can contact families as needed.

Today, students will be sent home with a **yellow envelope** that contains a printout of the information in our system for parents to review and edit as needed. Please return all forms (even if no changes are required) to the class teacher by **Friday, 20 February**.

ICT AGREEMENTS FORMS SENT HOME TODAY

Students will be sent home technology usage agreement forms today, and they should be returned by **Friday, 20 February**.

This agreement covers the use of school-issued iPads, personal mobile phones, and smartwatches. It will. This will also be in the **yellow envelope**.

IMSS YEAR 4/5/6 VIOLIN/VIOLA LESSONS

The Year 4, 5 and 6 IMSS violin/viola lessons for selected students are on today.

TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY

PETER COMBE INCURSION (PP to Year 2)

Australian children's entertainer Peter Combe will visit our school to present a special concert for our Pre-Primary to Year 2 students in the Undercover Area at 9:30 am.

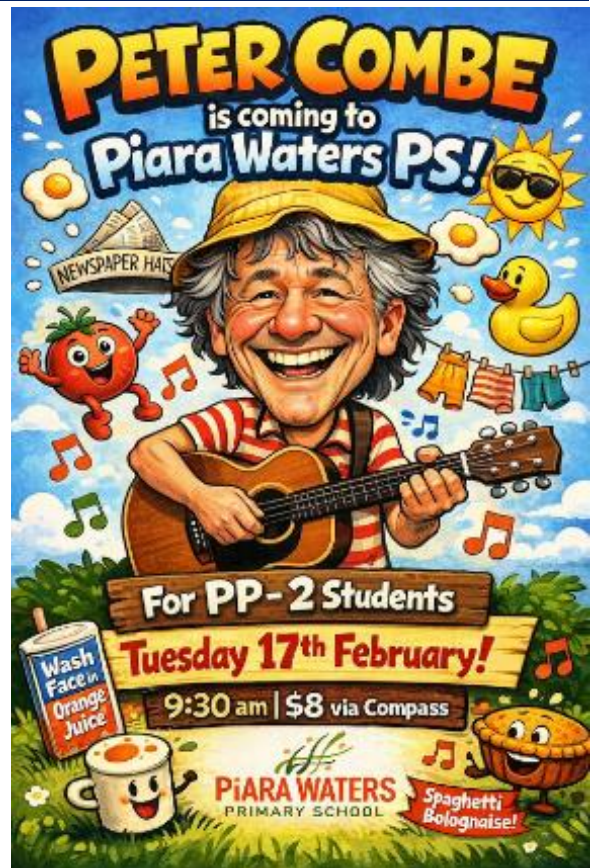
To attend the show, students must pay **\$8 by 8:30 am today**. A Compass event was emailed to all Pre-primary to Year 2 families last week. Payments can be made through Compass (go to your events section), by calling the school, or by visiting the front office to pay via EFTPOS.

Please note: **Only students who have paid will attend the performance**. Students who have not paid will be sent to an alternative class.

Peter has asked students to learn the chorus of his song "10,000 Stars". Students have been doing this in class, and you can hear it [here](#) and find the lyrics [here](#).

IMSS YEAR 4/5/6 CELLO LESSONS

The Year 4, 5, and 6 IMSS Cello lessons for selected students are on today.



WEDNESDAY 18 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 CLARINET LESSONS (YEAR 5/6)

A reminder that the Year 5 and 6 IMSS clarinet lessons for selected students are on today.

THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY

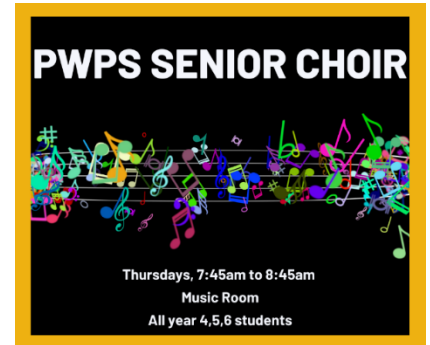
SENIOR CHOIR (YEARS 4 to 6)

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 YEAR 5/6 FLUTE/BRASS LESSONS

A reminder that the Year 5 and 6 IMSS Flute and Brass music lessons for selected students are on today.



FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY

SENIOR ASSEMBLY (YR 3-6)

Today's senior assembly will be hosted by the Year 3 students in rooms 30, 31 and 34. The Assembly begins at 8:35 a.m. in the Undercover Area.

Parents and carers are welcome to attend, or you can view the assembly at this [Webex link](#).

Meeting password: PWPS

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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

15 February 2026



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 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 8:40am – 2:15pm	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 8:40am – 2:15pm	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 Parent/Teacher Interviews (School Closed to students today)	2/4 Goldie Draw Faction Reward Staff V Student Match	3/4 Good Friday Public Holiday



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REGISTER NOW!

2026

TRAINING:
ONCE A WEEK
DAY TO BE CONFIRMED

GAME DAY:
SUNDAY MORNING
OCCASIONAL
FRIDAY NIGHTS

OPEN NIGHT:
20TH FEB
5PM - LATE
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