

TERM 1 WEEK 5 UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

Our first Junior assembly for the year was a colourful, neon spectacular, hosted by the fabulous Year 2 students in rooms 50 and 52.

These bright, cheerful students taught us strategies for solving problems we may encounter every day. Each of us is capable of finding a way to make things right; if we aren't sure what to do, we need to stop and think it through. It doesn't matter how long it takes for us to achieve our goal; it's important that we don't give up!



STUDENT SAFETY – WRIGHT ROAD CROSSING

We kindly ask parents and carers to remind their children to cross Wright Road at the designated crossing where our crossing guard is on duty.

The crossing guard is there to ensure students can cross safely before and after school. Recently, we have noticed some students crossing at other points along Wright Road. Crossing away from the supervised area places students at unnecessary risk.



SMART WATCHES

We have recently seen an increase in the number of students wearing smart watches to school.

We would like to remind parents and carers, as mentioned in the recently returned student ICT agreements and the [Department of Education's Mobile Phone policy](#), that all students are required to:

- Have their smart watch set to 'school mode' or 'airplane mode' during school hours. This means the device should not be able to send or receive calls or messages.
- **Not use their smart watch to communicate with parents or carers during the school day.**
- If a student needs to contact home, they can do so through the school office.

Students should also refrain from using their smart watches to take photos of their peers or teachers.



STRING ORCHESTRA (ENSEMBLE) PRACTICE – VIOLIN/VIOLA/CELLO (Mondays 7:30 am – 8:30 am)

On Monday, we held our first String Orchestra for our Year 5 and 6 violin, viola and cello students. It was wonderful to see the students begin learning their first musical pieces: Pachelbel's Canon and Bushwhacker Stomp. Students will be learning pieces for upcoming concerts and assemblies at the school.



The String Orchestra is compulsory for Year 5 and 6 violin, viola and cello students in the IMSS program. All students need to make every effort to attend all rehearsals to maintain consistent guidelines for successful music performance outcomes, i.e., not just turning up at the concert without any rehearsals.

The String Orchestra is an opportunity for students to consolidate their knowledge and skills with their peers, learn to listen and play in time, and work as a team, building self-confidence, resilience, and perseverance. It is part of their learning, along with weekly lessons, and they are to participate every Monday morning in the music room from 7:30 am to 8:30 am. The next rehearsal will be on **Monday, 9 February** at 7:30 am (due to Monday's public holiday). Students are to enter via the OSH gate or the front office.

Students who learn the violin, viola or cello privately are also welcome to join. There is no cost to participate, and sheet music is provided by Ms Arnold.



HARMONY DAY (ADVANCE WARNING)

Our school celebration for Harmony Day is on Friday, 20 March (Week 7). All students and staff will be able to **wear something orange or the traditional dress of their country of origin that day.**

Kindy A students are invited to wear their Harmony Day clothes on Wednesday, 18 March.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE AND NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL ANTHEM – ADVANCE NOTICE

Our ANZAC Day service is on Friday 24 April (the first Friday of Term 2) at 10 am. As part of the service, the New Zealand national anthem will be sung by the students in Room 29 and all of our New Zealand students.

Students who were born in New Zealand and all of our students who identify as New Zealanders are invited to join Ms Taylor and the Room 29 students for rehearsals and the ceremony performance.

If your children are of New Zealand origin and you would like them to sing the New Zealand national anthem at the ANZAC service (students must be present on Friday, 24 April to participate), please let their class teacher know.

To begin, Ms Taylor will hold the following rehearsals on:

- Friday, 6 March 2026 at 9:30 am, in Room 29
- Friday, 13 March 2026 at 8:30 am, in the Music Room

Further rehearsals will be announced once dates and times have been confirmed.

If you would like to practice at home, you can find the version of the New Zealand national anthem that the students will sing [here](#).



YEAR 2 EXCURSION TO THE KALAMUNDA HISTORY MUSEUM

The Year 2 students are going on an upcoming excursion to the Kalamunda History Village. Payment and consent for this event are due by Monday, the 9th of March. Information was emailed to all year 2 parents last week (via Compass). To view the details in Compass, please click [here](#).

MONDAY 2 MARCH

SCHOOL BOARD PARENT POSITIONS

We have several parent-representative positions available on our School Board.

A reminder if you would like to nominate for a position on the School Board, please complete this [online nomination form](#) by Monday, 2 March.

TUESDAY 3 MARCH

YEAR 5 AND 6 SWIMMING LESSONS (Continues)

A reminder that swimming lessons for Year 5 and 6 students continue this week.

Students will need goggles for their lessons and a towel or dressing gown (or large shirt) to wear on the journey back from the beach.



A reminder of the timetable:

Session	Rooms	Students must be lined up	Bus must depart PWPS	Lesson time	Bus Returns PWPS
1	Year 5/6 Rooms 11, 20, 19	8:35 am	8:40 am	9:20 – 10:00 am	10:50 am
2	Year 5/6 Rooms 22, 21	9.20 am	9:25 am	10:05 – 10:45 am	11:35 am
3	Year 5/6 Rooms 55, 24	10.05 am	10:10 am	10:50 – 11:30 am	12:25 pm
4	Year 5/6 Rooms 10, 25	11.10 am	11:15 am	12:00 – 12:40 pm	1:30 pm
5	Year 5/6 Rooms 56, 26	12.00 pm	12:05 pm	12:45 – 1:25 pm	2:15 pm

Parents are reminded that **parking in the bus bay before school starts and at the end of the day is not permitted**. Doing so prevents students from safely boarding and disembarking the bus for swimming lessons. Parents who park in the bus bay will be asked to move their vehicles.

IMSS YEAR 4/5/6 CELLO LESSONS

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

WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH

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 at 7:45 am. 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.

NAPLAN PRACTICE TEST (YEAR 3 AND SOME YEAR 5 – ROOMS 10, 55 and 56)

Between 8:30 am and 9:30 am the students in years 3 and 5 will participate in a NAPLAN practice on Wednesday or Thursday (Year 5 students in rooms 11, 20 and 22 will participate in the practice on Thursday due to Swimming Lessons).

This is so that students can experience the NAPLAN test environment, and we can check the iPad functionality and load on our network.

This test will commence at 8:30 am, so students must be in class at 8:15 am. Year 5 students who attend Junior Choir will return to class at 8:20 am, so that they are ready. This test is not marked. It is only to prepare students for the formal tests that will take place the following week.

Further information about the NAPLAN assessment program is [HERE](#).

THURSDAY 5 MARCH

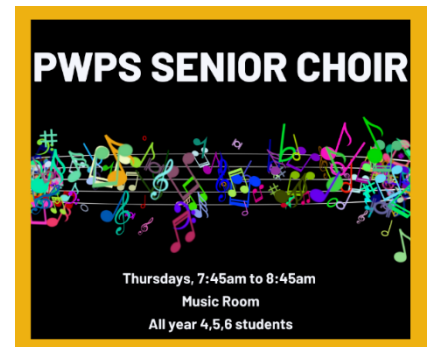
SENIOR CHOIR (YEARS 4 to 6)

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

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.



NAPLAN PRACTICE TEST (YEAR 5 – ROOMS 11, 20 and 22)

Between 11:50 am and 12:50 pm, the students in year 5 (rooms 11, 20 and 22) will participate in a NAPLAN practice test.

This is so that students can experience the NAPLAN test environment, and we can check the iPad functionality and load on our network. This test is not marked. It is only to prepare students for the formal tests that will take place the following week.

FRIDAY 6 MARCH

JUNIOR ASSEMBLY (KINDY GROUP B STUDENTS – YEAR 2)

Today's senior assembly will be hosted by the Year 1 students in rooms 13 and 15. 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

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

2 March 2026

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

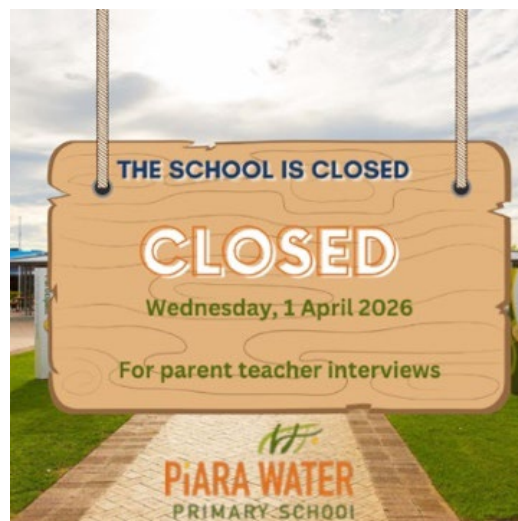
Term 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY Junior Choir 7:45 - 8:30am	THURSDAY Senior Choir 7:45 - 8:45am	FRIDAY Icy poles for sale lunchtime
Week 5	2/3 Labour Day Public Holiday NO SCHOOL!	3/3 Year 5/6 Swimming Lessons Coogee Beach 8:40am – 2:15pm	4/3 Kindy A NAPLAN practice test (year 3 and 5)	5/3 NAPLAN practice test (year 5 room 11, 20 and 22)	6/3 Junior Assembly 8:30am Yr 1 – Rm 13, 15
Week 6	9/3 Year 2 History excursion permission and payment due	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 NO SCHOOL!

SCHOOL CLOSURE AND PARENT INTERVIEWS

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

Parents should make arrangements with [OSH Club](#) or other care provider 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.



Melville Senior High School – Year 7 Applications Open for Specialist Programs

Approved Specialist Programs:

- Specialist Aviation
- Specialist Graphic Design Media
- Specialist Netball

School-based programs:

- Music
- Academic Extension

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Online applications for these programs can be made via our School Website at: <https://melville.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Specialist-and-School-Based-Programs-Application-Form.pdf>

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