

TERM 2, WEEK 7 UPDATE

Dear parents and carers

This week, we were thrilled to present certificates to the **35 students who have already read "100 Nights"** and recorded these in their Reading Logs this year. Whilst students are required to read a minimum of 4 nights each week, reading every day is encouraged, and the majority of these students have been reading and recording 7 nights a week.

When we read, we:

- Get better at reading
- Exercise the brain
- Improve concentration
- Learn about the world
- Enrich our vocabulary
- Develop your imagination
- Understand empathy
- Perform better academically
- Relax the body and mind



There are also similar benefits for reading to your child. The Department of Education in Victoria has undertaken a study on the impact of reading to your child. The frequency of reading to children at a young age has a direct causal effect on their schooling outcomes.

- Reading to children at age 4-5 every day has a significant positive effect on their reading skills and cognitive skills (i.e., language and literacy, numeracy and cognition) later in life.
 - Reading to children 3-5 days per week (compared to 2 or less) has the same effect on the child's reading skills at age 4-5 as being six months older.
 - Reading to them 6-7 days per week has the same effect as being almost 12 months older.
- Children read to more frequently at age 4-5 achieve higher scores on the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for both Reading and Numeracy in Year 3 (age 8 to 9).



The Oakford Electorate Primary School Public Speaking Competition

was held on Friday, where Aakaash and Zayn represented our school. Their quality speeches about their "dream job of the future" earned our school second place in the overall competition. Well done to Mrs Walton and all the Public Speaking Extension students, who continue to raise the standard of public speaking among our students.

A big congratulations to **Aakaash, who won the competition outright** and will be representing the Oakford Electorate at the final at Parliament House later in June.

Zayn and Aakaash will present their speeches to everyone at an upcoming assembly.

It was fantastic to see our year 5/6 girls competing in the **AFLW Interschool Carnival** yesterday. Our A team won each of their games and won the overall shield. A special mention to Holly G on being Best on Ground for PWPS in the Grand Final. Our B team combined with Harrisdale PS to form "Harrisdale Waters" and were also fabulous in their self-acclaimed "girl power!". Every girl had a smile on their face, tried their best, and, for some, played their first ever official game of AFL.

Thanks to the parents who cheered our girls on, and a big thanks to Chloe's Dad, Jordan Hogan, for coaching the B team, Mr Luke Roberts for coaching the A team in Mr Jones' absence, and Mr Headland for organising the carnival.



On Friday, the final classes of **Year 1 students** visited the **Armadale History Museum** on Friday, to further develop their History knowledge. The excursion also provided an opportunity for students to show their independence. Thank you for being such great role models for our school.



Monday, 9 June

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CHOIR (YEARS 2 to 6) ON TODAY

All Junior and Senior Choir students are to meet in the Music Room for combined rehearsals from **7:45 am to 8:30 am** as they prepare for their **WAGSMS** performance on **24 June**.

Tuesday, 10 June

RUNNING CLUB (Kindy – Year 6, before school)

Don't forget we have Running Club from 7:45 to 8:15 a.m. on Tuesdays.

Thank you to our volunteers who have been scanning the barcodes. Parents, grandparents or older siblings who have some spare time are welcome to sign up by following this link: volunteersignup.org/4999J

A Coffee Van will now be available from 7:30 - 8:30 am every Tuesday, even if the Running Club is cancelled.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Need spare jumpers for Winter? We may be able to help with that!

P&C will be running a second-hand uniform stall today, **outside the undercover area** from **7:45-8:30 am**, alongside Running Club morning. Cash and Eftpos payments are accepted.

Donations are always welcome and can be dropped off either at the front office or directly at the P&C stall.

WAGSMS DANCE REHEARSAL

Today, the students from the choir who nominated to dance and perform acrobatic tricks for the school's upcoming **WAGSMS** performance are to meet Mrs Doran in the Undercover Area at 12:30pm. Mrs Doran will run through the performance requirements.

Parents of the nominated students will receive an email on Monday, 10 June.

PIARA WATERS
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Parents & Citizens Association

**SECOND HAND UNIFORM
SALE**

\$10 Jackets

Tuesday, 10th June
7.45-8.30am
Outside the Undercover Area

\$5
shirts, shorts, skorts

Cash and Eftpos payments accepted

YEAR 4 SHIPWRECKS MUSEUM EXCURSION

Students from **Rooms 28 and Room 29** in Year 4 will be attending an excursion to the [WA Shipwrecks Museum](#) as part of their HASS curriculum studies. During this excursion, the Year 4 students will participate in a tour through the WA Shipwrecks Museum and a facilitated activity focused on the explorer De Vlamingh. There is a social story to support the visit [HERE](#).

Important Times:

- Students must arrive at school by **8:15 am**.
- The group will walk to the bus before **8:30 am**, with departure scheduled for **8:40 am**.
(Please note: Late arrivals will not be able to attend.)
- The bus will leave Fremantle at approximately **1:30 pm**, with students returning to school by **2:30 pm**.

Wednesday, 11 June

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YEAR 4 SHIPWRECKS MUSEUM EXCURSION

Students from **Rooms 27 and Room 54** in Year 4 will be attending an excursion to the [WA Shipwrecks Museum](#) as part of their HASS curriculum studies. During this excursion, the Year 4 students will participate in a tour through the WA Shipwrecks Museum and a facilitated activity focused on the explorer De Vlamingh. There is a social story to support the visit [HERE](#).

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Thursday, 12 June

WAGSMS DANCE REHEARSAL

This morning, selected Year 4 students from the choir will meet Miss Tomson in the Drama room to continue dance rehearsals for the school's [WAGSMS](#) performance. Dance rehearsals will run from 7:45 – 8:10 am. Students need to be on time.

YEAR 4 SHIPWRECKS MUSEUM EXCURSION (ROOM 35 AND 37)

Students from **Rooms 35 and Room 37** in Year 4 will be attending an excursion to the [WA Shipwrecks Museum](#) as part of their HASS curriculum studies. During this excursion, the Year 4 students will participate in a tour through the WA Shipwrecks Museum and a facilitated activity focused on the explorer De Vlamingh. There is a social story to support the visit [HERE](#).

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Friday, 13 June

SENIOR ASSEMBLY (YEAR 3 – YEAR 6)

Today's senior assembly will be hosted by the **Year 3** students in **rooms 34 and 36**. The Assembly begins at **8:35 am** in the Undercover Area.

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

Additional Information

IMSS PARENT SURVEY

The IMSS Team has developed a short [Parent Satisfaction Survey](#) to gather valuable feedback that will help them better understand how to support both students and their families. The survey is open to all IMSS parents, and your feedback is to improve services and enhance student support. Parents of current or past IMSS students can complete the survey by clicking [here](#).

KINDERGARTEN, PRE-PRIMARY AND YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS FOR 2026

Kindergarten, Pre-Primary and Year 7 enrolments for 2026 close on the first Friday of term 3 (25th of July).

- You can download an application form for Kindergarten and Pre-Primary enrolments [here](#) or pick one up from our front office.
- For more information, please visit our [website](#).
- All 2025 kindergarten students must apply to re-enrol in Pre-Primary for 2026. Students who live within the school's local intake area are guaranteed a place, but you still need to re-enrol.
- Current Pre-Primary to Year 5 students do not need to re-enrol for 2026 unless they are moving schools.



Year 7

Secondary school enrolments are now open for next year until 25 July. If your child starts Year 7 next year, now is the time to apply to enrol. Please be aware enrolment into secondary school is not automatic. It requires you to submit an application to the secondary school of your choice.

WA STUDENT ASSISTANCE PAYMENT

The **WA Student Assistance Payment** (\$150 for K-6 students) is still available to claim through the ServiceWA app **until Friday, 4 July**.

You can find out more and find other ways to claim [here](#).

You will need your child's WA student number, which can be found on their school report or NAPLAN report. We also emailed all families their student numbers in April to make this process easier for you. If you do not have the student number, please email piarawaters.ps.admin@education.wa.edu.au



\$150 For each Kindergarten and primary school student	\$250 For each secondary school student
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Miss Alison Ramm
Principal
8 June 2025

PARENTING SUPPORT – SEEN THE FILM

The Our Communities for Children Southeast metro team will be hosting a free screening of the film SEEN. [SEEN is a feature-length documentary](#) that explores the transformative power of personal healing for parents, delving into the scientifically supported effects of such healing on parenting and its impact on child brain development.

After the film, there will be a screening of the Q&A featuring Lael Stone, Joe Williams, and Maggie Dent, to explore the film's insights in greater depth.

- Thursday 19 June 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm
- Don Russell Performing Arts Centre, Murdoch Road, Thornlie
- Tickets can be booked [here](#)
- Watch the trailer [here](#)



Term 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY IMSS rehearsals 7:30 – 8:00am Running Club K-6 7:45am – 8:15am	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 8 Have Sum Fun Term 2 Comp	16/6 Junior & Senior Choir 7:45 – 8:30am	17/6 Running Club	18/6 Kindy B Junior & Senior Choir 7:45 – 8:30am IMSS and Choir parent concert 1:30pm	19/6	20/6 Junior assembly 8:30am PP, Rm 4, 7, and 8 Round two of Leavers Shirts/Jumpers orders close
Week 9	23/6 Junior & Senior Choir 7:45 – 8:30am World Music Day (Busking)	24/6 Running Club WAGSMS Performance (Year 3-6 choir)	25/6 Kindy A Senior Choir 7:45 – 8:45am	26/6	27/6 Faction Cross Country Carnival (Yr 1-6)
Week 10 NAIDOC WEEK	30/6 Junior Choir 7:45 – 8:30am Interschool Winter Carnival (Yr 5/6)	1/7 Running Club Reading Award Ceremony (2-2.30pm) Kindy A Goldie Draw	2/7 Kindy B Senior Choir 7:45 – 8:45am	3/7 K-6 Student Reports Home	4/7 Senior assembly 8:30am Yr 4, Rm 27 and 35 Goldie Draw Faction Reward Staff v Students match



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