

TERM 3 WEEK 4 UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another fantastic week of learning, celebration, and achievement across our school. From celebrating languages and cultures to building confidence in the pool, our students have embraced every opportunity to learn, grow, and connect.

Celebrating Language Week: Connecting Through Culture

Language Week was a vibrant celebration of culture, communication, and community. Each morning, students enjoyed hearing familiar phrases shared in languages including Malayalam, Japanese, Tamil, and Afrikaans during the daily announcements.

In classrooms, students enthusiastically guessed each day's language, practised new words, and explored the diversity of languages represented within our school. More importantly, the week celebrated how language brings people together, strengthening our sense of belonging and appreciation for the many cultures that make our school community so welcoming and unique.



Making a Splash: Years 2–4 Swimming Program

Our Years 2–4 Swimming Program at Cockburn ARC has started brilliantly, with students enthusiastically developing their swimming skills and water confidence.

Throughout the week, students refined fundamental techniques, improved their water safety skills, and grew in confidence under the guidance of their instructors. It has been wonderful to see so many students demonstrate resilience and courage as they embraced new challenges in the water.

We look forward to another successful week as students continue to build their skills and celebrate their progress. Please ensure that all swimming items—including towels, bathers, rash vests, goggles, and school uniforms—are clearly labelled with your child's name. Clearly labelled belongings help us return misplaced items quickly and keep our swimming days running smoothly.

Western Australian Speak Up Competition

We are delighted to announce that **Reyhan Sarmilan (Year 6)** has successfully progressed through the first round of the Western Australia Speak Up Competition with the speech titled *Life's Little Idioms*. We wish him the very best of luck in the next stage of the competition.

BOOK WEEK – ADVANCE NOTICE DRESS UP DAY AND PARADE

On **Friday, 28 August**, all students and staff from Kindy B to Year 6 are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book or as a book title.

There will be a whole school parade around the flag grass area starting at 8:35 am, until 9:20am (approx.)

Kindy A students and staff will have their Book Week dress up day and parade on Tuesday, 25 August.

A Social Story is available on our [website](#) which you may use with your children to talk about the parade.



BOOK NOOK COMPETITION IS BACK AGAIN

Once again, to celebrate Book Week, students in Year 3 to 6 are invited to make a 'Book Nook' diorama. Students choose a fiction book of their choice, and using an empty shoe box or cereal box, create a diorama to represent the book. Book Nooks are to be submitted to Miss Raz in the library by 2:30pm on Friday the 28th August. These will be displayed in the library for the entirety of Week 7, with special prizes being awarded in Week 9.

BOOK WEEK BOOK NOOK COMPETITION

CALLING ALL YEAR 3-6 STUDENTS!

CELEBRATE BOOK WEEK!
BRING YOUR FAVOURITE STORIES TO LIFE
BY CREATING YOUR OWN UNIQUE BOOK NOOK!

ENTRY DETAILS

- OPEN TO ALL YEAR 3-6 STUDENTS.
- CHOOSE A FAVOURITE FICTION BOOK OR AUTHOR.
- CREATE YOUR NOOK IN A CARDBOARD BOX NO BIGGER THAN A SHOEBOX.
Use materials from around the home!
- INCLUDE:
 - Full Name
 - Year Level
 - Book Title

ENTRIES CLOSE:

**FRIDAY,
28th August 2026**

- SUBMIT ALL ENTRIES TO THE LIBRARY.
- WINNERS ANNOUNCED IN WEEK 9!
(Exciting prizes awarded by the Library)
- ALL BOOK NOOKS WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY!

TREASURE ISLAND
CASTLE ADVENTURES
ENCHANTED FOREST
SPACE ODYSSEY

HAVE SUM FUN MATHS COMPETITION

Selected Year 3 to 6 Maths Extension will be representing our school in the term 3 [Have Sum Fun](#) maths competition.

Year 3 (Tuesday, period 3)	Year 4 (Friday, period 3)	Year 5 (Thursday, period 4)	Year 6 (Tuesday, period 4)
Team	Team	Team	Team
Harvey S (rm 33)	Ashwyn A (rm 27)	Max G (rm 55)	Dhyanam S (rm 21)
Emerson B (rm 33)	Angela B (rm 29)	Ethan M (rm 56)	Aadam S (rm 24)
Maryum S (rm 35)	Parth S (rm 29)	Aarav V (rm 20)	Lian J (rm 25)
Zino P (rm 35)	Moses Y (rm 29)	Japjot C (rm 22)	Sasen C (rm 26)

FATHER'S DAY ORDERS

P&C is holding an **online Father's Day store** and orders can be placed online until **Wednesday 26 August** by using this [link](#).

Please note, there will be **no Father's Day stalls at school**. Items are available exclusively through online purchase.

Orders will be delivered to the student's classroom on Wednesday 2 September or Thursday 3 September.



PAT GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION

All Year 3 to 6 students will complete a Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) Grammar and Punctuation test this week at a time determined by their class teacher. These 30-minute multiple choice tests are based on the Australian Curriculum and will be completed during class time. There is no need for children to be concerned about these tests, and no preparation is required.

SWIMMING LESSON NOTES PRE-PRIMARY – COMMENCE WEEK 5

Swimming lessons commence Monday, 17 August, Week 5, for Pre-Primary. Swimming lessons will be held at State Swim, Canning Vale swimming pool.

Thank you, parents, for returning the yellow swimming forms to teachers. Just a reminder that you also need to go into Compass and provide consent so that your child can attend swimming lessons.

Some resources to support students at swimming lessons can be found here:

- [Pre-Primary Swimming Lessons – Room 6, 7 and 8](#)
- [Pre-Primary Swimming Lessons – Room 4 and 5](#)

Pre-Primary Interm Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons will take place Monday, August 17 to Friday, August 22.

Compass Consent to be completed and Enrolment Form at the bottom of the page returned to your class teacher by Wednesday, August 5.

Cost: \$52.76. Payment due by September 25, 2026.

Schedule of Lessons: Students will be attending nine 45 minute lessons (21/02) in a pool (see days).

Session	Rooms	Depart PWPS	Lesson time	Return to PWPS
1	7, 8	11:30am	12:00pm to 12:45pm	1:00pm
2	6	12:30pm	12:45pm to 1:30pm	1:45pm
3	4, 5	1:00pm	1:30pm to 2:15pm	2:30pm

☐ If your child is not attending swimming, tick this box and return this sheet, or decline on the Compass event: ☐

Interm Swimming ENROLMENT FORM

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT

I agree my child _____ Age _____ School _____ Para Waters PPS _____

Parent Name: _____ Permission to attend Department of Education Western Swimming Classes at Para Waters Swimming Club, commencing 17/08/2026.

To your child's subject to asthma, eczema, hearing, epilepsy, diabetes, allergies or any other condition or disability that may affect their safety, or require the school to provide learning adjustment? ☐ No ☐ YES Please provide further information below if necessary.

Please provide details of medication currently being taken (if applicable): _____

Is there any other information swimming staff should be aware of to enable your child to fully participate in lessons (swimming lessons)? (eg previous injuries or water-related activities) (IF IN ANY DOUBT PLEASE CONSULT YOUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL): _____

*Swimming staff cannot take responsibility for medical conditions or diagnosed disabilities that are not listed on this enrolment form. **Swimmers please consult your Principal and all members of swimming lessons to discuss appropriate learning adjustment.

I agree to inform the organisers before the scheduled departure of any change to my child's health and fitness. Where it is impractical to communicate with me, I authorize the school staff to proceed in my child's best interests and safety.

My child is going for Stage Number: 1 Beginner 2 Beginner/Discovery 3 Preliminary 4 Beginner/Intermediate 5 Intermediate 6 Junior 7 Intermediate 8 Junior 9 Intermediate 10 Junior 11 Intermediate 12 Junior 13 Intermediate 14 Junior 15 Intermediate 16 Junior 17 Intermediate 18 Junior 19 Intermediate 20 Junior 21 Intermediate 22 Junior 23 Intermediate 24 Junior 25 Intermediate 26 Junior 27 Intermediate 28 Junior 29 Intermediate 30 Junior 31 Intermediate 32 Junior 33 Intermediate 34 Junior 35 Intermediate 36 Junior 37 Intermediate 38 Junior 39 Intermediate 40 Junior 41 Intermediate 42 Junior 43 Intermediate 44 Junior 45 Intermediate 46 Junior 47 Intermediate 48 Junior 49 Intermediate 50 Junior 51 Intermediate 52 Junior 53 Intermediate 54 Junior 55 Intermediate 56 Junior 57 Intermediate 58 Junior 59 Intermediate 60 Junior 61 Intermediate 62 Junior 63 Intermediate 64 Junior 65 Intermediate 66 Junior 67 Intermediate 68 Junior 69 Intermediate 70 Junior 71 Intermediate 72 Junior 73 Intermediate 74 Junior 75 Intermediate 76 Junior 77 Intermediate 78 Junior 79 Intermediate 80 Junior 81 Intermediate 82 Junior 83 Intermediate 84 Junior 85 Intermediate 86 Junior 87 Intermediate 88 Junior 89 Intermediate 90 Junior 91 Intermediate 92 Junior 93 Intermediate 94 Junior 95 Intermediate 96 Junior 97 Intermediate 98 Junior 99 Intermediate 100 Junior	My child has attempted this going for stage three times or more, please provide details of their progress: Please attach copies of their stage 3 certificate. Department of Education certificates.
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Signature _____ Parent daytime phone number _____ Date _____

SWIMMING LESSON NOTES YEAR 1 – COMMENCE WEEK 7

Swimming lessons commence Monday, 17 August, Week 5, for Year 1 students.

Swimming lessons will be held at State Swim, Canning Vale swimming pool.

Thank you, parents, for returning the yellow swimming forms to teachers. **Just a reminder that in order for your child to go swimming, two forms must be completed.**

- 1) The yellow enrolment form must be filled in and returned to school (we collect this on behalf of the swimming school).
- 2) The online consent must be complete through Compass (this is for our school's excursion processes)

Some resources to support students at swimming lessons can be found here:

- [Year 1 Swimming Lessons – Room 9, 12, 13 and 15](#)
- [Year 1 Swimming Lessons – Room 14](#)

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, 25 September**.

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 Semester One student report, which is available on Compass and Connect. If you are new to our school and did not receive a student report, please email piarawaters.ps.admin@education.wa.edu.au for your child's student number.

UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school, you can provide a reason for their absence:

- on Compass
- using the link on the [website](#)
- by contacting their teacher or the front office



Notes for absences we do not have a reason for are sent home regularly. If you receive an Unexplained Absence note, please either go on to Compass and enter a reason for the absence/s or complete and return the note to your child's teacher or the front office.

If your child will be absent from school due to a vacation or extended period during term time, please complete and submit a [Notification of Absence form](#).

SCHOOL CLOSED (ADVANCED NOTICE) – FRIDAY 21 AUGUST

On **Friday 21 August**, our school will be closed for a school development day, and students will not attend. Our teachers will be undertaking professional learning. The [OSH](#) is open, and parents should contact them directly for a booking if needed.

MONDAY 10 AUGUST

YEARS 2, 3, and 4 INTERM SWIMMING LESSONS CONTINUE

A reminder that swimming lessons continue for our Year 2, 3 and 4 students.

Parents are reminded not to park in the bus bay after school as we need to offload our students safely.

The timetable is below:

Session	Rooms	Students must be lined up ready	Bus must depart PWPS	Lesson time	Bus Return PWPS (approx.)
1	50, 35, 28	8:50am	8:55am	9:20 – 10:00am	10:25am
2	51, 32, 54	9:35am	9:40am	10:05 – 10:45am	11:15am
3	52, 34, 36	10:20am	10:25am	10:50 – 11:30am	12:05pm
4	18, 31, 37	11:30am	11:35am	12:00 – 12:40pm	1:05pm
5	16, 30, 27	12:15pm	12:20pm	12:45 – 1:25pm	1:55pm
6	17, 33, 29	1:00pm	1:05pm	1:30 – 2:10pm	2:35pm

TUESDAY 11 AUGUST

RUNNING CLUB

Running club is on today, 7:45 – 8:15 am on the school oval.

Thank you to our volunteers who have offered to sign the student barcodes. Parents, grandparents or older siblings who have some spare time are welcome to sign up by following this link:

volunteersignup.org/8RXK4

WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST

YEAR 1 SWIMMING LESSONS – CONSENT DUE TODAY

Later this term, all **Year 1** will have access to in-term swimming lessons this term.

Swimming lessons will be held at State Swim, Canning Vale swimming pool.

The Year 1 students will swim from **Monday, 31 August – Friday, 11 September**.

Parents received a notification via **Compass**, which needs to be actioned and the yellow enrolment form, which must be returned as well today.

The cost of lessons will be \$58.50. This includes entry into the pool each day and the bus trip to and from school. Payment will be due by the end of Term 3.

Late forms cannot be accepted as the number of swimming instructors will be finalised on this date.

THURSDAY 13 AUGUST

LEGO MASTERS - YEAR 5 AND 6 – NOMINATIONS CLOSE TODAY



Year 5 and 6 students are invited to nominate for Lego Masters. It will take place from Week 6 of Term 3. Students can sign up as a group (3 to 4) or pairs and as individuals. Pairs and individuals will be merged with others to form groups. Students can sign up using the QR code displayed in their classroom. Alternatively, students can use this [link](#). Nominations close today, Thursday 13 August.

FRIDAY 14 AUGUST

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY (YEAR 3 – 6)

This morning, the students selected to represent Piara Waters Primary School at the Interschool Cross Country event (at Homestead Park, Thornlie) are to meet Mr Headland and Mr Jones outside the Undercover Area at 8am to collect their interschool shirts and get ready for the carnival.

Students will need to have a water bottle and recess with them. Students are also welcome to bring a change of clothes in case the course is wet or muddy.

Students will depart school at 8:40am and return by lunchtime.

Spectators are most welcome to attend. Anyone who can assist us in putting our school tent up and down would be greatly appreciated.

Event times (approximate)



- Year 3 Girls – 9:45am
- Year 3 Boys – 10:00am
- Year 4 Girls – 10:15am
- Year 4 Boys – 10:30am
- Year 5 Girls – 10:45am
- Year 5 Boys – 11:00am
- Year 6 Girls – 11:15am
- Year 6 Boys – 11:30am
- Presentations will be held at 12:00pm

Have a wonderful weekend.
Mrs Kylie Gallagher
Acting Principal

7 August 2026

Parent and Community – Term Planner Term 3 (see [here](#) for full year calendar)

Term 3	MONDAY Year 5/6 String Ensemble 7:30 - 8:30am	TUESDAY Running Club K-6 7:45am – 8:15am	WEDNESDAY Junior Choir 7:45 - 8:30am	THURSDAY Senior Choir 7:45 - 8:45am	FRIDAY
Week 5 Science Week Have Sum Fun Term 3 Comp	17/8 Pre-primary Swimming Lessons State Swim Canning Vale 11:30am – 2:30pm P&C Meeting 6:30 – 8:30pm	18/8 Running Club K-6 P&C Second-hand Uniform Sale (8-8.45am)	19/8 Kindy A Reading Award Ceremony (2 - 2.30pm)	20/8	21/8 School Development Day (Students don't attend)
Week 6 Book Week	24/8 Pre-primary Swimming Lessons State Swim Canning Vale 11:30am – 2:30pm	25/8 Running Club K-6 Book Week Parade and Dress Up Day (Kindy A)	26/8 Kindy B	27/8 Silver Threads Band incursion – 10:30am	28/8 Book Week Parade and Dress Up Day (K-6)
Week 7 EA Appreciation Week	31/8 Year 1 Swimming Lessons State Swim Canning Vale 11:30am – 2:30pm	1/9 Running Club K-6 IMSS Testing (Yr 3, 4)	2/9 Kindy A IMSS Testing (Yr 3, 4)	3/9	4/9 Senior Assembly 8:30am Yr 5 – Rm 10, 20 Father's Day Morning Kindy B
Week 8	7/9 Year 1 Swimming Lessons State Swim Canning Vale 11:30am – 2:30pm Father's Day Morning Kindy A	8/9 Running Club K-6 Year 4 Excursion to SciTech	9/9 Kindy B Year 4 Excursion to SciTech	10/9 Year 4 Excursion to SciTech R U Ok Day	11/9 Year 3 & 4 Skipping Carnival
Week 9	14/9 Commence PAT Science Testing (Yr 3-6)	15/9 Running Club Parents earn faction points too!	16/9 Kindy A	17/9 PWPS Corporate Services Appreciation Day	18/9 Junior Assembly 8:30am PP, Yr 1 – Rm 6, 9
Week 10	21/9	22/9 Running Club K-6	23/9 Kindy B Reading Award Ceremony (2 - 2.30pm)	24/9 IMSS and Choir parent concert 1:45pm	25/9 Senior Assembly 8:30am Yr 3 – Rm 32, 33 Goldie Draw Faction Reward Staff V Student Match

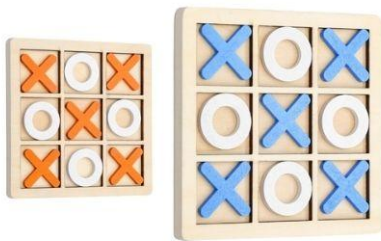


Father's Day

PIARA WATERS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parents & Citizens Association

FUNDRAISER



NOUGHTS & CROSSES
\$3.95



HANDY LANTERN
\$7.95



NOVELTY MUGS
\$13.95



INSULATED LUNCH BAG
\$11.95



LEN CLEANER
\$3.95



FLY FAN
\$11.95



GROOMING KIT
\$7.95



GOLF MUG & PEN
\$12.95

ORDERS CLOSE ON
26TH AUGUST 2026.

ORDERS WILL THEN BE
DELIVERED TO YOUR CHILDS
CLASSROOM ON
WEDNESDAY 2nd OR
THURSDAY 3th SEPTEMBER.

MANY MORE GIFT CHOICES AVAILABLE ONLINE

Career Conversations

Pathways and opportunities

**Preparing young people for
the many pathways and
opportunities available.**

**Information session for parents and students
Harrisdale**

Harrisdale Senior High School - Library

1 Laverton Crescent, Harrisdale

Wednesday 19 August 2026

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm