

TERM 3 WEEK 5 UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

FOUR IN A ROW! CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR INTERSCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM

A huge congratulations to our incredible Interschool Cross Country Team, who have been **crowned VSSA Interschool Cross Country Champions** for the fourth year in a row!

On Friday our team finished first overall, narrowly edging out Harrisdale PS and North Harrisdale PS in a fantastic competition in beautiful weather.



Winning an interschool cross country carnival takes a massive team effort, with every runner contributing valuable points. Our students should be extremely proud of the determination, effort and teamwork they showed on the day.

A special mention to the Year 6 runners who won the Year 6 Team Trophy!

Thanks to Mrs Watkins, Mr Jones and Mr Headland for organising the practice sessions after school and their organisation of the day. Thank you also for everyone who supported the students.

Congratulations to the entire team – VSSA Interschool Cross Country Champions for the fourth consecutive year - Well done team Piara!

SWIMMING LESSONS – SERIES ONE DONE!



Well done to our Year 2, 3 and 4 students who completed their two-week block of swimming lessons on Friday. We are so proud of what you have achieved. Thank you for being superstars and trying your hardest and demonstrating our school values.

Thank you to the teachers and education assistants for the extra hours they have put in to make the first series of swimming lessons a success.

The Pre-Primary students will begin swimming lessons next week on Monday, 17 August, followed by the Year 1 students who will begin swimming lessons on Monday, 31 August.

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

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](#)



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.

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.



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)

****Year 4 Have Sum Fun members will participate on Thursday this week as there is a pupil free day on Friday.**

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BULLYING NO WAY WEEK OF ACTION 17 – 21 AUGUST



Bullying is everyone's responsibility, and small acts can make a real difference.

This year's theme reminds us that actions don't need to be big to change someone's world. Small actions – like including someone, speaking up or showing kindness – can create meaningful change.

You might like to share and discuss the [Small Acts Big Impact video](#) with your children.

This year we will recognise small acts that make a big impact with certificates. If you would like to recognise a member of the school community – student, staff member or parent – the certificates can be downloaded [here](#), and they are also available from the front office.

FATHER'S DAY ORDERS

P&C's Father's Day store is available **online only** with orders **closing Wednesday 26 August**.

Orders will be delivered to classrooms on 2 or 3 September.

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



VACSWIM – OCTOBER AND SUMMER HOLIDAY ENROLMENTS



Enrolments for the October and summer school holiday VacSwim program are still open. They are completed online and will close on the below dates or earlier at venues that are full.

- October program enrolments close on **Wednesday, 19 August**
- Summer program enrolments close on **Wednesday, 14 October**

Further information can be found [here](#).

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.

A pink advertisement for the WA Student Assistance Payment. It features the Department of Education logo at the top left. The main text reads 'The WA Student Assistance Payment Helping you get the things you need for your kids. Get ready to claim by setting up your Digital ID on ServiceWA. Claims open Monday 20 July 2026.' Below this, it lists the payment amounts: '\$150 For each Kindergarten and primary school student' and '\$250 For each secondary school student'. At the bottom right, it says 'Claim on the ServiceWA app' with a WA logo.

SCIENCE WEEK

Science week is here!



Throughout the week, the Science Team will be running a range of exciting science activities in their classes as we celebrate Science Week. There will also be fun lunchtime activities happening each day for students to enjoy.

This week, all Year 6 students will also begin working on their Science Expo projects as part of National Science Week. In keeping with the National Science Week focus on encouraging an interest in science and scientific inquiry, students will begin by brainstorming and researching ideas they may like to explore for their projects.

Working mostly in pairs, students will continue developing their projects during Science lessons each week as they work towards the Science Expo in Week 7 of Term 4.



PERSONAL ITEMS

A quick reminder that students are asked to leave personal equipment, such as soccer balls, footballs and handballs, at home.

The school provides plenty of sporting equipment for students to enjoy at recess and lunch. Keeping personal items at home also avoids disappointment if they are lost or damaged at school.

MONDAY 17 AUGUST

PRE-PRIMARY INTERM SWIMMING LESSONS COMMENCE

Swimming lessons commence for Pre-Primary students at State Swim, Canning Vale. Students will need goggles for their lessons and a towel or dressing gown (or large shirt) to wear on the journey to and from the pool.

Students are welcome to wear their bathers to school underneath their school uniforms. They will have an opportunity to get changed and ready to swim before boarding the bus.

Lunch orders during swimming lessons:

Please note, Pre-Primary students will not be at school during the normal lunch eating and play time.

If there are students who have ordered a lunch, they will have their lunch waiting for them in the classroom, on their return to school. We recommend that parents and carers do not place lunch orders for Pre-Primary students during these 2 weeks.

☐ Swimming Bag	
☐ Towel	
☐ Thongs/Sandals	
☐ Dressing gown (optional)	
☐ Goggles	
☐ Bathers and Rashie	
☐ School uniform	

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](#)

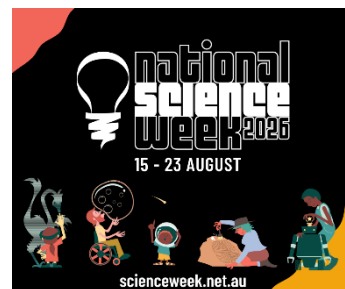
Timetable:

Session	Rooms	Students must be lined up on the footpath	Bus must depart PWPS	Lesson time	Bus Return PWPS (approx.)
1	7, 8	11:30am	11:35am	12:00pm - 12:40pm	1:05pm
2	6	12:15pm	12:20pm	12:45pm - 1:25pm	1:50pm
3	4, 5	1:00pm	1:05pm	1:30pm - 2:10pm	2:35pm

SCIENCE WEEK LUNCHTIME ACTIVITY (YEAR 1 and 2 STUDENTS)

Today, Year 1 and 2 students can choose to participate in a science activity at lunchtime today.

Mrs Steel will be doing Catapult challenge in the Block 3 Alcove.



Our [Parents and Citizens Association](#) (P&C) meeting will be held tonight, at **6:30pm** in the school **library**. Everyone is welcome. Come and see how the P&C works. It is also a great way to meet other parents and learn more about our school. Queries: pwpsfamilies@hotmail.com

TUESDAY 18 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

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE



Our P&C will be running a **Second-hand Uniform Stall** today, from **8:00 am to 8:45 am**, in the alcove near the Dome Playground. 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.

SCIENCE WEEK LUNCHTIME ACTIVITY – YEAR 5 and 6 STUDENTS

- Year 5 and 6 can participate in the great paper plane challenge in the Dome and Junior Science room alcove with Mr Crew.

WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST

READING AWARD CEREMONY

Students who have reached a Home Reading milestone recorded in their Reading Log will be presented with their certificates at today's award ceremonies. Parents and carers will be notified via Compass. There is no need to RSVP.

Due to Pre-Primary swimming lessons, there will be two separate ceremonies:

- Kindergarten and Pre-Primary - held at 8.45am in the library
- Year 1 - Year 6 - held at 1:45pm in the library



SCIENCE WEEK LUNCHTIME ACTIVITY – YEAR 3 and 4 STUDENTS

- Year 3 can participate in the Rockets on the flag grass with Mrs Bilick.
- Year 4 can have fun with Volcanoes in the Pre-Primary area with Mrs Bavaro.

THURSDAY 20 AUGUST

SCIENCE WEEK LUNCHTIME ACTIVITY – KINDY AND PREPRIMARY STUDENTS

- Kindy and Preprimary students can have bubble fun in the Kindy area with Miss Kearney.

FRIDAY 21 AUGUST

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY



The school is **closed** to students today. We look forward to seeing students on Monday, 24 August.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Kylie Gallagher
Acting Principal

14 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 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 Yr 3, 5 (10:30am – 11:20am)	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

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parents & Citizens Association

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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

This workshop is a continuation of ADHD Parent Workshop 1 and is designed to help parents move from understanding ADHD into practical, everyday support strategies.

Click [here](#) to find more information.



ADHD WITH ME: PARENTS WORKSHOP PART 2 WITH ELIZA DADSON

DETAILS

-  Wednesday 2nd September
-  6:30pm – 8:00pm
-  Bicton Primary School Hall



Tickets \$35 per person



A continuation of ADHD Parent Workshop 1, focusing on practical, everyday strategies to support children and teens with ADHD at home.

<https://events.humanitix.com/adhd-with-me-parent-workshop-2-south>

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