

TERM 4, WEEK 10 PARENT UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we focused on preparing all of our students for 2026. On Tuesday, Kindy to year 5 students met their 2026 classroom teacher and their classmates, and saw their new classroom.

It was lovely to welcome our 2026 Kindergarten students and their parents to our orientation days on Wednesday and Thursday. Everyone had a fabulous morning learning just how much fun learning is at school. Thank you for coming along. If you were unable to attend, you can pick up your child's orientation bag from the front office. It includes important information about starting school.



P&C COLOUR RUN

On Friday, students and staff participated in the annual P&C Run. It was such a fun afternoon! Thank you so much to our enthusiastic P&C and their team of volunteers for putting on this vibrant event for our students and setting up a terrific course. The foam station was once again the students' favourite part!

A video of the afternoon is [HERE](#), and the photos can be found [HERE](#) and on our [Facebook page](#).

Not only is the Colour Run a fun afternoon, but it is also the P&C's major fundraiser for the year. While the event may be over, fundraising does not close until Monday, 15th December!!

Please click [this link](#) to register and help provide a roof for our basketball courts!!!



To date, we have 322 fundraisers who have helped raise \$15 230.

Fundraising closes Monday. All students who raise money enter into the prize draw, which will be announced at the concert on Wednesday.





VOLUNTEER MORNING TEA AND THANK YOU

On Friday, we thanked our parents and community volunteers at our annual Parent Volunteer morning tea.

It was wonderful to gather staff and parents together to reflect on another busy year. Thank you to everyone who contributes in their way to help make Piara Waters Primary School the wonderful community it is!

Running Club, Kindergarten and Pre-Primary Classrooms, sports events and P&C fundraising could not run effectively without parent volunteers, and we really appreciate everyone who assists.

READING RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Thursday afternoon saw Mrs Gallagher and Mrs Weir present the last Reading Recognition certificates to the students who reached their 100, 150, 200, 250 and 300 reading milestones! Congratulations to all students who read often in 2025, particularly those who increased the number of times they read compared to 2024.

Reading ability, especially early reading, is a **powerful predictor of overall academic success** and even lifelong adjustment, with strong links to critical thinking, comprehension, and performance in all subjects.



2026 BOOKLISTS

As indicated in the email you received about your child's 2026 class placement, you can download your child's [2026 booklist](#) from our school website or from [West School Supplies](#) using these details.

- School Code: PIABT1
- Password: PIA654

You need to bring these items to school at the start of 2026. Students in years one to six need each item labelled with their name.

It is the item that is important, not necessarily the brand. While you can easily purchase all of these items (except the handwriting book for year 1 students) at a general store, you may choose to order directly from West School Supplies.

If you order online from [West School Supplies](#), you have until 4 January 2026 to be delivered before the school year and receive free postage.

To assist parents with planning for 2026, you can find a copy of our expected contributions and charges on our [website](#).



Monday, 15 December

P&C COLOUR RUN SPONSORSHIP/DONATIONS DUE

The Colour Run fundraising website will close by 2:30 pm today. Prizes will be drawn at the end-of-year concert on Wednesday, 17 December.

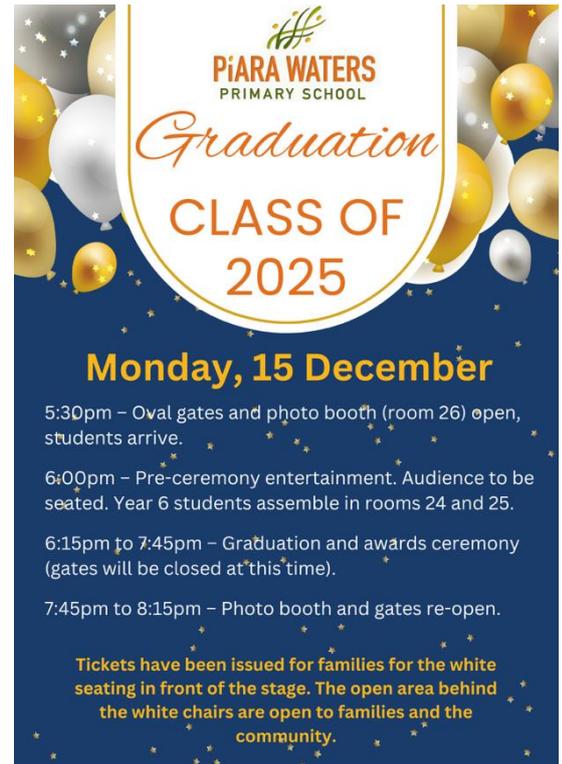
JUNIOR AND SENIOR CHOIR (YEAR 2-6) – ADDITIONAL LUNCHTIME PRACTICE

To prepare for Wednesday's End of Year Concert, all Junior and Senior choir members are to attend a lunchtime rehearsal with Miss Dempsey and Mrs Walton. Students are to bring their lunch to the Music room for the 12:50 pm rehearsal.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Graduating students and parents

- Students were provided tickets for family members last Wednesday. If you haven't received them, please check your school bags! You must bring these along, as seating in the chairs in front of the stage is via ticket only. There is un-ticketed seating behind the chairs.
- The big gate on the oval will open at 5:30 pm for Year 6 students and ticket holders.
- You will have the opportunity to use the photo booth (in Room 26) before the ceremony begins.
- At 6 pm, all graduating students must be inside either Room 24 or Room 25, ready for the ceremony to commence. Parents and family members are to make their way to the oval.
- The seats are not numbered, but you will be asked to sit on the side where your child will be standing (orange or blue side). If you do not have a ticket, you may stand or BYO chair at the back.
- Everyone must be seated by 6:15 pm. The gates will be closed at this time and then opened after the ceremony at 7:45 pm.
- For family and school community members without a ticket, there will be an 'open section' behind the white chairs. Please note that the gates are only open between 5:30 pm and 6:15 pm, and then again after the ceremony concludes at approximately 7:45 pm.



Tuesday, 16 December

WINNING FACTION – EXTRA LUNCH PLAY

This morning, we will announce the Faction with the most points for the term. The Year 1-5 students in the winning faction will have an additional 10 minutes of lunch play today.

YEAR 6 END OF YEAR EXCURSION

The Year 6 students are off to Outback Splash at 9:00 am and will return at approximately 4:00 pm. We will post a notice in Connect if the bus is late. Students must ensure they have a backpack, hat, recess and lunch, sunscreen, towel, bathers and enclosed shoes. A rashie is also recommended. This is the broad timetable for the day.



- 8:15am Gather in class to mark the class roll and discuss expectations and arrangements
- 8:45am Prepare to depart PWPS.
- 9:00am Travel from PWPS to Outback Splash via bus.
- 10:00am Gather at the meeting point and eat recess.
- 10:10am Form groups and explore Outback Splash with the group supervisor.
- 12:00pm Gather at the meeting point and eat lunch.
- 1:00pm Explore the water slides and splash zone as a whole group.
- 2:30pm Prepare to depart Outback Splash.

Parents can find a social story about the Outback Splash excursion [here](#).

Wednesday, 17 December

LAST IMSS CLARINET MUSIC LESSON TODAY

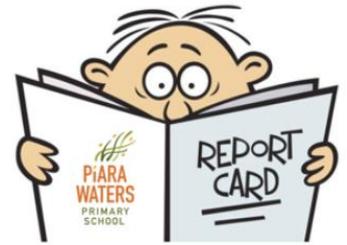
IMSS clarinet lessons will finish today. Mrs Wells looks forward to seeing her students in the Music Room after lunch.

STUDENT REPORTS SENT VIA CONNECT

Student reports for every Kindergarten to Year 6 student will be sent home electronically this afternoon. Parents will receive a notification via Connect when reports are ready to be downloaded.

If you have not received your child's report by Thursday, please email (piarawaters.ps.admin@education.wa.edu.au) or telephone the school office.

Students leaving Piara Waters Primary School, including those who are going to a secondary school, are encouraged to download all reports, as future access to reports will be lost if your child moves to a school that does not use Connect.



END-OF-YEAR CONCERT AND AWARDS NIGHT

Our End-of-Year concert and Book Awards will be held tonight.

Students need to be seated in their classroom groups, in front of the stage, on the school oval and ready for the concerts to start. Please be seated by:

- K-2 students for the junior concert **at 4:30 pm**
- Year 3-6 students for the senior concert **at 6:20 pm**.

Students sit in front of the stage with their teachers for the duration of the junior or senior concert. Parents need to collect their students from the student area at approximately 5:40 pm (junior) and 7:35 pm (senior). Parents will not be able to enter the student area to collect children during the concert as this obstructs the visibility of others.

Visibility, seating, photography and respect for others

- Please be respectful of our students and talk between items and presentations, not during.
- We will have two photographers who will take lots of photos. There will also be a video of each performance. Links to these will be shared with year-level groups in the days following the concert.
- Please do not stand up (unless no one is behind you) and block the view of others.
- There will be a small area to the side of the stage marked "Photo area". If you wish to stand in this area during your child's item, you can.
- Immediately behind the student area will be a "low seating zone" for picnic rugs and very low back chairs.
- Behind the "low seating zone" will be a high back seat zone.

Costumes

You can find more information, including what costume your child should wear [HERE](#).

BYO or Food Truck Feast

4:00 pm – Oval gates open

The following Food Trucks will be on the school oval between 4:00 pm and 7:30 pm for families, or you can BYO a picnic.

- [K-Jun Kitchen](#)
- [The Twisted Kitchen](#)
- [Base Wood Fired Pizza](#)
- [Honey Crème](#)
- [Sweets on the Run](#)
- Skewers



Social stories have been written to help students prepare for the End of Year concert and Book Awards. They can be found here:

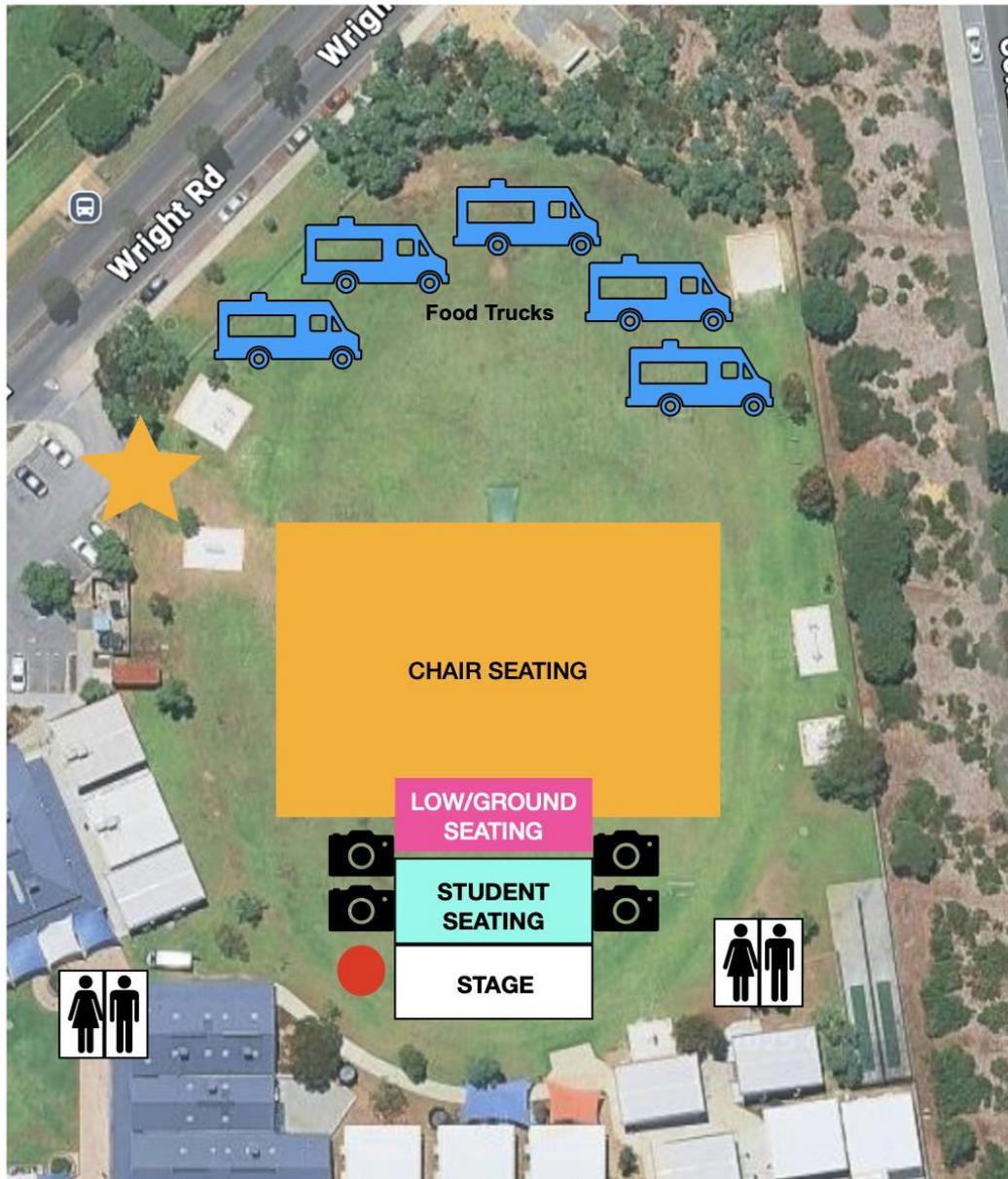
- [Junior Concert story](#)
- [Senior Concert story](#)

CHOIR PERFORMANCES AT THE END OF YEAR CONCERT

The Junior (Years 2 and 3) and Senior (Years 4-6) Choirs are performing between the concerts this evening.

Students are to wear the concert costume that their classroom teacher has communicated. Information about the concert costumes can be found on our school website [here](#).

All choir students are to meet Mrs Walton and Miss Dempsey at the side of the stage at 5:45pm



Parent Photo Spot



Toilet



Entry/Exit Gate



Student Collection Point



Thursday, 18 December

STUDENT MEDICATION

- If your child is **returning to Piara Waters in 2026** their medication will be stored securely over the holidays unless you wish to collect it from the office by noon this Friday.
- If your child is **leaving Piara Waters** at the end of 2025, we will send their response medication (eg asthma puffers, EpiPens, allergy medication) home with them on Thursday. Tablet medication that is kept in the locked cabinet in the office (eg Ritalin, Seizure medication) must be collected by an adult. Please collect this medication from the office by noon on Friday or contact us to make alternate arrangements.

GOLDIE DRAW

This morning, we will conduct our last Goldie Draw for the year. Students who are drawn out of the box and attending school will have the opportunity to pick a prize from the prize box.

CLASS PARTIES

Some classes may have made arrangements to have a class party. Teachers holding a class party will communicate relevant information directly to parents. Please note that students may be sharing food.

NO IMSS MUSIC LESSON TODAY

IMSS Music lessons have now finished for the year. Students who learn Cello, Violin, Brass and Flute are reminded that there is no lesson today.

YEAR 6 AND LEAVING STUDENTS AND STAFF FAREWELL ARCH

From 2:15 pm, we will be farewelling our Year 6 students through our student archway and out the gate near the art room, and onto the lawn area in front of the school office.

Students and staff (K-5) leaving our school are invited to join the departing arch. We will be farewelling the following staff through the arch:

- Mrs Lydia Campbell to Harmony PS
- Miss Krysten Natale to Wellard Village PS
- Miss Ally Brookes to Caversham PS
- Miss Amber Burkhalter to Sunrise PS
- Miss Nicole O'Reilly to North Dandalup PS

The school gates will be open at 2:10 pm if parents wish to join our final farewell to our students. Please do not enter through the front office.

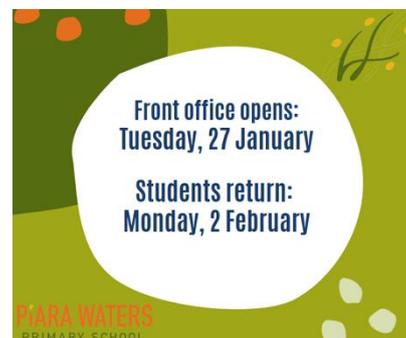
Friday, 19 December

STUDENT FREE DAY

- Students do not attend school today.
- The front office will be open today.
- A package outlining key 2026 dates and information will be sent to 2026 parents.

2026 SCHOOL YEAR

- Students are on holiday from Friday, 19 December to Sunday, 1 February.
- All students must return to school on **Monday, 2 February 2026**, except Kindy B students, who will commence on Thursday, 6 February.
- Please ensure your holidays occur between these dates so your children can attend the start of the school year.
- You can view the provisional 2026 Term Planner on our [Website](#)



Miss Alison Ramm
Principal

13 December 2025

END OF YEAR CONCERT AND AWARDS NIGHT

Wednesday, 17 December
Piara Waters PS oval

Kindergarten to Year 2
4:30pm to 5:40pm

Junior and Senior Choir and
Colour-a-thon Prizes
6:00pm to 6:30pm

Year 3 to Year 6
6:30pm to 7:35pm

Performances by each year group and choirs

Kindergarten to Year 5 Book Awards

Presentation of 2026 Student Leaders

P&C Colour-A-thon prizes

EXPECT A NIGHT OF FUN, MUSIC, DANCE, AWARDS
BYO PICNIC OR PURCHASE FROM FOOD TRUCKS

PROGRAM 2025

*Kindy students to meet near the stage at 4:20pm.
All PP to year 2 students to be seated with their
teachers in front of the stage by 4:30pm.*

4:35pm - Welcome

4:40pm - Kindergarten item and awards

4:55pm - Pre-Primary item and awards

5:10pm - Year 1 item and awards

5:25pm - Year 2 item and awards

5:40pm to 6:00pm

K-2 students return to their parents

**Break for picnic / Food trucks (trucks from
4:00pm)**

*All year 3 to 6 students to be seated with their
teachers in front of the stage by 6:20pm.*

6:00 to 6:30pm - Junior and Senior Choir and
Colour-a-thon Prizes

6:30pm - Year 3 item and awards

6:45pm - Year 4 item and awards

7:00pm - Year 5 item and awards

7:15pm - Presentation of 2026 student leaders and
faction captains

7:30pm - Year 6 graduation song and farewell