### NOLLAMARA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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### PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Kaya families,

As we enter the beautiful Noongar season of Makuru, we are reminded of the cooler days, rains, and rich blues and greens in the environment—signs of regeneration and reflection. This time of year also invites us to slow down and connect. It was fitting that last week we acknowledged National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week, important moments for truth-telling and unity. I will be sharing more on this separately, but I encourage everyone to continue conversations at home about our shared history and future.

We are now over halfway through Term 2—how time flies! It's been wonderful to see the continued enthusiasm around our morning reading program. The classrooms have been buzzing with readers! I hope our students are keeping up their nightly reading too, as we strive towards our 200 Days of Reading milestone. Every page turned is a step forward in their learning journey.

I trust everyone enjoyed the recent four-day weekend. On the Friday, our teachers engaged in a highly valuable professional learning day, full of rich collaboration and reflection. We returned re-energised and ready to give our best as we work through the second half of the term, including the all-important task of writing student reports.

As the cooler weather sets in, a gentle reminder that hats are still required during outdoor play. UV levels remain high enough to warrant sun protection, even in winter.

Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement. Together, we continue to nurture a strong, connected, and vibrant school community.

Warmest regards

Terese Morse

Terese Morse Principal

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### RECONCILIATION WEEK

Last week at Nollamara, we came together as a school community to acknowledge and honour National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week.

We began our Monday morning with a powerful and moving REACH Assembly. One of our Aboriginal dads joined us to read the story "I'm Sorry", sparking important conversations across classrooms. His presence and storytelling set a reflective tone that resonated throughout the week.

During the week, students engaged in a range of thought-provoking activities that invited them to explore the themes of reconciliation, respect, and shared history. One of the key questions they reflected on was: "What does Reconciliation mean to us at Nollamara?"

The responses were heartfelt and genuine. Our students spoke about kindness, respect, learning from the past, and working together for a better future. Their collective thoughts were compiled into a statement that now forms a shared voice for our school:

"Reconciliation at Nollamara means learning from the past, speaking with respect, and walking together with care and unity."

This beautiful statement reflects the deep thinking and compassionate hearts of our students. It is a reminder that reconciliation is not just a week on the calendar—it is a commitment we live each day through our actions, words, and relationships.

We are proud of the way our students and staff continue to grow in understanding and unity. Together, we are building a culture that celebrates truth-telling, healing, and shared pride in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

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### **P&C ASSOCIATION**

The P&C held their AGM last week and we'd like to say thank you to those who attended and congratulations to the new P&C committee members who have signed up for roles. It's fantastic to see such enthusiastic parents. The roles are as follows:

President – Jon Curnow Vice President – Juliana Stanko Treasurer – Tricia Jenkins Secretary – Tracey Taraia

Executive Committee – Ivan Ferreira, Noelle Mouk, Tshering Yangchen

We had many helping hands at the recent election barbecues which were both fantastic. Hundreds of voters grabbed a democracy sausage to reward themselves and help the school. These events don't happen without volunteers so thank you to those who came down to lend a hand.

For further fundraising this term we are having a Dress Up Day with a focus on Occupations. This will be on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> June. Your child can dress up for the job they would like to have one day, eg. Policeman, doctor, for a gold coin donation. We will also be selling some special treats in the canteen on the day.

We're currently looking ahead to planning events such as a Colour Run and serving some food at a disco. We're always happy to have new parents help us if you'd like to get involved.

Please contact the school or Jon (0438 590 731) if you would like to join the P&C or simply volunteer at events.

Jon Curnow

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### **AISHWARYA'S PINK DAY**

On Friday, 4th July 2025, our school will proudly take part in **Pink Day**, a heartfelt initiative inspired by the memory of Aishwarya Aswath Chavittupara, a beloved young girl whose legacy now lives on through Aishwarya's Foundation.

This special day encourages students to wear pink—Aishwarya's favourite colour—and join together in a spirit of kindness, compassion, and community.

As part of the celebration, there will be a donut sale with delicious pink strawberry donuts available for just \$1 each. All funds raised will go towards supporting the work of Aishwarya's Foundation.

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

19 June - Dress up as an Occupation Day

23 - 27 - June IEC Parent Interviews

3 July - REACH Reward Day

4 July - Aishwarya PINK Day Last day of school

If you have any queries please see your child's teacher or email our office staff Nollamara.ps@education.wa.edu.au or call the school on 9413 1550.

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Thank you for reading!