

NOLLAMARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Dear Families

Welcome back to a new semester at Nollamara Primary School. I hope you had a safe and happy break and are ready for the exciting learning ahead.

As we begin this term, we acknowledge the Noongar season of Makuru. This is a time of change and reflection, and it reminds us how important it is to be flexible and resilient—qualities that help us all learn and grow.

At Nollamara PS, our REACH values—Respect, Excellence, Acceptance, Compassion and Honesty—guide the way we work and learn together. When children show these values, everyone can feel safe and do their best learning. We ask for your help in talking about these values at home so children can use them in every part of their lives. When school and families work together, our children succeed.

You can help by looking for moments at home to talk about REACH. For example, praise your child for showing Respect by listening carefully or helping others, or talk compassion. These small conversations make a big difference and help our children understand that these values are important everywhere, not just at school.

This semester started very smoothly, even though many children changed classrooms or teachers. I am very proud of how well the students have managed these changes and how positive they have been. We have an incredibly busy term full of learning and exciting events. Please look at the Important Dates in this newsletter and continue to monitor our messages on ClassDojo so you don't miss anything. Thank you to all our families for your ongoing support.

I look forward to another great semester of learning and working together as a strong

Warm regards

Tereese Morse

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START AND FINISH TIMES

This is a reminder to our families that the school gates open at 8am in the morning. At this time all children are to go to the undercover area. All of our Education Assistants are there to read with the students and breakfast club is open so they can have something to eat if they are hungry. The bell then goes at 8:30am for the students to go to their classes. Learning officially starts at 8:50. If your children arrive at school later than 8:50am they are LATE and will receive a late notice. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE try and get your children to school on time! When children arrive late they not only miss valuable learning time but they can feel unsettled that the rest of the class is engaged in learning and they missed the instructions. I love to go to the undercover area in the morning and see the children reading, eating and socialising with each other. It is such an important time for them to transition into their school day.

The school day ends at 2:50pm. If your child is older and can go to the Kiss and Drive pickup area, this is ideal. Alternatively, the children can sit out the front of the school and wait for their parents to collect them. We have staff on duty out the front of the school until 3:15pm. Your child should be collected before this time!

This term, the staff in the office finish their day at 3:30pm and so we are unable to have students waiting in the office after this time. It is parent responsibility to collect their children when school is finished. We are very lucky at Nollamara PS to have Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) on site. TheirCare have relocated to Room 26 in the early childhood area and are open from 6:30am before school and till 6pm after school. Please use their service if you are unable to collect your children. They are able to provide care, food and activities for your child and this is a much safer and preferable option than having them waiting for you for long periods of time after school unsupervised.

Thank you for your support with this.



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WELCOME TO NOLLAMARA

This term we are incredibly lucky to welcome Mrs Rachel Hardin and Mrs Lola Simonette to our administrative team. If you come to the office, you will see their friendly faces and they will be happy to assist you with any queries you may have.

BOOK WEEK

Book week this year is Term 3 Week 5 – Monday 18 August to Friday 23 August.
Officially, the theme is “Book an adventure”. See <https://cbca.org.au/>

In the library Ms Graham has told us she will be extending this idea to “Book an adventure around the world”, as it fits so well with our diverse school community and there are so many books that can be used to go along with this idea!!

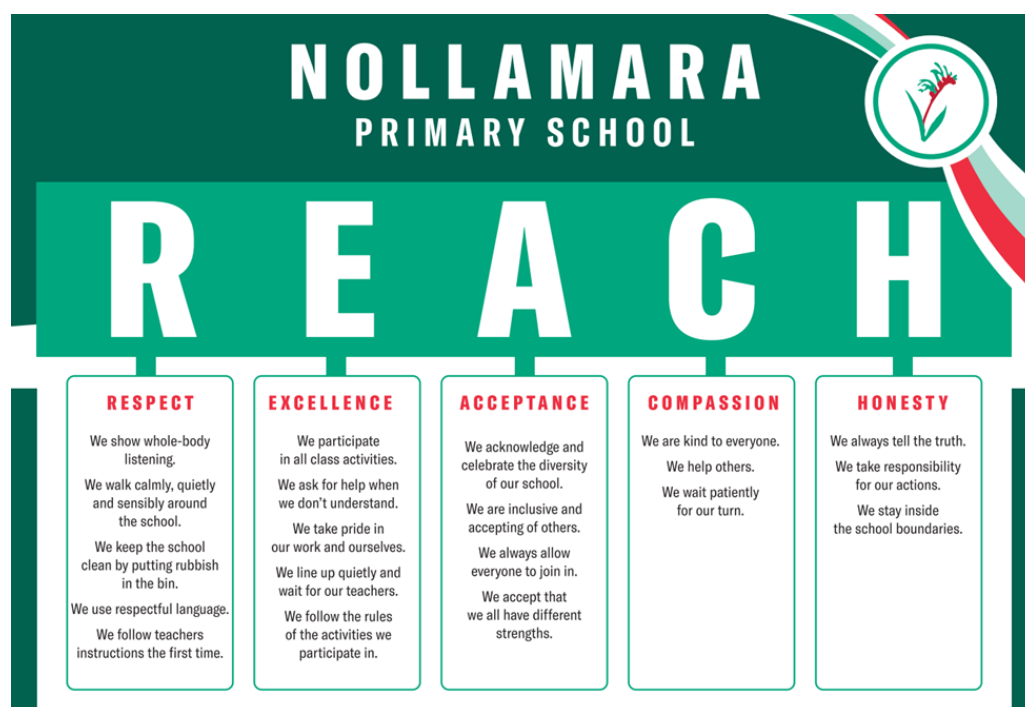


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PBS AT NOLLAMARA PRIMARY SCHOOL: WHAT IT PBS AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

PBS is all about Positive Behaviour Supports. At Nollamara we use PBS to empower students to REACH their full potential in a culturally safe and supportive environment. We assist students to do this via our REACH matrix. Our REACH matrix was curated by us to support our students. You would see on ClassDojo that we always reward the students when they are showing our values as outlined in the REACH matrix: Respect, Excellence, Acceptance, Compassion and Honesty.

Through our incorporation of PBS in our day to day teaching it allows our students to be respectful to those around them, builds important social skills, improves academic success and supports their emotional wellbeing. We teach specific values each week through daily lessons to support our students.



TELL

When we take responsibility for our actions we:

- Acknowledge our mistakes; "I was talking during silent reading"
- Identify the impact our actions have on others; "My partner couldn't focus because I was talking"
- Apologize for our mistakes; "Sorry I interrupted and made the lesson longer"
- Show change in future situations; Next silent reading, I stay quiet the whole time.

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SHOW

This is what taking responsibility for our actions at Nollamara Primary does look like:



Completing all your work and cleaning up any messes you made during the activity.

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TEACHING AND LEARNING UPDATE – TERM 3

At Nollamara Primary School, we are committed to delivering high-quality teaching and providing every student with the support they need to thrive. This term, our focus on targeted intervention, structured programs, and extension opportunities continues to shape a rich learning environment for all.

Focused Literacy Intervention

Literacy remains a major priority across the school. Our staff are continuing to deliver targeted literacy intervention lessons to strengthen students' reading development. Many students are currently engaged in one of our three specialised reading intervention programs:

- MiniLit – supporting younger learners with foundational reading skills
- MacqLit – assisting older students with reading fluency and comprehension
- Reading Tutor Program – providing one-on-one support for students needing more intensive reading assistance

These evidence-based programs are delivered in small groups for more personalised learning. If your child is participating in one of these programs, you will be notified separately.

Year 1 – Spelling Mastery Commences

We are excited to share that our Year 1 students have now commenced the Spelling Mastery program in their classes this semester. Spelling Mastery uses explicit instruction and systematic strategies to help students develop their spelling skills through a structured sequence of lessons. This approach supports students in building confidence and accuracy in their writing.

New Pilot Program: Small Group Tuition

This term also sees the introduction of a new pilot initiative – Small Group Tuition. This program provides selected students with additional, small-group instruction in Numeracy, delivered by Miss Taylor Mitchell.

The goal of Small Group Tuition is to offer students more focused and responsive learning time to address individual needs and boost progress. Families of participating students will be contacted directly.

Year 4 PEAC Testing – Tuesday 5 August

A reminder that the Year 4 PEAC (Primary Extension and Challenge) assessment will take place on Tuesday 5 August (Week 3). The assessment identifies students for extension and enrichment opportunities.

Please note:

- If you wish to withdraw your child, please refer to the parent letter sent home last term. This must be initiated by the parent—school staff cannot make this decision.

We look forward to the learning growth and successes of our students throughout Term 3.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Students from year 5 and 6 were treated to a visit from Perth author Chenée Marrapodi and Premier's Reading Challenge mascot "Dewey Dex" on 25 June. Chenée is a WA Ambassador for the Children's Book Council of Australia's 80th anniversary, and part of the Premier's Reading Challenge author cheer squad. Chenée is also currently part of the Channel Nine News team. Students heard about her writing process and especially loved hearing about her writing buddy, Taco the dog! We even did some ballet dancing with Dewey Dex!!

Chenée's book, "One wrong turn" has been nominated for the West Australian Young Readers' Book Award this year. We wish her all the best and hope everyone votes for her book.



Our kindy students were visited by Darren from Mirrabooka library this term and given a free book pack through the Better Beginnings program. <https://www.better-beginnings.com.au/reading-packs/kindergarten>

The students were very excited to hear that members of the Mirrabooka Library can borrow up to 20 books for a period of 3 weeks. If you are interested in becoming a member of our local library, you just need to take along some identification to join. On Saturdays they have songs and stories from 10am. They also have a range of services for adults, including volunteers who provide free one on one confidential assistance to help you complete basic forms, navigate government websites, or access information about local services. There is a new "Library of Things" which loans all kinds of items including art and craft, kitchen and baking supplies, musical instruments and toys and games. Checkout the city of Stirling website for more info <https://www.stirling.wa.gov.au/attractions-and-recreation/libraries-and-hubs>



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SCIENCE WEEK

Founded in 1997, National Science Week is Australia's biggest celebration of science and technology. Come August, it features thousands of events across Australia, from universities to research organisations, schools, museums, libraries and science centres. It's science, supersized – over a million Aussies take part in science events across the nation.

The theme this year is "Decoding The Universe – Exploring the Unknown with Nature's Hidden Language". This theme invites us to delve into the mysteries of the Universe by exploring the fundamental languages of nature, including mathematics and the groundbreaking field of quantum science.

Our Science Teacher extraordinaire, Mrs van der Beeke has provided all teachers with ways to consolidate this in their classes for the week and will be hosting a school-wide scavenger hunt taking place during science lessons in week 4. The winning student will receive a family pass to visit Scitech.



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AISHWARYA "PINK" DAY

On the last day of term, we proudly supported the Aishwarya Foundation's Pink Day, held in memory of Aishwarya, who sadly passed away due to lack of timely healthcare. The Foundation was set up after her passing and aims to raise funds to establish a 24-hour bulk-billed GP clinic in our area. It is a cause close to our hearts at Nollamara, and we were delighted to raise over \$300 on the day. The school looked beautiful in pink, and it was wonderful to see our community come together in such a meaningful way.



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THE LISTENING TREE PROJECT

What is the Listening Tree Project

- It is the first project in CfC Mirrabooka's Ongoing Children's Voice Community Consultation Strategy and encourages children to tell us what free activity/event they would like to see in the community through Children's Week, October 2025.
- Children from 2 to 12 years are invited to draw pictures/write their answers on paper leaves with coloured textas.
- These leaves are then used to decorate the Listening Tree.
- The CfC Mirrabooka team will collect and record data creating a report with findings.
- This report will guide the CfC Mirrabooka Children's Week Sub-Committee to implement CfC funding to create Children's Week event/activities in the community for October 2025.

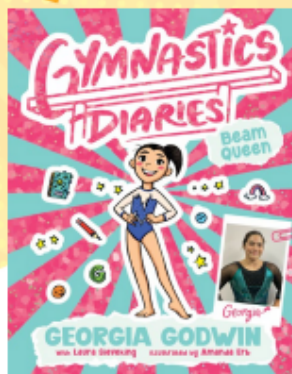
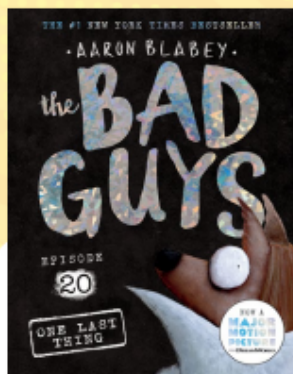


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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



You're invited to our
SCHOLASTIC Book Fair



Date Wednesday 20 August to Friday 22 August 2025
Time Before and after school until 3.30pm for families; lunch time for students.
Place Nollamara Primary School Library

Find these
books and
more at
the Fair!

EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL



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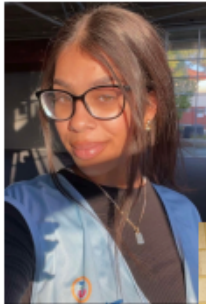

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Hello Term 3

We're so excited to officially welcome Naama as our new Coordinator and Karma as our 2IC at TheirCare Nollamara!

Both have been stepping up in incredible ways over the past few months and will now be joining us permanently. Naama and Karma bring a strong sense of care, creativity, and FUN into the environment.

Please pop in and meet the team – we'd love to see you!



Coordinator – Naama



2IC – Karma

Thank you!

Thank You for a Fantastic School Holidays!

We'd like to extend a big thank you to all our families for joining us these school holidays! It was a fun-filled break and a great success. If you have any feedback, we'd love to hear from you—feel free to chat with us at the service.

Service update

We've Moved!

In case you haven't heard, we've moved into a brand-new space—Room 26! It's a bright, spacious, and exciting environment for the children to enjoy. Entry is now via Mayfair Street.



WeCare!
 Community connection

What is WeCare?
 WeCare is run at every TheirCare service, each term. Once a charity is selected for the region for that term, the children work together to earn stickers to go on the poster.

Once the target of 100 stickers has been met, TheirCare donates \$50 on behalf of each service to the charity.

This term at Nollamara, we are support Kids helpline. In the service the children will be working together to collect stickers!

We would love for families and the community to get involved also!
 Come chat with us!

Proudly supporting





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STATE LIBRARY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Birthday Book Adventure

Saturday 23 August 2025
State Library of Western Australia
10am - 4.30pm

Celebrate 80 years of CBCA with a program of fabulous events.

Illustrator battles, costume parade, author talks, treasure hunts, WA Ambassador adventures, book launches, storytimes and cake cut by Sally Rippin!

Presenters include - Sally Barton, Isobel Bevis, Kitty Black, Cristy Burne, Joanne Colely, Tracey Dembo, Cherie Dignam, Jackson Harvey, Renae Hayward, Samantha Hughes, Bren MacDibble, Gavin Aung Than, Alex Towler, Renée Trembl AND more!

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Tuning in to Kids® Connected Families

For parents and carers of children 3-12 years 6 session program

This interactive workshop will help parents and carers teach their children to understand and regulate their emotions. Children with good emotional intelligence often have better emotional, social and physical functioning, as well as fewer behavioural difficulties.

Tuning in to Kids is a parenting program that aims to give helpful ways of teaching children the skills of emotional intelligence.

Please include your full name, contact number and residential postcode when registering.

BOOKINGS DETAILS

☎ 08 9342 6363

✉ cpcroseworth@thesmithfamily.com.au

🖱 www.communicare.org.au



DATES

Wednesdays
13 Aug - 17 Sep 2025



TIME

9.15am - 11.15am



LOCATION

Roseworth Child and
Parent Centre
1 Stoke Court
Girrawheen



COST

Free



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Yes - bookings
essential



Communities for Children Facilitating Partner Initiative Mirrabooka is funded by the Australian Government and facilitated by The Smith Family.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 3

21 st July	First day of school!
1 st August	West Coast Eagles Incursion
11 – 15 th August	SCIENCE WEEK
12 th August	Sean Choolburra – Comedian and entertainer incursion
18 – 22 nd August	BOOK WEEK
22 nd August	Book Parade Assembly P&C Disco
25 th August	Staff Development Day – no students
5 th September	Assembly
9 th September	School Board Meeting
10 th September	Athletics Carnival Pre competition Day
12 th September	Athletics Carnival
17 th September	RU OK Day
18-19 th September	Year 6 Camp
26 th September	Last Day of term

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.

25 July 2025

Thank you for reading!