

NOLLAMARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Dear families,

As we welcome the season of Djilba, we've seen the unmistakable signs of change all around us — from the budding of native plants to bursts of sunshine between much-needed winter rain. While the wet weather has kept us on our toes, our students have certainly made the most of every opportunity to enjoy the sunshine during break times. The oval has been a hive of activity with soccer, chasey, and other outdoor games, while our undercover area has offered a great space for quieter activities and lunchtime fun.

It was also wonderful to see so many parents and carers attending last week's assembly. Your presence means so much to the students and staff — it really adds to the strong sense of community that we're so proud of at Nollamara Primary School.

The students have been working incredibly hard this term, and we're so proud of their efforts. Our morning reading sessions at 8:00am have been well attended, and it's been fantastic to see students taking advantage of this time to settle in, focus, and prepare for the day ahead. Following reading, students are welcome to enjoy a free breakfast and some time socialising with friends — a lovely way to start the morning. When the bell rings at 8:30, it's a joy to see the enthusiasm and energy with which they head off to class.

We'd also like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank everyone for adjusting so positively to our new school office hours of 7:30am to 3:30pm. Your support in ensuring students are collected quickly at the end of the school day has made a big difference in helping staff transition smoothly into their after-school meetings, planning sessions, and professional learning. We are very grateful for your ongoing cooperation.

On behalf of the leadership team, I'd also like to say a heartfelt thank you for the warm wishes and kind gestures we received for Principal Appreciation Day. The beautiful cards, drawings, and messages of appreciation from our students were incredibly touching, and reminded us just how lucky we are to be part of such a vibrant, caring school community.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Warm regards,
Terese Morse
Principal

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ATTENDANCE

Going to school every day is vitally important so your child does not miss out on important ideas, concepts, knowledge and skills for future learning. At our school, we want your children to do their very best. To get the best education, they need to go to school every day. By working together, our school community can support your child's attendance.

What can you do to help?

- Have a set time for your child to go to bed at night and get up in the morning.
- Have their uniform and school bag ready the night before.
- Have a set time for breakfast or send your children to school at 8am for reading and breakfast club.
- Talk about school positively.
- If running late, encourage your child to still go to school and reassure them that you will let the school know.
- Get involved at school through volunteering or participate in school programs, events or join the Parents and Citizens' Association.

Do you need to let the school know if your child will be away from school?

Yes, you need to let office staff or class teacher know that your child will be absent from school and the reason why as soon as possible. You can do this via our website or ClassDojo. Having information about why a child is missing school helps us plan for their return to school and to work out whether we can provide any further help to you.



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COMPASS ATTENDANCE



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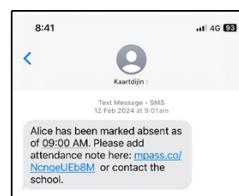
Shaping the future

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our school is changing the way we send messages about student attendance. From Tuesday 12 August, we will use **Compass SMS** to tell you if your child is away from school.

You will get a text message from **Compass**. This message asks you to add an **attendance note** for your child's absence and includes a **one-time link** for you to tell us why your child is away.

The **link** in the SMS is **safe to use**. It is part of our school's official system.



How to submit an **Attendance Note** for your child's absence:

1. Click the **link** in the Compass SMS
2. The **Compass webpage** opens in your browser
3. Choose a **reason** for the absence from the drop-down menu
4. Type extra **details** or **comments** in the box below.
5. Make sure your message is at least **10 characters** long.
6. **Submit** the form.

If your message is **less than 10 characters**, the note **will not** be sent to the school.

If you have any questions or worries, please contact us.

Kind regards

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START AND FINISH TIMES

Our gates open at 8am for morning reading and breakfast club. Children go to class at 8:30am and start to engage in learning by 8:40am. Teachers will take the attendance roll at this time so if your child arrives after 8:50am THEY ARE LATE. Please tell them to go straight to the office after 8:50am as their class teacher will be teaching and the office staff will have to mark their attendance for the day.

A reminder that school finishes at 2:50pm. Students are not to play in the school grounds after this time. They can play on the oval if you would like them to. Students can go to the front of the school to wait for their parents where we have 3 staff on duty until 3:15pm. After this time, students will be taken into the office, and you will be called to see where you are. This has been working perfectly this week and we are so grateful to parents for collecting their children on time.

WEST COAST EAGLES

Last week we were so lucky to have some AFLW players come to the school to do a clinic with our year 5 and 6 students. The students had fun practising their AFL skills and were inspired by our West Coast Eagles AFLW players, Lauren Wakfer and Courtney Rowley. On Friday the entire school got to meet Rick the Rock Eagle and hear about his friendship with captain Oscar Allen. They are such good friends, and they help and support each other which is what we try to do here at Nollamara PS.

P&C

We are still after parents and friends to join our P&C. This term we will be having a disco in conjunction with Book Week and will also be getting ready for our school sport carnival. We really need parents to help so that we can offer these wonderful experiences for the students. Even an hour is a really big help at one of these events. Please contact the school or Jon (0438 590 731) if you would like to join the P&C or simply volunteer at events.

Next P&C Meeting is Friday 15th August at 2pm. Everyone welcome!!

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FACTION SHIRT FRIDAY

We are excited to kick off Faction Shirt Friday starting tomorrow! As we build up to our Athletics Carnival in Week 8, students are encouraged to come to school wearing their faction colours every Friday.

This is a fun and spirited way for students to show support for their faction teams and get into the carnival spirit!

- ✓ When: Every Friday, starting tomorrow
- 👕 What to Wear: Faction-coloured shirts
- 🛒 Need a shirt? Faction shirts are available for purchase from Tudor Uniforms in Wangara.

If you are unsure what faction your child is in, please see their class teacher.

Thank you for helping us foster school spirit and team pride!



FACTION SHIRT FRIDAY!

Come to school wearing your faction colours as we get ready for the Athletics Carnival!



DON'T FORGET - YOU CAN BUY FACTION SHIRTS FROM TUDOR UNIFORMS!

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ROOM 17 CLASS SNAPSHOT

Room 17 has had a fantastic return to Term 3. It has been filled with learning, creativity and growth. The classroom has been buzzing with excitement as students explore new ideas, work together and build on their strengths.

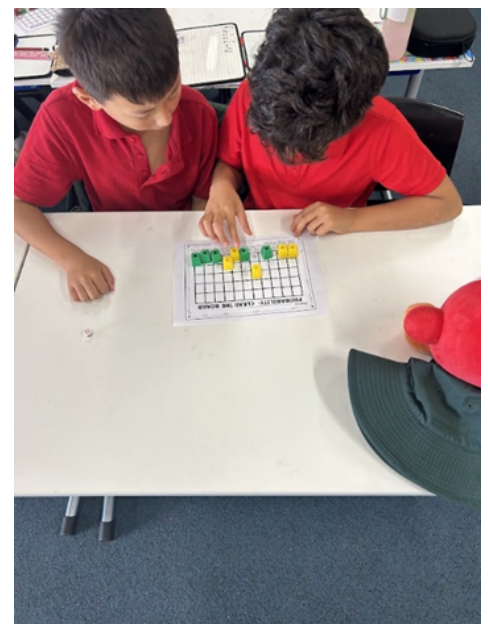
In English, we have been diving into poetry, creating our own limericks and odes. The students have really enjoyed playing with rhythm, rhyme and figurative language to craft some clever and funny verses.

In Maths, we have been tackling problem solving strategies and deepening our understanding of fractions, multiplication and data. We are also learning about chance and probability, using games and simple experiments to describe likelihood and make predictions.

In Geography, we have been exploring Australian biomes. From the dry deserts to the lush rainforests, students have been learning about the unique features of each biome, including climate, plants, animals and how humans interact with these environments.

Whether it is group projects, independent tasks or whole class games, Room 17 continues to show curiosity, resilience and a love of learning.

We are looking forward to another exciting and productive term ahead.



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SCIENCE UPDATE FOR TERM 3

Students are studying the wonderful subject of biology this term. They are learning about life and living organisms by exploring the structure, function, growth, evolution, distribution, and taxonomy of all forms of life, from the smallest microorganisms to the largest ecosystems.

Last week, some of the students from Pre-primary and Year 1 went on a 'schoolyard safari' and found all sorts of amazing minibeasts including snails, ants, spiders, bees, moths and lady bugs. Who knew there was so much life thriving in our vegetable gardens?

Next week, we will be celebrating National Science Week. The theme this year is "Decoding the Universe - Exploring the Unknown with Nature's Hidden Language". At school, we will be diving into the tiny world around us using microscopes to explore cool patterns in nature. Students will look closely at things like leaves, shells, feathers and more to discover amazing details we can't see with just our eyes!

I will also be running a school-wide scavenger hunt for every class during their science lesson in week 4. Students who correctly complete the answer sheet will enter the prize-draw to win a family pass to Scitech, the Aquarium of WA or the Perth Zoo. Winning entries will be announced on Tuesday 19th August.

Visit the following website, <https://www.scienceweek.net.au/> for more information some activities to immerse yourself in at home.

Keep shining bright!
Mrs van der Beeke
Science Teacher



Figure 1 - The science room nature table is a big source of amazement and discovery this term.



Figure 2 - Year 1 students found two different snail types.



Figure 3 - Students from room 24 looking for mini-beasts.

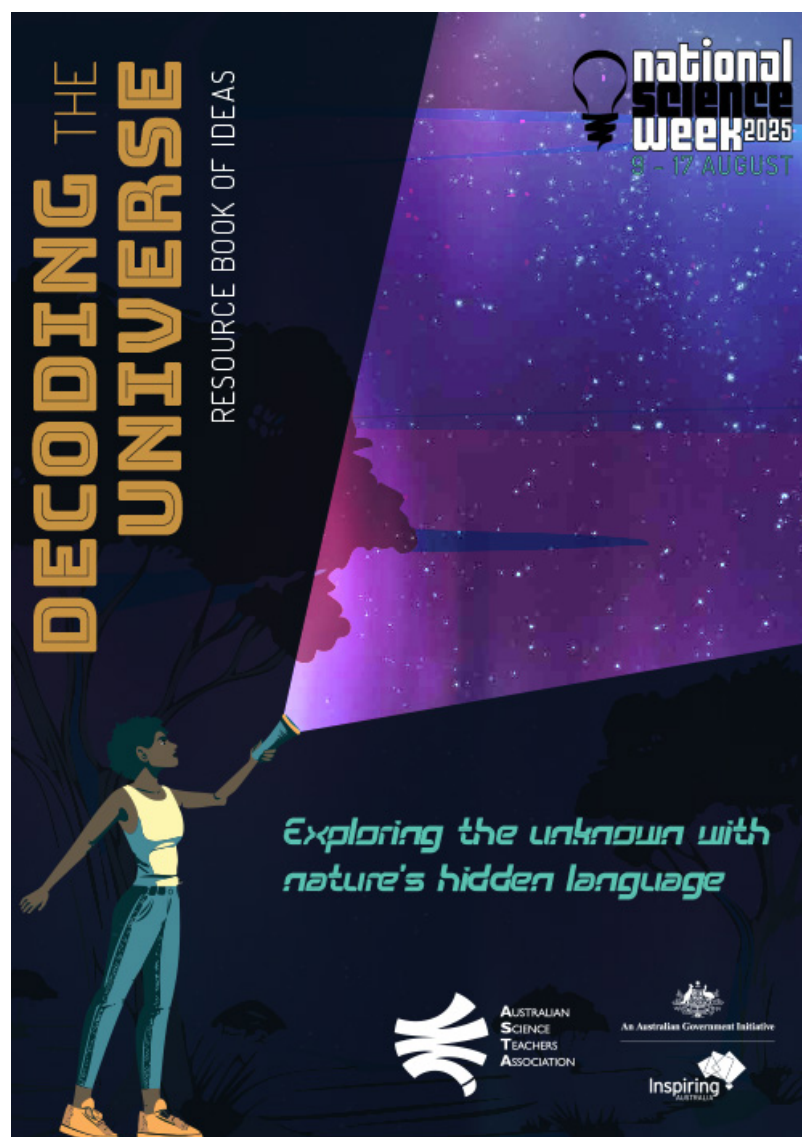
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SCIENCE WEEK

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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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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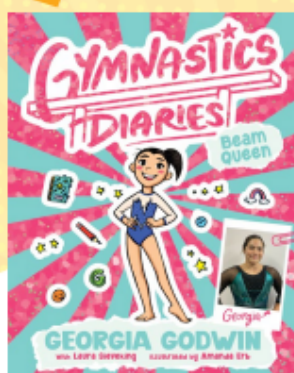
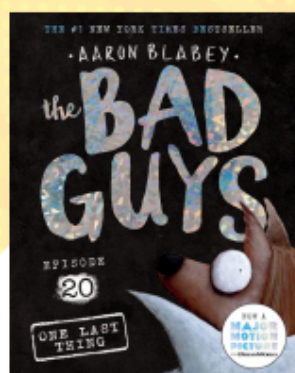


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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



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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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



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DATES TO REMEMBER

IMPORTANT DATES – Term 3

11 – 15 th August	SCIENCE WEEK
12 th August	Sean Choolburra – comedian and entertainer incursion
15 th August	P&C Meeting @2pm
18 – 22 nd August	BOOK WEEK
22 nd August P&C Disco	Book Parade Assembly
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.

7 August 2025

Thank you for reading!