

NOLLAMARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Dear families,

We are now halfway through the term, and it has been wonderful to see the energy and enthusiasm across our school. Today we had a Staff Development Day, which meant students got to enjoy an extra day of rest while teachers continued their professional learning. These opportunities are so valuable as they allow our staff to reflect, grow, and strengthen their practice—ensuring that your children receive the very best education possible.

At the end of this week, the deputy principals and I will attend an education leadership conference. This event will give us the chance to engage with the latest research and innovations in teaching and learning. We are always looking for ways to bring new ideas back to Nollamara and continue to shape our school into the best it can be.

Last week we also celebrated one of the highlights of the school calendar—Book Week. Our celebration culminated on Friday's vibrant Book Week Parade, where students and staff brought favourite characters to life. It was a joy to see such creativity, and it reminded us all of the magic of reading. At Nollamara, we believe that books open doors to imagination, knowledge, and success. As I often say, "the more you read, the smarter you are." Please continue encouraging your children to make reading a daily habit—there are hundreds of characters and stories waiting to be discovered.

Looking ahead, the second half of the term promises to be just as exciting. Our students are preparing for the Athletics Carnival, and we can't wait to cheer them on as they showcase their skills, teamwork, and school spirit. Meanwhile, in classrooms, learning continues at full pace, with students working hard and striving to achieve their personal best.

I am incredibly proud of the efforts of our students and staff so far this term. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support in helping make Nollamara PS a vibrant and thriving school community.

Warm regards,
Terese Morse
Principal

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ABORIGINAL CULTURAL INCURSION WITH SEAN CHOOLBURRA

Last week we were fortunate to welcome Sean Choolburra to our school. Sean captivated our students for over an hour with a wonderful blend of history, storytelling, dance, and laughter. His engaging performance not only entertained but also deepened our students' understanding of Aboriginal culture and heritage. At Nollamara, we are incredibly lucky to live, work, and learn on Whadjuk Noongar Country. We believe it is vital for our students to learn the rich history of our beautiful land from its Traditional Custodians. Experiences like Sean's visit help us honour and celebrate Aboriginal culture while building respect, knowledge, and connection for future generations.

MORNING READING

Morning reading has really expanded this term. Reading every day, even for just ten minutes, has a powerful impact on your child's learning and development. That's why our Education Assistants are in the undercover area each morning from 8:00am to listen to students read. After their reading, children can enjoy a healthy breakfast and spend time with friends in a safe, supervised environment. This valuable routine helps your child transition calmly into the school day, ensuring they are ready to learn and thrive.



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CLASS SNAPSHOT ROOM 1

To celebrate Science Week, Room 1 investigated the connections between nature and the scientific world. We took a close look at a range of different flowers, drew models of each one, and then identified how many petals were on each flower.

When we collated our findings, we discovered that quite often, the petals totalled 5, 8, 13 or 21! These amazing numbers are called 'Fibonacci numbers', named after Leonardo of Pisa, who was known as Fibonacci. He introduced this sequence to the Western world in the 13th century.

The sequence starts with 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34. Each number in the sequence is the sum of the two before it, and it appears frequently in nature – from the arrangement of leaves and petals to the spirals of shells and pinecones.

Room 1 were amazed to discover how science, maths and nature are intertwined!



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STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

At Nollamara Primary School, we are proud to follow our REACH values—Respect, Excellence, Acceptance, Compassion and Honesty. We expect all students to demonstrate these values every day, as they are the foundation of how our school community works so well. These qualities not only shape positive behaviour at school but also prepare our students for success throughout their lives.

Bullying or racism in any form is never tolerated at Nollamara, whether it happens in the playground, the classroom, or online. We also address incidents of online bullying to ensure our students feel safe and supported. We encourage families to continue having conversations with their children about the importance of kindness, respect, and empathy. Working together, we can help every child grow in confidence and character—it truly is the only way forward for all of us.

P&C

A big thank you to everyone who attended our P&C meeting last week. It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers—especially new early childhood families—joining us and showing such enthusiasm for supporting our school. We have lots of exciting events coming up, and it is wonderful to know that so many people are willing to help out.

It's never too late to get involved! Joining the P&C is a great way to make new friends, contribute to school life, and make a positive difference for our students. We look forward to seeing our P&C go from strength to strength with the help of our amazing community.

If you would like to join or learn more, please contact Jon Curnow—we would love to welcome you!

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SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY

A reminder to all families that children under 16 are not permitted to have social media accounts.

For primary-aged children, apps such as Discord, Snapchat, TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, X (Twitter), and similar platforms are strictly off-limits. These platforms are not designed for young children and can expose them to harmful content and unsafe interactions with strangers.

We strongly encourage parents and carers to place parental controls on all devices, regularly monitor online activity, and have open conversations with children about safe and responsible use of technology. Together, we can ensure our students are protected and supported in making positive choices online.

Tips for Parents:

- ☒ Set up parental controls and filters on all devices.
- ☒ Check devices regularly to see what your child is accessing.
- ☒ Talk openly about kindness, safety, and respect online.



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BOOK WEEK PARADE

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make Book Week such a success, and to all the families who supported our fabulous parade. The students had so much fun dressing up, and it was wonderful to hear them talk about the books and characters that inspired their costumes. These moments truly highlight the joy of reading and the creativity it sparks in our children.

We know that preparing costumes can take time and effort, and we greatly appreciate the support of our parents and carers in making the day so special. As I often remind our students, "the more you read, the smarter you are." Book Week is the perfect reminder of the importance of reading every day, and the many adventures waiting for us inside the pages of a book.



To make the day even more memorable, our students also enjoyed a lively Book Week Disco—a huge thank you to our P&C for organising and facilitating this extra celebration. It added so much fun to an already exciting week.

Photos from the parade and the disco are below—enjoy reliving the colour and fun of a fantastic celebration of reading!



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VACSWIM 2026-26 PROGRAMS



VacSwim 2025-26 programs Fact sheet

VacSwim offers fun swimming lessons over the October and summer school holidays. It aims to give children across Western Australia the skills to stay safe and confident in the water.

Who can enrol

Children aged 5 to 17 years old across swimming stages 1 to 18. For specific stage information refer to [our website](#).

One program per child

To ensure a fair and equitable opportunity for all children to enjoy VacSwim, enrolment is limited to one program per child. This means:

- One enrolment permitted for October programs.
- One enrolment permitted for summer programs (December and January).

Families can register on a waitlist for additional programs if desired.

When enrolments open and close

Enrolments open Tuesday 5 August 2025.
October enrolments close Tuesday 26 August 2025.
Summer enrolments close Wednesday 15 October 2025.

How to enrol

The easiest way to enrol is [online](#).
You can also download an enrolment form to complete, print and mail by the enrolment closing date to:

VacSwim
Department of Education
Statewide Services Centre
33 Giles Avenue
Padbury WA 6025

Program cost

Program	Single	Single concession	Family	Family concession
October program	\$32.00	\$20.50	\$85.50	\$57.00
October short program	\$16.50	\$11.50	\$43.50	\$29.00
Country early start program	\$16.50	\$11.50	\$43.50	\$29.00
January program 1	\$32.00	\$20.50	\$85.50	\$57.00
January short program	\$16.50	\$11.50	\$43.50	\$29.00
January program 2	\$32.00	\$20.50	\$85.50	\$57.00

Note: A family enrolment includes 3 or more children from the same address. Venue entry fee is excluded from the above cost.

Concession eligibility

Anyone with the following cards:

- Companion Card
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card
- Department of Veterans' Affairs (Gold, White, Orange)
- Health Care Card
- Out of State Seniors Card
- Pensioner Concession Card
- State Concession Card
- WA Seniors Card

Program lessons and times

Program	Start date	End date	Duration	Lesson length
October program	Wednesday 1 October 2025	Friday 10 October 2025	8 days	45 minutes
October short program	Monday 6 October 2025	Friday 10 October 2025	5 days	35 minutes
Country Early Start program	Friday 19 December 2025	Tuesday 23 December 2025	5 days	50 minutes
January program 1	Tuesday 6 January 2026	Friday 16 January 2026	9 days	40 minutes
January Short program	Monday 12 January 2026	Friday 16 January 2026	5 days	35 minutes
January program 2 Note: No lesson public holiday 26 January 2026	Monday 19 January 2026	Thursday 29 January 2026	8 days	45 minutes

Find program locations and times

Lesson locations and times are available on our [website](#).

Find out more about VacSwim

Visit our website at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim, email us at vacswim@education.wa.edu.au or call 0402 6412.

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Dianella Secondary College invites students in years 4-6 to participate in STEM Club
EMPOWERING BRIGHT MINDS



RSVP - VIA

<https://bit.ly/STEMClub25>

For more information or to book, contact
Wayne.Sharples@education.wa.edu.au

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DATES TO REMEMBER

IMPORTANT DATES – Term 3

15 th September	Assembly Room 3 and 10
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
13 th October	First 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.

28 August 2025

Thank you for reading!