

NOLLAMARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Dear Nollamara Community

We hope everyone had a wonderful break and had the chance to rest and recharge with family. As we settle into Makuru, the coldest and wettest time in the Noongar calendar, it feels fitting to be back together, warmed by the strength of our school community.

Term 2 finished on such a high, and we want to say a heartfelt thank you to every family who threw themselves into our end-of-term events and causes — from Pink Day to NAIDOC celebrations. The way our community embraces these occasions, big and small, is something we truly treasure. We'll be sharing photos from these events in this newsletter for you to enjoy.

A reminder for families: the WA Government's Cost of Living Support is available through the ServiceWA app. This includes:

- A \$100 Fuel Support Payment per eligible household
- The WA Student Assistance Payment — \$150 per primary school-aged student and \$250 per high school-aged student

Please check the ServiceWA app to see if your family is eligible and to claim.

Looking ahead, it's shaping up to be a busy and exciting term:

- Book Week (Week 6) — our much-loved Book Character Parade is back! Start thinking about which favourite book character your child would love to dress up as. More details to come soon.
- Sports Carnival — get ready to cheer on our talented students.
- School Photos — details on dates and ordering will follow.
- Year 6 Rottneest Camp — a wonderful way to close out the term, our Year 6 students will head to Rottneest Island for their school camp. What an exciting milestone for our senior students!

This week, given it's the first week back after a break, we've also taken time with our students to revisit our high expectations for behaviour at school, reinforcing what it looks like to live out our REACH values — Respect, Excellence, Acceptance, Compassion, and Honesty — in everything we do together.

A gentle reminder: we ask that children leave toys, special items, and other personal belongings at home unless a teacher has asked for them for a specific classroom activity. These items can be very special to children, and unfortunately, they sometimes get lost, damaged, or cause upset between friends. Thank you for helping us keep our classrooms calm and our students' treasured belongings safe at home.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership in making Nollamara such a special place to learn and grow.

Warm regards
Terese Morse
Principal

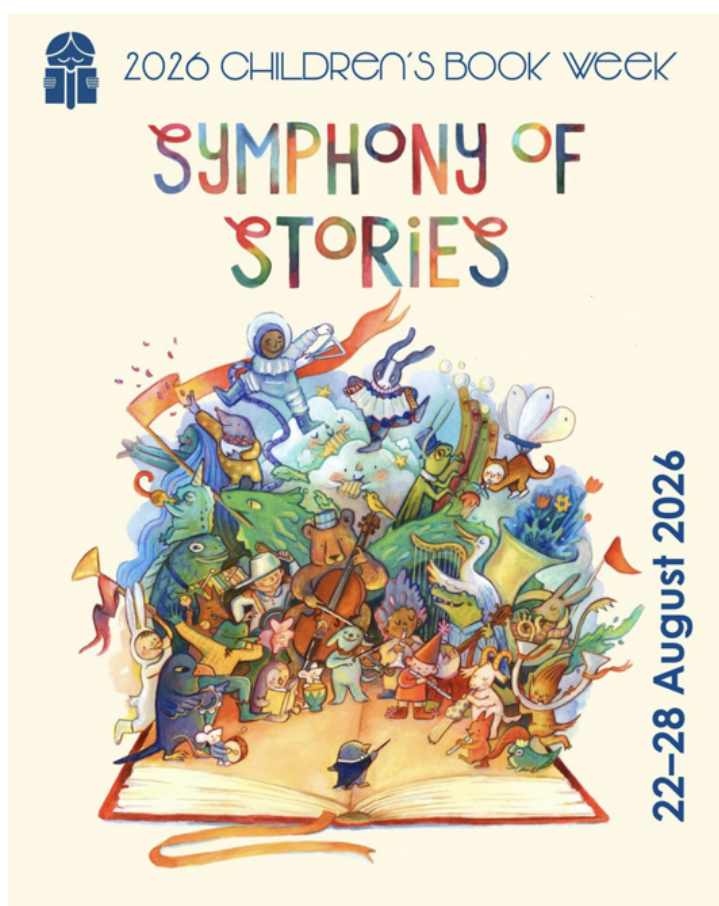
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BOOK WEEK 2026

Children's Book Week 2026 will run from Saturday 22 August to Friday 28 August across Australia. The theme, "Symphony of Stories," celebrates the idea of many voices and stories coming together harmoniously, much like the instruments in a symphony.

The theme encourages children and educators to explore how every story and voice contributes to a larger narrative, highlighting inclusivity and imagination. Students are invited to imagine what their favourite stories might sound like—bold, quiet, chaotic, or harmonious—while understanding that each character or story has a role in the "symphony"

At Nollamara PS, in line with most Australian schools, we celebrate Book Week with a Dress Up Day, where children can come as characters from any story, reflecting the theme's broad inclusivity. Our Library Officer of the Year, Ms Graham, also has a range of activities happening for our students including storytelling sessions, book swaps, and library activities to engage students even more with reading. There are also classroom discussions and projects inspired by the theme, encouraging students to explore different narratives and perspectives.



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PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS – WE'D LOVE YOUR FEEDBACK!

Thank you to all of our families who attended our Parent-Teacher Meetings last term. It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and carers into our school to celebrate student achievements, discuss progress and work together to support each child's learning.

As this was our first time using a dedicated Parent-Teacher Meeting day, we are committed to reflecting on the process and making improvements for future interviews. Your feedback is incredibly valuable in helping us understand what worked well and where we can make the experience even better for our school community.

We invite all families who attended to take just two minutes to complete our short feedback survey by scanning the QR code below. Your responses will help guide our planning for future Parent-Teacher Meetings.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support – we truly value your voice.

Parent Feedback Survey - Parent-Teacher Meetings



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CURRICULUM UPDATE

We have another busy term ahead, with plenty happening across the Teaching and Learning space!

Literacy & Numeracy Support

This term, we continue to embed our Literacy and Numeracy intervention programs to ensure every student receives the support they need to succeed. It has been incredibly pleasing to see the growth students are making through these targeted programs, with many demonstrating significant progress this year. We look forward to continuing this work throughout the term and celebrating even more success with our students.

Home Reading Program

Our 200 Days of Reading program continues this term, with students now working towards the 150 Days of Reading milestone. It's already been fantastic to see so many students returning with their reading logs underway.

Reading at home is one of the most powerful ways families can support their child's learning. Just 10–15 minutes of reading each day helps build vocabulary, strengthen comprehension, improve writing and develop confident, capable readers. We encourage all families to continue making reading part of their daily routine as we work towards this exciting milestone together.

NAPLAN Individual Student Reports

NAPLAN Individual Student Reports for all Year 3 and Year 5 students will be sent home early this term. We encourage families to take the time to read through the report and celebrate your child's achievements while identifying areas for future growth. Year 5 families are encouraged to keep this report in a safe place, as it is commonly requested as part of high school enrolment the following year.

Year 4 PEAC Testing

All Year 4 students will participate in PEAC testing in a few weeks. Families of participating students will receive further information, including testing dates and arrangements.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together at home and at school, we can continue to give every student the best opportunity to succeed.

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PINK DAY: COLOURING OUR COMMUNITY WITH KINDNESS

What a joyous way to close out last term! On our final day of school, staff and students came together in a sea of pink to raise funds for the Ashwarya Foundation. From bright tutus to pink hair spray, the whole school embraced the spirit of the day with enthusiasm and generosity.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our Nollamara families, we raised over \$500 for this important cause. It was wonderful to see our community come together, having fun while supporting something so meaningful.

Thank you to everyone who donated, dressed up, and helped make the day such a success. Moments like these are a beautiful reminder of the compassion and acceptance our REACH values inspire in our students every day.



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NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC Week at Nollamara Primary School was a meaningful celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories and achievements. Throughout the week, our students, staff, families and community members came together to learn, reflect and strengthen connections with culture through authentic experiences led by Aboriginal voices.

A highlight of the week was welcoming acclaimed Indigenous author, storyteller, and performer Boori (Monty) Pryor, who engaged students through powerful storytelling, music and humour. His presentations encouraged students to reflect on identity, resilience, respect and the importance of listening to First Nations perspectives.

Students also participated in a range of cultural learning experiences across the school. These included Aboriginal art activities, storytelling, Noongar language experiences and opportunities to learn about the significance of Country, community and culture.

Classrooms explored this year's NAIDOC theme through age-appropriate learning activities that celebrated the strength and continuity of the world's oldest living cultures.

Our Aboriginal families and community members played a vital role in the success of the week. Their involvement helped ensure that activities were authentic, culturally responsive and strengthened the relationships between home and school. We are incredibly grateful for the time, knowledge and generosity they shared with our students.

NAIDOC Week also reflected the ongoing commitment of Nollamara Primary School to embedding Aboriginal perspectives throughout the year. Initiatives such as our Aboriginal Advisory Group, the Milliyaan Aboriginal Services cultural program, Noongar language learning, community partnerships and our developing Reconciliation Action Plan continue to build a culturally safe and inclusive school where Aboriginal students are proud of their identity and all students develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of First Nations cultures.

We closed NAIDOC week with Mary, Paternal grandmother of Kelly, Jack and Kira reading a very powerful book to our students.



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ROOM 1 & 21 EXPLORE CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP

This term, Year 4 students in Rooms 1 & 21 have been learning about civics and citizenship as part of their HASS studies. They explored important concepts such as rules and laws, why they are needed, and how they help keep our communities safe, fair, and organised.

Students also learned about the role of local government and how it supports the needs of the community.

To bring their learning to life, students attended an incursion with Councillor Michael Dudek from the City of Stirling. As councillor for the Balga Ward, he led an engaging question and answer session with the students, who asked lots of thoughtful questions. Students learned the process by which councillors are elected, how decisions are made at a local level, and the importance of representing and listening to community members.

Students then put all their learning into practice in a fantastic assembly item on the last day of Term 2. They confidently demonstrated their understanding of local government services and council processes through an engaging and informative performance. We are very proud of their enthusiasm, curiosity, and growing understanding of what it means to be active and informed citizens.



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EVENTS AT NOLLAMARA PS!

Term 3 is shaping up to be another action-packed term at Nollamara Primary School, with a range of exciting learning opportunities, performances and whole-school events for our students.

Some of the highlights include:

- **Friday 21 August (Week 5)** – One Big Voice performance for our Year 5 and 6 students.
- **Science Week (Week 5)** – A week full of hands-on investigations and engaging science experiences.
- **Book Week (Week 6)** – We look forward to celebrating our love of reading, with our annual Book Week Dress-Up Parade on Wednesday.
- **Week 7** – Our Instrumental Music students will attend an excursion to Churchlands, to watch their orchestra and learn about their Music Scholarship programs available.
- **Friday, Week 8** – Our annual **Athletics Carnival**, always a highlight of the school year as students demonstrate teamwork, perseverance and school spirit.
- **Tuesday & Wednesday, Week 9** – School Photos.
- **Week 10** – Our Year 6 students will head to Rottnest Island for their much-anticipated Year 6 Retreat.

With so much happening throughout the term, we encourage all families to regularly check Compass and keep notifications switched on. Event information, consent forms and reminders will be communicated through the app, so staying up to date will ensure your child doesn't miss out on these fantastic opportunities.

We are looking forward to another wonderful term filled with learning, celebration and memorable experiences for all of our students!



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WA STUDENT ASSISTANCE PAYMENT

The WA Student Assistance Payment helps parents and carers with cost-of-living pressures associated with sending their children to school.

All Western Australian school students in Kindergarten to Year 12, with a valid WA student number, are eligible for this cost-of-living payment.

You can claim \$250 for each secondary student and \$150 for students attending primary school or Kindergarten.

The payment will be available through the ServiceWA app, with parents and carers encouraged to set up or update their ServiceWA account and have an active Digital ID.

Claims open on Monday 20 July 2026. All claims must be received by Friday 25 September 2026

For support and general information about ServiceWA, including assistance to download the app and set up your Digital ID, visit wa.gov.au/servicewaapp

Alternatively, you can call ServiceWA Customer Care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 13 33 WA (13 33 92) or email support@digital.wa.gov.au during business hours.



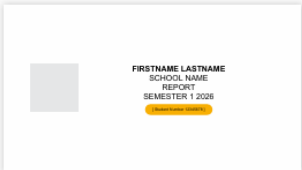
The WA Student Assistance Payment

What's a WASN?

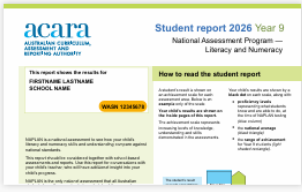
A WASN is the WA student number issued by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) at the time of enrolment.

It is an 8-digit number is sometimes called a SCSA or student number. This number can be found on school reports, including previous NAPLAN results. It may also be on a secondary student's SmartRider.

School report



NAPLAN results



SmartRider





The WA Student Assistance Payment

Money to get things for your kids.

\$150

For each Kindergarten and primary school student

\$250

For each secondary school student

If you're a parent or carer of school-aged kids, you can claim the third round of the WA Student Assistance Payment.

This is money to help you get things for your kids.

This can include:

- new school shoes
- backpacks
- sports gear
- uniforms
- food

All WA school kids from Kindergarten to Year 12 can get it if they are enrolled at school.

You will need your kid's 8-digit WA Student Number to claim. Go to your kid's school if you need help to find the number.

Claim now

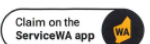
You can claim through the ServiceWA app, online at www.education.wa.edu.au/wasap or by sending in a claim form.

Claims close
Friday 25 September 2026

If your child is in Kindergarten or if you need assistance to identify your WASN, contact your school.



For more information about the WA Student Assistance Payment and how to claim, go to education.wa.edu.au/wasap



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INTRODUCING AUSALERT – NEW NATIONAL EMERGENCY WARNING SYSTEM

The Australian Government is introducing AusAlert, a new national emergency warning system designed to send emergency messages directly to compatible mobile devices during disasters and other significant emergencies. AusAlert will be used to help keep Australians informed during events such as bushfires, floods, cyclones, severe weather, public health emergencies and other serious incidents.

National Test – Monday 27 July 2026

Before AusAlert is launched nationally in October 2026, a nationwide test will take place on:



Monday 27 July 2026



12:00 pm AWST (Western Australia)

During the test, compatible mobile phones, tablets and some smart watches may:

- Emit a loud siren-like sound for approximately 10 seconds
- Vibrate
- Display a test alert message on the screen

As this is only a test, no action is required. In a real emergency, however, it is important to follow the instructions provided in the alert to help keep yourself and others safe.

We encourage families to be aware of the upcoming test, as it will occur during school hours and may be received by parents, carers, staff and students with compatible devices.

For more information about AusAlert, **visit www.ausalert.gov.au**.



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CONGRATULATIONS, JAMYANG!

Congratulations Jamyang on winning gold in your under 12 under 45kg karate division.

You did exceptionally well in representing your state and showing the Nollamara Primary School values through your sportsmanship.



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Do you have a child aged 2–4 years and want to learn how you can support their development through everyday activities?

Join us for this FREE, five sessions play-based program to:

- Learn easy activities that you can replicate at home that support your child's learning and development.
- Learn tips from Occupational Therapists, Speech Pathologists, and Early Childhood Teachers that will enrich how you move, connect, and play with your child.
- Discover different ideas and activities using everyday items at home that encourage connection, curiosity, and play with your child.
- Sessions are hands on with opportunities to practice new skills with your child.
- Take home a You with Me flip book at every session to support your learning.

Who can attend

- Families with children aged 2 - 4 years.
- Families living in Alexander Heights, Balga, Girrawheen, Koondoola, Marangaroo, Mirrabooka, Nollamara and Westminster.

Register via the QR code or [click here](#)



Every session covers a different topic including:

**25
AUG**

'Move with Me'

Fun music and movement activities to help little bodies to grow strong.

**01
SEPT**

'Be with Me'

Learn games and activities that help encourage communication skills and understanding emotions.

**08
SEPT**

'Play with Me'

Fun ideas to encourage play skills, using everyday objects around the house.

**15
SEPT**

'Feel with Me'

Get hands messy to experiment with different textures and sensations.

**22
SEPT**

'Taste with Me'

Explore and play with healthy foods, make a fun snack, and try new flavours and textures together.

Time: 1:15pm - 2pm

Location: Child and Parent Centre Warriapendi, 8 Redcliffe Ave, Balga WA 6061

Register by Friday, 15 August 2026

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



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AUSTRALIA'S #1 NON-COMPETITIVE SOCCER PROGRAM

TERM 3

2026

**BOYS AND
GIRLS**
2 - 12
YEARS OLD

START DATES

	DAYTON	-	29 TH JUL
	ELLENBROOK	-	1 ST AUG
	BALLAJURA	-	1 ST AUG
	SWAN VIEW	-	2 ND AUG
	BULLSBROOK	-	2 ND AUG



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DATES TO REMEMBER

IMPORTANT DATES

30 July	Kindy Tours
14 Aug	Director General visit to Nollamara Primary School
17 Aug	Staff Development Day - No School for students
21 Aug	One Big Voice
24-28 Aug	Book Week
26 Aug	Book Week parade/assembly
11 Sept	Athletics Carnival
15-16 Sept	School Photos
21-23 Sept	Year 6 Camp

Thank you for reading!