

NOLLAMARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Dear Nollamara Community,

We are now in Djilba, one of the six Noongar seasons and a beautiful time of transition on Whadjuk Noongar Boodja. Djilba brings a mixture of cold, wet and windy days with glimpses of warmer weather, and we begin to see new growth and the first bursts of wildflowers appearing around us. It is a season that reminds us of growth and change – something that feels particularly fitting at Nollamara at the moment.

It has certainly been a busy and exciting time at our school.

Last week, we had the privilege of welcoming the Director General of Education to Nollamara Primary School. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our school and share the work that has been happening across Nollamara. He was very impressed with our school, our students and the programs and supports we have in place. I was incredibly proud to walk through our classrooms and share our story with him. We know what a special school Nollamara is, and it was lovely to have the opportunity to show that to our Director General.

That visit also reinforced something that is very important to us – while we are proud of what we have achieved, we are always striving to be better at what we do.

On Monday, our teachers spent the day engaged in professional learning. Our staff work incredibly hard to continually strengthen their teaching practice, learn from one another and ensure that we are providing the very best education we can for our students. I am very proud of their commitment to ongoing learning and improvement.

Today was another proud moment for our school, with our students participating in One Big Voice. It is such a wonderful event and I was extremely proud of the way our students represented Nollamara Primary School. Their behaviour, enthusiasm and the way they conducted themselves reflected our REACH values beautifully. Thank you to the staff who put so much work into preparing and supporting our students to take part in this fantastic experience.

And there is plenty more excitement ahead!

Book Week is next week, and it is always one of my favourite weeks on our school calendar. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate books, imagination and, most importantly, reading. I know there is lots of excitement building around the school and I am looking forward to seeing our students and staff getting involved in the celebrations.

As I regularly remind our students:

The more you read, the smarter you become!

There is so much happening at Nollamara, and I continue to be incredibly proud of our students, our staff and the strong and diverse community that surrounds our school.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of Nollamara Primary School.

Warm regards

Terese Morse
Principal

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DIRECTOR GENERAL VISIT

We were incredibly proud to recently welcome Director General of Education, Jay Peckitt, to Nollamara Primary School.

The visit provided us with a wonderful opportunity to share the story of our school – not only what happens in our classrooms, but the systems and supports we have deliberately built around our students and families over the past three years.

A particular area of interest was our Community Hub and the important role of our Community Support Worker, Jody Rinsky. We are incredibly fortunate to have Jody working alongside our families, building trusting relationships with our community and helping families access the support and services they need. At Nollamara, we know that supporting children often means supporting the family around them, and our Community Hub has become an important part of how we do this.

The Director General also visited our Intensive English Centre (IEC) classrooms and had the opportunity to meet some of our students. He was amazed by the extraordinary cultural and linguistic diversity of our school and the many different countries represented within our community. Our diversity is one of Nollamara's greatest strengths, and we were very proud to showcase the specialist teaching and support provided through our IEC.

Another important part of the visit was sharing our Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS). We explained how we identify students who require additional support and provide increasingly intensive and targeted instruction according to their individual needs. We also showcased the important role our Education Assistants play in delivering intervention and supporting students to make progress.

The Director General was particularly impressed by the systems we have established and the significant school improvement we have achieved over the past three years.

For us, this was perhaps the most rewarding part of the visit. Our improvement has not happened through one program or one initiative. It has come from our staff working together, using evidence, knowing our students and families, and continually asking ourselves: What does this child need to be successful, and how can we make it happen?

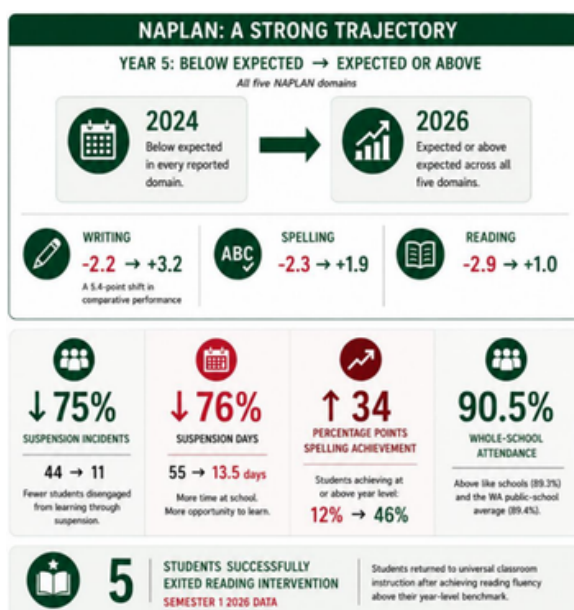
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It was a privilege to welcome the Director General to Nollamara and an opportunity to reflect on just how far our school has come. Most importantly, we remain focused on what comes next.

We are proud of our progress – and we will continue striving to be better at what we do, for every student and every family in our Nollamara community.



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OUR TEACHERS ARE LEARNERS TOO!

We often talk to our students about the importance of learning, growing and always striving to do their best. At Nollamara, we believe the same should be true for the adults in our school.

On Monday, while our students enjoyed an extra day at home, our teachers and Education Assistants were busy learning too!

Our Staff Development Day was carefully designed around the needs of our students and the different roles our staff play in supporting them. Staff participated in professional learning around ADHD, building a deeper understanding of how we can best support students with different learning and behavioural needs.

Later in the day, staff worked in smaller groups on areas directly related to their work. Our Early Childhood teachers focused on the National Quality Standard, our specialist teachers worked on lesson design, Years 3–6 teachers strengthened their knowledge of mathematics assessment, and our Education Assistants continued developing their skills in delivering tiered interventions and individual learning plans.

Our Education Assistants also undertook learning about Developmental Language Disorder, while teachers explored relational approaches and effective reinforcement to support student engagement and behaviour.

Why do we invest this time in professional learning?

Because great schools never stand still.

We want our staff to understand the latest evidence, to reflect on their practice, to learn from one another and, most importantly, to continually ask: How can we do this even better for our students?

We are very fortunate at Nollamara to have a staff who are willing to learn, reflect and continually improve their practice.

Our students are learners – and so are we.



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OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT HUB – HERE FOR OUR FAMILIES

At Nollamara Primary School, we know that supporting children also means supporting the families and community around them.

Our Community Support Hub is a welcoming place where families can come for a coffee and a chat, ask for advice, connect with services or seek practical support when things are difficult. Sometimes families know exactly what they need; at other times, they simply need someone to talk to who can help them work out where to start.

We are very fortunate to have a wonderful team of people working within and alongside our Hub:

Jody Rynski – Community Support Worker

Jody works closely with our families and wider community, building relationships and helping parents access practical assistance, services and supports. Whether a family needs help navigating services, is experiencing financial pressure or simply needs some advice about where to turn, Jody is there to help.

Holly Wentworth – School Psychologist

Holly works with students, families and staff to support student learning, behaviour, engagement and wellbeing. She is also an important part of our school's case management and student support processes.

Ms Michele – Aboriginal Education Officer

Ms Michele works with our Aboriginal students and families and supports our school to strengthen cultural connection, engagement and relationships with community.

Ms MacKenzie – Social Work Practicum Student

Ms MacKenzie is completing her social work practicum with us and works alongside our team to support students and families and connect them with appropriate assistance.

What can families access through the Hub?

Our Hub is about responding to what our community needs. Families can access practical advice and support, assistance connecting with external agencies and services, and someone to talk to when they are not sure where to go for help.

Every Tuesday morning after school drop-off, families are also invited to join us for Coffee Connect – an informal opportunity to have a coffee, meet other parents and connect with members of our support team.

On Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm, essential groceries are also available to support families who may need a little extra assistance.

There is no shame in asking for help. Families can experience challenging times for many different reasons, and part of being a strong school community is looking after one another.

Our Community Support Hub reflects something we believe very strongly at Nollamara:

Supporting families. Strengthening children. Enabling learning.

If you need some support, advice or simply aren't sure who to speak to, please come and see us. Our door is open.

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WHAT IS MTSS? SUPPORTING EVERY CHILD TO SUCCEED

You may have heard us use the term MTSS, or Multi-Tiered System of Support. But what does that actually mean for your child?

Put simply, MTSS is the way we make sure every student gets the support they need to be successful. At Nollamara, we know that children do not all learn in the same way, develop at the same rate or need the same level of support. Our MTSS framework helps us respond to this across three levels, or "tiers".

Tier 1 – Universal Support

This is what we provide for every student, every day. It includes high-quality, evidence-based teaching, positive behaviour support, social and emotional learning, trauma-informed practice, consistent classroom routines, our Morning Reading Program and a safe and culturally responsive learning environment.

Tier 2 – Targeted Support

Sometimes a student needs something extra. This might mean small-group literacy or numeracy intervention, additional opportunities to practise a skill, targeted social and emotional support, mentoring or additional support with behaviour, attendance or transitions.

Tier 3 – Intensive Support

A smaller number of students require highly individualised and intensive support. This may include individual learning or behaviour plans, specialist intervention, intensive literacy support, Discrete Trial Training, additional wellbeing support or individually designed programs with ongoing monitoring of progress.

The important thing is that students are not simply placed into a program and left there. We use data to identify need, monitor progress and determine what should happen next.

Our teachers, Education Assistants, intervention staff, School Psychologist, Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer, Community Support Worker, Student Wellbeing Officer and other specialists all have a role to play. This is one of the reasons we are so intentional about how we use our staff across the school.

MTSS is also about more than academic achievement. At Nollamara, we look at the whole child – their wellbeing, engagement and learning – because all three contribute to a child's ability to thrive at school.

It reflects a simple belief that sits at the heart of what we do:

Not every child needs the same support – but every child deserves the support they need to reach their full potential.

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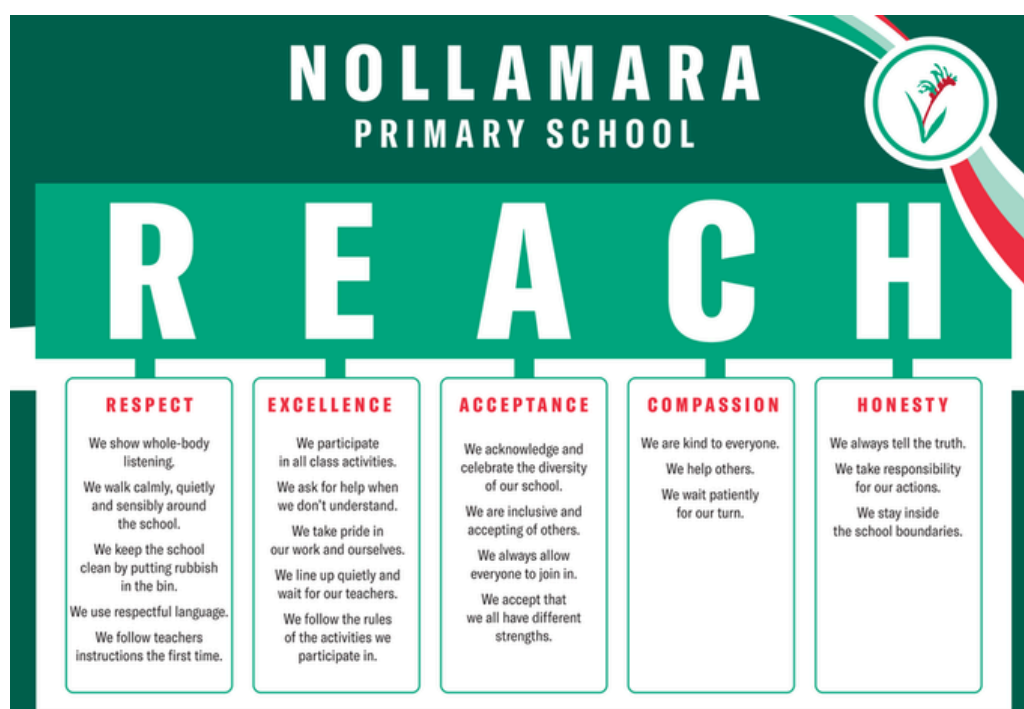
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This week, our REACH Behaviour Focus is "we take responsibility for our actions". This value comes under Honesty in our REACH matrix. We have been working on:

- Acknowledging our mistakes; "I was talking during fluency reading"
- Identifying the impact our actions have on others; "My partner couldn't focus because I was talking"
- Apologising for our mistakes; "Sorry I interrupted and made the lesson longer"
- Showing change in future situations; Next fluency reading, I stay quiet and listen to my partner and only talk if they make a mistake.

Next week, our REACH Behaviour Focus is we will be focusing on "we follow teachers' instructions the first time". This value comes under Respect in our REACH matrix. We will be working on :

- Stopping what we are doing straight away
- Listening without interrupting the teacher
- Showing whole body listening
- Beginning instruction right away after listening
- Following instruction accurately



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NOLLAMARA STUDENTS RAISE THEIR VOICES AT ONE BIG VOICE

What an exciting day for our students who travelled to One Big Voice to join students from schools across Western Australia for an incredible celebration of music and singing.

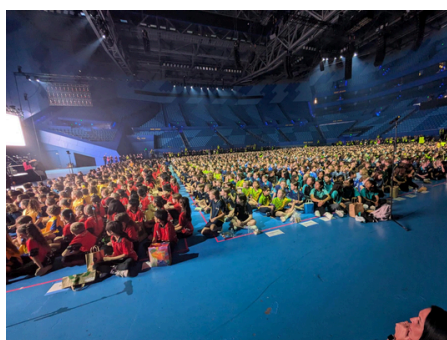
After all their preparation and rehearsals, there was great excitement as our students set off from Nollamara to be part of something very special. Coming together with so many other young people and hearing thousands of voices singing as one was an experience they will remember for a long time.

Events such as One Big Voice provide our students with opportunities that extend well beyond the classroom. They build confidence, create a sense of belonging and allow our children to experience the joy that comes from being part of something bigger than themselves.

Most importantly, we were incredibly proud of the way our students represented Nollamara Primary School. They demonstrated our REACH values throughout the day and were enthusiastic, respectful and wonderful ambassadors for our school.

A huge thank you to our staff who prepared our students and accompanied them on the day. Experiences like these take a great deal of organisation behind the scenes, and we are very grateful for the opportunities our staff continue to provide for our students.

Well done to all of our One Big Voice students – you made Nollamara proud!



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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – FACTION FRIDAYS

With our Athletics Carnival coming up this term, students are encouraged to wear their faction T-shirt every Friday in the lead-up to the event.

Official faction shirts can be purchased from Tudor School Uniforms. If your child is unsure which faction they are in, they can check with their classroom teacher. We look forward to seeing lots of faction colours around the school! ●●●●



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CANTEEN

At our Athletics Carnival on Friday 11 September (Week 8), the P&C will be running a sausage sizzle for students to preorder for their lunch via the FlexiSchools app. Orders for the sausage sizzle must be placed by Friday 4 September (Week 7). This will ensure we purchase enough to cater for everyone.

Coffee, cakes and a range of other snacks will also be available to purchase on the day.

The P&C is also looking for volunteers to help on the BBQ. If you are available to give an hour of your time, please contact Jon Curnow directly. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated!



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SCHOOL UNIFORM – BELONGING, EQUALITY AND PRIDE

Over the past week, I have spoken with our students and families about the importance of wearing our school uniform correctly. We have noticed an increasing number of students wearing different colours, fashion items and variations of our uniform, and we are now reinforcing our uniform expectations consistently across the school.

But why does school uniform matter?

Our uniform is about much more than clothing. It creates a sense of belonging. When our children put on their uniform, they become visibly part of the Nollamara Primary School community. Regardless of their background, culture or circumstances, they belong to the same school and are part of the same team.

Uniform also supports equality. Our school community is wonderfully diverse, and we want school to be a place where children are valued for who they are, how they treat others, their effort, their talents and their achievements – not for the brands they wear or what their families can afford.

As our children grow, particularly our older students, we understand that clothing can become an important way of expressing individuality. We certainly want our students to develop a strong sense of identity and to celebrate what makes them unique. At school, however, we encourage them to show that individuality through their ideas, interests, creativity, culture, friendships, talents and achievements, rather than through variations to the school uniform.

There is also something powerful about seeing our students together in their school colours. It builds pride, identity and connection and sends the message: *I belong here*.

We understand that the cost of uniforms can sometimes place pressure on families. Please do not let financial circumstances prevent your child from wearing the correct uniform. We have assistance available and encourage families to contact us confidentially. We will always work with families to ensure children have what they need.

Thank you to our families for supporting us as we reinforce this expectation. Small things contribute to the culture of a school, and wearing our uniform with pride is one of them.

We belong. We are equal. We are Nollamara.

Progress with Pride.

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BOOK WEEK IS HERE!

One of our favourite Nollamara traditions is almost here – our Book Week Parade!

On Wednesday, all students and staff are invited to dress up as a character from a book they enjoy and join in our annual Book Week Parade.

Book Week is all about celebrating the joy of books and reading. We encourage children to think about a book they have enjoyed, choose a favourite character and have some fun bringing that character to life.

Costumes do not need to be elaborate or expensive. A simple costume made from things you already have at home is absolutely perfect. The focus is on the book and the character, not how fancy the costume is!

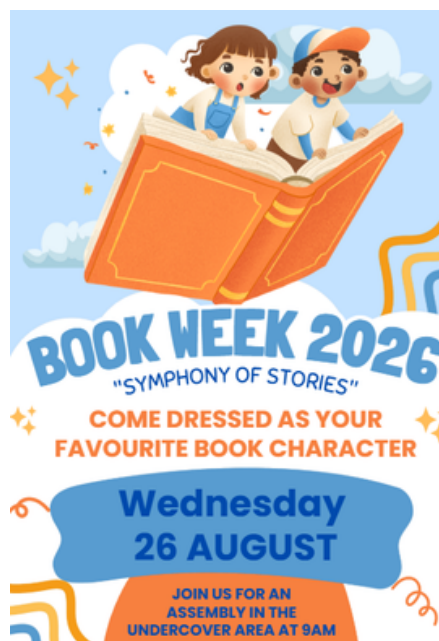
We also have plenty of spare costumes at school for children who would like to borrow one. We want every child who would like to participate to be able to join in the fun.

And, of course, our staff will be dressing up too! It has become a wonderful Nollamara tradition to see our whole school come together to celebrate books, characters and the pleasure of reading.

We can't wait to see who arrives at Nollamara on Wednesday!

And remember...

The more you read, the smarter you become!



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KEEPING OUR SCHOOL HEALTHY

As we continue to support the health and wellbeing of everyone in our school community, we kindly ask that you keep your child at home if they are feeling unwell. Even mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, cough, fever, vomiting, or diarrhoea can spread illness to other students and staff.

Please ensure your child remains at home until they are well enough to return to school. If your child develops symptoms during the school day, you may be contacted to collect them.

We also encourage families to reinforce good hygiene habits at home. Please remind your child to:

- Wash their hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially before eating and after using the toilet.
- Use hand sanitiser when soap and water are not available.
- Cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, then place the tissue in the bin immediately.
- If a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into their elbow rather than their hands.
- Wash or sanitise their hands after coughing, sneezing, or blowing their nose.
- Avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Keep a respectful distance from others when they are coughing or sneezing.

By working together, we can help reduce the spread of illness and maintain a healthy learning environment for all students and staff.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



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SCHOOL PHOTOS – 15 & 16 SEPTEMBER

School photo days are fast approaching!

Please find the following information to help your child prepare for their school photographs, which will take place on 15 & 16 September.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING SOON!



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here's what you need to know!

BEFORE PHOTO DAY:

- Photos can be ordered online www.3p.net.au with the Shoot Key below

ON PHOTO DAY:

- Please ensure your child is in the correct uniform, with hair neat and tidy
- Preferably no large side/high ponytails

SIBLING PHOTOS:

- Students must present to the photo area either before or after school
- Students cannot be collected from class
- Please place order using your eldest child's details

YOUR CLASS PHOTO STYLE (EXAMPLES):



Composite

Contemporary

Traditional

SPECIALIST GROUP PHOTOS:

- When ordering, select the Specialist Group Photo option
- Where prompted, enter the name of the group (i.e. Faction Captains, Choir, etc)
- Please confirm with your school which groups are being photographed this year

MORE INFO:

- All photo orders will be delivered to your school ~8-10 weeks after Photo Day
- Any ordered Digital Downloads available at www.3p.net.au after photo delivery
- After photo delivery all orders will incur a \$30 Archive Fee

ANY QUERIES?:

- Please check our FAQs
- Still need help? Please contact us via our Parent Query Form!

www.3p.net.au

Shoot Key: **AL13N**

HOW TO ORDER YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOS



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here's a quick step-by-step on how to place your order for your Annual School Photos online with us!

ONLINE ORDERING:

- Go to our website: www.3p.net.au
- Select **Order Photos** at the top main menu
- Enter the Shoot Key below:
- Scroll through to view the available packages for your school
- Select your chosen collection
- Enter details into the fields prompted:
 - Select your school name from the drop down list
 - Enter Student First Name
 - Enter Student Surname
 - Select Student Year Group from the drop down list
 - Enter Class Room
- Enter quantity required and **Add to Cart**
- Ordering for multiple children? Select **Continue Shopping**
- Once all orders have been added to the cart
- Check all details are correct and **Proceed to Checkout**
- Enter all fields for **Billing Details**
- Tick to accept our **T&C's** (view via the link provided)
- Place Order
- Complete **Payment Details** as prompted
- Order Number Provided once payment completed
- Automated Order Confirmation delivered to your inbox!
- **NB: These details are for the current year photos only. If you require an order for any previous years photos please contact hello@3p.net.au**

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Small changes,
big differences.



Teen Triple P Seminar: Raising Responsible Teenagers

Takes the guesswork out of parenting...

- Taking part in family decision making
- Being respectful and considerate
- Being involved in family activities
- Developing a healthy lifestyle
- Being reliable
- Being assertive

DATE 3 September 2026

TIME 7pm – 9pm

VENUE Dianella Heights Primary School:
Conference Room

PRESENTERS Saskia Worthington & Lottie Hitch

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To book for the seminar please go to the Triple-P WA website and click 'find a session' or click this link: [See all upcoming events near you | Triple P](https://tripleparenting.net.au) (tripleparenting.net.au)

[Positive Parenting Program | Triple P](#)

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DATES TO REMEMBER

IMPORTANT DATES

- 24-28 Aug Book Week
- 26 Aug Book Week parade/assembly
- 2 Sept Instrumental Music School Excursion to Churchlands SHS
- 3 Sept Commendation Ceremony
- 10 Sept Kindy Tour
- 9 Sept Athletics Carnival - Jumps Throws and Long distance only
- 11 Sept Athletics Carnival
- 15-16 Sept School Photos
- 18 Sept Room 7 & 8 Assembly
- 21-23 Sept Year 6 Camp
- 25 Sept Last day of school for students

Thank you for reading!