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PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Dear Parents, Carers and Members of the Nollamara Primary School Community,

As always, I would like to begin by acknowledging that we are privileged to live, learn and work on Whadjuk Noongar Boodja. I pay my respects to Noongar Elders past and present and acknowledge the continuing connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to Country, culture, family and community.

We are currently in Djilba, a Noongar season that brings a wonderful mixture of cold and wet days alongside increasingly warmer, clearer weather. Around our school we are beginning to see signs of new growth and change as Country moves towards the warmer months. It is a lovely time to encourage our children to notice what is happening in the natural environment around them and to continue developing their understanding of and respect for Country.

It has certainly been a busy and exciting few weeks at Nollamara. We have celebrated Book Week, welcomed families to our Commendation Ceremony, and continued to see our students working hard and demonstrating our REACH values across the school.

Of course, we have also received some very exciting news. Nollamara Primary School has been named as one of four finalists in the Excellence in Wellbeing and Learning category of the 2026 WA Education Awards. This is an achievement of which our entire school community can be incredibly proud.

For me, this recognition is particularly meaningful because it reflects something that sits at the very heart of Nollamara—the belief that wellbeing and learning are inseparable. Children need to feel safe, connected, valued and supported if we want them to thrive as learners. The recognition belongs to our wonderful staff, our students, our families and the many community partners who work alongside us.

There has also been plenty of joy around the school. Book Week once again reminded us just how much our students love stories, characters and the opportunity to celebrate reading together. Our Commendation Ceremony gave us another opportunity to recognise students for the things we value so highly: attending school, making positive choices and working to the best of their ability. I was particularly pleased to see so many families joining us to celebrate their children.

As we move through the remainder of Term 3, I encourage families to continue prioritising regular attendance and punctuality. Our Morning Reading Program and Breakfast Club from 8:00–8:30am remain a wonderful way for children to begin their day—fed, settled, connected and ready to learn.

There is a great deal happening at Nollamara, but underneath all of it is something very simple: we want every child who walks through our gates to know that they belong here, that we believe in them and that we expect them to achieve their very best.

Thank you, as always, to our families for your continued support of our school. I hope you enjoy reading more about some of these wonderful achievements and celebrations throughout this edition of our newsletter.

Progress with Pride.
Terese Morse
Principal

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NOLLAMARA PRIMARY SCHOOL NAMED A FINALIST IN THE 2026 WA EDUCATION AWARDS

We are absolutely delighted to announce that Nollamara Primary School has been named as one of four finalists in the Excellence in Wellbeing and Learning category of the 2026 WA Education Awards.

The WA Education Awards recognise excellence, innovation and impact across Western Australian public education, and this year a record 190 nominations were received across eight award categories.
To be selected as a finalist is an extraordinary achievement for our school and wonderful recognition of the work that takes place at Nollamara every day.

The Excellence in Wellbeing and Learning category recognises schools that understand the strong connection between a child's wellbeing, engagement and achievement. This is something that sits at the very heart of the way we work at Nollamara.

Our philosophy is simple: children need to be ready to learn before they can learn well.
That means looking beyond what happens inside the classroom. It means knowing our children and families, removing barriers to attendance and engagement, providing support when it is needed, building strong relationships and creating a school where every child feels that they belong.

At Nollamara, this can be seen in many different ways—from our Community Support Hub, Breakfast Club and Morning Reading Program to our REACH positive behaviour approach, Multi-Tiered System of Support, targeted intervention, case management and strong focus on high-quality teaching and learning. It is also reflected in the partnerships we have built with families, community organisations and services to support children and families when they need us.

Importantly, wellbeing at Nollamara is not a separate program or an "extra" that sits alongside learning. It is embedded in the way we operate as a school because we know that when children feel safe, connected, supported and successful, they are much more able to engage and achieve.
This recognition belongs to our entire school community—our dedicated staff, our wonderful students, our families, our School Board and P&C, and the many community organisations and individuals who work alongside us.
We are incredibly proud to be a finalist alongside Avonvale Primary School, Kelmscott Senior High School and Waddington Primary School.

The judging process will now continue, including a visit to our school by the judging panel, giving us the opportunity to share the Nollamara story and show them our approach in action.

The winner will be announced at the WA Education Awards presentation event on Monday 16 November.
Whatever the final result, being recognised among the very best public schools in Western Australia for our approach to wellbeing and learning is something our entire Nollamara community can celebrate.

We could not be prouder.

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SOCIAL MEDIA, ONLINE SAFETY AND THE WELLBEING OF OUR CHILDREN

Over recent weeks, we have seen an increasing number of issues at school that have their origins outside school hours, particularly through social media, online gaming, group chats and other online interactions.

Students are arriving at school upset about things that have been said or shared online. Friendships are being affected by online conversations that continue late into the evening. We are also hearing increasingly inappropriate language being used by children, including words, expressions and concepts that are simply not appropriate for primary school-aged students.

While these interactions may take place outside school hours, their impact does not stay outside the school gates.

As a school, we care deeply about the mental health, wellbeing and safety of our students. We also recognise that children of primary school age do not yet have the maturity or developmental capacity to navigate many of the situations they can encounter online without adult guidance and supervision.

This is one of the reasons Australia introduced new social media age restrictions. Since December 2025, many major social media platforms have been required to take reasonable steps to prevent Australians under the age of 16 from holding accounts.

For our primary school children, the message is therefore very clear: they are too young to have accounts on age-restricted social media platforms.

We strongly encourage parents and carers to know what their children are accessing online, who they are communicating with and what they are watching. Please do not assume that because your child is at home, they are necessarily safe online. Children can be exposed very quickly to inappropriate language and content, bullying, exclusion, contact with strangers and social pressures that they are not developmentally ready to manage.

We are particularly concerned about the inappropriate and sometimes highly offensive language that children are bringing into school. Children learn language from the environments around them, including what they watch and hear online. Something being common on TikTok, YouTube, in a group chat or during online gaming does not make it appropriate for a primary school playground or classroom.

At Nollamara, our REACH values of Respect, Excellence, Acceptance, Compassion and Honesty guide how we expect our students to treat one another—both face-to-face and online. We will continue to address inappropriate language and behaviour when it occurs at school, but we need the support of families.

Please talk regularly with your children about their online activity. Check their devices. Know the apps and platforms they are using. Keep devices out of bedrooms overnight where possible, use parental controls, and most importantly, have ongoing conversations about what they are seeing, hearing and experiencing online.

This is not about taking technology away from children. Technology is an important part of their world and can provide wonderful opportunities for learning, creativity and connection. It is about giving children access to technology that is appropriate for their age, with the boundaries and adult supervision they still need.

Our children have many years ahead of them to navigate social media. There is no need to rush them into an adult online world.

Protecting childhood, supporting healthy development and keeping our children safe is a responsibility we all share.

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CELEBRATING OUR STUDENT COMMENDATION RECIPIENTS

On Thursday 2 September, we were very proud to recognise a group of students at our Student Commendation Ceremony, celebrating their outstanding achievement and commitment to learning throughout Semester 1.

Students receiving a commendation were recognised for consistently demonstrating high standards across their learning, attendance and behaviour. These awards reflect not only strong academic achievement, but also the effort, consistency and positive approach to learning that these students demonstrate each day.

We are incredibly proud of all our commendation recipients and the example they set for others at Nollamara Primary School. Congratulations to each of our students on this well-deserved recognition!





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BOOK WEEK

Our students had a wonderful time celebrating book week last week. Here are some of the wonderful costumes worn by our students.













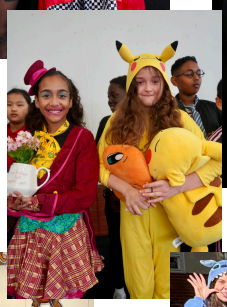


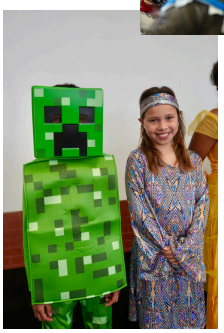














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CELEBRATING OUR WONDERFUL LIBRARY OFFICER DURING BOOK WEEK

A very special shout-out to our amazing Library Officer, Ms Graham, who goes above and beyond to make Book Week such a wonderful experience for our students!

From dressing up every single day to creating a warm, welcoming and exciting library space, the effort and enthusiasm she puts into celebrating books and reading is truly wonderful. The library has become a place where students feel welcomed, inspired and excited to explore new stories and discover the joy of reading.

We are incredibly lucky to have someone who puts so much heart and creativity into making Book Week special. Her dedication, enthusiasm and willingness to go the extra mile do not go unnoticed, and we are so grateful for everything she does for our school community.

Thank you for making our library such a magical place and for bringing Book Week to life! We are so lucky to have you!







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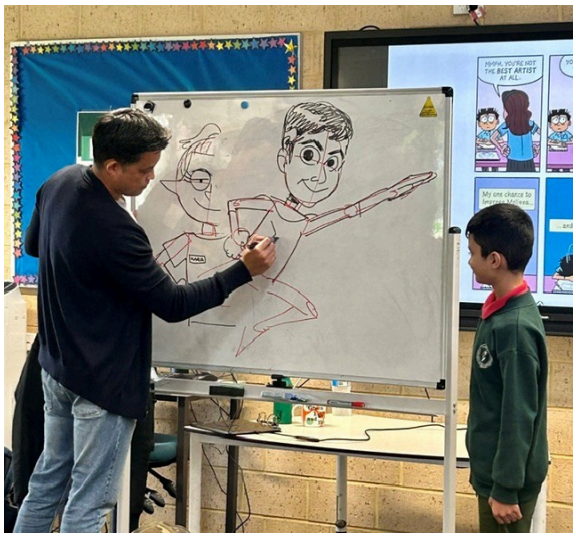
BOOK WEEK VISIT WITH GAVIN AUNG THAN

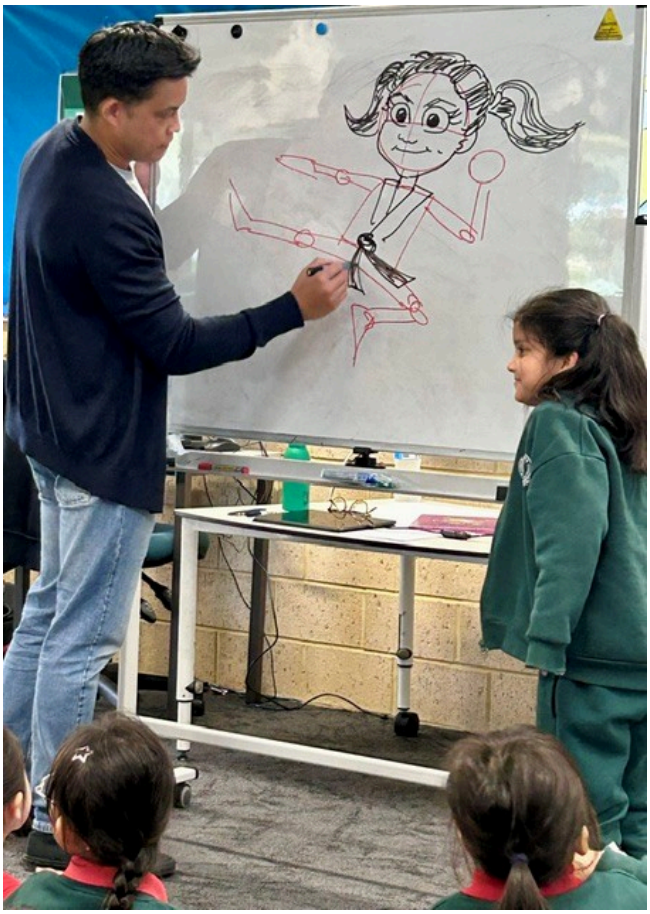
As part of our Book Week celebrations, we were delighted to welcome author and illustrator Gavin Aung Than to our school. Gavin's presentations were engaging, funny, and full of energy. Students from years K – 6 loved drawing alongside him and had a wonderful time learning some of the techniques he uses to bring his stories and characters to life.

Gavin thoughtfully tailored each presentation to suit the different year levels, ensuring every student was entertained. One of the highlights for many students was discovering that Gavin grew up locally in the area. This made him incredibly relatable and inspiring, and students enjoyed hearing about his journey to become a successful author and illustrator.

The excitement has certainly continued in the library! Since Gavin's visit, all his books have been borrowed, and we already have a growing reservation list of eager readers waiting to get their hands on them. It was a fantastic visit that has sparked plenty of enthusiasm for reading, drawing, and storytelling throughout our school.







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CHURCHLANDS SCHOOL OF MUSIC CONCERT

In Week 7, selected Year 4 and 5 students recently attended the Churchlands School of Music Gifted and Talented Outreach Concert at Churchlands Senior High School.

The students loved visiting the beautiful theatre and listening to a variety of talented music groups perform. They heard an orchestra, wind ensemble, concert band, jazz combos and choir, and were impressed by the high standard and different styles of the performances.

A highlight of the day was a band that played gaming music live to accompany a game of Mario Kart on a Nintendo Switch. This was particularly creative and entertaining!

Year 4 students loved seeing the wide range of instruments available and learning about the opportunities offered through the music program. Year 5 students enjoyed learning about life as a secondary school music student and seeing examples of activities completed in music lessons.

Students also watched a video showcasing some of the exciting performance opportunities available at Churchlands, including music camps, school events, public performances, outdoor concerts and a tour to Japan.

Lily from Room 1 said that her favourite part of the concert was "listening to the 'Wild West' music, where it sounded like it was in a cowboy movie". Yewong from Room 19 said that her favourite part was the 'Blue Notes Jazz Orchestra' "because the instruments paired together really well and came together to make a really distinct music style".

The excursion was a wonderful experience and gave students an inspiring glimpse into the world of secondary school music. We thank Churchlands Senior High School for hosting such an engaging and enjoyable event.







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ROAD SAFETY EXCURSION

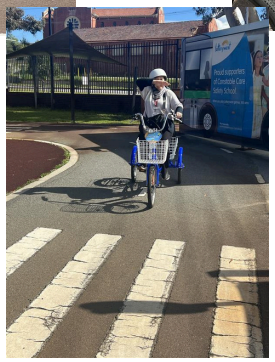
The year 6 students are prepared for our year 6 camp!

During their road safety excursion, students learnt how to ride a bike in the point of view of a car driver. They also learnt how to read road signs and what to do when you reach a traffic light. They learnt how to adjust an Australian standard helmet and inspect tyres, brakes and chains before riding and how to identify directions and sounds coming from the road.

Students were shown how to react as safe pedestrians, using the technique 'Stop, look, listen and think', to be aware of any incoming vehicles for when we are out and about to cross the road and use hand signals.











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STUDENT LEADER NEWS REPORT- ONE BIG VOICE

Our students recently had the exciting opportunity to participate in One Big Voice 2026. One of Western Australia's largest primary school choir events. Thousands or students from schools across the state came together to perform as one huge choir, creating an unforgetable musical experience.

In the lead up to the event, students took part in a few rehersals to practice the songs, actions and dance. During each rehearsal, students worked hard to remember the lyrics, follow the choreography and practise performing together as a group. Their enthuasiasm and dedication continued to grow with every rehearsal, helping everyone feel more confident and prepared for the big performance.

When the day finally arrived, students were excited to put all their hard work into action. The performance was filled with incredicble music, energetic actions and plenty of smiles. Singing alongside thousands of other students from different schools, made the experience more special.

One Big Voice was not only about singing and performing. It was also about building confidence, making memories, working together and being part of a community. Students were able to try something new and experience the excitement of performing as part of a large group.

A huge congratulations to all the student's who participated in One Big Voice 2026. We are incredibily proud of the effort, enthusiasim and commitment they showed throughout the rehersals and performance. A special thank you to staff who supported our students and helped make this wonderful experience possible.





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A GREAT WAY TO START THE DAY AT NOLLAMARA

Every morning between 8:00 and 8:30am, our undercover area is a hive of activity as students take part in our Morning Reading Program and Breakfast Club.

Students can enjoy some breakfast, find a book and settle in for some reading before the school day begins. Our Education Assistants are there each morning, listening to children read and providing encouragement and support.

Recently, we have seen something particularly special happening. Some of our confident senior readers have started buddy reading with our younger students. It is wonderful to watch our older students sit alongside a younger child, listen to them read, help them with tricky words and share their enjoyment of books.

For our younger students, having one of the "big kids" listen to them read can be incredibly motivating. For our senior students, it is a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate leadership, patience and responsibility and to contribute to developing a love of reading in the next generation of Nollamara students.

And, of course, they all know what we say at Nollamara:

The more you read, the smarter you get!

A reminder to families that all students who arrive at school before 8:30am must go directly to the undercover area, where they will be supervised. Children can have breakfast, read independently, read with an Education Assistant or join one of our reading buddies.

A good breakfast, a good book and some positive connection with others—it is a pretty great way to start the school day!







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FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST- EARLY CHILDHOOD

We had a lovely morning celebrating Father's Day with our Early Childhood students and their dads. It was great to see so many dads come along and spend some special time with their children.

Thank you to all the dads who joined us and helped make the morning a special one. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

Happy Father's Day to all our wonderful dads and father figures!


















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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL WEEK



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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CANTEEN

Our P&C will be running a Sausage Sizzle on Friday, 11 September for the Athletics Carnival!

Students can pre-order their lunch via the FlexiSchools app or directly with Gill at the canteen.
Orders must be placed by 9:00am on Tuesday, 8 September (Week 8).

Pre-orders will help us ensure we purchase enough sausages and cater for all students.

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 on 0438 590 731. 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.

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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!

3PPHOTOGRAPHY

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!

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Shoot Key: **AL13N**

HOW TO ORDER YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOS

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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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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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DATES TO REMEMBER

IMPORTANT DATES

9 Sept	Athletics Carnival - Jumps Throws and Long distance only
10 Sept	Kindy Tour
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
12 Oct	Staff Development Day - No School of Students
13 Oct	Students return to School

Thank you for reading!