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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.

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of Week 9! Term 3 has certainly been a very busy one, with so much happening across our school.

Last week, we enjoyed our annual Athletics Carnival. It was wonderful to see our students getting involved, supporting one another and representing their factions with such enthusiasm. A huge thank you to our staff who worked behind the scenes to make the day possible, and to the many families who came along to cheer on our students.

As we approach the end of term, I would also like to remind families about the importance of arriving at school on time. Our first bell goes at 8:30am and learning begins straight away. Those first minutes of the morning are important - students are settling into class, preparing for the day and completing morning learning activities. At Nollamara, we do not want to waste a single minute of our students' education, so please continue to support us by ensuring children are at school and ready to begin by 8:30am.

Thank you also to our families who have been supporting our expectations around school uniform. We have noticed a real improvement and appreciate families reinforcing this at home. Wearing our uniform correctly helps build a sense of pride and belonging in our school, and we want our students to be proud to represent Nollamara.

Earlier this term, I shared the exciting news that Nollamara Primary School had been named as one of four finalists in the Excellence in Wellbeing and Learning category of the 2026 WA Education Awards. This week, we welcomed assessors to our school as part of the judging process and had the opportunity to share what wellbeing and learning looks like at Nollamara every day. We were incredibly proud to showcase our students, staff and wider school community, and to share the many ways we work together to ensure our children feel safe, connected, supported and ready to learn. Regardless of the final outcome, being recognised as a finalist is something our whole community should be very proud of.

Next week brings us to the final week of Term 3 -and we certainly aren't slowing down! We have our REACH Reward, our 150 Days of Reading celebration and, of course, our highly anticipated Year 6 Camp to Rottnest Island. It will be a fantastic way to finish what has been an incredibly full and rewarding term.

Thank you, as always, to our families for your continued support of Nollamara Primary School and our students.

Progress with Pride.
Terese Morse
Principal



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STAFFING UPDATE

As we prepare for the final term of the year, we have a few staffing changes to share with our school community.

Ms Alison Brown will be heading off on some well-deserved Long Service Leave. During her absence, we are very pleased to welcome Miss Sophie Robson into Room 19, where she will be working with our Year 6 students.

We are also delighted to welcome Miss Jordan Lena back to Nollamara. Miss Lena will be joining our Pre-primary students in Room 23 for Term 4, and we are very happy to have her back with us.

We also say farewell to Mrs Louise Podlich, who will be finishing her time at Nollamara. Louise has been a valued part of our school community and we thank her for everything she has contributed during her time with us. We wish her every success as she takes the next step in her career and have no doubt we will still see her around Nollamara from time to time!

Miss Caitlin Jones will also be leaving Nollamara after securing another position. We thank Miss Jones for her contribution to our school and wish her every success in her new role. We are pleased to welcome Miss Emma Walker back into Room 4, where she will co-teach alongside Mrs Scaturro for Term 4.

We thank all of these staff members for their contribution to Nollamara and look forward to a wonderful final term together.

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ATHLETICS CARNIVALS 2026

What a fantastic couple of days we had at our Athletics Carnivals last Wednesday and Friday! Our students had a wonderful time getting involved, giving their best, cheering on their classmates and, most importantly, enjoying themselves.

It was wonderful to see such a great turnout of parents and families supporting our students. Thank you to everyone who took the time to come along, watch the events, and encourage the children throughout the day. Your support helped make the carnivals such a positive and memorable experience for our students. Congratulations to our winning faction, Waitj!

A fantastic achievement and a wonderful reward for the effort, enthusiasm and team spirit shown throughout the carnivals. Well done to all of our Waitj students!

A very special thank you also goes to our Sports Teacher, Mr Burke, who did an amazing job with the preparation, organisation and running of both carnivals.

There was a huge amount of work behind the scenes to ensure everything ran smoothly, and George's dedication and effort were greatly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Athletics Carnivals such a great success. We are so proud of our students and the wonderful spirit they showed throughout both days!



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ATHLETICS CARNIVALS 2026 - MEDAL WINNERS

Year 1
- Girls Champion: Lhamo Dorji
- Girls Runners-Up (Joint): Jessie Anton & Eman Batool
- Boys Champion: Sherab Jamtsho
- Boys Runners-Up (Joint): Freddie Bless & Thabo Chavula

Year 2
- Girls Champions: Imaan Allie & Mona Saeed
- Girls Runner-Up: Yudroma Penjor
- Boys Champions: Ridah Sameer, Dawa Tenzin & Mohammad Alsafouri
- Boys Runner-Up: Charra Abera

Year 3
- Girls Champion: Annayah Oliver
- Girls Runners-Up (Joint): Praapti Kukshal & Yvonne Yakobo
- Boys Champion: Hugo Mendes
- Boys Runner-Up: Jack Bentley-Edney

Year 4
- Girls Champion: Kelly Bentley-Edney
- Girls Runner-Up: Leilani Taraia
- Boys Champion: Saif Hassan
- Boys Runner-Up: Arham Hammad & Choeying Drakpa

Year 5
- Girls Champion: Zara Townsend
- Girls Runner-Up: Melissa Chiriac
- Boys Champion: Christopher Roberts
- Boys Runner-Up: Alen Zhang

Year 6
- Girls Champion: Michaela Sanyangore
- Girls Runner-Up: Kendall Gutierrez Tercero
- Boys Champion: Jamyang Penjor
- Boys Runner-Up: Norbu Norbu

4th Karda 723
3rd Yonga 768
2nd Maali 860
1st Waitj 956

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WEST OZ WILDLIFE INCURSION

On Thursday 17th September, students from pre-primary and year 5 participated in an exciting wildlife encounter during their weekly science lesson to celebrate National Science Week.

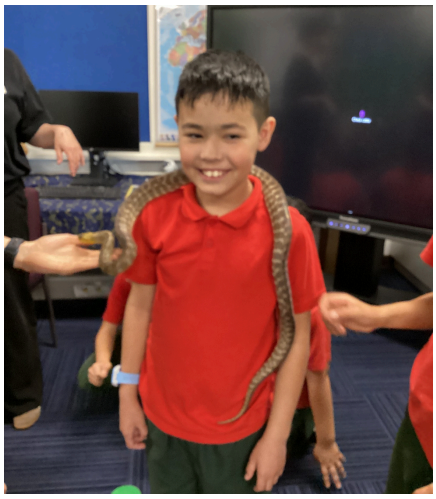
A presenter from West Oz Wildlife visited the science room along with several unique native Australian animals including a Koala, two Woma pythons, a bob-tailed lizard, and a Sugar Glider. Children learnt about the basic needs of each animal, where they live and why they look the way they do.

The incursion was very hands on with all children getting the opportunity to pat the wildlife if they wanted to.

Mrs van der Beeke
Science Specialist











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EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY LESSONS WITH IEC STUDENTS

On Thursday, 17th September, the Nollamara Primary School IEC students participated in the first of three lessons with ECU students, who are specialising in English as an additional language/dialect (EALD). IEC students worked in small groups with their ECU student teachers to learn English using the latest methodologist and research.

IEC students very much enjoyed their lessons and can't wait for the next visit of their ECU teachers, early in Term 4. Nollamara Primary IEC and ECU are proud to be continuing this collaboration that has been going for close to 10 years now.

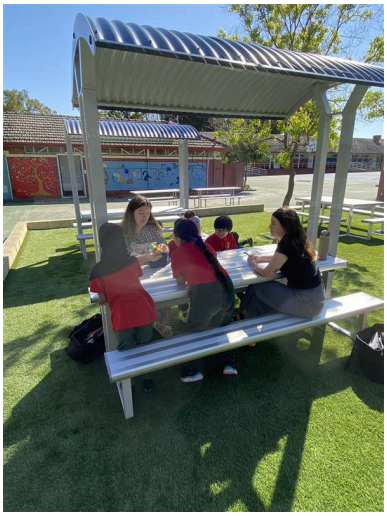












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STUDENT LEADER UPDATE: YEAR 5 & 6 STUDENT HELPERS

Starting from last year, our Year 5 and 6 students have started to do duty in our Early Childhood area during recess and lunch time. During this time, students are expected to take care of the younger kids and ensure that they pack up the equipment after they've finished using it. Their aim is to be a good role model and show the students how to solve problems efficiently by using our REACH values. Once students see that it's their turn, it was crucial for them to wear their hat and vest when heading down to the ECE playground.

When peer mediating, students go to the nearest teacher on duty and ask them what they need help looking out for. They then spread out, look for any students in need and always are prepared for any incidents that may happen. When they do this, they are great role models for the younger students to look up to and want to be like in the future.

We asked numerous students their experience on being a peer mediator, their responses were very positive and uplifting. They really enjoyed taking care of the little kids and helping spark friendships between the younger students. After careful consideration, we think that being a peer mediator is honourable and something to be proud of. It takes a lot of courage to help care for others, especially when there's a significant age gap between you. Thank you for taking out time to read our report!

By Rosel and Yewong (Room 19)











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ST STEPHEN'S READING PARTNERSHIP

This term, we have been proud to continue our partnership with St Stephen's School through their 'Putting Faith into Practice' program. Once a fortnight, Year 7, 8 and 9 students from St Stephen's visit Nollamara Primary School to read with our Pre-primary students. These visits provide a wonderful opportunity for our youngest students to enjoy shared reading experiences, build confidence and develop positive relationships with older student mentors.

This is the second year we have implemented the program, and we are very proud of the partnership that has developed between our two schools. Our Pre-primary students have absolutely loved the visits and look forward to seeing their St Stephen's reading buddies each fortnight.
We are grateful to the students and staff at St Stephen's for the time, care and enthusiasm they continue to bring to our school community.



FRIDAY FACTION SHIRTS

Now that our Athletics Carnival has taken place, students are no longer required to wear their faction shirts on Fridays. Students can return to wearing their normal school uniform each Friday.

Thank you to everyone for showing such wonderful faction spirit throughout the Athletics Carnival!

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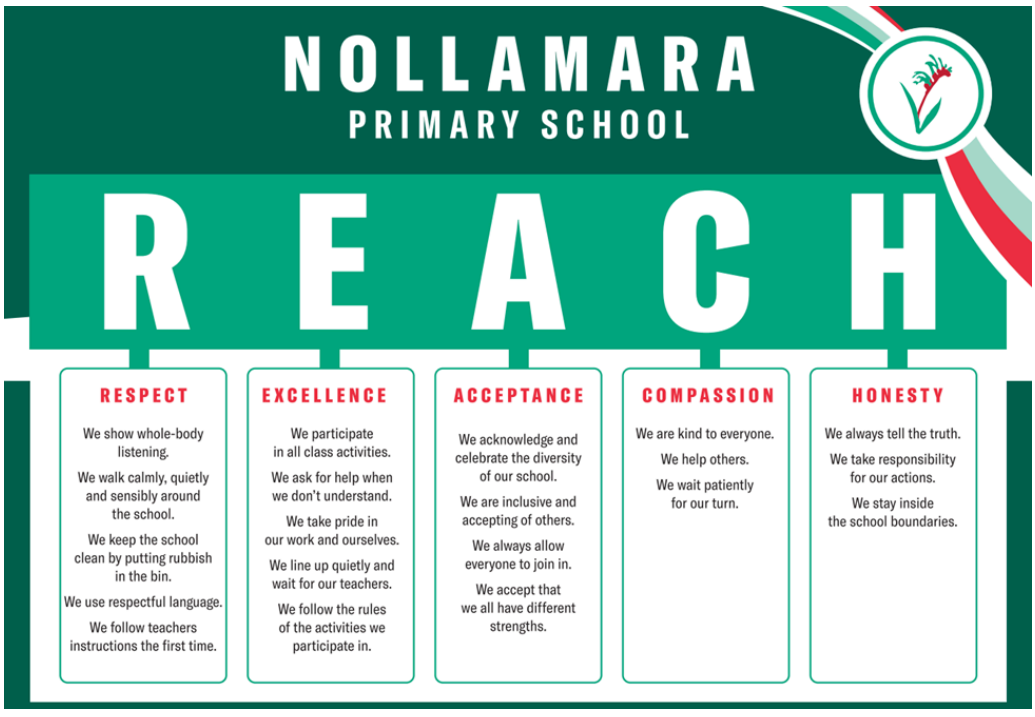
REACH FOCUS

This week we have been focusing on lining up quietly and waiting for our teachers' instructions. This value comes under Excellence in our REACH matrix. We have been working on:

- standing in two straight lines, facing forward
- keeping our hands and feet to ourselves
- Our voices being off, not talking
- standing on a dot

Next week we will be focusing on always allowing everyone to join in. This value comes under Acceptance in our REACH matrix. We will be working on :

- Inviting others to play or work with us — for example, asking, “Do you want to play with us?”
- Making space for new people in games, groups, or activities.
- Sharing toys and equipment so everyone can take part.
- Listening to everyone’s ideas and take turns.
- Showing kindness and respect to people who might feel left out.
- Helping others feel welcome by smiling, talking to them, and using their name.



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SCHOOL UNIFORM – BELONGING, EQUALITY AND PRIDE

Over the past few weeks, 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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DIANELLA DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE
SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY NOTICE

Dianella Dental Therapy Centre will be closed first week from 25th September to 2nd October in the upcoming school holidays.

For emergency treatment only, please contact Camboon on 9276 2488 between 8am – 4pm.

The Dianella Therapy Clinic will be Open 2nd week from 5th Oct to 10th October.
For emergency treatment only, please contact Dianella Centre on 93450330 8am – 4pm.

For emergency treatment outside these hours, or on Monday 28th Sept public Holiday, please contact your private dentist or 1800 098 818.



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Growing, Creating & Connecting!

We have been busy at TheirCare this term exploring our creativity through painting, potion making, and working together on STEM projects like LEGO cities and Marble Runs. This term we have also started a knitting club every morning at BSC.

The children have also helped shape our service philosophy, sharing what makes OSHC feel fun, safe and welcoming. Their ideas continue to guide us in all that we do!

We are looking forward to more creating, discovering and spending time with friends throughout the holiday and into Term 4!





Holiday Program

Get ready for the school holiday adventure! Our upcoming Holiday Program includes sports challenges, creative activities, engineering fun and engaging excursions. There is plenty to look forward to with our friends.

View the full program and book through theircare.com.au



Did you know your child could attend before or after school care for as little as $2.30 per session*?

Government Support doesn't stop at Long Day Care! It can continue into Before School, After School and Holiday Care. The Child Care Subsidy (CCS) means your fees could be reduced by up to 90%. See how much you can save, visit TheirCare.com.au/families/#ccs

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DATES TO REMEMBER

IMPORTANT DATES

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
23 Oct	Crazy Hair Day - Gold Coin donation
30 Oct	Worlds Teachers Day & Interschool Sports Carnival at Boyare PS

Thank you for reading!