

PANNAWONICA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Our Vision for our school is **Ohana**.

Ohana means family and family means that nobody gets left behind or forgotten.

At Pannawonica School, our purpose is to make sure that our students, our staff, our parents/caregivers and our community members do not get left behind socially, emotionally, physically, academically, culturally or forgotten.

Kindy Shines at Week 7 Assembly!



Our Kindy students gave a delightful performance of 'Old McDonald had a Farm' at the Week 7 assembly, showcasing their confidence and enthusiasm. Farms have been a central theme in Kindy over the past few weeks, sparking the children's curiosity and engagement. They've been learning all about different farm animals, how plants grow, and various farming occupations. This farm theme has also provided wonderful opportunities for learning in areas such as number and speaking and listening.

Attendance

Every day Matters

Kindy A	92.23%
Kindy B	92.89%
Pre-Primary	86.33%
Room 2	89.89%
Room 3	87.47%
Room 4	83.45%
Room 5	87.16%
Room 6	84.64%
HS 7/8	80.35%
HS 9/10	74.46%
HS 11/12	69.32%

Friendly

Reminders

Please remember that dogs are not allowed on school grounds for the safety and comfort of all students, staff, and visitors. We kindly ask you to leave your pets at home when coming to the school.

Merit Certificates

The following students received merit certificates at our last assembly. Congratulations!

Stella Pol, Devan Hill, Adante Wano, Aiden Boyd, Lucca Symes, Eliza Barber, Mia Samuel, Kody Gorman, Karlyze Ramirez, Izaiah Klarich, Aliyah Martin, Noah Martin, Mahaki Nepia, Maddox Aguila, Harper Allarding, Ryder Cullen, Charlie East, Joshua Evans, Charlie Gajnik, Xander Lister and Adante Wano

CONGRATULATIONS



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— Book Week – Reading is Magic —

What an enchanting Book Week we had this year! The theme, 'Reading is Magic,' brought a whirlwind of excitement and creativity to our school.

On Wednesday, August 21st, the Book Week Parade was a sight to behold, with many creative and amazing costumes. The judges had a tough time choosing the winners from each class, and it was wonderful to see so many students getting into the spirit. Thank you to the P & C for your generous donation of the Book Prizes.

Our students truly embraced the magic of reading with a variety of fun activities. The daily 'Find the Snitch' challenge was a big hit, with 4 snitches hidden in the ECE area and 6 scattered throughout the rest of the school each day. A huge thank you to the P & C for organizing such an exciting scavenger hunt—you kept both students and staff busy searching!

The Book Swap was a huge success thanks to everyone who donated and participated. We hope everyone is enjoying their new books and found some new favourites.

Overall, it was a magical week filled with reading adventures and joyful activities. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making Book Week a memorable experience for all.

Book Week 2024 Final Results			
	Best Dressed	Best Dressed (Home Made)	Raffle Winner
Kindy A	Billie	Charlie	Jack
Kindy B	Reegan	Mason B	Lucas
Pre-Primary	Lily	Bodhi	Charlie
Room 2	Dakota	Scarlett	Emmy
Room 3	Charlotte	Zen	Alexis
Room 4	Alexander	Ollie	I'Lenah
Room 5	Miah S	Lenny	Jordan
Room 6	Max	Indi	Tallon

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Pannawonica Police

On Thursday, 29th August, we had a visit from our local police officers, Sergeant Danny and Senior Sergeant Pav. They spoke to the Year 1-6 students about their roles in our community and how the Police are here to help. Whether you're lost or need assistance – there is no need to be scared of the Police.

They spoke about road safety and some key takeaways were:

1. Everyone needs to wear a helmet: When you are on a bike, scooter, or skateboard, wearing a helmet is not just smart—it's the law for everyone, including adults.
2. Look Both Ways: Remember to check both directions when leaving driveways or the footpath to stay safe.
3. Electric Bikes and Scooters: Have special rules and laws around them that need to be followed.
4. Stranger Danger: Always be cautious around strangers. If you ever feel uncomfortable or unsure, find a trusted adult or call the Police for help.



ERIDEABLE CURRENT LAWS

**One person
per device**



**Helmets
required**



**Age
requirement**

16+

**Bell or verbal
warning**



**Lights and
reflectors
required**



**Speed on
footpaths**



**Speed on bike
paths, shared paths
and local roads**



**No travel
on roads**



MOTORISED SCOOTER CURRENT LAWS

PERMISSIBLE UP TO AGE OF 16

One person
per device



Helmets
required



Age
requirement

N/A

Bell or verbal
warning



Lights and
reflectors
required



Maximum
speed



Power
output



No travel
on roads





Scooters at a glance



Kick scooter

Fun for all ages. Don't forget a helmet!



Low-powered motorised scooter

Children under 16 can ride low-powered motorised scooters that do not exceed 200w and cannot go faster than 10km/h.



Electric scooter

- Riders must be aged 16+
- Scooter must be no more than 125cm long, 70cm wide and 135cm high
- Scooter must not exceed 25kg
- Scooter must not be capable of travelling faster than 25km/h on level ground
- eRideable rules apply

Visit our website for all the rules
in place to make every eRide safe.



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Kindy Father's Day Event

On Wednesday, 28th August, Kindy A & Kindy B held their Father's Day event. Students and their dads and grandparents participated in paper plane making, soccer, box construction, biscuit decorating, painting and many other fun activities. It was fantastic to see so many family members and a great afternoon was had by all.



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120 Days of Year 1 & 2

On Wednesday, 21st August, Rooms 2 and 3 celebrated 120 days of School. After the Book Week parade, we came back into class and participated in 120 day activities. Students raced to stack 117 (I couldn't find 3 more!) cups the fastest, write as many words as they know, find out where 120 steps take them around the school, and did 120 exercises. We finished the day with a delicious long table lunch. We would like to give an extra special shout out to Miss Ange who helped the students make the pizza dough on Tuesday, and helped organise the ingredients and students as we constructed our own pizzas. She was amazing and we couldn't have done it without her! We celebrate 120 days as it helps students understand place value in number and have already seen how much better our students understand their numbers!

A great day was had by all! 😊



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Tri Schools Carnival

On Friday, August 23rd, we proudly hosted the much-anticipated annual Tri Schools Carnival, welcoming students from Roebourne District High School and Onslow Primary School as well as Pannawonica School. The event showcased the athletic talents of our top students from Years 1 to 6, selected for their outstanding performances in our Faction Carnival.

The day was filled with remarkable sportsmanship, dedication, and athletic prowess. Congratulations to all our students for their exceptional efforts! A special thanks goes out to our wonderful staff and dedicated parent volunteers—your invaluable support was key to the day's success!

Scoring covered both individual and team events, and we are thrilled to announce that Pannawonica School excelled in nearly every category. We are proud to say that Pannawonica School has emerged as the 2024 Tri Schools Champions! Well done to all our students for your extraordinary achievements—truly stellar performances!

Miss S



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Children's Book Council of Australia's (CBCA)

Throughout Term 3, Room 5 has been busy preparing for the Children's Book Council of Australia's (CBCA) Shadow Judging Program. Linked to the CBCA Book of the Year Awards, children around Australia were given to opportunity to view the shortlisted books in one of the categories and then vote for their favourite. Room 5 chose to vote on the Picture Book of the Year category. We analysed the books using the same criteria as the judges and had a lot of fun discussing ideas and themes from each. After many discussions and debates, we placed our vote for 'That Bird Has Arms!' written by Kate and Jol Temple and illustrated by Niharika Hukku and Ronojoy Ghosh. Our class enjoyed the dramatic and humorous story, realistic images and strong message about having the courage to take risks. We are looking forward to the announcement of the CBCA Book of the Year and the Shadow Judging results at the end of Book Week in Week Six.

Fingers Crossed 'That Bird Has Arms!' wins!



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Congratulations to Lennox Gajnik and Kody Gorman

Congratulations to Lennox Gajnik and Kody Gorman for all their hard work and dedication to the MacqLit Intervention Program. Throughout the year, they have shown outstanding behaviours and their efforts have shown true OHANA values. They have been Respectful, Responsible, Resilient, and consistently Trying their Best. Well done, we are all very proud of you!



Birthday Celebrations



September Birthdays

Eli, Bon, Millie, Aiden, Charlotte, Kayleigh, Mya, Lockie, Mason, Louana, Noah, Izaiah, Oliver, Payton, Grayson, Alexis, Patrick, Mia, Kye, Elise, Finn, Jorja, Ms Warburton, Ms Sam, Miss Melanie, Miss Amber and Miss Katie

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Ohana Day

On Wednesday, September 4th, we celebrated Ohana Day. 'Ohana' means family, and family means nobody is left behind or forgotten. At Pannawonica School, we consider 'Ohana' to be our school family. Ohana Day is all about celebrating our school spirit, supporting each other, and ensuring everyone feels welcome and included.

In the morning, Stitch and Angel visited the classes to get students excited for the day's activities and to take some photos. After recess, we gathered in the undercover area to kick off the event. Students were divided into 6 groups and participated in a variety of rotations, including cookie decorating, making a Stitch keychain, team-building games, a scavenger hunt, an obstacle course and a game of keep-up-the-balloon.

To wrap up the day, families joined us for a shared lunch, with an icy pole for everyone.

It was a fabulous day filled with fun and interaction among students of all ages and wonderful to have families join us for lunch to celebrate together.



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Science Week

Science Week 2024 has been a tremendous success at our school! From August 10 to 18, students engaged in a variety of hands-on activities, experiments, and enlightening talks that highlighted this year's theme, "Species Survival - More than just sustainability." Highlights included a guest lecture from a local scientist, and collaborative projects that encouraged inquiry and discovery. The week not only deepened students' understanding of scientific concepts but also sparked their curiosity and enthusiasm for future scientific pursuits. We look forward to seeing how the inspiration from Science Week will continue to impact our students' learning and interests in the sciences.



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BUZ – Year 5/6

In Room 6 over the past two terms, we have been participating in a program called BUZ (Build Up Zone) led by Talitha Martin, our School Chaplain. This program helps students to develop important social and emotion wellbeing skills. These include the skills to believe in themselves, handle their feelings, cooperate with others, bounce back, stand up for something, problem solve and communicate with others.

On Monday 9th September, students participated in the final BUZ session. They were given a challenge and had to use the strategies and their 'powers' that they have been developing over the program to complete the challenge.

There had been a nuclear explosion and the teams needed to complete 5 tasks in order to restore power to the BUZ Nuclear power grid. At each station, the students collected a piece of the Plutonium Molecular Power Mid Matrix (the pyramid) and had to assemble it to complete the final task and 'Save the World'.

We were really impressed with how the teams all worked together and collaborated to complete each task and persisted, even when some of the pyramid pieces broke apart, adding an extra layer of challenge.



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P&C



JERSEY DAY!

BRING IN A GOLD COIN DONATION AND DRESS IN YOUR FAVOURITE FOOTY TEAMS JERSEY FOR THE DAY

AND DON'T WORRY IF YOU DON'T HAVE A JERSEY,
JUST DRESS IN YOUR FAVOURITE TEAMS COLOURS!



WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER



P&C

All positions vacant



If the P&C exec roles are not filled our P&C will fold

- * No uniform shop**
- * No events (Halloween, Christmas, Mothers Day stall 2025)**
- * No fundraising or support for school**

Nomination forms are at the school front office or please contact Talitha Martin asap

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Shire Ashburton



ENTER TO WIN PRIZES

BBQ SMOKE-OFF TROPHY COMPETITION

On Friday 20 September, the Shire of Ashburton is hosting a BBQ Smoke Off Competition with local Panna Clubs and Groups. We need your help in creating a trophy for the winners!

The best four trophies created by you will be selected to present on the night. Trophies can be dropped to the Town Library before Wednesday 18 September.

This competition is open to all school-aged children.



RioTinto

September SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Date	Time & Age	Event Description	Location
Monday, 23 September	8:30am – 9:30am [9 years and under]	Old School Board Games Kicking it back to old school. Ditch the devices and join us for some board game fun.	Community Hall
	10:00am – 11:00am [9 years and under]		
	11:30am – 12:30pm [10 years and above]		
	12:30pm – 1:30pm [All ages]	Pizza Enjoy some pizza after the board game activities. Note: this event is only for those who attended the board game events.	
Tuesday, 24 September	9:30am – 10:30am [9 years and under]	Sports Activity Four square, handball, King's Corner – whatever you call it, we're doing it! Try to outsmart your opponents to claim victory of the square.	Community Hall
Thursday, 26 September	9:30am – 10:30am [10 years and above]		
Saturday, 28 September	8:00am – 9:00am [Families; children aged 3–11]	Monsterball Adrenaline Day Come on down for an adrenaline fuelled morning! Have a go at the Giant Obstacle Course, get lost in the Maze or try your hand at Minigolf. With spaces limited please book only ONE ticket per family.	Pannawonica Oval
	9:15am – 10:15am [Families; children aged 3–11]		
	10:45am – 12:45pm [Youth; ages 12+]		
Monday, 30 September	9:30am – 10:00am [9 years and under]	Sensory Day Sensory Play with an option of headphones playing soothing music. This activity is perfect for those of us who are easily overstimulated and overwhelmed.	Community Hall
	10:30am – 11:00am [9 years and under]		
	11:30am – 12:00pm [9 years and under]		
	12:30pm – 1:00pm [10 years and over]		

September SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Date	Time & Age	Event Description	Location
Wednesday, 2 October	9:00am – 2:00pm [Year 6 – adults]	Introduction to Dungeons & Dragons Never played? Need to brush up on your knowledge? This is the perfect time to head on down as we dive into the adventurous world of Dungeon and Dragons! At 12:30pm we will feast on pizza to help fuel our epic journey.	Youth Club
Thursday, 3 October	10:00am – 11:30am [PP – Year 2]	Songline Skateboarding Workshops Songline Skateboarding are coming to Pannawonica to teach some tips and tricks! Skateboards will be available to borrow.	Pannawonica Skate Park
	11:30am – 1:00pm [Year 3 – Year 5]		
	1:00pm – 2:30pm [Year 6 – High School]		
Friday, 4 October	8:45am – 5:30pm [Year 6 and above]	Onslow 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament Travel to Onslow with us for a friendly competition of 3-on-3 basketball! Meet at the Community Hall at 8:45am for 9am departure, with drop off to the Community Hall at 5:30pm.	Onslow Multipurpose Centre



Limited spaces for some events.

Please register here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/host/shireofashburton>



REGISTRATION REQUIRED

For more information, please contact pannaeventsandactivities@ashburton.wa.gov.au

*Children aged 9 and under require adult supervision
Please bring a water bottle, hat and wear appropriate footwear.*

**PANNAWONICA, IT'S TIME
FOR AN INTRODUCTION TO...**

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Never played? Looking to brush up on your knowledge?
This is the perfect time to join us as we dive into the
adventurous world of Dungeons & Dragons! We will
have pizza on hand to help fuel our epic journey.

Year 6 – Year 12 | All welcome.



**Wednesday
2 October**



**9am – 2pm
Pizza | 12:30pm**



**Pannawonica
Youth Club**





Department of
Education

Free VacSwim for WA kids this summer

Help keep your kids safe in the water with the WA Government's free VacSwim lessons and pool entry these December and January school holidays.

**VacSwim lessons save little lives.
Enrol now education.wa.edu.au/vacswim**



Enrolments close 16 October 2024



VacSwim

Enrol in school holiday swimming lessons

VacSwim offers fun swimming lessons over the December and January school holidays.

These lessons give children across Western Australia the skills to stay safe and confident in the water.

Who can enrol

Children aged 5 to 17 years across swimming stages 1 to 16. For specific stage information, refer to our website.

When enrolments close

Enrolments close on Wednesday
16 October 2024.

How to enrol

It is easy to enrol [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 locations and times

Available on our website.

Find out more about VacSwim

Website: education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

Email: vacswim@education.wa.edu.au

Telephone: 9402 6412

Program lessons and times

 Program	 Start Date	 End Date	Duration	Lesson Length
Country early start	Monday 16 Dec 2024	Sunday 22 Dec 2024	7 Days	45 minutes
January program 1	Monday 6 Jan 2025	Friday 17 Jan 2025	10 Days	35 minutes
January short program	Monday 13 Jan 2025	Friday 17 Jan 2025	5 Days	35 minutes
January program 2	Monday 20 Jan 2025	Thursday 30 Jan 2025	8 Days	45 minutes

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— Welcome Jess Munro —

Hello everyone,

I am thrilled to introduce myself as your principal for the coming 5 weeks. I live in the Perth Hills with my husband and two kiddies, cat and 7 chickens. I spend my weekends exploring our local bushland and national parks, driving our children to sports and running.

I have been in education for over 15 years, a teacher for 11 of those and a deputy for 4. I love working with educators and families, winning over students and supporting them to be the best they can be. My strengths are instructional coaching, building collective efficacy and a positive school culture.

I am very excited to meet you all and look forward to getting to know you and the beautiful Pannawonica School community. Please say hello when you see me around.

Jess Munro



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Wow – Week 9 already! This term has truly flown by.

Term 3 has been incredibly busy, packed with events, excitement, and learning opportunities. Over the past few weeks, we've been fortunate to host a variety of activities at Pannawonica School, including:

- Quoll Incursion: Presented by Rio Tinto for Years 1-6.
- Science Week Activities and Events: A big thank you to Miss J for your coordination of activities for the week.
- Youth Leadership Visit: Organised by the Shire.
- Jumps and Athletics Carnival: Thanks to Miss S for her hard work in coordinating such a successful event.
- SBAT Parent Info Night for Year 10: Presented by Kathy Cornish from Rio Tinto.
- Book Week Parade: Thanks to Mrs. Remmerswaal, Miss Trouchet, and the P&C in organising this event as well as a week of special activities.
- SALT Careers Excursion: For our high school students.
- Fire Brigade Incursions: For Room 6.
- Tri-Schools Event: Hosted by us, where we proudly took home the shield. Special thanks to Miss S for coordinating a fabulous day.
- Father's Day Stall: Organised by the P&C.
- Kindy and Pre-Primary Father's Day Events.
- High School Gala.
- Man Up Incursion: For High School boys.
- Ohana Day Celebrations.
- Parent Open Night.
- Hedspace Incursion: For high school students.
- Kindy and Early Years Network Messy Play Day.
- R U OK Day.
- Principal's Lunch.
- AFL/Sports Free Dress Day: Thanks to the P&C.

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As you read this, I will be flying to the United States to enjoy some long service leave with my family. I leave you in the very capable hands of Mrs. Munroe and look forward to seeing you all in Week 4 of Term 4 when I return.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Warm regards,
Kristy Lackey

