

NEWSLETTER No 11 2026

11 August 2026

Caring, Creativity, Honesty, Perseverance, Respect, Responsibility

COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST

8:10AM BREAKFAST CLUB
EXTERNAL CANTEEN
1.30PM BOOK WEEK INCURSION YRS 1-4
2:40PM STAFF MEETING

THURSDAY 13 AUGUST

8:40AM YEARS 1 – 6 ATHLETICS PRACTICE –
FACTION T SHIRT THURSDAY

FRIDAY 14 AUGUST

8:00AM BAND
8:40AM YEAR 5 (ITEM) ASSEMBLY

MONDAY 17 AUGUST

BOOK WEEK – 'SYMPHONY OF STORIES'

WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST

8:10AM BREAKFAST CLUB
EXTERNAL CANTEEN
2:40PM STAFF MEETING

THURSDAY 20 AUGUST

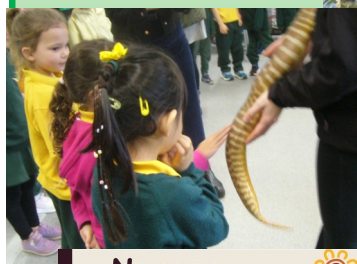
8:40AM YEARS 1 – 6 ATHLETICS PRACTICE
FACTION T SHIRT THURSDAY

FRIDAY 21 AUGUST

8:40AM BOOK WEEK DRESS UP CHARACTER
PARADE (PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR
BOOK).

TUESDAY 25 AUGUST-

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Nyungar Words For the Week	
Nyungar	English
Ni	Listen
"Ni (like in Nits)"	
Booraka	Brave
"Bore Arka"	
Yira Yaak	Stand up
"Yi Ra Yar K"	
Waangkan	Speak/talk
"One Guin (like in Guinness)"	
Bidi	Path
"Bi Di"	

Dental Van

Please contact them on
0408 926 794.



Dear Parents, Students and Community Members

ROTARY 4 WAY TEST SPEAKING CONTEST

Congratulations to Samara Workman and Laura Zampaglione, Year 6, who last Wednesday represented our school in the Cambridge Rotary 4 Way Test Speaking contest. Samara spoke on the topic of Underdeveloped Countries and Laura on the topic of Discrimination.

Thank you to Mrs Megan Metcalfe and Ms Kate Rennie for supporting Samara and Laura with this event.



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING and MATHEMATICS WEEK and BOOK WEEK

In Week 4 we celebrate STEM WEEK - 'Seeds of Science: Nurturing Learning for all' with related activities for the children and in Week 5 we celebrate Book Week through planned activities. The 2026 Book Week theme is 'Symphony of Stories.'

On Friday 21 August commencing at 8:40am in the undercover area, a Book Character Dress Up assembly will be held from Pre Primary to Year 6 children. We look forward to seeing the children coming to school on this day dressed as a book character. Please bring the book your character is from to the assembly so other children will also have the opportunity to find the symphony in the story when reading the book of your choice.

The Book Fair will be held in Week 10, Term 3 from Tuesday 22 September to Thursday 24 September. The Book Fair will also be opened from 5:30 pm – 6:30pm on Parent's Night, Wednesday 23 September. Thank you to Mrs Sabrina Erciyas for arranging the Book Fair.

VALUES

It has been 9 years since our Values program was launched. Children across the school continue to embrace our six values of HONESTY, CREATIVITY, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, CARING and PERSEVERANCE. The introduction of the Values program has been extremely positive, defining our school motto of 'A View to Excellence.' Through our involvement in the Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) program that was launched 3 years ago, our work with the promotion of school values is continuing to be promoted even further.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will take place on Tuesday 25 August 2025. Sibling photos will be taken in the library at 8.15am on this day. Further information regarding ordering through Photo will be sent out via Connect in the coming days.

NAIDOC WEEK

Last week we celebrated NAIDOC WEEK – 50 Years of Deadly, in the following ways-

Kindy and Year 4 - read Dreamtime stories in the library then coloured in pictures celebrating NAIDOC week.

Year 1/2 and Y6 Classes - explored an Aboriginal picture book which became the focus for a range of reading, writing and art activities. The students engaged with the text through discussions, comprehension tasks and written responses while also creating artwork inspired by the story and its themes.

As part of our NAIDOC week learning, we will also be working alongside our Year 6 Buddy class to create a collaborative piece of artwork which will be displayed in the classroom for students and visitors to enjoy.

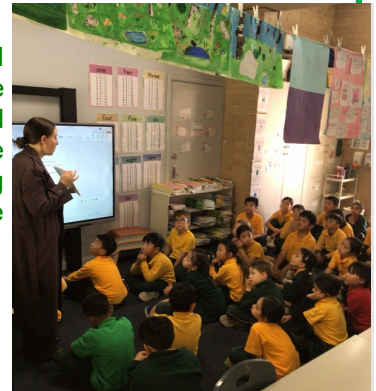


The Year 5 and K/PP buddy classes joined together in our Nature Playground to read Welcome to Country, written by an Aboriginal author. We then used Aboriginal symbols in the sand to create and share our own stories.

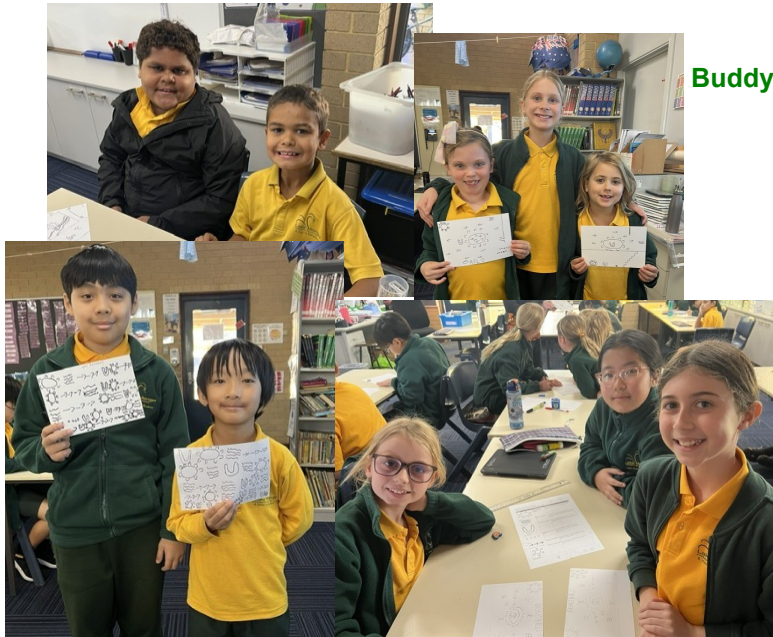
The K/PP class also made some simple, easy-to-make damper as part of our learning.

Year 3 Teal and Year 2 Orange from Friday.

The class read the story called "Joshua and the Two Crabs" by Joshua Button. The students then went off into their buddies and started drawing artwork onto a small square to represent friendship, family or something that they care for. The squares would then be collated into a larger "Buddy class mural" .



Buddy Classes - Y5/6 & Y2Aqua



In Music we learned about the Torres Strait Islands, the flag and their culture of living near by and playing in the reef. Students learned 2 versions of the seated dance and song Taba Naba. A gentle version by Uncle Charles, and a more upbeat version with Christine Anu. Students created soundscapes on their own choice of instrument to represent animals/waves and scenes from the reef or their own cover of Taba Naba.

IN MUSIC CLASSES HAVE BEEN LEARNING SONGS IN FIRST PEOPLE LANGUAGE FROM ACROSS AUSTRALIA

From Torres Strait Islands: Taba Naba
 Taba naba,
 naba norem
 Tugei penaisir mi
 Dinghy ge nebatre
 Mi ko keimi
 Serer em nabatre
 Taba naba norem

THIS JOYFUL song celebrates going out to play in the dinghy on the reef

Thank you to the children and staff for their class and buddy class work.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Online Safety - how to keep your child safe online

Protecting your children from harm is just as important online as it is in the real world. As a parent or carer, you can play an important role in helping children have safe and positive experiences online.

The internet offers an exciting world of experiences for children and the whole family. It can be entertaining, educational and rewarding. However, using the internet also involves risks and challenges.

Children might be exposed to content that is sexually explicit, violent, prohibited or even illegal. They may also experience cyber bullying or be at risk from contact by strangers.

Children may - unknowingly or deliberately - share personal information without realising they may be subject to identity theft, or that they are leaving behind content that might not reflect well on them in the future.

By taking an active role in talking with your kids about the risks and answering their questions or concerns about something that they find on the Internet you can help them stay safer online.

For more information on keeping your children safe online try the following website:

- iParent is an online resource developed by the Office of the Children's E-Safety Commission where parents can learn about the digital environment and keep updated on their children's technology use. Guidance for using safety settings on your family's web-connected devices, tips for choosing movies and games and strategies for keeping young people safe online is available. www.esafety.gov.au
- Stay Smart Online is the Australian Government's online safety and security website, designed to help everyone understand the risks and simple steps we can take to protect our personal and financial information online. www.staysmartonline.gov.au/
- Raising Children Network <http://raisingchildren.net.au>

Community Health Nurse

CRUNCH AND SIP YEARS 1- 6

The Crunch and Sip program at Lake Monger Primary School was launched 9 years ago on the 28 August. Over this time, we have continued to see the program included as a part of the daily classroom practice. Children from Years 1 – 6 can be seen enjoying a small piece of either fruit or vege and drinking water as they 'refuel' for the next part of their learning program.

Parents know that we are very keen to remind the children about the importance of being healthy and staying healthy and we thank you for your continuing support of this very important program in our school.

BUILDING NEWS

The Kindergarten and Pre Primary playground has been modified, along with the entrance to the K and PP area due to building works taking place in our usual K and PP playground. The works are due to take a month, concluding on the 3 September. We apologise for the inconvenience caused to children and parents and the late notification about this project.

STAFF NEWS

Ms Diane Tomlinson will be taking Long Service Leave from mid Term 3 until the end of the year, then leaving the Department of Education in late January 2027. Ms Kate Rennie will be the Principal for the remainder of Term 3 and Miss Caitlin Clarke will be in the Deputy Principal position during this time. Ms Orla Nimmo will teach drama during this time and Mrs Cassandra Gerrans will teach the Year 3 Lime class full time for the remainder of Term 3.

A new Principal will be appointed for the commencement of Term 4 2026.

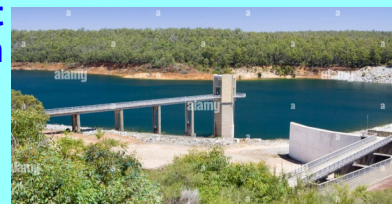
Sunsmart Message

Instead of a baseball cap use a bucket, broad brimmed or legionnaire style hat which protects your ears and back of the neck.



Waterwise Tip

Up to 1975, an average of 394 billion litres of water flowed into Perth's dams. In recent times it was 48 billion litres of water.



CHANGES TO FEE-WAIVER FOR DEPENDANTS OF VISA - MASTERS BY COURSEWORK

Changes are coming to fee waiver eligibility for dependants of post graduate international students.

- International PhD – Eligible
- International Master by Research – Eligible
- International Master by Coursework – Ineligible

EXCEPTIONS

- Current fee waiver dependants remain eligible
- Siblings of current fee waiver dependants remain eligible
- New International Postgraduate Master by Coursework who receive Confirmation of Placement in a WA Government School letter for their children prior to 30 November 2026

If you are aware of anyone in your community who is currently applying or thinking about applying for a Postgraduate Masters by Coursework please pass this information on so they can apply and receive dependant fee waiver eligibility for their children.

Please see notice attached for further information or contact TAFE International Western Australia Office (TIWA) on (08) 9218 2100 or admissions.tiwa@dtwd.wa.gov.au

NATIONAL FRAMEWORK TO ADDRESS BULLYING IN AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS

Lake Monger Primary School is committed to fostering a respectful and supportive environment for every student. In February 2026, there was a national commitment to address bullying in Australian schools. This resulted in the National Framework for Addressing Bullying in Australian Schools, which will support a more consistent approach to how schools prevent, identify and respond to bullying.

While early awareness activities are occurring, the National Framework is not required to be implemented in schools until Term 1, 2027.

In WA, implementation of the National Framework is focused on strengthening existing school practices. At Lake Monger Primary School we take student safety and bullying prevention very seriously. Our staff ensure concerns of bullying are responded to promptly, respectfully and with appropriate support for students. This approach helps us maintain a positive environment for all of our students.

Bullying can often be a complex issue that extends beyond school gates, requiring coordinated action by schools, families and the wider community, if it is to be effectively prevented and addressed. Parents and carers can play an important role by being aware and staying informed of any bullying behaviours, talking regularly with their children about their experiences at school, and encouraging them to speak up early if something is worrying them.

For further information in relation to bullying, you may find the following websites useful:

- [Let's Stop Bullying](#)
- www.bullyingnoway.gov.au
- [Online safety | eSafety Commissioner](#)

FACTION CARNIVAL WEEK

The jumps and throws will be held on Tuesday 1 September and involve selected children from Years 1 – 6. Parents are most welcome to attend however specific times for the events cannot be provided. The day will start at 9:00am commencing with the Year 1 competitors.

The long distance running events for children in Years 3 - 6 will also be held on Tuesday 1 September commencing at 11:00am. It is anticipated the presentations of ribbons for place getters in the jumps, throws and distance races will be presented at the conclusion of the distance races.

The Faction Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 4 September commencing at 8:40am on the school oval.

On Thursday (athletic practice Years 1 - 6) and Friday of Faction Carnival Week the children wear their faction T shirt HARBORNE – BLUE, MITCHELL – RED and POWIS – GREEN with their regular school uniform i.e. green skirt/skort, green track suit pants or green shorts.

On Faction carnival day, the children will need to BRING THEIR HAT, WATER BOTTLE and GREEN SCHOOL JACKET. Sunscreen will be supplied for the children. We are looking forward to Faction Carnival Week.

Thank you very much to Mr Justin Douglass along with Mr Travis Taylor for all their work with organising these events for the children in our school.

TERM 3 MUSIC DATES

Band - Every Friday 8am - 8.35am (Except Week 7, 4 September)

Music Pop-up Concert - Thursday 13 August , Lunchtime, undercover area.

Massed Choir 2026

This term Performance choir students from years 4-6 are performing in the spectacular WA Massed Choir Festival. They have their first combined rehearsal at Churchlands SHS Concert Hall on Thursday 21 August 11:40am-2:30pm. Then at the Perth High Performance Centre on Monday 21 September 9:00am-2:05pm. The final Tech Rehearsal is on 22 September at 4:10pm. Lake Monger students are performing at Perth High Performance Centre in Concert 5, on Tuesday 22 September at 7:15-8:45pm.

PARENT NIGHT

Parent Night is on Wednesday 23 September. The evening will commence at 5:30pm and conclude at 6:30pm. All classrooms from Kindergarten – Year 6 will be open during this time. The evening is not a time for parent interviews but rather a time for children to have the opportunity to show their parents their great work. Parents are most welcome to make an interview time with their child's teacher for a later date.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION DATE

The Year 6 Graduation assembly will be held in the school undercover area commencing at 9:00 am on Friday 4 December.

SCHOOL BOARD

The next meeting of the school board will be held on Wednesday 16 September commencing at 2:40 pm in the conference room.

LATE NOTES

Children arriving late (after 8:40 am) to school need to come to the office for a late note prior to moving to their class room. Thank you to children that follow this procedure.

CHILDREN REQUIRING MEDICATION DURING SCHOOL TIME

If your child is requiring medication during the course of the school day, including Panadol, Nurofen, cough medication etc. the medication is to be brought to the front office and parents are to complete an administering of medication authorisation form. The form can also be emailed to parents upon request.

DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

It is very important indeed that children attend dental appointments that are scheduled during school time; however, it has been brought to our attention that some children are taking the whole day off school. This is understandable if the child has received major dental work but in the majority of visits children are attending the dental clinic for a check-up. It is important for children to be at school everyday in order for them to learn to the best of their ability.

KISS AND DRIVE

The 'Kiss and Drive' facility located on Dodd Street, safely and effectively is zoned for 2 minutes only for the purpose of dropping off and collecting children at the end of the school day. Drivers do not leave their cars when utilising the Kiss and Drive facility. Parking bays are located further down Dodd Street.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Perth Modern School is excited to invite you and your family to our 2026 school production of **We Will Rock You**.

Featuring the unforgettable music of Queen and a script by Ben Elton, this energetic and entertaining musical showcases the incredible talents of our students through a spectacular production filled with music, dance and drama.

We would love to welcome local primary school families to experience the vibrant performing arts culture at Perth Modern School. It's a fantastic opportunity for children and families to enjoy a live theatre performance and see our students in action.

Performance Dates

Thursday 13 August to Saturday 15 August 2026

Audiences can look forward to Queen favourites including **Bohemian Rhapsody**, **We Are the Champions**, **Somebody to Love**, **Don't Stop Me Now**, **Radio Ga Ga** and many more.

Book Your Tickets

Tickets can be purchased online at: www.trybooking.com/DDUQT

We hope you can join us for what promises to be a memorable evening of entertainment and an outstanding celebration of student talent.



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TERM 3

NEWSLETTER

August 2026

Welcome to August!

Recently at TheirCare, children enjoyed a range of fun and meaningful activities. They explored colours through exciting science experiments, got creative with arts and crafts, and learned about Aboriginal culture through hands-on art activities inspired by Indigenous patterns and storytelling. It has been wonderful to see everyone learning, creating, and having fun together!



Monday 24 - Friday 28 August is
BOOK WEEK!!

SYMPHONY OF STORIES

We've got a FUN week of engaging games and craft activities planned based on our favourite books.

BOOK IN NOW!!
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Get ready to enter the
ALL-STAR ARENA!



Holiday Program bookings open soon!
Keep an eye on your emails...

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