



Term One - Week 3

# LEARNING IS A TREASURE THAT FOLLOWS ITS OWNER EVERYWHERE

## From the Principal



We are now mid-way through week 3, and it is lovely to see our students so settled and eager to learn. We look forward to providing an abundance of fabulous learning opportunities for our students throughout the 2024 school year. This would not be possible without the extraordinary efforts of our wonderful staff here at Port Kennedy Primary School.

### **Staffing**

Sheena Scott, one of our valued teachers who has been on extended leave, has now resigned her position. We thank her very much for her contribution to our students and school and sincerely wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

This year we have welcomed four new staff members, teachers Mrs Kaelee Edwards in N5, Ms Bianca Reynolds in N2 and Mrs Paula Rodrigues in W3, and School Psychologist Mrs Karli Budge. Mrs Budge will work on Wednesdays and our existing Psychologist Mrs Kate Hanley will work on Thursdays only.

### **School Attendance**

A reminder that our school operating times are 8:40 a.m. until 2:50 p.m. Students arriving after 8:40am need to sign-in through the front office for a late pass. If you need to collect your child early for an appointment, please send a message to the teacher and contact the office. Only contacts that are listed on the student records are authorised to pick up the student. Our staff may request ID to be shown prior to releasing a student, if the person collecting is not known to them. Please update the office with any changes to contact details.

## **Assemblies**

Our whole school assemblies for Pre-primary to Year 6 will be held on Friday mornings at 9 a.m. To minimise the impact to student's learning, these will be held less frequently. As per the Term One planner, our first assembly for this term will be held on Friday 23 February and will be hosted by our wonderful 2024 Student Councillors.

## **Safer Internet Day**

Last Tuesday 6 February was Safer Internet Day, a global initiative to raise awareness of online safety issues. The eSafety Commissioner leads the initiative in Australia, with the eSafety Commission committed to educating people about how to be safe online and where to go for help if needed. The message for this year's Safer Internet Day is to take three simple actions when approaching online safety: Connect. Reflect. Protect.

**Connect** safely by keeping apps and devices secure and reviewing your privacy settings regularly.

**Reflect** on how your actions online may affect others or your safety.

**Protect** yourself and others by visiting [eSafety.gov.au](https://esafety.gov.au) to find out how to stay safe online and report online abuse.

The eSafety website has a great deal of invaluable information and resources. A short 2 minute video for parents can be found via the following link: [Online safety for every family | In your language eSafety Commissioner](#)

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## **On Entry Assessments for Pre-primary**

For the next four weeks, teachers assess each Pre-primary student's skills and understandings of oral language, reading, writing and numeracy. Teachers will conduct the assessment one-on-one with each child. The information provided enables the teacher to plan for the learning needs of every child, including those who may need additional support or extension.

Many children who start school with limited skills progress quickly when provided with the right support. As children progress, their needs may change. Teachers continually monitor their students' progress to ensure the changing needs of every child are met. After the assessment period, all parents of Pre-primary students will receive a summary that includes the skills and understandings that their child demonstrated.

You do not need to prepare your child for the assessment; however, we encourage you to support your child's learning at home. You can use these resources and activities with your child:

[On-entry assessment - Department of Education](#)

## **Naplan**

Students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) Online assessment, commencing Wednesday 13 March and concluding on Monday 25 March. Students are being provided with opportunities to become familiar with the online platform and their teaching and learning program provides the required preparation needed for students to participate.

All students are to please ensure they arrive to school punctually each day. If your child is unwell, please do not send them to school to sit the test. We will make every effort to provide students with catch up tests on their return to school if it is within the testing window.

### **Play Equipment**

Play equipment at school is for use by our students during the school day when supervised by staff. All playgrounds are not to be used before or after school. Thank you for your understanding and support.

### **Ride to School Day Sausage Sizzle**

Ride to School Day is on Friday 22 March, in week 8. Students are encouraged to ride to school on this day. To celebrate we will be holding a free sausage sizzle. Breakfast Club will therefore not be open on this day.

Kind regards

Bec Stewart

Principal

## After School Arrangements

### **After School Care Arrangements for Late Collection of Students**

Our school day for students ends at 2:50 p.m. Our wonderful school office staff do not have duty of care. Please make alternative arrangements for the collection of your child if you know you are going to be late. One option is OSHClub, our onsite before and after school care provider.

**Enrolment in OSHClub is free, so it's a good idea to enrol now, just in case you need it throughout the year.**

Your child's enrolment is managed via Services Australia, via the following link [How to Enrol | OSHClub](#) or phone **1300 395 735**

A few things you may not have known about OSHClub:

- Before and after school care is eligible for childcare subsidy, meaning the government may fund up to 90% of the session fee\*
- Holiday programs are also eligible for childcare subsidy, and your child is welcome to join the program at your school or another OSHClub location.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 21 Feb	School Board Meeting @ 4.30pm
Friday 23 Feb	Assembly @ 9am - Student Leaders
Wed 28 Feb	WCHS transition - Year 6
Mon 4 Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 6 Mar	School newsletter distributed
Wed 13 - Mon 25 Mar	NAPLAN
Fri 22 Mar	Ride to School Day Sausage Sizzle
Fri 22 Mar	Assembly @ 9am - W1
Wed 27 Mar	Newsletter distributed
Thur 28 Mar	Last day for Term One

Welcome to our new staff



**1 - Karli Budge - School Psychologist**

*Hello Everyone*

*I hope you are all feeling refreshed after the holiday and are looking forward to a great year ahead.*

*My name is Karli Budge, and I am happy to be joining Port Kennedy Primary School as part of the School Psychology Service. I am looking forward to getting to know the students, staff and teachers over the course of this year. I will be at school one day a week on Wednesday and you can also reach me at [karli.budge@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:karli.budge@education.wa.edu.au).*

*I am thoroughly looking forward to working with you all this year and will do my best to help make 2024 a safe, supportive and enjoyable experience for everyone.*



**2 - Mrs Paula Rodrigues, Yr 5 W3 each Thursday and Friday**

*My name is Paula Rodrigues, and I am very excited to be joining the Port Kennedy PS community as a Year 5 teacher!*

*I have worked in a number of schools during my career, both as a teacher and an administrator, from the Pilbara, Goldfields, and metro area. I am passionate about reading and love to spread the joy found in a book. When I am not teaching I am spending time with my family enjoying all that Port Kennedy has to offer. I look forward to meeting and getting to know the Port Kennedy PS families.*



**3 - Ms Bianca Reynolds - N2**

*My name is Bianca Reynolds and I am the new Year One teacher in N2. I have been teaching for many years up in South Hedland and moved back down this way last year. I went to Port Kennedy Primary School as a student and looking forward to being a part of the P.K. community.*

*Looking forward to meeting everyone and having a fabulous year.*





#### 4 - Ms Kaelee Edwards - N5

*Hello Parents and Caregivers!*

*My name is Kaelee Edwards and I am looking forward to a great year at Port Kennedy Primary School. I am passionate about providing my students with motivating and inspirational learning environments and experiences that enthuse students to problem solve, create, explore and have fun. I am looking forward to working with the staff and school community to ensure that each child is afforded the opportunity to strive for personal excellence and to be their best.*

## PKPS Choir - Mr Jakovich



Choir has begun for 2024.

Everyone was very excited to be at our first session in week two. It's not too late to join. We encourage everyone from Year 4 - 6 to attend this amazing part of school life at Port Kennedy Primary.

This year, choir is at 8.20am on Wednesday morning.

We hope to see lots of you there.

## School Board Members



Port Kennedy Primary School is an Independent Public School, and as such is required to have a School Board.

The school, in collaboration with the board, establishes a vision for the school that reflects the aspirations and needs of the community. The board can have an important influence on the direction of the school, with members bringing ideas and lending their expertise to strategic planning and community partnerships.

The Port Kennedy School Board membership is made up of Parents, School Staff and Community Members. We are currently looking to add Parent Members to the board and as such are inviting any parent with a child at Port Kennedy Primary School to nominate for these positions.

To ensure that the board contributes to effective school governance, and leads to better informed decision-making, new ideas, opinions, solutions and stronger connections with the school community, we are keen to ensure that our membership represents the diversity of our school community.

The School Board has meetings no more than twice a term on Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. to approximately 5:30 p.m.

If you would like to nominate for the position of School Board Member or would like further information, we encourage you to send an email to either:

Troy Bradfield (School Board Chair) – [troybradfield@gmail.com](mailto:troybradfield@gmail.com)

Bec Stewart (Principal) - [rebecca.stewart2@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:rebecca.stewart2@education.wa.edu.au)

## Library News - Mrs Martin



All students from Kindy to Year 6 visit the library once per week with their class to borrow library books. The library is a perfect place to encourage and develop a love of books. Borrowing also fosters responsibility, by having students look after the books in their care and remembering to return or renew their books every week. Please ensure your child has a library bag, to assist in keeping our books safe.

Our library is open before and after school, to allow students and families the opportunity to swap or return books outside of their class library time. It is also open on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes, for year 1-6. Students can come and enjoy quiet reading, colouring or play a game.

### **Scholastic Book Club**

Twice per term you will receive a Scholastic Book Club catalogue. Ordering can be done online through LOOP or cash can be placed into the Book Club box in the library. Books arrive approximately 2 weeks from the final order date. These will then be delivered to your child's classroom. The school earns commission from sales which is used to purchase new books for the library.

### **Year 6 Camp Fundraisers**

Year 6 Camp is fast approaching! This term we will be raising money for camp by selling Icy Poles every Tuesday (non-canteen day) outside of W4 and W5 during Lunch, Recess and after school for \$1. As well as this, we will be hosting a Crazy Hair Day on Tuesday 19th of March, Week 8. On this day, all PKPS students are encouraged to get creative and come to school with their most artistic hairstyle for a gold coin donation. We thank you for your support.

Year 6 Teachers

## Information from Transperth



# Transperth

The Ride to School Free Program started on Monday 5 February 2024. Find all the details on the [Transperth website](#).

### **Metropolitan area and towns where Smartriders are used**

In the metropolitan area and in towns where Smartriders are used, students with a valid Student SmartRider will be able to travel for free on Transperth or Transregional services for any journey Monday to Friday, until the end of the school year.

Students must tag on and off each journey to receive the free travel or they will receive a default fare. If their SmartRider goes into a negative balance as a result, they will not have access to free travel.

Students attending schools located near the Armadale/Thornlie Line have previously received information about Shutdown free travel passes. Students can now access their free travel using their SmartRider instead.

### **Fare-free Sundays**

Fare-free Sundays will be available to everyone with a valid SmartRider card. Fare-free Sundays start on 4 February.

### **Non-Smartrider towns**

In towns where SmartRiders are not used, tickets will no longer be required.

### **Students who don't have SmartRiders**

Some school students don't get their Student SmartRiders until the end of February. If a student does not have a SmartRider on 5 February they will be allowed to travel for free without a valid ticket, however, from 1 March students must have their Student SmartRider to travel for free or purchase a cash ticket.

When students have received their Student SmartRider they should start using it immediately by tagging on and off each journey to avoid their SmartRider failing to activate.

### **Find information about Student SmartRiders**

To find information about Student SmartRiders visit the [Transperth website](#)

## Endeavour Dental Clinic



Dear Valued Parents/Carers/Guardians

We thank you for entrusting your local School Dental Service in looking after the Oral Health of your children.

We continue to provide free preventive and general dental treatment to all enrolled school students from pre-primary to the end of year 11 (16 years of age). We are located at Endeavour Primary School and are open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8am-4pm.

Enrolment forms will be sent out in term 1 for Pre Primary and new students to the school. Please complete the enrolment forms and return to the school at your earliest convenience.

It is the parents/guardians responsibility to bring their child to their dental appointment.

Thank you,

Endeavour Dental Therapy Centre

Phone: 9524 5101

Email: [EndeavourDTC@dental.health.wa.gov.au](mailto:EndeavourDTC@dental.health.wa.gov.au)"

From the P&C



**PK Café Menu - Term 1 2024** - Open every Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
 (open Tuesday lunchtime for counter service) **Green** = everyday choices, **Amber** = occasional choices, **GF** = gluten free

Everyday Snacks	Everyday Lunches	Daily Specials
Frozen Pineapple Ring 50c	Chicken & Vego Stir Fry with Rice \$5.00	<b>Wednesday</b>
Whole Fruit (GF) \$1.00	Mac & Cheese \$5.00	Chicken Tender Salad Roll (gluten or veggie choice) \$4.50
Corn Cobs (GF) \$1.00	Cheese & Chicken Toastie \$4.50	One lettuce, tomato, cucumber \$5.00
Boiled Egg (GF) \$1.00	Mite Bites (Vegemite Sandwich) \$2.50	Chicken Nuggets (3) + corn cobs or veggie sticks \$5.00
Pikelets (2) \$1.00	Pizza Melt \$3.50	<b>Thursday (Pack Day!)</b>
Fresh Popcorn (GF) \$1.00	Cheese & Tomato Toastie \$3.50	Packs include water, pikelets, fruit & veggie sticks
Pizza Scroll \$1.50	Cheese & Vegemite Sandwich \$3.50	Fish Finger Pack (6) \$8.00
Fruit Salad or Peaches (GF) \$1.50	Pizza Melt / Cheese & Vegemite Sandwich / Cheese & Tomato Toastie - available as a pack (inc water, veggie sticks, fruit & pikelets) for \$8.00	Chicken Nugget Pack (3) \$8.00
Cheese or Hot Cheese \$1.50	Tomato sauce / Mayo / Mustard 50c	<b>Friday</b>
Yoghurt Pot \$1.80		Butter Chicken & Rice \$5.00
<b>Recess Snacks</b>		Adult menu bread \$1.00
Muffins \$1.50	<b>Drinks</b>	
Apple Mils (GF) \$1.50	Water (500ml) \$1.50	
Banilla Frozen Yoghurt (GF) \$1.50	Warm Milk \$1.50	
Frozen Mils \$1.50	Plain Milk \$2.00	
Milk in Cream Tub (GF) \$1.50	Flavoured Milk \$2.50	
Rice Pudding (GF) \$2.50	Fresh Juice \$2.50	
Recess Pack \$5.00		
Inc Cheese, Milk, Pikelets & Popcorn		

**Check out our Facebook Page**  
**PK Café - Port Kennedy Primary School**  
 For more info on:-  
 Specials  
 Upcoming Events  
 Chill Zone Competitions

**ORDERING & COLLECTION**  
 Canteen is open 8:30am to 2:00pm every Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. Order online at [www.QuickClick.com.au](http://www.QuickClick.com.au), cut-off time is 9:30am. Lunch orders can also be placed at the canteen or emailed by 9:00am SHARP. Email us at [portkenedycafe@gmail.com](mailto:portkenedycafe@gmail.com).  
 Pay using cash, card or direct deposit to: A/C Name - PKPS Canteen, BSB - 036 094, A/C Number - 204702  
 Student credit - if you'd like your child to order over the counter at lunch and recess, but don't want them carrying cash, pay money into their credit account, available at the canteen.  
**CANTEEN INFORMATION** - if you'd like to volunteer in our friendly canteen, then please just let us know. Our menu promotes healthy food and drink choices in public schools by using the "Traffic Light" system. If you have dietary requirements, please come and see us for amendments to our menu items.  
 Thank you for supporting Port Kennedy Primary School Canteen.

Welcome to 2024! We, the P&C, wish to welcome you all to be a part of our beautiful, wonderful committee.

On the 7th of February we hosted our AGM. The P&C wish to welcome our new members and our new Executive Committee.

Unfortunately we were unable to fill the Treasurer role. To continue operating as a P&C we need to fill the position immediately. If we are unable to do so, we will be forced to cease all operations, seeing the closure of the Canteen, uniform shop and will be unable to provide the much loved fundraising events such the Mothers day, Fathers day stalls and the Colour Explosion.

If you feel like you would be able to support of P&C in filling the role of Treasurer please contact the P&C and collect a nomination form from the school office.

This year we are looking forward to providing many delicious lunches from the canteen, and providing a fantastic Easter raffle this term with details to come. We are always looking for volunteers in the canteen and to help with events throughout the year so follow us on Facebook and check dojo to keep up to date with how you can get involved.

### **2024 Executive Committee**

President - Holly Croxon

Vice President - Karmen Bradley

Secretary - Emma Stevenson

Treasurer - Vacant

Uniform Convenor - Alyshia Sokor

Canteen Convenor - Christine Haenow

Fundraising Convenor - Suzie Pairama

### **Contact Details**

Email - [pkpspc2012@ymail.com](mailto:pkpspc2012@ymail.com)

Facebook - Port Kennedy Primary School P&C

### **Canteen and Uniform Shop**

The Canteen is open Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays.

Orders can be placed through QuickCliq, or at the counter using Cash, Square and Direct Debit available - BSB 036 094 ACC 204 702

The P&C Uniform Shop is located in the Community Hub and accepts orders through Quick Cliq (delivered to students) or is open on Tuesday's from 2:30pm for Cash, Square, or Direct Debit.

Uniforms and Fundraising Direct Debit - BSB - 306 904 ACC - 204 497

## Parenting Programs

### LET'S TALK ABOUT THE CHALLENGES OF PARENTING AND MENTAL WELLBEING



Come along to our **Stronger Within** group  
Every Tuesday in Term 1, from 9am - 11.30 with  
a coffee and catch-up to start the day.

Learn How to:

- ✓ Identify your strengths and values and learn what drives yours and your child's behaviours
- ✓ Nurture your own well-being and growth and role model this to your child
- ✓ Build self-acceptance skills and understand how this can build your child's resilience
- ✓ Develop your communication confidence and speak about your needs.

**FREE**  
Limited Spots Available!

**Book Now!**



Scan the QR now to register!

Location:  
Makybe Rise Primary School, Makybe Dr, Baldivis



For More Info:  
Call KEYS on 9439 1838

 Government of Western Australia  
Department for Child Protection and Family Support

## Starting Strong: Kindy



**For Parents/Carers of children starting Kindy in 2024**

It's natural for children to experience mixed feelings of anxiety and excitement, especially after the first week.

During this session you will learn strategies to help you recognise if your child may be feeling anxious, and how to support your child to manage these feelings.

You will also learn how to equip your child with the skills to be assertive, confident, make new friends, problem solve, and how to find the right people to ask for help if needed.

Bookings at  
[www.trybooking.com/CNYNP](http://www.trybooking.com/CNYNP)  
or scan below



## PARENTING WORKSHOPS





# PB Parenting Intensive



For parents/carers of children aged birth to 18.



The 3 week PB Parenting Intensive is a proactive approach to equipping children with important life skills such as resilience, assertiveness, confidence, emotional intelligence, sound mental health, problem solving, personal safety, knowing where to go for help, and so much more.

This program aims to provide parents with a solid understanding of how to apply the principles into their everyday interactions. The principles and strategies are age appropriate, emotionally safe, and can be integrated from birth onwards. Suitable for any parent or adult who has a child in their life.

Feb 28 - Mar 13 9:15 - 11:45 Kwinana

Book at [www.trybooking.com/CNVYH](http://www.trybooking.com/CNVYH) or scan QR code below



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## PARENTING WORKSHOPS



South West Metropolitan Parenting Service



### Term 1 2024 Calendar - Parenting programs

**FEBRUARY**

**Hand in Hand Parenting Starter Class (8 weeks)**  
Thursday 1st February 8pm - 9.30pm  
Location: Online  
Host: Meerlinga Parenting Service  
Booking: 0419 588 849

**Parent Circle (for those who are familiar with Listening Partnerships)**  
Friday 1st February 1pm-2.30pm  
Location: The Meeting Place Fremantle  
Host: Meerlinga Parenting Service  
Booking: 0419 588 849

**Sing and Play (referral essential)**  
Friday 9.30am - 11.00am  
From 2nd February - 22nd March  
Location: Coolbellup Hub  
Host: Cockburn Parenting Service  
Booking: [parenting@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:parenting@cockburn.wa.gov.au)

**My Time Aboriginal Parents' Group**  
Monday 12.00 pm - 2.00 pm  
From 5th February 26th March  
Location: Coolbellup Hub  
Host: Cockburn Parenting Service  
Booking: [parenting@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:parenting@cockburn.wa.gov.au)  
Crèche available

**Bringing Up Great Teens**  
Monday 5th February 6pm-8pm  
Location: Online  
Host: Meerlinga Parenting Service  
Booking: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/zoom/registration?Z0ic0mrrz5E2eHTE2f7xq8tV8hP17-44628?registration>

**Circle of Security Parenting (8 weeks)**  
Tuesday 9.30am - 11.30am  
6th February to 26th March 2024  
Location: Darius Wells Centre, Kwinana  
Host: KEYS Parenting Service  
Booking: 9439 1838  
Crèche available

**Starting Strong - Kindy**  
Wednesday 7th February 9am - 11am  
Location: Rivergums Primary School Baldvins  
Host: KEYS Parenting Service  
Booking: 9439 1838

**Diverse Women's Group**  
Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30am  
From 7th February to 27th March  
Location: Coolbellup Hub  
Host: Cockburn Parenting Service  
Booking: [parenting@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:parenting@cockburn.wa.gov.au)  
Crèche available

**Circle of Security Parenting (8 weeks)**  
Thursday 10am - 12 noon  
8th February to 28th March 2024  
Location: Coolbellup Hub  
Host: Cockburn Parenting Service  
Booking: [parenting@cockburn.wa.gov.au](mailto:parenting@cockburn.wa.gov.au)

**Starting Strong - High School**  
Thursday 8 February 5.30pm - 7.30pm  
Location: Gilmore college - Kwinana  
Host: KEYS Parenting Service  
Booking: 9439 1838

**Children and Anxiety**  
Monday 26th February 9.30am-11.30am  
Location: Pinesy Lakes Environmental Education Centre, Winthrop  
Host: Meerlinga Parenting Service  
Booking: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/children-and-anxiety-workshop-tickets-775986194597?aff=oddtdtcreator>

**Protective Behaviours Parenting Intensive (3 weeks)**  
Wednesday 9:15 - 11:45am  
28th February to 13th March  
Darius Wells Centre, Kwinana  
Host KEYS Parenting Service  
Booking: [Register at www.trybooking.com/CNVYH](http://www.trybooking.com/CNVYH) or  
Crèche available

**Help for Separation Anxiety**  
Thursday 28th February 12noon-2pm  
Location: Perth Waldorf School  
Host: Meerlinga Parenting Service  
Booking: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/help-for-separation-anxiety-tickets-773522956987?aff=oddtdtcreator>





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