

Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Wow we have had an actioned packed few weeks,, students have been working hard, settling back into routines and showing us how excited they are to join in activities and take on new challenges.

It has also been a reflective time as we start to assess data across the learning areas and prepare for writing student reports. At a school level our Annual Report for 2025 is almost complete and will be presented to the School Council before being published on our website.

The Sensorium Theatres residency has just finished and was a great success for both students and the Sensorium artists. The ability of Sensorium to increase student participation by focussing on alternative communications has allowed more students to participate in the theatre experience. This a wonderful step forward for all involved.

We highly value the community partnerships we have with organisations such as Sensorium Theatre, the WA Symphony Orchestra, Good Sammy's, Oz Harvest, to name a few, they provide opportunities for our students that they may not normally access. I am currently in discussions with the WA Ballet Company about some of our Middle school students participating in their *Our Chance to Dance* Program. The program aims to develop students' knowledge and skills of dance and music and would run once a week for a term. At the end of the program the students will have the opportunity to go to His Majesty's Theatre and watch a matinee performance of the Nutcracker. It is wonderful to see a company such as the WA Ballet reaching out to work inclusively with our students. I will keep you informed of my discussions.

This fortnight's newsletter is full of information regarding upcoming events and community news, a term planner is also included to help you remember key dates etc. We have also included some great photos from classroom activities and recent events.

We will be celebrating WA Day at school on Thursday 28th May—prior to the long weekend. Staff will run a variety of indoor and outdoor activities and students will get to engage with animals from Old McDonalds Farm—always a favourite incursion.

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards

*Pauline Winrow*

Principal



## Learning Area 6

The students in LA 6 have done great transitioning back to school after the holidays.

**Maths:** This term the LA6 students have continued with our counting and are learning about plus and equal symbols and what they mean. We have been adding collections of items such as blocks, toy animals and cars.

We are also learning about using informal items to measure the length of things to work out which item is shorter and which is longer. We have been using the connector blocks to help us measure.

**Literacy:** During shared reading we have learnt about the holidays of ANZAC and Mother's day and what they mean. We are also learning about different insects and how to sign the different insects in the story. This term we are focusing on using our voices and AAC's to extend on our answers to questions.

**Cooking:** The class has enjoyed making ANZAC biscuits, damper and Mother's Day cupcakes using the ingredients from Oz Harvest. The students are learning to measure, mix and add ingredients while following a recipe.

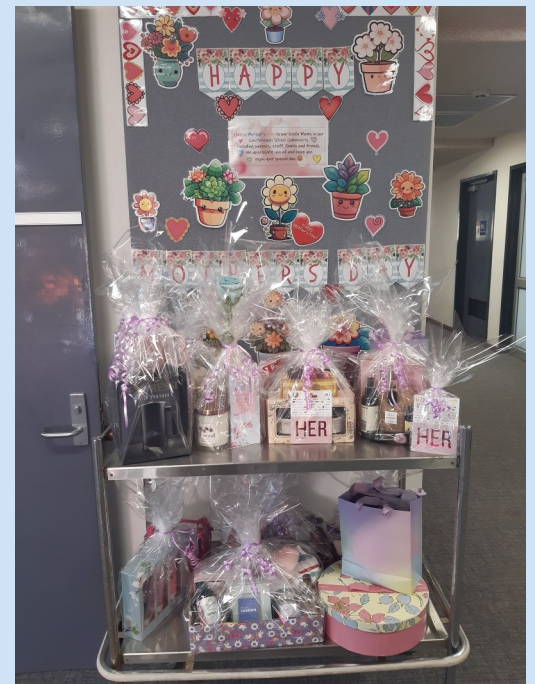


# Mothers' Day Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following prize winners in this year's Mothers' Day Raffle.



- ◇ Zoe LA 7
- ◇ Suho LA 3/4
- ◇ Lauren LA 9/10
- ◇ Akhila
- ◇ Surveen LA 5
- ◇ Natalie LA 6
- ◇ Lou
- ◇ Micah LA 11
- ◇ Josh LA 6
- ◇ Faris LA 9/10
- ◇ Jayden C
- ◇ Rhiannon
- ◇ Hudson LA 3/4
- ◇ Fred LA 12
- ◇ Hayesha LA 13
- ◇ Anggy



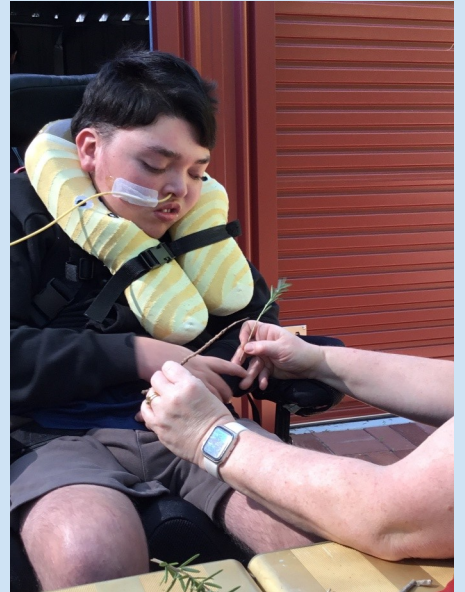
Thank you to everyone who donated items for the raffle and to those staff led by Lee-Anne Sapina and Kristy Mulder who put the fabulous baskets together.

Thank you to our families and our community we raised \$488.00

## Learning Area 12 Gardening Gurus!

LA 12 have been working hard in the garden this semester and making the most of the beautiful weather! As part of our commitment to sustainability and caring for the environment, LA 12 students have played an active role in the upkeep of the school's worm farms. Each week we feed the worms with food scraps from around the school, including from the canteen meal preparation. If the food scraps are too large, we use mini food processors to chop up the scraps, before taking them to the worms. We always check to see how the worms are going, with some students more interested than others!

We have also been learning how to propagate new plants from cuttings and splitting up bigger plants into smaller ones for sale. We have had success with splitting Aloe Vera and we are now trying to propagate rosemary. Students work together to pick the cuttings, choose the best ones, plant the cuttings and then water them. We clean up the area before we leave and make sure the plants are well watered in the rest of the garden area too!



# Protective Behaviours

## Early Warning Signs

Students at Castlereagh have been learning about recognising body clues and their Early Warning Signs.

Early Warning Signs are our bodies way of telling us that we feel unsafe or “something is wrong”. They are our “fight, flight or freeze” response. They are also known as intuition or “gut feelings”.

Early Warning Signs can be different for each of us but often include butterflies in our tummy, goose bumps on our skin, rapid heartbeat, sweating, wobbly legs and prickly head. You may also feel like crying or get a worried feeling.

When you experience early warning signs for whatever reason, share your experiences with your child. Maybe someone cuts you off in traffic, describe to your child how your heart was racing and your body felt shaking. By sharing your experiences, you help your child understand what their Early Warning Signs are. They will also realise everyone feels unsafe sometimes and that we can talk about anything, even the difficult feelings.

Regards,

Courtney hall  
Teacher



## Parents Post School Bus Tour

On Thursday, 7th May, four of our year 11 students' families joined me and Trudy, our School Chaplain, on our annual parents' Post School Options Bus Tour.



We set off shortly after 9am, visiting Good Sammys in Canning Vale, where we toured the facility, including their sorting and retail sections, as well as their Containers for Change facility.

We had a chance to talk with members of their employment teams, who explained the range of opportunities available within their organisation, even Kane Blackman, the CEO, stopped to talk about his own lived experience and how Good Sammys is continuing to support young people with disabilities post-school. At the end of the tour, some of us enjoyed a hot beverage in their refurbished canteen.

Our next stop was a trip "north of the river" to Greenwood and Team HP. This DSO has been a popular hangout for some of our leavers. Linda and her team explained the concept and the activities Team HP offers. It was lovely to see Sam, Alessia, Adam, Olivia & Asha, our graduates from last year, having fun and still enjoying lots of social engagements.

Then it was off to Cockburn to visit Brandon's Shredding Boxes and talk to Simone, Brandon's mother, about their company and how and why it started. Simone explained how beneficial it was to her to have taken this tour as a Year 11 parent all those years ago, and to start thinking about the different opportunities available in and around Perth for her son. Simone is such an inspirational and positive person, and we have been fortunate to have some students do work exploration at Brandon's business.

It was time for a break, so we had lunch at "Our Ruby Girl" in Como, which is a café that employs people with disabilities. This gave us a chance to chat and get to know each other better whilst having a delicious lunch.

The last stop was Mosaic in Jandakot, where we had the opportunity to learn more about what this DSO can offer post-school.

We arrived back at Castlereagh School shortly after 3pm.

I want to thank all the parents and families who took time out of their busy schedules to come on the tour, the senior students in LA10 for creating our Tour Bags and making some 'sweet treats' for us to enjoy as well as Ms Trudy, our School Chaplain for coming with us, Mr David Martin, for driving the bus and Carson Street School for lending us the bus!

Alison Moran  
Teacher



Better Beginnings is a Western Australian family literacy program that connects families with books through free reading packs. Our goal is to improve literacy and learning outcomes for all W.A. children by encouraging families to read, talk, sing, draw and play with their child every day.

We have information on literacy, reading and our free reading packs for families, carers, library staff, child health nurses and teachers.

*We hope our Kindergarten students are enjoying their reading packs.*



## School Council Meeting

**School Council Meeting Term Two: Thursday 28th May**

**Time: 9.15-10.30**

**Venue: School Boardroom**

Agenda Items include:

Fundraising

Reporting

Term Planner

Annual Report

School Review

National Schools' Infrastructure Review

Please contact [Pauline.Winrow@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Pauline.Winrow@education.wa.edu.au)  
for questions, queries or agenda items

All welcome

## Term Two Parent School Planner

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Week 1</b> Apr	20 Apr School Development Day	21 <b>Kindy 1</b> Students return	22 <b>Kindy 1</b>	23 <b>Kindy 2</b>	24 <b>Kindy 2</b>
<b>Week 2</b> Apr/May	27 <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY ANZAC DAY</b>	28 <b>Kindy 1</b>	29 <b>Kindy 2</b>	30 <b>Kindy 2</b> <b>ANZAC Assembly 9.15 &amp; Parent M/tea</b>	1 May <b>Kindy 2</b> Newsletter
<b>Week 3</b> May	4 <b>Kindy 1</b> Parent Cuppa @ 9.00 Oz Harvest	5 <b>Kindy 1</b> Sensorium Theatre LAs: 5,7,8,11,12 <b>Raffle Donations Due</b>	6 <b>Kindy 1</b> Sensorium Theatre LAs: 5,7,8,11,12	7 <b>Kindy 2</b> Sensorium Theatre LAs: 5,7,8,11,12 <b>Mothers' Day Raffle Draw</b> <b>Snr Parent Bus Tour yrs 9-12</b>	8 <b>Kindy 2</b> Sensorium Theatre LAs: 5,7,8,11,12
<b>Week 4</b> May	11 <b>Kindy 1</b> Parent Cuppa @ 9.00 Oz Harvest <i>Allergy Awareness Week</i>	12 <b>Kindy 1</b>	13 <b>Kindy 2</b> <i>Ready Set Rec (LA 5,7,10)</i>	14 <b>Kindy 2</b>	15 <b>Kindy 2</b> Newsletter
<b>Week 5</b> May	18 <b>Kindy 1</b> Parent Cuppa @ 9.00 Oz Harvest	19 <b>Kindy 1</b>	20 <b>Kindy 1</b> <i>Ready Set Rec (LA 5,7,10)</i>	21 <b>Kindy 2</b>	22 <b>Kindy 2</b>
<b>Week 6</b> May	25 <b>Kindy 1</b> Parent Cuppa @ 9am Oz Harvest	26 <b>Kindy 1</b>	27 <b>Kindy 2</b> <i>National Storytime 'Luna Roo' 10am</i>	28 <b>Kindy 2</b> School Council 9.15am WA Day Celebrations	29 <b>Kindy 2</b> Newsletter
<b>Week 7</b> <i>No Therapy this week</i>	1 Jun <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY WA DAY</b>	2 <b>Kindy 1</b>	3 <b>Kindy 1</b>	4 <b>Kindy 2</b>	5 <b>Kindy 2</b>
<b>Week 8</b> June	8 <b>Kindy 1</b> Parent Cuppa @ 9.00 Oz Harvest	9 <b>Kindy 1</b>	10 <b>Kindy 2</b>	11 <b>Kindy 2</b> <b>LA 5 Assembly 9.15 &amp; Parent M/tea</b>	12 <b>Kindy 2</b> Newsletter
<b>Week 9</b> June	15 <b>Kindy 1</b> Parent Cuppa @ 9.00 Oz Harvest	16 <b>Kindy 1</b>	17 <b>Kindy 1</b>	18 <b>Kindy 2</b> Report's & Meeting invites sent home	19 <b>Kindy 2</b>
<b>Week 10</b> June	22 <b>Kindy 1</b> Parent Cuppa @ 9.00 Oz Harvest	23 <b>Kindy 1</b>	24 <b>Kindy 2</b> <b>Report Meeting Day Pupil Free</b> 9am – 3pm 4pm-6pm	25 <b>Kindy 2</b> <b>LA 6 Assembly 9.15 &amp; Parent M/tea</b>	26 <b>Kindy 2</b> Newsletter
<b>Week 11</b> June/July	29 <b>Kindy 1</b>	30 <b>Kindy 1</b>	1 Jul <b>Kindy 1</b>	2 <b>Kindy 2</b>	3 <b>Kindy 2</b> <b>Last Day of Term</b>

## Parent Report Meetings—Pupil Free Days

**Semester One: Wednesday June 24th 2026**

and

**Semester Two: Wednesday December 9th 2026.**

**No student instruction will be provided on these Reporting Days, families will need to make alternative arrangements for their child/ren during school hours.**

### How the Reporting Day will work:

- ◆ Meeting Schedules will be **sent home with your child's report**
- ◆ Meetings will be scheduled from **9am—3pm** and **4pm -6pm** allowing some after hours time for those who are working during the day.
- ◆ Meetings will run approx. 25—30 minutes (*dependent on the number of interviews requested*)
- ◆ Meetings can be **in person on site, by phone or by Zoom/TEAMS (online)**
- ◆ Parents/Carers, as always, may choose NOT to have a meeting —*simply check the No Meeting option on your invitation.*
- ◆ *Report Meetings will **only take place on these days**—if you are unable to attend please contact the teacher via phone or the Castlereagh School email.*

### What you need to do:

- ◆ Return your Meeting Request as soon as possible, listing at least **two (2)** meeting times—*in case your first preference is not available.*
  - ◆ Your meeting time will be confirmed by the teacher via SeeSaw.
- ◆ To cancel a meeting please call admin 926 66100.
- ◆ *Please ensure you notify any Therapists engaged for your child that there will be no students at school on this day.*
- ◆ *Please ensure you notify any service providers Buses Services. that there will be no students at school on these days.*
- ◆ *Please be on time as late starts shortens the next parents meeting time.*

NB: School bus services have been notified of these closure dates.

# National Simultaneous Storytime 2026



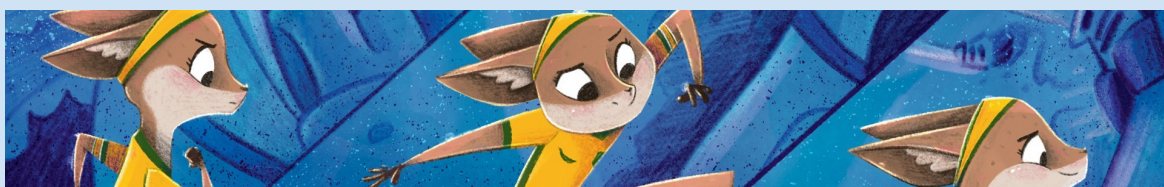
Castlereagh School is participating in this fabulous event very soon. We are excited to share a few preview opportunities with you.....

Australia's biggest shared reading event is nearly here — so it's time for another teaser from StoryBox Hub! This time, we're going behind the scenes to discover what makes NSS so special, get to know Matilda's star Elise Kellond-Knight, and hear from the creators about how Luna Roo the Kangaroo Baller leapt from idea to storybook page.

## [Watch the video](#)

Want to jump straight to your favourite moment? The StoryBox Hub video includes handy chapters so you can explore more about the story and the people behind it.

Stay tuned for the full recording of Elise reading *Luna Roo: the Kangaroo Baller*. The recording will be available in three accessible formats — Regular English, Read-Along and Auslan — helping even more children take part in the magic of NSS.









# Heath Update

If your **child is unwell**, has symptoms of cold, flu or gastro **please keep them at home**. Please do not medicate and send to school—if **they are not school ready** they need to be at home recuperating.

We have **many students with compromised immunity** and we ask you to **assist us in keeping everyone on site as healthy** as possible.

## Sick Kids:

### When to Stay Home from School:

<b>FEVER</b> A temperature of 100° or higher	<b>COUGHING THAT WON'T STOP</b> Or other problems with breathing	<b>DIARRHEA OR VOMITING</b> Within the past 24 hours	<b>RASH</b> Body rash with itching and/or fever	<b>HEAD LICE</b> Itchy head, active head lice	<b>EYE INFECTION</b> Eye is red and oozing a yellow or green discharge
					
<b>When to Return to School:</b>					
Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication such as ibuprofen or acetaminophen	Cough is mild and infrequent and evaluated by doctor if needed	Free from diarrhea and/or vomiting for at least 24 hours and evaluated by doctor if needed	Free from rash, itching or fever and evaluated by doctor if needed	After first head lice treatment	24 hours after starting antibiotic eye drops or ointment

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## YouthCARE Chaplain - Community Support



Last Thursday, I had the privilege of joining the Parent Bus Tour to help Year 11 parents explore post-school options. Organised by Ms Alison, it was a wonderful opportunity to visit excellent agencies while parents connected and encouraged one another.

This term, our Parent Cuppa Chats have continued to grow, with new friendships and connections forming each Monday morning in the House. Some parents have also kindly stayed back to assist with sorting our weekly OzHarvest delivery, which has been greatly appreciated.

As Community Support Chaplain, I support our community through Parent Cuppa Chats, the Castlereagh Families Facebook group, a parents-only Messenger chat, and coordinating weekly OzHarvest fruit and vegetable deliveries for classrooms and families.

If an OzHarvest fruit and veg bag would assist your family, please feel free to contact me — all requests are confidential. I'm at school Mondays and Fridays all day, and Thursday mornings, and can be contacted on 0428 307 886.

Warmly,

Trudy

Families FB Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/castlereaghfamiliesgroup>

Families Messenger Chat: <https://m.me/jAbYl40ovh1f-x4uK/>



## School Nurses Update

Please remember that any changes to medications requires an update to the school's medical records.

New medication must be supplied in it's original box/bottle with updated dosage information as prescribed.

Thank you, Nurses Taneesha, Pauline, Casey, Johna and Kate.

## FREE FLU IMMUNISATIONS

Free flu vaccinations are now available to everyone.

Get your from your local participating GP, Aboriginal Medical Service or local pharmacy.

Winter is just around the corner and making sure you're immunised is your best chance against the flu.

**For Children who are not great with needles,**

**FLUMIST is a great alternative.**

FLUMIST is free for children 2—11 years of age and is a quick, painless nasal spray.

Available at GPS, pharmacies and community health centres.



Let's all stay Flu Free this winter.



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**Shaping the future**

# Funding for WA public education

## 2026-27 WA State Budget highlights

### Disability and Inclusion Professional Learning Hub

**\$15.7 million**

The new learning hub will strengthen access to resources and professional learning and for Education staff to build capacity in supporting students with disability.



### School infrastructure

**\$2.1 billion**

Over the next 4 years, \$2.1 billion in new and expanded infrastructure is planned to meet the needs of our state's growing population, including a further \$262 million in this budget.



### ClassMAlte funded to end of 2027

**\$4.6 million**

The expansion will support more schools to reduce teacher workload and includes the completion of the remaining 2 learning areas of the Western Australian Curriculum.



### School maintenance and minor works

**\$408.1 million**

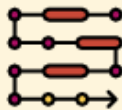
This investment includes an increase to the base maintenance funding, alongside asset renewal and targeted maintenance and minor works for public schools.



### SCSA to develop additional WACE pathway

**\$5.5 million**

The School Curriculum and Standards Authority will develop a new senior secondary pathway to support Year 11 and 12 students who are currently unable to access the WACE.



### Extending the Kimberley Schools Project

**\$10.5 million**

This funding will continue the Kimberley Schools Project project for a further 18 months to support students in Kimberley in the early years.



### IDA funding growth for students with disability

**\$310.1 million**

This funding over the next 4 years will provide for the growth in students with disability between 2026 and 2030.



### Additional resources for child safety

**\$6.8 million**

This funding will provide additional resources to strengthen and streamline systems and processes in response to Reportable Conduct.



# WA Student Assistance Payment

## Claims for the payment open 20 July 2026.

Monday 20 July 2026 – Claims open\

Friday 25 September – Last day to submit claims



The WA Student Assistance Payment helps families with cost-of-living pressures associated with sending their children to school. All Western Australian school students in Kindergarten to Year 12, with a valid WA student number (WASN), are eligible for this cost-of-living payment.

You can claim \$250 for each secondary student and \$150 for students attending primary school or Kindergarten.

Parents and carers can get ready to claim from 20 July 2026 by downloading the latest version of the ServiceWA app and logging in with their Digital ID (myID).

For support and general information about ServiceWA, including assistance to download the app and set up your Digital ID, visit [ServiceWA](#).

Alternatively, you can call ServiceWA Customer Care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 13 33 WA (13 33 92) or email [support@digital.wa.gov.au](mailto:support@digital.wa.gov.au) during business hours.

**Locate the WA student number: This is an 8-digit number.**

**You will find this number on your child's school reports.**



PDF

## Parent Guide: Creating healthy food environments at home and school

This guide is designed to inspire and empower parents with the knowledge and confidence to create healthy eating environments at home and within th...

[Read more](#)

[Download Resource](#)

Visit: [Resources - FreshSNAP](#)



**ALL ABILITIES**

**Saturdays**  
2:30pm - 3:30pm  
6 June - 4 July  
AQUINAS COLLEGE

5 week free adaptive volleyball program for participants of all ages with a sensory, intellectual or physical disability only.  
Free Reds shirt for new participants.

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**SITTING VOLLEYBALL**

**Saturdays**  
2:30pm - 3:30pm  
6 June - 4 July  
AQUINAS COLLEGE

5 week free program for all participants looking to try or develop their skills in a modified version of indoor volleyball for everyone!  
Free Reds shirt for new participants.

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**Registration Link**

All Abilities Indoor Volleyball: <https://www.redsvolleyball.com.au/all-abilities/>

Sitting Volleyball: <https://www.redsvolleyball.com.au/sitting/>



## WE ARE HELPING OUR ENVIRONMENT WITH CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE With your help, we can give millions of 10c containers another life!

You can get involved with Containers for Change at home by:

Saving your 10c containers and them to a Containers for Change refund point. Quoting Castlereaigh membership number.

Physically donating your 10c containers to our school (we can provide a bag) or automatically donating your refund when you make a return by using our school member number. (see below).

THANKS VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Member Number: C10588582

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Castlereaigh School

C10588582

Keep your member number handy - share it with your supporters to raise funds and to track your fundraising efforts.

## Term Two Important Dates

### Term 2, 2026

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| Premier's Telethon Challenge starts<br>Monday 20 April                          | Anzac Day<br>Saturday 25 April                                      | Mother's Day<br>Sunday 10 May                                   |
| International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia<br>Sunday 17 May | National Road Safety Week<br>Sunday 17 May to Sunday 24 May         | National Volunteer Week<br>Monday 18 May to Sunday 24 May       |
| Outdoor Classroom Day<br>Thursday 21 May  | National Walk Safety to School Day<br>Friday 22 May                 | Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C) Day WA<br>Friday 22 May |
| National Sorry Day<br>Tuesday 26 May  | National Simultaneous Storytime<br>Wednesday 27 May                 | Reconciliation Week<br>Wednesday 27 May to Wednesday 3 June     |
| WA Day<br>Monday 1 June   | World Bicycle Day<br>Wednesday 3 June                               | Premier's Reading Challenge ends<br>Friday 12 June              |
| Opus 2026<br>Monday 29 June   | Senior High Schools Country Week<br>Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July | Last Day of Term 2<br>Friday 3 July                             |

### EVENTS & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2026

- Thursday 28 May:** School Council @9.15am  
WA Day Celebrations
- Monday 1 June:** WA Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
**Week 7 June 2-5:** No Therapists on site this week
- Thursday 11 June:** Assembly LA5 @9.15am
- Wednesday 24 June:** Report Meeting Day  
(NO STUDENTS: pupil free day)
- Thursday 25 June:** Assembly LA6 @9.15am  
**Friday 3rd July:** Last day of term

Term three students return  
Tuesday July 21st

Don't Forget- Your chance to catch up  
with other parents & families at the  
Cuppa & Chat, in the House



### CADBURY FUNDRAISER

ONLY 5 BOXES LEFT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO  
SELL TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS

FREDDO BOXES LEFT (\$1.50 each Total \$60 box)

Payment made in advance by cash to Admin or  
Commonwealth Bank

BSB # 066 040

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Reference: Your name/Fundraiser

THANK YOU