

Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Here we are almost at the end of another term, in fact a semester—time flies so fast!

This term has really been about focussing on assessments and data collection to inform school reports—we are very pleased with the effort every student has placed in meeting their IEP goals - I am sure you will be equally as impressed when you receive the **reports later next week**. You will **also receive an invitation to meet** with your class teacher on **Wednesday June 24th** to discuss the reports. Meetings are **not compulsory** you may **choose not to meet** this term, and wait until your IEP meeting in term 3. If so, **please indicate this on your return slip**.

If you do want a meeting I suggest you **choose three** possible times number them by **preference 1, 2 & 3** so we can best match you to the available timeslots. Your **teacher will confirm** your meeting time **via SeeSaw**. *Please remember you are not able to bring your child to the meeting with you as it is a pupil free day.*

We have completed our 2025 Annual Report—this document will soon be on our Website for you to read and share. You can also request a copy at the front office. It is amazing to see how much was achieved last year and all the programs in place to develop opportunities for our students.

Our Financial Audit has also been completed and will be used as part of our School Review evidence in term four. It shows that the school is now in a positive financial position, with all checks and balances in the right place. A big thank you to Karen, Helen and Tracey for all their hard work sorting and streamlining the finances.

Finally, in news this week we said farewell to our school gardener Harin, who has decided to resign, we wish Harin all the very best. Our new gardener will start work as soon as the merit selection period has finished. We also say farewell to one of our EAs, Manuel Ihanga—we wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

Regards

Pauline Winrow

Principal



Here is our new logo and a link to the website

<https://castlereaghschool.wa.edu.au/>

Instagram Page



Castlereaghschool
246 followers!

Updated Bus Contacts

School Bus Services:
9326 2528

Castlereagh/Willagee
Michael: 0409687663

Castlereagh/Parkwood
Kieran: 0417945698
Castlereagh/Riverton
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Castlereagh Absentee

Administration

9266 6100 if no answer please
leave a voicemail

Email

castlereagh@education.wa.edu.au

Seesaw

Your child's Learning Area

Learning Area 2: Weekly Cooking Adventures

This term, LA2 students have been busy in the kitchen as we introduced our new weekly cooking lessons. These sessions have quickly become a highlight of the week, offering rich, hands-on learning experiences across many areas of development.

Through cooking, students practise **counting and measuring**, expand their **vocabulary** by naming ingredients and utensils, and build important **social skills** such as turn-taking, teamwork, and attending to their peers' contributions. Cooking has also provided a wonderful **sensory experience**, allowing students to see, touch, taste, and smell a variety of ingredients and observe how they transform during the baking process.

Each recipe has been thoughtfully selected to connect with our literacy focus. A favourite this term was baking **Anzac biscuits** as part of our learning around Anzac Day. The students have shown fantastic engagement, enthusiasm, and curiosity — and of course, they've loved tasting the delicious treats they've helped create!



Leonardo taking his turn to stir the shortbread dough.



Dash chose a cookie cutter shape and used it to cut out a shortbread biscuit.



Atlas taking his turn to stir the Anzac biscuit dough.



Abby chose a cookie cutter shape and used it to cut out a shortbread biscuit.



Afnan stirring the ingredients



Chaan having his turn to stir the Anzac biscuit dough.



Leonardo helping to measure and add the brown sugar.

Parent Report Meetings—Pupil Free Days

Semester One: Wednesday June 24th 2026 PUPIL FREE

and

Semester Two: Wednesday December 9th 2026. PUPIL FREE

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.

Please check with/remind your driver

Learning Area 2

Term 2 has been a fantastic term filled with learning, growth, and fun experiences. The students have continued to develop their confidence and independence while building positive friendships and working cooperatively with their classmates. It has been wonderful to see everyone supporting one another and celebrating each other's achievements. We are especially impressed by how well the students have adapted to their new teachers ☺ This term, students have enjoyed many exciting activities. Some of their favourite experiences have included:

The WA day incursion (Judah)

Cooking and trying new recipes

Taking part in sport and fitness activities

Exploring different sensory activities, finger painting with corn flour and a colour mix was a hit! (Salah)

Singing the alphabet and learning through music (Jia An and Adeline)

Playing on the playground and trampoline with friends (Rafael)

Exploring HASS and celebrations, "especially celebrating my birthday with getting a card, balloons and cake" (Makyis).

A special thank you goes to our amazing staff team for their ongoing dedication, care, and support. Their hard work helps create a positive and engaging learning environment where every student can thrive.

We would also like to thank our families for their continued support throughout the term. Your partnership and encouragement make a valuable contribution to your child's learning journey.



YouthCARE Chaplain - Community Support

This week at our ESSN Chaplains' Meeting held at Leeming ESC, I had the privilege of connecting with eight other education support chaplains.



We also had Bronwyn Pike and Maggie Visser from Side by Side (project of DDWA). come and share with us about how they support families of children with behaviour challenges.

It was a special time of asking questions, sharing ideas, and encouragement. (Photo is from our time together on Monday.) Find out more about Side by Side here: <https://ddwa.org.au/family-peer-support-side-by-side/>

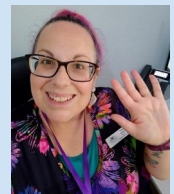
Quick reminder that we have Parent Cuppa Chats at school in the House on Monday mornings after school drop-off until about 10.00am. This has been a wonderful time of connection and encouragement for those who have been able to come along. It is a great chance to meet new parents, ask questions and encourage one another. We would love to see you there!

I'm at school all day on Mondays and Fridays, and Thursday mornings. You're always welcome to call or text me on **0428 307 886** if you'd like to connect.

Happy Friday!

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

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



School Council Meeting

School Council Next Meeting

Thursday August 27th 2026 9.15am

Please forward any agenda Items to
Pauline.Winrow@education.wa.edu.au

Community Nurses

KKIND (Keeping Kids in No Distress) is a service at Perth Children's Hospital that aims to involve staff and families to minimise distress of patients while in hospital. KKIND have recently developed the following resource for families attending PCH or the ED with neurodivergent children: [KKIND-Neurodiversity-affirming-care.pdf](#). For more information, you can visit [Keeping Kids in No Distress \(KKIND\)](#) or reach out to the nursing staff.



Government of Western Australia
Child and Adolescent Health Service



Perth
Children's
Hospital

Neurodiversity-affirming care

At Perth Children's Hospital (PCH), our vision is to provide care that is welcoming and affirming of all neurotypes, every day, for every child, young person and their family.

We have outlined some general tips and the support available for families when coming to PCH.



Your voice matters

Parents and caregivers, you know your child best. Please share your wisdom with those caring for your child.



Play and engagement

Share your child's interests, play and sensory preferences or regulation tools. Bring any of these supports that might help.



Positive communication

- PCH has several **social stories** to help prepare for appointments.
- Bring your own communication tools or visual supports (e.g. transition timer, visual schedule).
- Share the communication style that works best for you and your child (e.g. key word sign, gestures, simplified language, demonstration or declarative language).
- If you or your child benefit from pauses or time to process, tell your team.
- Ask for an interpreter if you need one and use your home language to support and soothe your child.
- Ask questions and tell staff if there is anything you do not understand.



Prepare and plan

You can complete a **KKIND Comfort Card** so your team knows what will suit your child best.

- Your team will help your child to have choices and be *Ready Together*.
- Ask for the simple steps, show 'how' on you or your child's teddy, or ask for a walk-through so procedures feel more predictable.



Comfort positioning

Help the team know what touch and movement your child tolerates and prefers.

- Ask for the **Comfort Positioning** resources to help you prepare for procedures.
- Bring weighted supports or compression garments if they help your child.



Comfort first: medication options

- If your child has sensory sensitivities or dislikes sticky dressings for numbing cream, ask for glad wrap.
- If your child prefers a medicine with a certain smell, taste, or texture, bring this with you. If they prefer liquids, tablets or capsules let your team know.
- Consider preferred medication 'chasers' that may be helpful for your child, but confirm with your pharmacist and doctor, especially if your child needs to fast.

Emergency Department

We know this can be a hard space for neurodivergent families.

- Ask for a **Neurodiversity Care Plan** which will help staff to understand and shape care where possible, to your child's strengths and unique needs.
- PCH Emergency Department continues to provide staff with additional training in supporting neurodivergent children.
- Sensory and engagement tools available.

Outpatients and Medical Imaging

- Contact the clinic and ask if you can book an early appointment time.
- Let your team know your child has access needs or known strategies to help with waiting.
- Use the self check-in kiosks and advise the clinic clerk you would like a text message when the clinician is ready to see you. You can then wait in a quiet space like the Northern Green Space (outside), Kulunga Moort Mia or the Ronald McDonald Family Room.

Bring comfort tools such as noise cancelling headphones, sunglasses or other sensory items that you know are helpful. Check in with PCH volunteers (in the orange shirts) if you need extra support.

Inpatient stays

- Ask for a **KKIND Comfort Card** for any procedural planning.
- Complete the 'What matters to me' wall poster so staff can learn more about your child.
- Ask the team to refer you to KKIND Occupational Therapy if more individualised, procedure planning support is needed.



Surgery

- Talk to your team if you have any concerns.
- Let them know your child's strengths and past experiences.
- Bring comfort, communication, play and engagement supports with you on the day.
- Let the team know what helps your child with waiting, transitions and treatments.
- If you already have a Neurodiversity Care Plan, Comfort Card or Patient Profile let the team know so they can use it to help in your child's care.
- The **EPIC Kids** website shares helpful ways to talk to children about having an operation.

Our staff are here to help make your visit as comfortable as possible, so please let them know if you need any assistance or adjustments during your time at PCH.

For a full list of resources and supports at PCH, scan the QR code or visit the **Keeping Kids in No Distress (KKIND) web page**.

Feedback

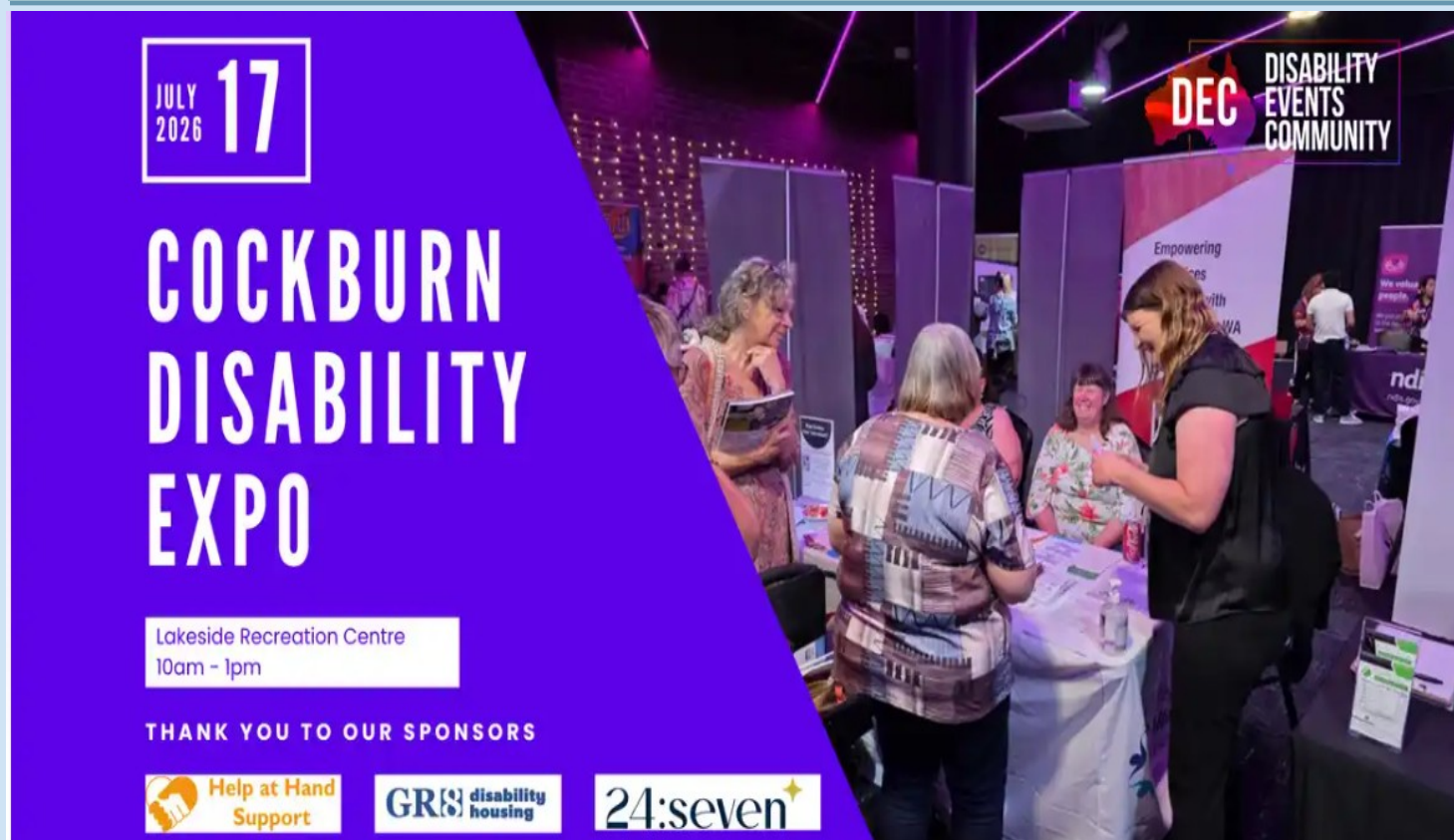
Please share your feedback if we don't get things quite right and tell us what matters most to you. This helps us to improve.

cahs.health.wa.gov.au/feedback

Other resources

- Carers WA | carerswa.asn.au
- Kiind | kiind.com.au





JULY 17 2026

COCKBURN DISABILITY EXPO

Lakeside Recreation Centre
10am - 1pm

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DEC DISABILITY EVENTS COMMUNITY

Cockburn Community Disability Expo

Fri, 17 Jul, 10am - 1pm Lakeside Recreation Centre, 2 Bibra Drive North Lake

The Disability Events Community is excited to be back again in Cockburn for 2026, with a larger location with more stallholders for the Cockburn Community Disability Expo, sponsored by [GR8 disability housing!](#)

This free event designed to connect people living with disabilities, their families, guardians, support workers and disability providers.

This event is made possible thanks to [Help At Hand Support](#), who are a nationally registered NDIS and aged care provider committed to empowering you to live your best life with independence, confidence, and dignity.

The expo will feature local disability providers ready to answer your questions, provide expert insights, and guide you in achieving your NDIS goals. This event also offers a fantastic opportunity for providers to network with fellow professionals in the local community.

There will be a wide range of services and products on display, from assistive technologies to support services, all aimed at helping you succeed in your NDIS journey.

<https://events.humanitix.com/cockburn-community-disability-expo-2026>

Variety Motor Mouth CAMP

Motor Mouth Camp is an immersive communication program for children who use augmentative and alternative communication (AAC), designed to build confidence, connection and the ability to express themselves.

Motor Mouth Camp is proudly supported by the Morning Sunshine Foundation and the royal perth golf club.

Bringing together children, families and communication specialists, the camp creates a supportive, play-based environment where every child is understood and every voice is valued.

For 15 years, Motor Mouth Camp has supported children across Western Australia to develop their communication skills and connect with others on similar journeys. Since it began, the program has supported hundreds of children and families, building a community grounded in understanding, shared experiences and inclusion.

In 2026, the program expands to include two camps, with an additional April camp made possible through the support of the Morning Sunshine Foundation, and the October camp supported by the Royal Perth Golf Club.

Family Applications for October Camp

click this link:

<https://formstack.io/F2FB4>

Camp Participation Guideline

Click this link

<https://wa.variety.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/>



WA STUDENT ASSISTANT PAYMENT

The WA Student Assistance Payment helps parents and carers 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, 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.

The payment will be available through the ServiceWA app, with parents and carers encouraged to set up or update their ServiceWA account and have an active Digital ID.

Claims open on Monday 20 July 2026, and claims must be received by Friday 25 September 2026.

Eligible students must be enrolled in Kindergarten to Year 12 at a Western Australian public school, non-government school or registered for home schooling and have a valid WA student number (WASN).

Read more about [eligibility and claiming](#).

Get ready to access the WA Student Assistance Payment by setting up your ServiceWA app and logging in with your Digital ID (myID) on ServiceWA. More information about setting up the app and step-by-step instructional videos are available on wa.gov.au/servicewaapp or call ServiceWA Customer Care on 13 33 WA or email support@digital.wa.gov.au

You will need:

WA student number (on students report)
Name, DOB school name, Year Level
Your Bank Details



SAVER PLUS

Saver Plus is available year-round to eligible parents and carers, with many families seeking support when larger school costs arise.

To be eligible for Saver Plus, participants must:

- Be 18 years or older
- Hold a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Receive an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment
- Have a child at school (or starting next year), or be studying themselves
- Receive a regular income (including paid work, child support, or a carer's payment, cash in hand)
- Agree to participate in free online financial education workshops

Not completed Saver Plus previously

Eligible savings goals include school-related costs that support learning, such as uniforms, books, technology, and other essential items.

Families can check their eligibility and request a callback using our enquiry link:

[Saver Plus – Join Australia's longest-running financial education and matched savings program](#)

Alternatively, they can call our national number on **1300 610 355**, and a coordinator will be in touch.

Thank you for helping us share this opportunity with families in your school community.

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- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops



saverplus.org.au
1300 610 355



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Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street Yooralla. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services, learn more at saverplus.org.au

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1300 610 355

Saver Plus Information Sessions

Would you like to know more about the Saver Plus program?

Join us for an information session to hear more about joining or ask any questions you may have.

Eligibility criteria apply, to find out more visit <https://saverplus.org.au/>

Register via link
[Register Here](#)
or via QR Code



Term Two Parent School Planner

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

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Term Two Important Dates

Term 2, 2026

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

EVENTS & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2026

Monday 15th June:
Oz Harvest Delivery

Thursday 18th June:
Reports & meeting invites sent Home

Wednesday 24 June:
Report Meeting Day
(NO STUDENTS: pupil free day)

Thursday 25 June:
Assembly LA 6 9.15

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 Every Monday 9am & after assembly



Fundraising term Three

A sneak peek.....

- ♦ **Fathers Day Raffle**
- ♦ **Jeans for Jeans Day**
- ♦ **Book Week—Book Fair & Learning Journey**
- ♦ **Book Week— Dress up**