

PANNAWONICA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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

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

HIGH SCHOOL GALA

Congratulations to our graduating students Vincent Clayson, Attila Burling, Jacob Bennett and Erik Sylva. We wish you all a wonderful start to adulthood and working.



MERIT CERTIFICATES

The following students received merit certificates
at our latest assembly
Congratulations!

Zyle Pulido, Hollie Curtin, Abigail Gorman, Charlie East, Scarlet Rahman, Josh Evans, Jayce Innes, Leon Mann, Charlotte Bright, Latika Walley, Lyla Kraichoo, I'Lenah Winton, Maddison Gorman, Lincoln Mehlert, Caiden Desmond, Addison Desmond, Adante Wano, BM Petvichit, Bart Clancy, Jett Fiebig and Campbell Winch

ATTENDANCE

Every day Matters

Kindy	80.1%
Pre-Primary	81.9%
Year 1	81.8%
Year 2	82.5%
Year 3	77.6%
Year 4	83.2%
Year 5	81.9%
Year 6	85.3%
Year 7	83.7%
Year 8	74.6%
Year 9	75.9%
Year 10	100.0%
Year 11	72.8%
Year 12	80.4%

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 5

- 6th - 10th November- Year 5/6 School Camp
- 8th November- Kindy Assembly
- 10th November- Remembrance Day
- 9th November- Transition to Kindy Session (B)

WEEK 6

- 14th November- 6.30pm School Board Meeting
- 17th November- Year 11's Last Day
- 16th November- Transition to Kindy Session (A)

WEEK 7

- High School Exam Week
- 22nd November- Year 5/6 Assembly
- 23rd November- Transition to Kindy Session (B)

WEEK 8

- 28th November- Ohana Day
- 29th November- P&C Meeting
- 30th November- Graduation, Transition to kindy Session (A)



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Here we build the future

STUDENTS ACHIEVING AMAZING THINGS

Hello, my name is Sammy. I come from a small community called Ardyaloon. Others may know it as One Arm Point. It's located in the Kimberly region of Western Australia. It is on Bardi Jawi country.

When I'm in Ardyaloon, I can see light blue sky with big trees. I can hear birds chirping and trees blowing softly in the wind. I can taste the salty breeze of the ocean as I breathe in the fresh air. I can feel the warm sun on my skin and smell the salt water, coming in with the fresh ocean air. All my aunties and most of my cousins still live in Ardyaloon. This has been home for them for many years and will always be home. I lived in Ardyaloon six years before I decided to move to Pannawonica. Most of my favourite memories involve my cousins - we would walk down to the beach, go and see other family members, go fishing with my auntie and ask our big cousins to take us out on the boat. When we weren't at school of course.

Living in Ardyaloon is special, because you can go fishing and swimming anytime you want, also you're surrounded by family and friendly people. I like going fishing, going down to the beach and just admiring my country.

We moved to Pannawonica so we could find bigger and better opportunities, with work and schooling. When I drove into Pannawonica for the first time, I was nervous and scared because Ardyaloon was the only home I had known for the last six years.

I heard birds, that I don't usually hear. I could smell the red dirt of desert country and I could see big hills and loads small rocks and dirt. I could feel the warm breeze of the desert.

Because Pannawonica is a remote town, there ain't many teachers, so I have a computer and learn through SIDE. I find it quite hard because I'm always craving fish and just being next to the sea - it's a big part of my life. I miss lots of things, from Ardyaloon, like fishing, family and the beach. In Pannawonica I go for nature walks and listen to music. I have learnt that I can achieve some things now that I have moved. I miss and love Ardyaloon so much, but I have the capability to make a different future here in Pannawonica.

I go at least once or twice a year back to Ardyaloon and make the most of everything while I'm there.

I have learnt that different places have new opportunities to offer. I will take it and hold it tight. Home will always be home and luckily it's not going anywhere.



Sam has achieved a Highly Commended Award for a personal narrative that he submitted in a national storytelling competition run by the ABC last term. The Heywire Storytelling Competition is open to young people aged 16 – 22 who live in rural, regional and remote Australia. This is a highly sought-after award, with hundreds of entries from across Australia.

Sam wrote about his home in Ardyaloon, and his new life in Pannawonica, conveying a sensitive sense of place and feeling through rich imagery.

Sammy captured his connection to his home country by the ocean, and then contrasted this to his new ways of finding peace in the desert country of Pannawonica.

On Friday 20th October our year 11 student Sam Ryder commenced Work experience with Andrew Love from the Rob River Kuruma Aboriginal Corporation.

This exciting pathway was organised by Mrs Shannon Martin, our Deputy Principal Ms Kylie Warburton and Education Assistant Sam Evans have facilitated the program.

Sam is continuing on with his work experience and is hoping to gain casual employment. He is enjoying learning new skills and being able to check out the land.



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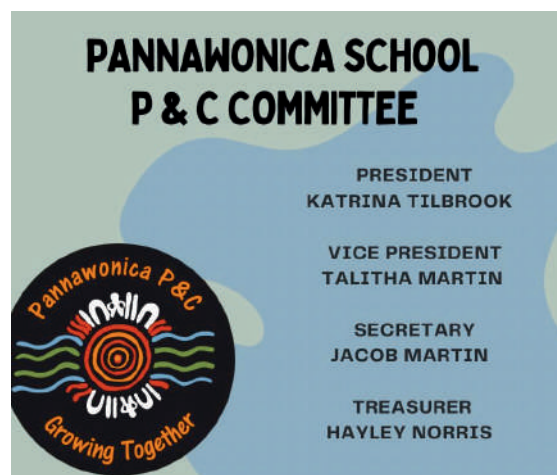
Homework Club

Our first homework club session held on Tuesday 17th October and was a massive hit with our students and families. It was attended by students from across all years and continues for the remainder of the term. We are excited to see our students utilise this new opportunity. It runs every Tuesday afternoon from 2.40-3.30pm under supervision from our school Chaplin Talitha Martin and teachers who have volunteered to help out. If you would like your child to attend, please drop by the office for a permission slip.

Our younger Students enjoyed being in the library and reading books while our older students like to attend as they get a chance to catch up on homework, they get to do their work alongside friends in a space that they enjoy.



We would like to welcome our new P and C executive committee as below and great to see some new general members join the team. New general members are always encouraged and welcome to join our meetings.



VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS

Have you paid your 2023 Voluntary contributions yet! In order to support the educational programs offered to our students, the school requests that each family pay their voluntary contributions which have been endorsed by the School Board. For 2023 these are \$30.00 for the P&C Donation, \$60.00 for Kindy through to Year 6 and \$235 for Year 7 to Year 12. These funds are used to provide materials and resources directly consumed by students. Voluntary Contributions can be paid online via Internet banking: Pannawonica School BSB: 086-720 Account No: 78-508-0660 Reference: Surname & Year Please contribute - your voluntary contributions are of great assistance to our school.

ATTENDANCE

Parents and Caregivers, It is a requirement to inform the school if your child/ren are absent. This can be done by, Calling the school on 9134 9100, sending a SMS to the school number or via Seesaw to your child's teacher.

Thank you

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS		2024 CHARGES – Extra cost options - (Additional cost items such as camps, school-based performances, excursions etc. are ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM costs. Payment will be requested during the school year when participation by students is confirmed.)								
P & C Donation: per child	\$30									
Kindergarten – Year 6 per child Voluntary Contributions are allocated to classroom teachers who work in clusters to expend these funds to meet the needs of the children in the classroom.	\$60	ITEM	K	PP	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Incursions/Excursion	\$50	\$50	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
		Assembly/EOY concert requirements	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40
		Choir Uniforms/Excursions			\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150
		STEM Uniforms/Excursions			\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150
		Interschool			\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
		Camps							\$2000	\$2000
		Graduation Dinner								\$100
		Leavers’ Shirt								\$60
		PEAC Fee (Only applies for students in the PEAC program)							\$300	\$300
		Voluntary Contributions can be paid at the Office during school hours (8:00am-3:00pm). Please note the Voluntary Contributions and Charges have been approved and endorsed by the School Board on 24/10/2023 The information on this document is prepared to assist parents/caregivers in claiming their Schoolkids Bonus. The school is not permitted to advise parents/caregivers as to what they can or cannot claim.								

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New Bank Account Details:
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BSB: 086-720
Account number: 78-508-0660

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P & C Donation: per child	\$30							
Secondary Voluntary Contribution Year 7-10 Voluntary Contributions are allocated to classroom teachers who work in clusters to expend these funds to meet the needs of the students in the classroom.	\$235	ITEM	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Incursions/Excursion	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800
COMPULSORY CONTRIBUTIONS		Interschool Sport	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
	\$235	Camps	\$2000	\$2000	\$3500	\$3500	\$3500	\$3500
		Year 12 Leavers shirt						\$150
		Year 12 Graduation Gala	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
		SIDE Subject (depending on subject selection)	\$100	\$100	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
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Term 4 Planner, 2023..... Parents

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sunday
1	9	10	11	12	13	14 15
	Staff Development Day	Students return	Transition to Kindy Meeting		DISCO	
2	16	17	18	19	20	21 22
			Assembly Pre Primary P&C Meeting	Transition to Kindy A	Year 12 Last day	
3	23	24	25	26	27	28 29
			GALA HS 7-12	Transition to Kindy B	Teachers Appreciation Day	
4	30	31	1	2	3	4 5
				Transition to Kindy A Newsletter		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 12
	Camp 5/6 Coral Bay	Camp 5/6 Coral Bay	Assembly Kindy Camp 5/6 Coral Bay	Camp 5/6 Coral Bay Transition to Kindy B	Camp 5/6 Coral Bay Remembrance Day	
6	13	14	15	16	17	18 19
	HS Revision Week	HS Revision Week School Board Meeting 6:30pm	HS Revision Week	HS Revision Week Transition to Kindy A	HS Revision Week	
7	20	21	22	23	24	25 26
	HS Exams Week	HS Exams Week	Assembly Room 5/6 HS Exams Week	Transition to Kindy B HS Exams Week	HS Exams Week	
8	27	28	29	30	1	2 3
		OHANA DAY	Principals Lunch P&C Meeting	Graduation Transition to Kindy A	Burger with Principal - High School	
9	4	5	6	7	8	9 10
	SWIMMING LESSONS	SWIMMING LESSONS	SWIMMING LESSONS	SWIMMING LESSONS End of Year Concert Newsletter Transition to Kindy B	SWIMMING LESSONS Last day 7-10 Fun Day	
10	11	12	13	14		
	SWIMMING LESSONS	SWIMMING LESSONS	SWIMMING LESSONS	LAST DAY OF TERM 4		

School resumes for students on Wednesday 31st January 2024

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Dear Parents/Caregivers – Welcome to Week 4 of Term 4!

I hope this newsletter finds you well. Firstly, I'd like to take a moment to extend a heartfelt thank you for welcoming myself and my family to Pannawonica. It's been an incredible experience getting to know this vibrant community, and I'm truly honoured to be a part of it. Your warm reception and support have been much appreciated.

It's been an exciting few weeks at Pannawonica School with a series of memorable events and activities that have brought our school community closer together. Let's recap the highlights so far and look forward to the exciting events on the horizon.

Big Events So Far:

Halloween Disco (13/10):

In Week 1, our school was buzzing with spooky excitement as we hosted the Halloween Disco. A huge shout-out to the dedicated Disco Committee lead by Miss Kylie Warburton and the tireless efforts of our incredible parent body, led by Hayley Norris from our School P&C. It was a hauntingly good time!

P&C Meeting (18/10):

The P&C Meeting on October 18th was a moment of celebration as we filled all the positions for the 2024 P&C team. The enthusiasm and commitment of our parents are super exciting and bode well for the future of our school.

Year 12 Last Day (20/10) and Year 12 Gala (25/10):

Saying goodbye to our Year 12 students on October 20th was bittersweet, but we celebrated their achievements at the Year 12 Graduation and Gala on October 25th. I want to extend a huge shout-out to Kylie Warburton and the Gala Committee, as well as Hollie Desmond for their exceptional efforts in making the night memorable.

School Board Meeting (24/10):

We recently had a School Board meeting to address any missed topics from Term 3 which included Charges and contributions and book lists. We have one more meeting on November 21st to finalise the 2023 school year.

Kindy Transitions (Weeks 2 – 9 inclusive):

For our new Kindergarten students, we have scheduled Kindy Transition sessions on Thursdays from 8.00-11.30am. It's an exciting time for both students and parents, and we look forward to welcoming them into our school community over these weeks and moving forward into 2024.

Camp Info Night (1/11/23):

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Camp Information Night on November 1st, where you can get all the details about upcoming school camp occurring in week 5.

It's evident that enthusiasm and a strong sense of community prevail at our school, and we anticipate a vibrant and successful conclusion to the year.

If you have any queries about what we do at the school, please let me know either in person, or by email on kristy.lackey@education.wa.edu.au

Warm regards,

Kristy Lackey
Principal