



# North Dandy News



Term1 - Week 6

10<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## From the Principal

Navigating an ever-evolving parenting landscape is a challenge all of us parents are facing. As our kids grow older, the world of monitoring their online activity is one of these challenges. As educators, and as parents we know the importance of providing our students with the skills and understanding to feel equipped to stay connected, but in a responsible manner. No wonder this is a challenge! I was watching a show last week that has helped me navigate this with my own kids, and I thought I would share it with you – our parents and carers. This show is on the ABC, titled 'Role of a Lifetime' (<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/role-of-a-lifetime>). While I'm only a couple of episodes in, I felt like this was a topical issue that our school community relates to, so maybe give it a go. I'm happy to discuss this more in person if you'd like.

## NAPLAN

This week our Year 3s and 5s will take part in NAPLAN testing. Parents received information on this earlier in the year. We endeavour to take a very low-key approach to these standardised tests, just like our PAT testing. We have a nine-day testing window to administer the tests, including catch up tests if anyone is absent. Our timetable is...

Wednesday > Writing

Thursday > Reading

Friday > Conventions of Language

Monday > Numeracy

These days may change if circumstances change, but we will aim to conduct this in the smoothest, most supportive environment possible for our students. Please contact the school if you require any further information.

## NEW FACTION

Thank you to the families who have already let me know that they are keen to join our new faction when this happens later this year. If you are keen to jump into the new faction, please let the office know. I will continue to discuss this as we progress further down this road.

## P&C - ELECTION / CAR BOOT SALE

Thank you to our amazing P&C, who organised and ran a sausage sizzle, as well as a car boot sale at the election polling place on the weekend. We appreciate our volunteers who gave up their time to raise funds for our school. In addition to this, our amazing teacher Sarah Maddern and some of our students ran a plant stall, raising further funds towards our school. The total amount is not yet known, however cash sales from the plants have raised \$350 so far!! (The look on our girls' faces when they received a \$100 note is priceless!)



Thank you to Mrs Maddern, our students and all our volunteers over the weekend, our school really is a wonderful place, filled with wonderful people.



Rise and Shine, North Dandy! ☺  
Todd Clark  
Principal

## School News

### IN TERM SWIMMING - 2025

Not long now until all students in Years Pre – 6 will participate in In Term Swimming. In Term Swimming will be held at the Murray Aquatic and Leisure Centre in Pinjarra during Week 9, Term 1, 31<sup>st</sup> March to 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

**The cost for each student is \$40 which covers entry into the pool and hire of the bus.**

Final details and permission forms will go home with students next week (Week 7).

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL- 2025

As previously mentioned, the Murray Aquatic & Leisure Centre in Pinjarra was not available for our desired dates for a swimming carnival this year. Thankfully, we have managed to secure the Mandurah Aquatic & Recreation Centre for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May (Term 2, Week 2).

Only students from Year 3 – 6 who have achieved stage 4 in their swimming lessons can take part in the swimming events. However, all children in Year 1-6 will participate in some events at the carnival on the day. Students who don't meet the required stage will still take part in the team games

More information, participation and permission forms will go home with students in Week 9.

### PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is up and running again for another year.

Every Thursday during term from 9.00am to 10.30am in the Blue Wren (Kindy) Room and play area. For more information please contact the office or alternatively - Kelly Ridgewell and the North Dandalup Playgroup Facebook page.

## ASSEMBLIES

Congratulations to the following students who received Values Awards or Honors Certificates at last week's assembly:

Year 1 – Cody Harrison & Ethan Lumpkin

Year 2 – Arriana Brennan

Year 3 – Lizzie Barnes, Sophia Boyle & Isla Dinsey

Year 4/5 – Joyce Bennett, Xavier McLennan, Grace Odgers, Beau Topping & Marvin Wiley

Year 5/6 – Jack Boyle, Jameson Bunce & Chase Buttigieg



Regular student assemblies will now take place every Monday morning from 8.50am – 9.20am. Special assemblies will be held fortnightly with little assemblies (Values) to be held in Week 3 and Week 7. Big assemblies (Honours) will be held in Week 5 (on Tuesday after the long weekend) and also on Monday Week 10 (changed due to swimming in Week 9).

## KINDERGARTEN & PRE-PRIMARY

A reminder that kindergarten is held 5 days per fortnight, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday on odd weeks (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) and every Tuesday and Wednesday of Term.

Pre-primary is full time - every day.

Please also be reminded that kindergarten and pre-primary students are to be dropped off and picked up at class by an adult.



## BOOKCLUB ISSUE 2

Issue 2 of Book Club went home with students this week.

Please ensure you place your completed order with correct money in the P & C box in the office by close of business next Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

Alternatively, orders may be placed online via LOOP.



**READ EVERY DAY!  
READ MORE IN MAY!**

May is the month for readers.  
Bring your family together  
and join us in the Scholastic  
**NATIONAL FAMILY READING  
MONTH Challenge.**

Register between 1 March  
and 31 March to **WIN ONE  
OF 50 FREE BOOK PACKS**  
worth \$150!

Take the 31-Day Challenge:  
[scholastic.com.au/nfrm](http://scholastic.com.au/nfrm)

WRITTEN BY MR LUKE  
ILLUSTRATED BY CHRIS NEWITT

**GUESS WHAT  
WE ARE  
DOING TODAY?**

## BREAKFAST CLUB



**Breakfast club will run from 8.20am to 8.40am** every Monday and Wednesday of term.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a yummy and healthy breakfast to fuel their bodies and brains with energy to start the school day.

We would love it if anyone has a few hours to spare each week to help us on these days.

Celine Shallow - School Chaplain



## SCHOOL HATS

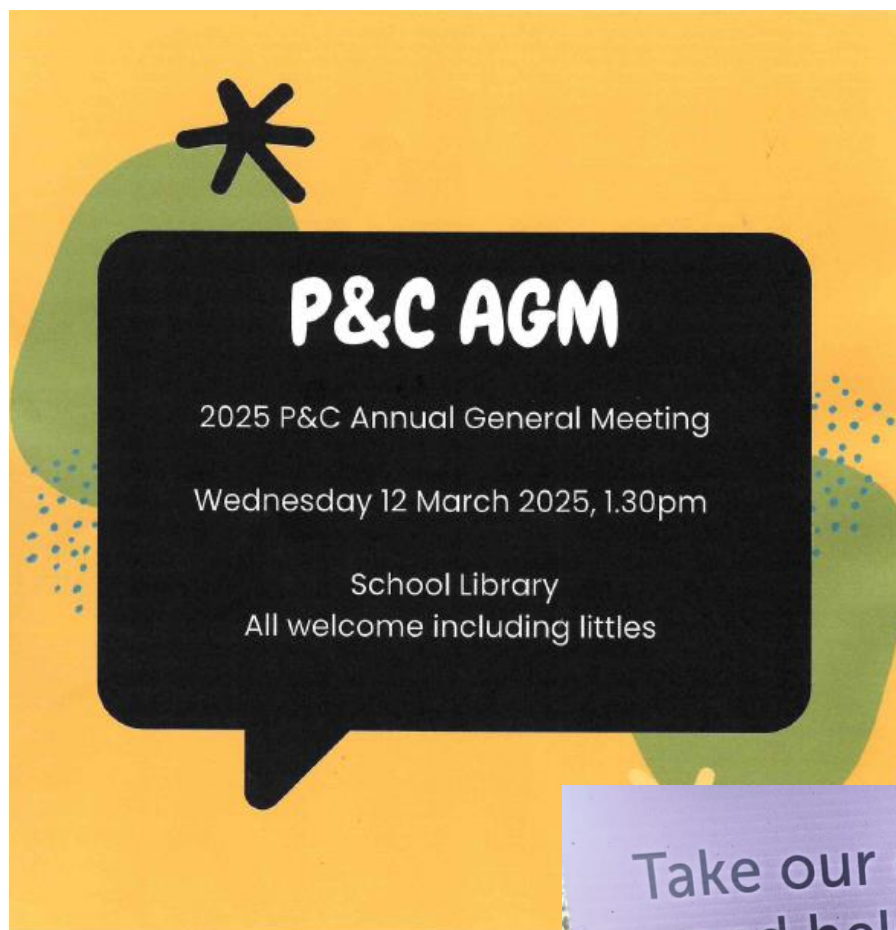
A reminder that while outside, all students are required to wear a hat during activities or play.

New hats are available from the front office for \$20 each.

Please ensure you have your child's name clearly marked on their hat.

A number of spare school hats have been loaned out during this term but unfortunately have not found their way back to the office. If you have one of our spare school hats at home, could you please return it to the school.





### Bounce and Roll Action Plan

The shire of Murray is committed to creating vibrant and accessible spaces for our community to enjoy.

As part of this they are developing the Bounce and Roll Action plan, dedicated to the future of wheeled sports facilities and outdoor multipurpose courts in the local area.

The Shire is calling on all community members to have their say and share their thoughts in this survey.

Please scan the QR code and **Have Your Say** by 31 March 2025.





## Murray Aquatic and Leisure Centre (MALC) Pinjarra - Children's Programs

Do you know about the great programs for kids that are held at the Murray Aquatic and Leisure Centre (MALC), located in Camp Road, Pinjarra?

Set your 2-5 year olds up to have fun, participating in a variety of movement skills, while building confidence in a safe and supportive environment at [Kindy Gym](#), Tuesdays from 10-10.45am.

[Gym Fit Kidz](#) for ages 6-9 years is a fun and exciting program for your child to burn some energy after school on Mondays, combining gymnastics and fitness training.

This term has already commenced, but feel free to call on **9531 2000** to check for vacancies or to book for future terms.

Check out the MALC's [Learn2Swim](#) webpage for information for Infants, Tots and Kids classes or private lessons. The MALC is also an eligible facility for the [KidSport Regional Pools Program](#). Find out about FREE pool access for kids. Applications must be received by **31 March 2025**. This program is in addition to the standard KidSport funding, so you can access both. Consider using your KidSport funding towards swimming lessons at the MALC.



The poster features a yellow background with a black and white tiger head logo in a circle on the left. Below the tiger logo is a yellow circle with the text 'SIR ROSS MCLARTY OVAL, PINJARRA'. To the right of the tiger logo is a blue circle with the 'nab AFL Auskick' logo. The main text on the right reads 'Auskick REGISTRATIONS OPEN 2025'. Below this, in a dark blue box, is 'Sunday mornings Term 2 & 3 (14 sessions)'. Below that, in a yellow box, is 'Age group Pre-Primary to Year 2'. At the bottom, in a dark blue box, is a white circle followed by 'REGISTER ONLINE' and the URL 'www.playhq.com/afl/register/01ca11'. A yellow button with 'Register Now' is at the bottom left.

**Auskick REGISTRATIONS OPEN 2025**

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Term 2 & 3 (14 sessions)

**Age group**  
Pre-Primary to Year 2

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**Register Now**

**SIR ROSS MCLARTY OVAL, PINJARRA**

**nab AFL Auskick**

**PINJARRA TIGERS**



# Ravenswood Sensory Play

Parents and carers, you and your young ones are invited to celebrate Harmony Week and have fun with Murray Forrest Friends with nature-based sensory activities.

The Murray Library will provide Storytime, rhymes and a craft activity and Murray Toy Library will bring along their ride-on toys, construction play equipment and more!

Parking available on Jones Lane around the Community Centre.



• **When: Tuesday 18th March 2025 | 9:00am - 11:00am**



• **Where: Ravenswood Community Centre**



• **Age: 0-5years**



• **Cost: Free**

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Murray**

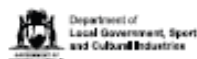
**FREE EVENT**

*Come and try a range of different sports for all ages and abilities at*

# **MURRAY** **SPORTS** **FUSION** **FESTIVAL**

**MARCH 15 & 16, 2025**  
**NOVEMBER 22 & 23, 2025**

Scan the QR  
for more  
information and  
to register.







## Explorers Sensory Playgroup

Stimulating the senses through playful experimentation  
and investigation. Ages 18 months to 5 years.

Experience the benefits of sensory play with your child!

- Science investigations
- Basic mathematical concepts
- Creative constructions
- Fun demonstrations

**Bookings are not required.  
Just show up on the day!**

**For more info:**

**Contact Becky**

**T:** 9581 0581 / 0411 703 075

**E:** [peel.pcwa@anglicarewa.org.au](mailto:peel.pcwa@anglicarewa.org.au)

**When:** 9:30am – 11:00am  
**Every Friday during school term**

**Where:** Ravenswood  
Community Centre, Jones  
Lane, Ravenswood

**Cost:** Free

Supported by





## What is Energy Ahead?

Energy Ahead is a program that helps participants to take control of their energy use, helping them to:

- Understand and confidently use energy within their household
- Reduce their energy use and costs
- Have a positive impact on the environment



## Why is it Free?

Energy Ahead is funded as a commitment of the Western Australian Climate Policy. The program is delivered by the Financial Wellbeing Collective in collaboration with Synergy which means all of our services are free for residential Synergy customers.

### Household Energy Audits – In Home

Energy Coaches provide in home energy audits to help participants understand and manage their energy use. They receive a report with customised tips on how to take control and reduce energy use along with various energy efficiency items to get them started. Audits take about 2 hours and can be delivered Monday to Friday within business hours.



### Household Energy Audits – Virtual

Our Energy Coaches can also provide virtual audits which require participants to have an active internet connection and a mobile or tablet with a camera.



### Energy Coaching

Energy Coaching is a practical way for participants to learn more about their household energy use and how they can make positive changes to reduce use and costs. We provide a number of coaching sessions over 1 or 2 Synergy bill cycles along with a report with customised tips on how to take control and reduce energy use.



### Community Workshops

We run community workshops to help participants to understand and manage their household energy use. We provide practical energy saving tips that can help them to reduce their electricity bills and get ahead. Find tickets to one of our free events at [energyahead.eventbrite.com](https://energyahead.eventbrite.com) or contact us if you are interested in hosting a community workshop.



Find out more or sign up at [thefwc.org.au/energyahead](https://thefwc.org.au/energyahead)



The Financial Wellbeing Collective is a collaboration of not-for-profit community service organisations and local government.







### Free Community Workshops

We run free community workshops to help you understand and manage your household energy use. We provide practical energy saving tips that can help you to reduce your electricity bills.

Energy Ahead is free and available to Synergy residential customers who are experiencing financial hardship. We cover the Southwest region, up to Geraldton, down to Albany and over to Kalgoorlie.

Community Workshops cover a range of useful and practical tips such as:

- How to reduce your energy bill and costs at home.
- Understanding your Synergy bill.
- Sharing information about different rebates and concessions you may be eligible for.
- Easy habits to avoid, switch and adjust.



"We love sharing Energy Ahead with the community and are passionate about sharing tips and helping people save energy"

Sameal and Abbie  
Community Engagement Officers

### How to get Involved

**Attend a free community workshop**

Find tickets to one of our free events at [www.energyahead.eventbrite.com](http://www.energyahead.eventbrite.com)

**Host a free community workshop**

If you have a group of people who would love to learn more please email us at [energyaheadworkshops@thefwc.org.au](mailto:energyaheadworkshops@thefwc.org.au) or call (08) 6253 3500 to find out more

**Book a free energy audit or energy coaching**

We also provide in-home and virtual audits to help you to understand and manage your energy use. You receive a report with customised tips and various energy efficiency items to get you started. Find out more on our website at [www.thefwc.org.au/energyahead](http://www.thefwc.org.au/energyahead)

**Take control of your energy use and reduce electricity bills with FREE energy audits, coaching and workshops.**



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## Could Saver Plus help with your education costs?

### Saver Plus Information Sessions

We are running Information sessions for anyone thinking about joining the program and wants to learn more about how Saver Plus works.

Eligibility, income and participation criteria. To find out more head to <https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/>.

To Register please use the QR Code or Zoom Link Below.



[Click here to Register](#)

[saverplus.org.au](https://saverplus.org.au)  
1300 610 355



Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St. Laurence and is delivered in partnership with The Smith Family and Berry Street. It is funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.



## Receive up to \$500 from ANZ for education costs

Apply here



Achieve a savings goal for 10 months and ANZ will match it up to \$500. You need to:

- ☒ Be 18 years or older
- ☒ Have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- ☒ 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

Terms and conditions apply.

  
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## Could Saver Plus help with your education costs?

Google

 Saver Plus YouTube

to see our quick explainer video and find out if you're eligible.





# Easter

Community Bank  
Pinjarra

 Bendigo Bank

## EGG STRAVAGANZA

- Meet the Easter Bunny & Enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt through our crazy maze.
- Come sing & dance with Jazzie Shazzie and friends.
- Other Activities Include:
- Bouncy Castles
- Obstacle Course
- Facepainting
- Animal Farm
- Food Trucks



**13 Apr**  
**10am-2pm**

*Where?*

Edenvale  
Heritage  
Precinct

**FREE**



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