



NEWSLETTER

14TH AUGUST 2026 #5

WHAT'S COMING UP IN AUGUST

21ST FACTION CARNIVAL

WHAT'S COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

3RD FOTOWORKS
ENVELOPES CAN BE RETURNED
PRIOR TO THE DAY

4TH NCVISSA ATHLETICS
CARNIVAL

7TH NUMERO

17TH RM 6 ASSEMBLY WITH
RM 2 SHOWING

25TH END OF TERM 3



YEAR 6 GRADUATION &
END OF YEAR CONCERT

THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER

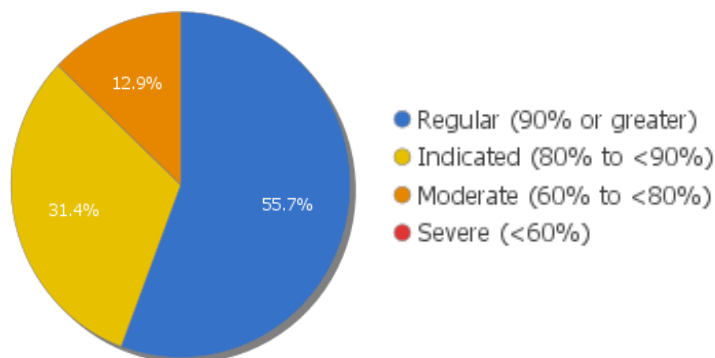
9AM START

It was a busy finish to the end of term 2 with NCVISSA Winter Carnival, Year 6 Leadership Camp, Wellbeing Forum and NAIDOC Excursion all packed in with curriculum and Semester 1 formal reports.

This term, it hasn't stopped either! School Cross Country, lockdown drill, professional learning for staff, 100 Days of school, PEAC testing, Young Writers & NCVISSA Cross Country. I can't believe it is already the end of Week 4.

WA Student Assistance Payment information is attached within the newsletter. School are supporting and encourage uptake in this. The school can assist with signing off this if you are having trouble with the App or ID requirements. Contact the office for assistance.

In reflecting on Semester One Attendance, we are down overall on 92% target with our attendance rate being 89.7%. The information below outlines student attendance across 4 categories:



In number terms, we have: 39 students as Regular, 22 as Indicated risk, 9 as Moderate risk, 0 severe. In looking at this compared to last year, a number of students have moved from Regular to Indicated risk (10 students in 2025). Other than illnesses impacting attendance, the data implies the number of vacations during school terms is increasing across the school impacting this data.

The year 6 camp was engaging and challenging for our students. We currently share this time with Mingenew PS and is great to see students mix and mingle in the various challenge and social situations. I had previously publicly discussed doing a bi-annual class camp for various reasons, however upon once again participating in camp and looking at the logistics and outcomes, Norah (Principal Mingenew PS) and I are both still in favour of maintaining this camp in a similar format as presently undertaken.

In looking forward, we have our school and NCVISSA Athletics on the sporting front. Interschool Numero competition in week 8. I wish every student success in these events, whilst looking forward to catching up with the school community.

Kind regards, *Phil Epps* Principal



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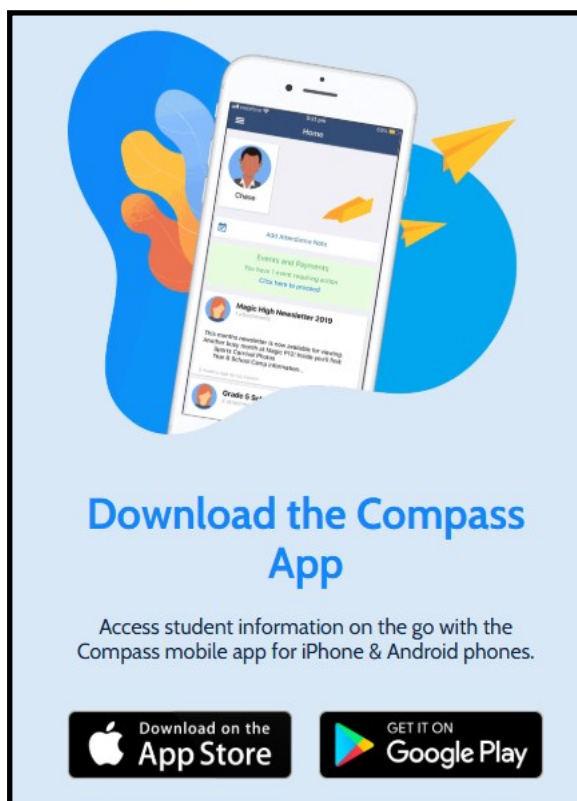
WALKAWAY PLAYGROUP



Playgroup runs every Wednesday from 9:00–11:00am in the Kindy area at the school. It's a relaxed and friendly space for children to play, explore and connect, while parents and carers can enjoy a chat. New families are always welcome. Come along and join us!

We look forward to another great term of play, laughter and connection.

WANT TO KNOW MORE? CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK GROUP - WALKAWAY PLAYGROUP



Download the Compass App

Access student information on the go with the Compass mobile app for iPhone & Android phones.

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Welcome to
KINDERGARTEN

Kindy Days for Term 3 & 4
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday



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Shaping the future

Kindergarten enrolments are now open for 2027

If your child will be **4 years old by 30 June 2027**, enrol them in Kindergarten now.

Visit your local public school or community kindergarten to apply.
Apply to enrol before 24 July 2026.

Find out more:
education.wa.edu.au/enrol



Allergy Aware School



We have some students who have moderate to severe anaphylactic nut allergies.

To keep these students safe and well at our school, we ask if you could not send any food containing nuts for recess and lunch.

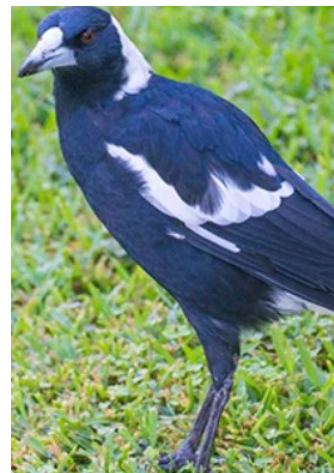
thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Our Walkaway Magpies:

Over the last few years we have attempted to implement strategies to protect our kids and Magpies during nesting and swooping season.

We have seen a drastic reduction in swooping and fear.

For most of the year the magpies delight us with their song but coming up to nesting time they become dangerous. Over the last few years we have tried to befriend the magpies by going out to the oval, calmly moving and saying hello to the Maggie's before we give them a little treat. It started with the K/P staff feeding them and the kids watching but research indicates how clever these birds are with face and clothing recognition, we have let the our students learn to give them treats under supervision.



There is plenty of food for them on our school grounds, so we are not feeding them to sustain them, just to help them realise that we are friendly. We only give them treats during the nesting season.

This year, after a bit more research, we are feeding them meat and Wombaroo Insectivore mix and mealworms. Classes will have turns - then the magpies will know all the Walkaway kids.

At the moment they are building a nest in the big trees in the middle of the oval so they are gathering sticks and some of the string from the synthetic turf to construct their nest.

When they have eggs in the nest, we will make a boundary again so that students and parents avoid walking under the tree.

In the meantime please talk to your kids about the nesting season with rules like;

- Walk calmly and greet them when you see them
- Don't feed them any food scraps if they land in the lunch area
- Don't chase them or run at them making loud noises
- Try not to ride your bike near nests

We realise not everyone loves birds but we do think it's an important lesson for children to learn that we share our environment with animals and have a responsibility to be respectful of their life cycle. It has been so beautiful to see kids becoming less fearful of the magpies. They pose a great risk when they are swooping and their beaks are so sharp on heads and faces.

Despite the great success we have had, we had a few swoops last year that were frightening, so we also need to teach kids to put their bags over their heads, wear hats & umbrellas and quickly remove themselves from the area, if swooped.



Presentation Night Thursday
27 August 6:00-7:30pm at
QPT



WOW! & well done to all students who entered this years Randolph Stow Writers Awards
Congratulations to our Walkaway Finalists.

Student	Year	Category	Title
Astra Greichen	3	Lower Primary Poetry	<i>Girl</i>
Noah Hutchcraft	4	Lower Primary Poetry	<i>Booger Broccoli</i>
Leticia Crothers	4	Lower Primary Poetry	<i>Country kid, Country life</i>
Tilly Bennett	4	Lower Primary Prose	<i>Lost</i>
Jasmine Breese	5	Upper Primary Poetry	<i>Living in the Bush - Yarraquin Station</i>
Emily Monro	6	Upper Primary Poetry	<i>Rainy Day Books</i>
Cooper Womersley	6	Upper Primary Poetry	<i>My Garden of Memories</i>
Kenzi Crothers	6	Upper Primary Prose	<i>Cockroach War!</i>



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The WA Student Assistance Payment

Helping you get the things you need for your kids.

\$150

For each Kindergarten and primary school student

\$250

For each secondary school student

Claims close
25 September 2026

Claim on the
ServiceWA app



If you are having difficulty with either the Service WA app or the id requirements, the school can assist in a manual form submission, signed off by the principal. WA Student number can be found on the from of student reports, or call the office.

Forms are available online or from school office.

So far for Walkaway PS: 61% have claimed, another 30 students could be claimed for.

Faction Cross Country 2026 Results

Junior Champion Boy: Connor Sugden

Runner Up Junior Champion Boy: Henry Garratt

Junior Champion Girl: Sophie Adobas

Runner Up Junior Champion Girl : Ava Wallace

Intermediate Champion Boy: Jake Thurkle

Runner Up Intermediate Champion Boy: Tulley Winfield

Intermediate Champion Girl: Isla Hope

Runner Up Intermediate Champion Girl: Letty Crothers

Senior Champion Boy: Eli Johnson

Runner Up Senior Champion Boy: Callum Levett

Senior Champion Girl: Lilly Tilka

Runner Up Senior Champion Girl: Ali Harcourt

Winning Faction: Red with 805 points



Congratulations and well done to all of our Walkaway Competitors—you all did us proud. Special congratulations to;

Lilly Tilka—1st place Yr 6 Girls Champion

Ali Harcourt—3rd place Yr 5 Girls

Isla Hope—3rd place Yr4 Girls

Eli Johnson—4th place Yr 5 Boys

NCVISSA Cross Country 2026 Results

School Results		Points
1st	Kalbarri	51
2nd	Northampton	14
3rd	St Mary's	11
4th	Walkaway	10
5th	CHUNABI	2





SUSTAINABILITY

Term 3 2026 Planner

WK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	Jul 20 School Development Day Office Open 8-4pm	21  STUDENTS BEGIN	22	23	24  **NEW DATE**	25	26
2	27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1	2
3	3	4	5 Young Writers Program Yr 6 only 	6	7 	8	9
4	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
5	17	18	19	20	21  Athletics Carnival	22	23
6	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
7	31	Sept 1	2	3  FOTOWORKS	4  Athletics Carnival	5	6
8	7 	8	9	10	11	12	13
9	14	15	16	17  Rm 6 Assembly Rm 2 Showing	18	19	20
10	21	22	23	24	25  END OF TERM 3	26	27