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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter and holiday break and made the most of some nice weather. Each term has its unique features, and this term tends to focus on assessment, with most students being involved in tests or exams during the first half of the term. This Parent Update contains several reminders about these and some other important opportunities and activities.

Industrial Action Tuesday 23 April

We wish to inform you of an upcoming industrial action initiated by the Teacher's Union (SSTUWA) scheduled for Tuesday, 23rd April. This action is expected to result in the absence of up to 50% of our teaching staff until 12:30 pm.

School Operations During Industrial Action:

- The school will remain **open** and operational.
- All students will be under supervision with a **modified program** from **8:20 am to 12:25 pm**.
- Smaller classes may be **combined** and overseen by qualified relief teachers.
- Normal classes will **resume** promptly at **12:30 pm**.

For Parents/Guardians:

- If you opt to keep your child at home during the morning, please ensure they arrive at school by **12:25 pm** to attend their Period 4 class.
- We encourage all students to be present in the afternoon to maintain their educational routine.

Additional Information:

- Please review the attached [Questions and Answers document](#) for further details regarding the industrial action and its impact on our school day.

We understand that this situation may cause inconvenience, and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we navigate this period. Our commitment to providing a safe and continuous learning environment for our students remains steadfast.

Should you have any concerns or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the school administration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your ongoing support of our school community.

Annual Report

A reminder that our 2023 Annual Report contains lots of important information about our students' progress and achievements as well as other information relating to the school's performance. The document is now available on the [school webpage](#).

Urgent – Vacant P&C Roles

We are reaching out to you today with an urgent request. Our P&C is currently seeking nominations for three key positions that are vital to our school community: the Treasurer, the Vice President and the President.

These roles are being temporarily filled by previous office bearers, some of whom, despite their children having graduated, have continued to serve our school. They are ready to pass on the baton and will provide full support and guidance to the new office bearers.

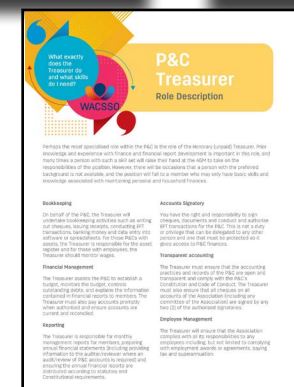
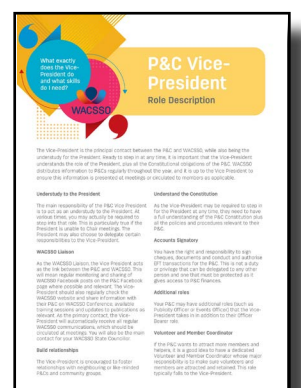
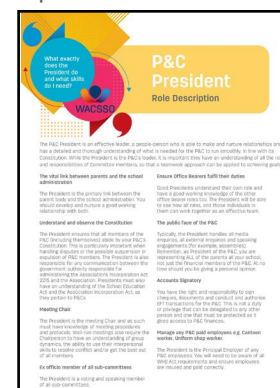
The President is responsible for chairing our termly meetings and liaising with the school administration. The Vice President is the liaison to the governing body of the P&C (WACSSO). The Treasurer, ideally someone with a background in bookkeeping or finance, will work closely with our paid Bookkeeper to ensure the smooth operation of our School Canteen and various P&C Sub-committees.

These roles are not just titles; they are opportunities to make a real difference in our school community. Your involvement will help ensure our children continue to benefit from the various initiatives driven by the P&C.

We understand that everyone is busy and that taking on a P&C role is a significant commitment. But if you've ever thought about getting more involved in the school community, now is the perfect time. Without official office bearers the P&C will cease to run.

Please [email me](#) to either discuss these roles further or if you wish to nominate. We look forward to hearing from you.

Click on the relevant picture below to view the role description.



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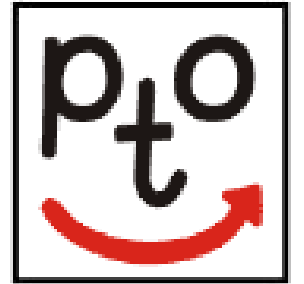
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Parent Teacher Interview Bookings

Parent Teacher Online (PTO) is now open for all parents to book meetings for our "In Person" meetings.



To make bookings:

- Download the PTO (Parent Teacher Online) app from the App Store or Google Play.
- Register using code **tch3n**.
- Enter your email address (above the red bar), then click "Send login details." PTO will email you with your new password. Log back in with these details (above the green bar).
- Or you can access PTO via our school's home page by clicking on the PTO Icon on the right-hand side. Use your surname/email address, then click "Obtain Password". An email will be sent from PTO with your new password. Log back in with these details.

Bookings will close **3 days prior to the date of the meeting**. If you need to change or cancel bookings after the closing date, please contact Applecross SHS administration on 9314 9393 or email melinda.najjar@education.wa.edu.au.

From today, you can only book appointments for our "In Person" meeting on Tuesday, 30 April. Bookings will be open for our virtual meetings via Webex on Wednesday, 1 May (if you have booked "In Person" meetings, the virtual option will not be available to you).

Year 12 parents also have the opportunity to discuss their child's predicted ATAR score. Students will be allocated either Ms Jones, Mr Lilleyman or Ms Morrison on PTO. Please book an appointment via PTO if you wish to be provided with this information.

Ebony Morrison, Program Coordinator Years 11-12

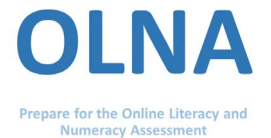
Year 12 - Externally Set Tasks

All Year 12 students completing a GENERAL subject will sit an Externally Set Task in Weeks 4 and 5 this term. These tasks are a 50 minute assessment sat in class and have a 15% weighting. If students are absent the day the assessment is delivered, they will complete the task at their next scheduled class.

Ebony Morrison, Program Coordinator Years 11-12

OLNA - Round 1 - Weeks 2 and 3

Some Year 11 and 12 students, along with some Year 10 students who missed their first round of Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) in Term 4, 2023 are due to complete the OLNA. The OLNA has three components – writing, reading and numeracy.



Writing Test	Monday 22nd April to Wednesday 24th April
Reading Test	Wednesday 24th April and Friday 26th April
Numeracy Test	Monday 29th April and Wednesday 1st May

Please ensure you and your child/ren are familiar with their individual test requirements, dates, times, and locations. Should your child become unwell in the first week of testing, please note that only the Reading and Numeracy components can be rescheduled to the second week of the testing window.

Please feel free to email me if you have any queries or concerns at donna.levar-uppill@education.wa.edu.au.

Donna Levar-Uppill, NAPLAN Coordinator

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Effective Learning Strategies for Children

This article explores the various strategies that can enhance your child's learning experience as you support them at home. Each child is unique, with their own set of strengths, whether it's a talent for the arts or a quick wit. When it comes to learning, however, there are certain strategies that all children can benefit from. The three most common are visual, auditory, and kinesthetic methods.

Visual Strategies: For those who learn best visually, consider these approaches:

- Create a highlighted map to emphasize key information.
- Use drawings to represent mathematical concepts.
- Design flashcards to study vocabulary or historical facts.

Auditory Strategies: For auditory learners, these techniques can be quite effective:

- Discuss expectations and summaries of lessons before and after assignments.
- Read study material aloud.
- Record lessons for later playback.
- Use rhymes or songs as mnemonic devices.
- Practice spelling words verbally.

Kinesthetic Strategies: For children who prefer a hands-on approach, here are some kinesthetic strategies:

- Encourage movement while studying, such as reading while standing.
- Reenact historical events to understand them better.
- Use a finger to track text while reading.

These strategies can make learning more engaging and tailored to your child's preferences. **Happy studying!**

Paul Currie, Associate Principal

House Name Change

The consultation process for the potential name change for the Houses students are allocated to is currently underway. Students are being surveyed for their views, and parents, past students and community members also have this opportunity by clicking the link under the article heading "[Exploring Potential Changes to House Names](#)", which is in the [Term 1 Week 9 Parent Update](#). This update is available on the Applecross SHS website. The survey closes on April 28.



It should be noted that a decision to change the House names has not been made. The school is exploring this possibility as a result of requests from students. Our Student Representative Council has initiated the idea and is managing a comprehensive consultative process that allows all school and community members an opportunity express their views. This is in line with the Department of Education's promotion of Student Voice when the school makes decisions that impact students.

Once the survey has closed, the responses will be reviewed by the Student Representative Council, and a report with recommendations will be provided to the school leadership. Any potential changes will need to be approved by the School Board. Further information will be provided as we move through this process.

Rex Lilleyman - Associate Principal Student Services

Year 10 CORE Program - Deposit / Registration Opening

The Year 10 CORE Program is a week long outdoor experiential camp program held during Week 9, Term 4. For more detailed information on the program, watch a presentation [HERE](#) or read the summary for [CORE Metro HERE](#) or [CORE South West HERE](#).

To secure a position for the CORE program, a deposit payment is required—deposit payments open at 8:00am on Monday, 22nd April via Qkr. The first 72 payments will secure their position in the program. (For more information on how to use Qkr [CLICK HERE](#).)

If you have any questions regarding CORE, please get in touch with [Mr Ben Kelly](#).



Ben Kelly - CORE Coordinator/HaSS Teacher

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Notes from the Music Department

This article is for parents of children who belong to one of the Music Department's Junior Ensembles: Concert Band 2, Cygnet String Orchestra, or Junior Guitar Ensemble.

Djeran Concerts

Their first performance for this year is our newly named Djeran Concerts, a Noungar seasonal name that encompasses the months of April and May. Please put this information in your family calendar so we have 100% student attendance and provide audiences with thrilling performances.

- Friday 17th May (Term 2, Week 5)
- Performing Arts Centre at Applecross SHS
- Concert 1 - 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
- Concert 2 - 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Please note that while your child will perform in both concerts (which are identical), parents will only need to book for one. All details will be published in two newsletters distributed via ensemble rehearsals. This will include links for both purchasing tickets and volunteering for an easy task at one (or both) of the concerts.

Concert Uniform Reminder

While details of the Music Department Concert Uniform were published in the Survival Kit for Year 7 Music Students and Parents, some parents may not yet have purchased these items of clothing. Likewise, parents of Year 8 and 9 children will need to check if larger sizes are now required. Here are the details:

All students participating in Music Department ensembles are required to purchase the Concert Uniform for Music Department performances. Uniform details are in the table on the next page. Please do this during Term 1 so you have your uniform ready for the first concert early in Term 2.

Concert Shirt

The Music Department has a special Concert Shirt (with an embroidered logo), which must be purchased through **Uniform Concepts** (willetton@uc.nellgray.com.au, 30 Kembla Way, Willetton WA 6155, Phone: 9270 4669). This year, the cost of the Concert Shirt is \$39.00.

The other Concert Uniform items need to be purchased by families from clothing shops or department stores (including Uniform Concepts, if they carry suitable items as listed below).

Boys	Girls	Hair	Jewellery
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concert Shirt (boys), designed to be worn tucked-in. Purchased from Uniform Concepts. • Plain long black pants (no denim, leggings, track pants, corduroy, etc.). • Black leather belt. • Black leather (or leather-like) shoes (not sports shoes). • Black socks - medium length. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concert Shirt (girls), designed to be worn hanging out. Purchased from Uniform Concepts. • Plain long black pants (no denim, leggings, track pants, corduroy, etc.). • Low heeled plain black leather (or leather-like) shoes - no canvas or sports styles, and no high heels or 'strappy' styles. • Medium length black socks, or black knee-highs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long hair is to be tied back, off the face, and behind the shoulders. • Only black hair ties are to be worn. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please keep any items of jewellery small and discreet so they do not interfere with or detract from your performance.

Second Hand Concert Shirts

One of our Music parents, Janet C, has kindly volunteered to organise the sale of second-hand concert shirts for families to purchase. At the time of writing this article, the details of the process are still being finalised. I hope to email information to Music families in the near future.

Tim Stapleton - Teacher In Charge - Music

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Year 10 Immunisations

Your child is eligible for free vaccinations at school. Your child will be offered the meningococcal vaccine in Week 4.

What do I need to do to make sure my child gets the vaccine?

Find out more

Learn more about the school-based immunisation program healthywa.wa.gov.au/Schoolimmunisations

Consent

Provide consent online through the [secure online form](#) or visit the [Healthy WA website](#) for a printable consent form and returning it to Student Services.



Amelia Hardwick - Registered Nurse - Community Health

Free Influenza Vaccination

As we gear up for the influenza season, it's important to highlight the availability of free flu vaccines for all Western Australians aged six months and older throughout May and June.

However, it's essential to be aware that while the vaccine itself is provided at no cost, healthcare providers may charge a consultation fee. We advise you to inquire about any associated costs when scheduling your appointment.



Jenna Jarvis - Manager Corporate Services

Second-Hand Uniform Shop

The Second-hand Uniform shop will open its doors on April 23rd for Term 2. Despite the industrial action on Tuesday, we're committed to providing this service to our school community. We're conveniently located next to the canteen.

Whether you need a full uniform or just a few pieces, come and explore our selection of quality items, with prices starting from just \$10.

Here are the opening hours for your convenience:

Tuesday, April 23rd: 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM
Tuesday, May 7th: 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

P & C Committee

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Staff Appreciation Program

Show Your Appreciation for School Staff – Nominate Now!

Do you have a teacher or staff member who consistently goes above and beyond? Let them know how much you appreciate their dedication and hard work by nominating them for our Staff Appreciation Program!

What is Appreciation?

Appreciation is recognising and acknowledging the positive qualities and efforts of others. It's about showing someone that their work and contribution are valued.

Why Nominate?

Our school staff plays a vital role in shaping the lives of our students. They dedicate themselves to providing a nurturing and enriching learning environment, and their efforts deserve to be recognised. By nominating a staff member, you can:

- **Show your gratitude:** Express your appreciation for their commitment and impact.
- **Boost morale:** Positive recognition can uplift staff and inspire them to continue their excellent work.
- **Create a positive school environment:** Appreciation fosters a sense of community and belonging.

How to Nominate:

Nominating is simple and takes just a few minutes. Click on the link to access the nomination form and share your heartfelt appreciation:

What the Nominee Receives:

- **Certificate of Appreciation:** Each nominated staff member will receive a personalised certificate acknowledging their outstanding contributions.

Together, let's show our appreciation for the amazing staff who make a difference!

Nominate today and make their day!



Angie Thomas - Vice Principal

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Important Dates

Term Dates 2024

	STUDENTS	TEACHERS
Term 2	Monday 15 April - Friday 28 June	Monday 15 April - Friday 28 June
Break	Saturday 29 June - Sunday 14 July	Saturday 29 June - Sunday 14 July
Term 3	Tuesday 16 July - Friday 20 September	Monday 15 July - Friday 20 September
Break	Saturday 21 September - Sunday 6 October	Saturday 21 September - Sunday 6 October
Term 4	Tuesday 8 October - Thursday 12 December	Monday 7 October - Friday 13 December

School Development Days 2024

Term 2	Friday	31 May	Week 7
Term 3	Monday	15 July	Week 1
Term 4	Monday	7 October	Week 1
Term 4	Friday	13 December	Week 10

Students do not attend school on these days

Upcoming Parent Events

24 April	Wednesday	Music Support Group Meeting (Music Room @ 7:30 pm)
30 April	Tuesday	Parent-Teacher Meetings (students do not attend school on this day)
2 May	Thursday	Year 10 VET Connect Information Evening
6 May	Monday	P & C General Meeting 6pm
8 May	Wednesday	Parent-Teacher Meetings (students do not attend school on this day)
16 May	Thursday	School Board Meeting

Upcoming Student Events

22 April	Monday	ANZAC Service Period 2
23 April	Tuesday	Year 10 Student Information Session Period 1 and 2
22 Apr - 3 May	Mon-Fri	OLNA Year 10-12
22 Apr - 3 May	Mon-Fri	Revision Workshops
29 April	Monday	Year 9 Drama Improv Night
30 April	Tuesday	Students do not attend school on this day
1-2 May	Wed-Thurs	Year 10 Immunisation
2 May	Thursday	Levitate Year 7-10 Student Councillors
3 May	Friday	Year 7 Movie Afternoon
3 May	Friday	Year 11 Biology Perth Hills Discovery Centre
3 May	Friday	Year 11 and 12 ATAR and General Visual Art Excursion
3 May	Friday	VET Connect Program Applications OPEN
6 May	Monday	Year 12 Geography Excursion
6 - 24 May	Mon-Fri	Year 12 ESTs (Externally Set Task Test)
7 May	Tuesday	Year 9 Man Up
7 May	Tuesday	Year 12 Psychology - Perth Zoo

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Visit the school [website](#) for other upcoming events



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