



White Gum Valley Primary School, Term 1, Week 6 2026

Term 1 Week 6. Thursday, 12 March 2026

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Term Dates 2026

Term 1 - 2026

Monday, 2 February - Thursday, 2 April

Break: 3 April - 19 April

Term 2 - 2025

Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July

Break: 4 July - 19 July

Term 3 - 2025

Tuesday 20 July - Friday 25 September

Break: 26 September - 11 October

Term 4 - 2025

Monday 12 October - Thursday 17 December

School Times

8:50am - Roll taken, Classroom learning starts.

9:20am - Session 1 (55 Minutes)

10:15am - Session 2 (55 Minutes)

11:10am - RECESS

11:30pm - Session 3 (55 Minutes) 12:25pm - Session 4 (55 Minutes)

1:20pm - LUNCH

2:05pm - Session 5 (55 Minutes)

3:00pm - HOME

Upcoming Events

- Book Club Issue # 2 - Due Friday, 13 March, to Mrs Colkin (Room 6)
- School Disco - Friday, 20 March
- Naplan Begins: Wednesday, 11 March
- Week 7 - Harmony Week
- National Ride to School Day - Friday, 20 March
- Premier's Reading Challenge - Commences 23 March - 12 June 2026
- Last Day of Term 1 - Thursday, 2 April

Principal's Message



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a lovely start to the term. We have been fortunate to welcome a number of new students into the school, and I know that the teachers and community are making them all feel welcome. We seem to be a growing school and will no doubt continue to receive new enrolments over the year.

The P&C, as well as the School Board, continue to be your path to provide feedback on how we are managing any challenges and planning for the future of the school. These groups are

also integral to the community feel of our school and I encourage you to get involved where possible. The next P&C meeting will be in Week 8.

I also look forward to the disco next Friday, 20 March, which is run by the Year 6 parent group.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2026

The School Board has supported the following SDD for 2026:

Term 2: April 28

Term 3: July 20

Term 4: October 12 and December 17

School will also be closed for a half day on 20 May for parent interviews, with another day happening later in the year (22 October).

After School Play

Although students finish school at 3:00pm, the school remains a working site after this time. This means that teachers and administrators in the office are working, holding meetings, taking enquiries on the phone and doing planning until much later in the day. We ask that all parents take their children down to the large oval to play, away from teaching areas and the office. Thank you to those parents who have been so supportive of this request so far.

Compass

The Compass App is our key form of communication with parents. Please make sure that you have downloaded this and that you have updated your email addresses with the office as required.

Concerns or Questions

If you have concerns or questions, please get in touch with me. I am always happy to meet with you and find ways to work together.

Kind regards,

Cristy Coulson

Principal

Deputy Principal's Message



NAPLAN commenced this week, with students completing the writing assessment on Wednesday and the reading assessments on Thursday and Friday. We are incredibly proud of the way our students have approached the week, demonstrating resilience, concentration and a positive attitude throughout the testing period. They have made a wonderful start and should be congratulated for the calm and mature manner in which they have participated.

With one more week of testing to go, we encourage families to support students by ensuring they get plenty of rest, eat a healthy breakfast and come to school feeling settled and ready to do their best.

We also acknowledge this week's important online safety developments, with Australia introducing new Age-Restricted Material Codes aimed at strengthening protections for children online. These measures are intended to reduce young people's exposure to harmful or age-inappropriate content and place greater responsibility on digital platforms, search engines, app stores and artificial intelligence services to provide safer online experiences for children. This is a timely reminder of the importance of working together, at school and at home, to support children to be safe, responsible and informed online.

[Please see here for more information](#)

WGVPS Swimming Carnival

On Thursday, 5 March, White Gum Valley had our annual swimming carnival. The morning was buzzing with excitement as our years 4-6 piled into buses while cheering their factions

on. The day started off with our year 4s swimming their 50 metre races and they should be commended for their bravery; it was their first time competing at our school swimming carnival. It was wonderful to see so many of our students having a go throughout the day, swimming isn't everyone's preferred sport, but we had a wonderful turn out and the cheering made it sound like our entire school was there.

It was Success who got out to an early lead thanks to their year 4's, before Parmelia and Challenger mounted a challenge later in the day.

Success managed to hold off and secure the win for 2026.

Thank you to all the parents and community members who came along to support our students and assist Mr Robinson as place judges. Your continued support during our school events is truly appreciated and these events could not run as well without you. Thank you to the students who all displayed wonderful sportsmanship and support to both their own faction and to their other competitors, the White Gum Valley spirit was clear to see. Special thank you to Ms Foster, Mr Swan and Miss Wardle for arriving extra early to the pool to help set up.

Mr Eric Trieu Vi Truong

Year 4 Boys: Champion - Abel, Runner-Up - Leo

Year 4 Girls: Champion - Katie and Mallory, Runner-Up - Ivy

Year 5 Boys: Champion - Jude, Runner-Up - Noah

Year 5 Girls: Champion - Sarafina and Leeuwin, Runner-Up - Hayley

Year 6 Boys: Champion - Jethro, Runner-Up - Jude

Year 6 Girls: Champion - Kennedy, Runner-Up - Rose



ROS - Term 1, Week 6 & 7

THIS FORTNIGHT WE ARE FOCUSING ON...

**WALKING AROUND THE SCHOOL UNLESS
YOU'RE ON THE COURTS OR OVAL.**



RESPECTFUL

ORGANISED

SAFE



TERM 1 - WEEK 6 AND 7

SEMESTER 1 ROS REPRESENTATIVES - 2026

The purpose of this role is for the students in Years 3, 4 and 5 to have more input in our positive behaviour program and for the PBS Team to receive more student feedback. E.g. suggest fortnightly behaviour focus, select whole fraction rewards linked with our tokens.

The Class ROS Representative is required to attend meetings in their own time with Mrs Wright or Mr Swan (approximately every 3 weeks), share feedback with their class, offer suggestions during meetings, commit to this role for Semester 1, 2026, and demonstrate our school expectations (respectful, organised and safe).

Students were asked to nominate themselves for the role. Voting then took place in each classroom (year 3, 4 and 5).

The following students have been elected for Semester 1, 2026:

Room 14 – Indiana and Isla

Room 8 – Mabel and Billy

Room 10 – Aster and Orsen

Room 1 – Maggie

Room 2 – Matayah

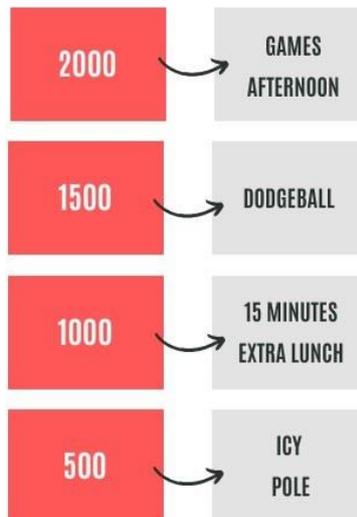
Room 3 - Denby

The Ros Rewards were selected by the Student Councillors.

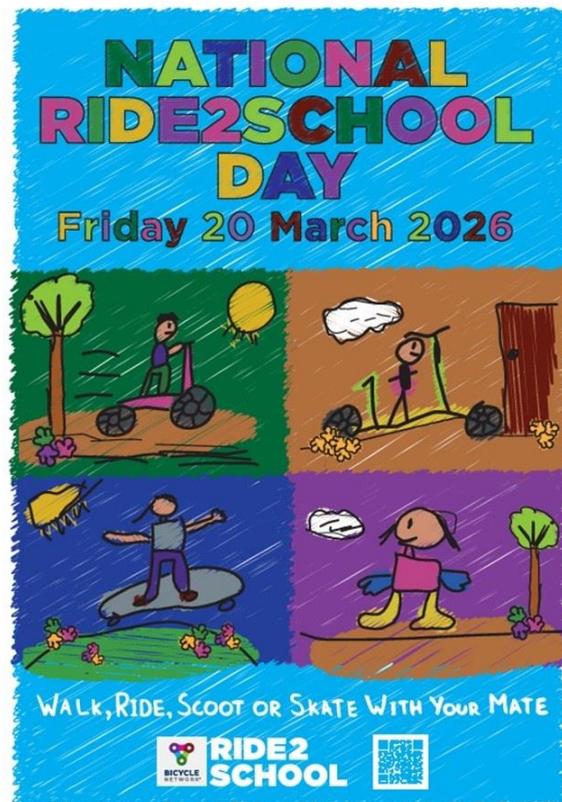
On Thursday, 5 March, all students received an icy pole as their factions had reached 500 tokens. When factions reach 1000 tokens, they will have 15 minutes extra lunch.



ROS REWARDS 2026



National Ride To School Day



Premier's Reading Challenge

Commences 23 March!

[More Information Here](#)



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Premier's
Reading
Challenge

Reading can take you
anywhere

Keep reading



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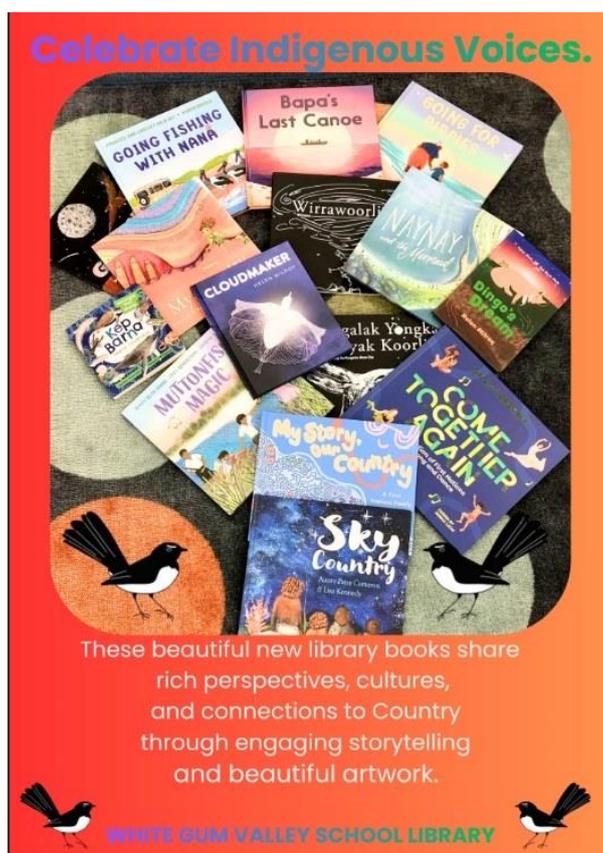
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Library News



Sport Update

In Term 1, White Gum Valley was lucky enough to secure funding for several weeks of squash clinics through [GeckoSports](#) for years 4-6.

Students were able to take part in modified squash games and hone their hand eye co-ordination skills. The different rules, and ways the ball moves, threw a few of our students for a loop but by the end of the program, all our students were enjoying themselves and playing full games against each other.

It was wonderful to see the students' enthusiasm and the effort they put into learning a new and different sport. This is always our aim in sport, to give everything a go and to enjoy it as much as you can.

Thanks to Squash WA, all participating students were given a wristband which entitles them to free hire of a squash court. Our nearest squash courts can be found at Blue Gum Reserve however if you scan the link below, you will be given a list of the closest courts.

I hope our students make the most of this wonderful opportunity, especially as we move towards some wetter weather.

Mr Eric Trieu Vi Truong

Squash WA



E-Safety

5 tips for a safer internet

- 1 Be kind**
Practice respect, empathy, and kindness online.
- 2 Take breaks**
Remember to play and spend time offline too.
- 3 Speak up**
Tell a trusted adult and report online abuse and harmful content.
- 4 Protect your space**
Keep your passwords private and ask an adult to help with safety settings.
- 5 Start the conversation**
Ask your friends, family or teachers, "What helps you stay safe online?"

Together, let's make the internet a safer, more positive place.

  eSafety Commissioner [eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au)

Top 5 Online Safety Tips For Kids

Tips For Young People

Thank you, From Our Happy Chappy



Dear Big Loaf Bakery,

On behalf of White Gum Valley Primary School, we wish to say thank you! We truly value the support given. Thank you for assisting our school by supplying us with bread for our breakfast club.

You are one of the many charities who we cherish.

Kindest Regards,

Ms Eva (Chaplain)

School Bank Details

If you wish to pay for excursions, incursions or School Voluntary Contributions directly into our bank account, please use the following details:

BSB: 066 107

Account number: 0090 1498

Name: White Gum Valley Primary School

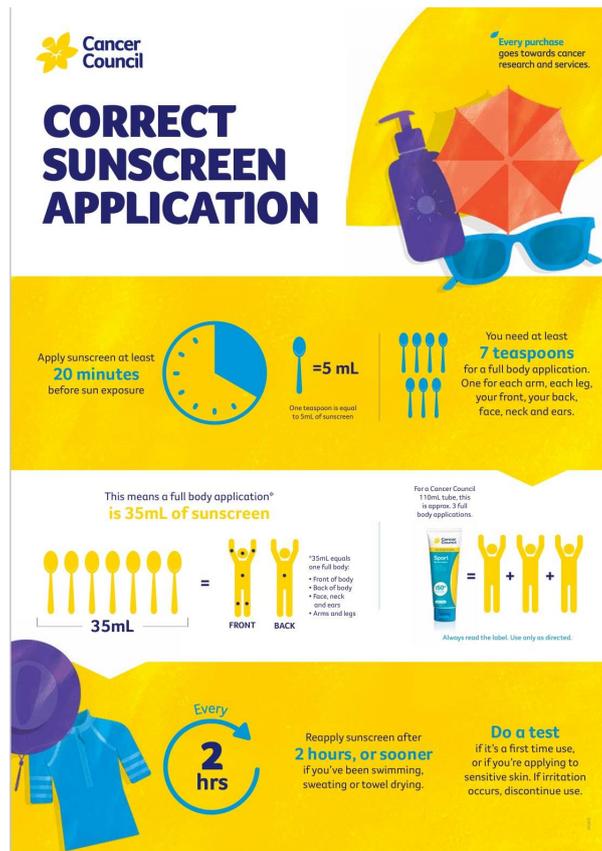
REF: Students SURNAME and name of excursion/incursion (ie. LAP for Lapathon)

SunSmart



Hats

- We require students and staff to wear a broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaires style hat that protects the face, neck, ears and crown of the head whenever they are outside.



CORRECT SUNSCREEN APPLICATION

Every purchase goes towards cancer research and services.

Apply sunscreen at least **20 minutes** before sun exposure

7 teaspoons = 35mL
One teaspoon is equal to 5mL of sunscreen

You need at least **7 teaspoons** for a full body application. One for each arm, each leg, your front, your back, face, neck and ears.

This means a full body application* is **35mL of sunscreen**

*35mL equals one full body

- Front of body
- Back of body
- Face, neck and ears
- Arms and legs

For a Cancer Council 110mL tube, this is approx. 3 full body applications.

Always read the label. Use only as directed.

Every **2 hrs**

Reapply sunscreen after **2 hours, or sooner** if you've been swimming, sweating or towel drying.

Do a test if it's a first time use, or if you're applying to sensitive skin. If irritation occurs, discontinue use.

P&C News

School Disco



Book Donations

BOOK DONATIONS NEEDED!

Year 6 Camp Fundraiser

We're running a Second Hand Book Stall at the School Disco and would love your pre-loved children's or adult books!

Books can be donated by either:

DROP OFF

School Reception

OR

HOME COLLECTION

Contact Cat: 0481 882 963

DONATIONS CLOSE: Thursday 19th March

A big thank you to everyone who has already donated!

Uniform Service

Term 1, 2026

The Uniform shop will be open Friday Week 1 and Week 6 from 2:45pm - 3:15pm.

For all online orders please use the link below:

[White Gum Valley Uniforms](#)

All queries, please email wgvuniforms@gmail.com

P&C Bank Details

For payments toward uniforms or any P&C related events and fundraising, please use the following details:

BSB: 633 000

Account Number: 142691773

Name: White Gum Valley P&C

Ref: Students SURNAME

Community News

WGV Playgroup

Playgroup WA invites you to join us at

White Gum Valley Playgroup



When: Mondays
Time: 9.30am - 11.00am
Where: White Gum Valley Primary School,
29 Hope St,
White Gum Valley

All welcome!
Come along and discover more about the magic of playgroup and connect with families in your community.
whitegumvalleypg@gmail.com

Playgroup WA
(08) 9228 8088 · hotline@playgroupwa.com.au · Head Office 1-3 Woodville Lane,
North Perth, WA 6006 Mail PO Box 61, North Perth WA 6906 · playgroupwa.com.au

School Holiday Workshop

Greetings from Bricks 4 Kidz Applecross!

We specialise in STEM programs using LEGO® for children aged 5–12, and are proud to have been running our programs in the community for over 10 years. Over the years, our workshops have benefited many young learners by helping them develop creativity, problem-solving skills, teamwork, and an early interest in science and engineering.

Our programs include:

- School Holiday Workshops
- After School Enrichment Classes
- School Incursions

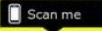


Fun Time for Kids and more Time for you!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

LEGO®
age 5 - 13

8th April 2026 - 16th April 2026

For a full description of each workshop and registration, please visit our website at
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THEMES
Easter Extravaganza
Game On! Racing with Mario
Minion Madness
Galaxy Far Away
Junior Robotics
Lego Mindstorms EV3 Robotics Part1+2+3

 Tim Yap : 0422 119 020  applecross@bricks4kidz.au

[More Information Here](#)

Hockey Club

Hookin2Hockey at Fremantle Cockburn Hockey Club

Hookin2Hockey is Hockey Australia's official junior program for kids under 10. It's all about getting the field hockey basics down in a fun, welcoming way.

Fremantle Cockburn Hockey Club is a welcoming, inclusive hockey community based in **South Lake** with a second club location in **Fremantle**. At FCHC, our Hookin2Hockey program caters for kids in Kindy to Year 2, and 'Graduates' for Year 3 and Year 4 aged kids. Both programs suit total beginners through to kids getting ready to play junior hockey. We keep it simple: lots of movement, plenty of ball time, and games that build skills without it feeling like "training".

What it looks like:

- fun skills + games (not too serious)
- learning the basics: stick, ball control, passing, shooting
- great for confidence + coordination (and burning energy)
- friendly coaches and a supportive vibe
- Hookin2Hockey (Kindy to Year 2) **participant pack included** (stick, shin guards and ball)
- Graduates (Year 3 to Year 4) includes modified games against other clubs to help build skills and experience playing in a team
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Want to try first?

*We have FREE **Come and Try Hockey** sessions available on Sat 21 March, Tues 24 March and Tues 31 March (see attached flyer for details). Ages 5-17, no experience or equipment needed — just bring a water bottle and a willingness to have a go!*



Scan here to register

FREMANTLE COCKBURN HOCKEY CLUB JUNIOR // FREMANTLE COCKBURN HOCKEY CLUB JUNIOR // FREMANTLE COCKBURN HOCKEY CLUB JUNIOR

MARCH 24 & 31
TUE 4:30-5:30PM
AND
MARCH 21
SAT 10-11AM

COME & TRY HOCKEY

PLAY HOCKEY

Join us at Fremantle Cockburn Hockey Club and give hockey a try!
Free open turf sessions for new junior players aged 4-17 of all abilities.
Equipment provided! We are at 84 South Lake Drive, South Lake

For more info contact:
✉ Christine Truscott
juniorvp@freohockey.com
✉ Bronwyn Smedley
hookin2hockey@freohockey.com
freohockey.com

Session on 21 March is part of Metro Hookin2Hockey Clubs' Come & Try Day

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HOOK in 2 HOCKEY



COME & TRY HOCKEY

PLAY HOCKEY

Join us at Fremantle Cockburn Hockey Club for Hookin2Hockey.
Age: **Kindy to Year 2**
Format: **One session per week** - choose from either Thursdays 5-6pm at Lakelands, South Lake; or Saturdays 8.30-9.30am at Stevens Reserve, Fremantle
Cost: **Only \$22.81** (Hockey Australia fee) for the season! Includes an equipment pack (stick, shinguards and ball). No other fees - great value!
When: Starting **Week 2 in Term 2** (30 April and 2 May), running until the end of August.

For more info contact:
✉ Christine Truscott
juniorvp@freohockey.com
✉ Bronwyn Smedley
hookin2hockey@freohockey.com

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Season dates: The season kicks off in week 2, Term 2 (April 30th and May 2nd) and continues until the end of August in Term 3.

[Contact Bron at](#) or [Freo Hockey](#) for more information.

Want to try first? Register here for the free Come and Try sessions: [Freo Hockey Sessions](#)

Ready to sign up? Season registration here: [Sign Up Here](#)



Hats

- We require students and staff to wear a broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaires style hat that protects the face, neck, ears and crown of the head whenever they are outside.



CORRECT SUNSCREEN APPLICATION

Every purchase goes towards cancer research and services.



Apply sunscreen at least **20 minutes** before sun exposure



 = 5 mL
One teaspoon is equal to 5mL of sunscreen



You need at least **7 teaspoons** for a full body application. One for each arm, each leg, your front, your back, face, neck and ears.

This means a full body application* is **35mL of sunscreen**



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*35mL equals one full body:
• Front of body
• Back of body
• Face, neck and ears
• Arms and legs

For a Cancer Council 110mL tube, this is approx. 3 full body applications:



Always read the label. Use only as directed.



Every **2 hrs**

Reapply sunscreen after **2 hours, or sooner** if you've been swimming, sweating or towel drying.

Do a test if it's a first time use, or if you're applying to sensitive skin. If irritation occurs, discontinue use.

[More Information Here](#)

PCYC Hilton

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PCYC Police & Community Youth Centres

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Performances by:
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• YXNG NATE • TAILS •
PAYTON • LIL' KS

Guest performances by:
SHENAE • ADOUBLEZ

INFO
 Please note this is a drug, alcohol, and smoke/vape free event.

WHEN
 Friday 13th March 2026
 6:00 – 8:00pm

WHO
 Ages 10 – 25

WHERE
 Fremantle PCYC
 2/34 Paget Street, Hilton 6163

CONTACT
 0429 078 470
 connect@wpcyc.com.au

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