



'Be Aware, Be Involved, Be your Best'

Parent Information Handbook 2024



Peg's Creek Primary School

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Our Staff Leadership Team

Principal: Kate Mouda-Hughes

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Manager Corporate Services: Jenna Heemi

Health and Wellbeing Coordinator: Sarah Goyder

Our moral purpose is to:

“deliver high quality teaching that inspires independent, curious lifelong learners in a nurturing and inclusive school community, who will flourish and aspire to success.”

From the Principal's Desk

Peg's Creek Primary School opened in 1978 and is centrally located in a well-established section of Karratha bounding the town centre. The school is one of the smallest in the city with an average population around 245 students. As an Independent Public School, we are committed to using the increased flexibilities to enhance our strategic direction and meet the specific educational needs of our students.

The School caters for students in Kindergarten to Year 6 and presents attractively in a natural setting, complimented with gum trees, gardens and grassed areas. Adjoining the school is the well-kept Catrall Oval which is a joint facility enjoyed by the school and community. All classrooms, learning areas, administration and library are networked providing on-line facilities. Each classroom is complimented with computer workstations and electronic whiteboards. Our Cossack Block provides excellent specialist art facilities.

At Peg's Creek Primary School, we focus on:

- Flourishing Individuals
- Curious Life-Long Learners
- Connected Community

The School's learning programs reflect the diversity of cultures, needs, and abilities of the children at Peg's Creek. Specialist teacher support is provided for students in Art, Digital Technology, and Health & Physical Education. Whole school planning in Literacy, Numeracy and Social Emotional Learning, focuses on explicit teaching as per the Australian Curriculum. We also utilise the social emotional program, 'Zones of Regulation' to further support our whole school practices and vision.

The School motto 'Be Aware, Be Involved, Be Your Best' is reflected in the ethos of the school. Students are encouraged to show initiative and actively participate and contribute to our school community. Student leadership is developed through our Prefects, Faction Leaders, our Burrup Bouncer skipping team and lunch time activity clubs.

As a community we pride ourselves on the emphasis of building partnerships between students, staff and parents. Our stable enrolment results from a community focus of "be aware, be involved, be your best" and providing the best possible learning environment for our students. Parental involvement is highly valued and encouraged and a strong and supportive relationship between parents, students and teachers is embedded in school practices.

I am proud to be the principal of this connected school and am committed to working with our school community and teachers to ensure successful outcomes for every student.

Link to our 2024 business plan [Reports and Publications – Peg's Creek Primary School \(pegscreekps.wa.edu.au\)](https://pegscreekps.wa.edu.au/reports-and-publications)

Kate Mouda-Hughes

Principal



2024 Term Dates

Term 1: Wednesday 31 January - Thursday 28 March

Term 2: Tuesday 16 April - Friday 28 June

Term 3: Tuesday 16 July - Friday 20 September

Term 4: Tuesday 8 October -Thursday 12 December

Term planners can be found on the school website, connect page or at the office

School Starting time

Kindy and Pre-Primary: 8:10am

Years 1- 6 8:20 am

Morning Recess 10:30am – 10:50am

Lunch 12:50pm – 1:25pm

School finishes 2:25pm

Office opening hours 8:00am – 3:00pm

Absences, Early or Late Arrivals, or Signing Out of School Early

Regular attendance is a learnt behaviour. Once a child is enrolled in school, it is compulsory for them to attend. Being on time and 'showing up' are not only school expectations but are also social etiquette out of progress school. For every day that your child misses school this will have a growing effect on your child's learning & achievement. The Department of Education of WA provides a roll for the recording of attendance. All absences must be explained either in writing, verbally or by SMS.

Pegs Creek PS uses a SMS communication system as a means for parents/carers to communicate student absences and to reduce the number of unexplained absences and improve school accountability in regard to attendance. You can text **0417 930 832** at any time to advise us of the absence of the child/ren. If your child has been marked as absent on the roll a SMS message will be sent to the parent/carers at 9.30am each day. We request that you reply to this text with a brief explanation for your child/ren's absence.

Supervision of students commences at 8am. If your child arrives at school before 8am they must sit outside the Administration office on the benches provided. Classrooms rolls are marked at 8.20am, therefore if your child arrives after 8.20am they are required to sign in and collect a 'welcome pass' from the school office. It is disruptive to classes if children arrive late. Parents are requested to ensure children are punctual. School gates are closed when school is in operation, except for the pedestrian gate that is on Galbraith Road closest to the parent carpark. This may be closed but not locked, unless for safety reasons it has needed to be locked, in this case, we ask that you call the office to gain access.



Staff have the responsibility of your child/ren between the hours of 8.00am and 2.25pm. If your child/ren need to leave during 'school hours' we ask that you come to the office to request a leave pass. Only those people listed on a student's 'contact list' can escort the child from the school. These contacts can also be updated at any time with the school officer. Children are not able to leave the school grounds at any stage.

AIEO (Aboriginal Islander Education Officer)

Pegs Creek PS employs an AIEO to support and enrich educational programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Local knowledge, understanding and sharing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, language/s and culture strengthens the connection between school and community.

Animals / Pets on School Premises

For the health and safety of all school community members, animals are not permitted on school grounds unless prior arrangement has been made with the teacher (for example, a news item).

Assemblies

Throughout the year, each class from Pre-Primary to Year 6 will present a small performance at an assembly. Kindergarten students attend assemblies on special occasions only. A schedule of assembly dates and performances can be found in the term planner, or alternatively, please consult your class teacher for respective performance dates. Parents, family and friends are welcome to attend.

Bicycles and Scooters

Racks for bicycles and scooters are located at the front of the school. Students riding to school should wear an approved safety helmet and secure their bicycles/scooters using a locking device. The School cannot accept responsibility for stolen bicycles or scooters. Please note, the Western Australia Traffic Office advises that children aged under ten years should be supervised when riding to school, and we request parents' discretion in this matter.

Breakfast Club

Located in the Karijini block, the Breakfast Club operates every day from 8:00am – 8:20am. The Breakfast Club program is supported by Foodbank and provides a healthy start to the day for students. It is also a great place to check in with other students and teachers who give their time to provide this service. We encourage

students to take responsibility to eat at home before school, however, if this isn't possible, students can get something to eat so their brains are ready to learn.

Birthdays

Every student enjoys celebrating their birthday with school friends. As there are a number of students in the school with food allergies, before supplying birthday treats, please consult the classroom teacher about options for making the celebration inclusive. If you wish to supply a cake, individual cup cakes are preferred for students rather than one large cake. Alternatively, Peg's Pantry (canteen), offers 'Birthday Buckets' of icy-poles as an easy alternative for treats. Please contact the canteen for prices of Birthday Buckets.

Bullying

Pegs Creek PS will NOT tolerate bullying, violence, or any forms of harassing behaviours. Bullying infringes our fundamental rights to safety and fair treatment.

Please refer to the Behaviour Policy for more information.

Buses

TransKarratha provide the School Bus Service in Karratha and timetables can be found on the Public Transport Authority website at <http://www.pta.wa.gov.au/ourservices/transregional> . A Smartrider Card also known as a Student ID card, is required by students to access discounted fares; and to 'tag' on and off the bus service. Please contact the Administration office if you require assistance in obtaining a Smart rider for your child.



Canteen

The canteen is in operation from Wednesday through to Friday each week. It follows the traffic light system which is a part of the Healthy School Policy, and offers predominantly green foods on the menu. The canteen [menu](#) is updated on our website regularly. Ordering lunches is simple and can be done with [Quickclig](#) and must be done before 8.30am. Parent help in the canteen is welcomed. Please contact the School Administration to register as a canteen helper.

Car Park

In the interest of your child/ren's safety we ask that you please **DO NOT PARK IN THE STAFF CARPARKS** located on Galbraith and Bayview Roads. Parking is available for families adjacent to the oval at Cattrall Park and at the back (on Galbraith Road). Parking Attendants from the City of Karratha regularly patrol the area and will impose a parking fine if you park your vehicle in the 'Kiss and Ride' area, or on the verge.

Chaplain

The School Chaplain Naomi Warth, works Mondays and Tuesdays with students, families and staff here at Pegs Creek PS to encourage and support the range of human experiences. The school Chaplain offers social, emotional, mental, and physical support to members of the school community. The Chaplain is available to all students regardless of religious beliefs and appointments can be made through the principal.

Change of address or personal information

Please contact the school office for any changes to your contact details. We also ask families to provide two emergency contacts to ensure that someone can be contacted in the event of an emergency. The School Administration will send home Student Update Forms throughout the year to ensure the school has up-to-date contact details.

Clontarf Academy and Stars

We are incredibly lucky to have the Clontarf Academy and Stars as one of our partnerships in 2023. Through using supportive relationships, a welcoming environment and a diverse range of activities, the young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students (Years 4-6) in the Clontarf and Stars programme develop improved self-esteem and confidence which assists them to participate in education, employment, and society in a positive way.

Clontarf's approach has proven to be very successful, not only in attracting young boys to school and keeping them there, but also in having them embrace more disciplined, purposeful, and healthy lifestyles. This partnership will continue into 2023.



Stars operates on a full-time basis within Pegs Creek Primary School. Their staff provide a culturally safe, nurturing environment in a dedicated 'Stars Room'. This means that the girls can access the intensive support they need, when and where they need it. Stars offers personal development activities and experiences in many different areas, including academic support, personal health and wellbeing, music, drama and dance, art, cooking and nutrition, and exercise and sport. Students also take part in community, cultural and volunteering activities to build their life-skills and confidence and further develop their links to culture and community.

Seesaw

Pegs Creek PS uses the 'Seesaw' App which is a secure online environment. Seesaw provides easy access to information relevant to your child/ren classes and their learning journey. It offers class calendar, teacher feedback and attendance data. Schools can use Seesaw to keep you updated with important information like up-coming events, excursions/incursions, classroom activities and school reports. We encourage you to download 'Seesaw' from your app store either apple or google play. If you have any trouble getting online, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

[Seesaw | Elevate Learning in Elementary](#)

Crunch & Sip

Pegs Creek PS promotes 'Crunch and Sip'. Students are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit or vegetable to school which they can eat in the morning session within the classroom, we ask that you avoid things like oranges or other items that children will find too sticky or difficult to peel.

Code of Behaviour

The Pegs Creek Primary School is a Positive Behaviour Support School. Thus aims to prevent, reinforce and teach expected behaviours. Our school community have the right to feel safe and secure in the school environment. Students have the right to learn & teachers have the right to teach without disruption from others.

Peg's Creek Primary School is committed to the implementation of a whole school approach to positive Behaviour Support for engagement and learning.

Our approach aligns academic and behavioural systems to create an emphasis on explicitly teaching, monitoring, and rewarding appropriate behaviour.

"If a child doesn't know how to read, we teach"
"If a child doesn't know how to swim, we teach"
"If a child doesn't know how to multiply, we teach"
"If a child doesn't know how to drive, we teach"
"If a child doesn't know how to behave, we.....
teach?.....punish?"

(Tom Herner, 1998)



Through consultation with our school community, we identified 4 core values we want to uphold and the expected behaviours at our school.

Throughout the year students are acknowledged for their excellent behaviour through:

Daily behaviour tokens, faction behaviour token competition, whole school reward activities, end of year behaviour trophy.



Be Responsible
 Strive for **Excellence**
 Be **SAFE**
 Treat everyone with **RESPECT**



Be Aware / Be Involved / Be your **BEST**

Be Responsible	Strive for Excellence	Be Safe	Treat everyone with Respect
We follow morning procedures and read in the undercover area before school. (8 – 8.15 am)	We wear our correct school uniform with pride.	We keep our hands, feet, and objects to ourselves.	We talk to students, staff and community members using kind and polite words.
We follow class routines and procedures.	We sing our school song and National Anthem with pride.	We walk on paths and around school buildings.	We use appropriate language, volume and tone when speaking.
We are on time to all classes.	We attend school regularly.	We eat our own food.	We actively listen to others
We move quickly and quietly between classes.	We take pride in completing and producing our best work.	We use equipment correctly as intended.	We acknowledge differences of opinions of others
We follow our school toilet procedure.	We have a go and learn from our mistakes	We wear a broad brimmed hat when outside	We check in with others and offer help when they need it.
We use our breaktime for food, drinks and toilet before playing.	We show good sportspersonship.	We report unsafe situations and damage	We are inclusive of others
We line up respectfully outside our classrooms.	We celebrate our own success and the success of others.	We ask for help if we feel or see something that isn't okay.	We consider our own and each other's personal space.
We are honest and our own behaviour.	We allow teachers to teach and learners to learn.	We stay in the school boundaries.	We care for our property and the property of others
We follow the rules of the games we are playing.	We represent our school with pride whether at school or in our community.	We walk our bikes and scooters through the school.	We pick up rubbish and put it into the correct bin.
We ask permission to leave a learning space.	We are organised with equipment we need.	We play in age-appropriate play areas	We show empathy and consider the feelings of others
We follow staff instructions.	We are active listeners and active learners.	We use appropriate hygiene procedures.	
We use kind words to resolve problems and seek help if needed.		We play non-contact sport at school	
		We sit outside the office if we arrive at school before 8am.	



Cyclones

Tropical Cyclones are seasonal and a natural hazard. When they occur they can cause considerable damage to property and potentially threaten lives. The North West cyclone season extends from the beginning of November through to the end of April each year. The DFES and Bureau of Meteorology provides information to schools and the community about a potential threat of an approaching cyclone, ensuring sufficient preparations can be made to minimise the impact on our school and to ensure the safety of our students. On the back page of this booklet is detailed information for parents including the alert system utilised and the actions parents are required to undertake. You can also find this information on our school website.



Excursions/Incursions

To enrich the student curriculum, staff throughout the year may put forward the opportunity for students to attend an onsite or offsite excursion, this may be to do with what the children are studying at school at the time or an educational program that is visiting Karratha at the time and we encourage that all students attend. However as per the good standing policy the school reserves the right to withdraw a student's right to attend based on duty of care and per the behaviour management within schools' policy.

To avoid any misunderstanding with regards to school children and insurance cover, your attention is drawn to the following:

- The Department of Education does not insure children against injury at school or on an excursion, camp or visits etc. This is considered to be the responsibility of the parent.
- The Department of Education does have a public liability insurance cover in cases of accidents caused through defects in school buildings, equipment or playground, or through negligence on the part of an employee of the department of education.
- Our school excursions, camps, swimming etc whether children travel by bus or private car, they are covered while travelling by normal third-party insurance cover, the premium for which is part of both car and bus registration fees.
- Some bus companies do carry additional public liability policy, but it would only cover negligence on the part of the company.

Evacuation or Emergency closure of the school

Please refer to the most recent school policy and procedures which can be found on our website. The school is directed by the Department WA, DFES or BOM on emergency closures, it is **NOT** the principal's decision.

Facebook

Please join our Facebook page to prevent you missing out on the frequent updates, photos and newsletters. Effective communication between home and school can only strengthen the important partnership we have with our families. We feel Facebook will enable us to keep you updated much more efficiently. Please take note of the code of conduct we have developed to support our Facebook page. This page is for immediate family members and is a 'closed' group. Admin will only accept you if you are on our contact list and we will remove you if and when you leave Pegs Creek Primary. Our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/pegscreekps/>



Factions

Each child when enrolling will be put into a faction. Here at Pegs Creek, we have:

Dolphin - Red **Mermaid** - Blue **Sea Ripple** - Yellow

Health

Population Health here in Karratha send a school nurse to visit the schools within the area over the course of the school year. The nurses are able to:

- Perform a health assessment on all Kindergarten, Pre-Primary and any Year 1 students that may have not been assessed during their time in Pre-Primary.
- Assess the Year 6 students with a vision assessment.
- Follow up immunisation programs for all the Pre-Primary and Year 6 students later on in the year.
- Hold an informed session on Health education and promote health awareness within the school and community.
- A vision and hearing assessments can be done on receipt of a referral form. (These forms are available at the front office and require the parent's signature)

Should you like to discuss any issues or concerns that you may have, please contact the School Nurse at Karratha Campus and ask for Population Health. Phone: 9143 2221

The following services are also available to parents and children, through the school.

DENTAL: A Dental Therapy Clinic is situated at Baynton West Primary School. This is a free service for primary school children. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the Clinic.

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Our trained School Psychologist is available on site to support students. Referrals are necessary through teaching staff. Parent consent is required for this service to be carried out.

SPEECH, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND SOCIAL WORKERS: These services are based at the Community Health Centre please call them on 9143 2221 but can also be available through the school.

EAR BUS: Visits are scheduled during the school term at present they are one visit per term. All students are screened, and permission forms are to be completed on enrolment.

Health Education

At Peg's Creek Primary School, we have a range of programs in place for students to be involved in. Our focus is on providing students with a Health and Physical Education experience that meets the Western Australian Curriculum. We implement the mandatory Protective Behaviours Program which is a nationwide resource run through Holding Hands Australia. We also implement the SDERA program which teaches students about drug education and road safety awareness as well as building resilience. This program links into the community and allows students to interact with outside agencies that come into the school to create a unique learning experience for students

Information Communication Technology

All students and their parents/carer's must agree by completing a student ICT usage and agreement. This gives the school the right to publishing students' images and work for school purposes, online services account, disclosure of personal information to third party services which is done on enrolment and updated when required. The agreement should be discussed with your child/ren and the signed by both parties. Students will not be able to access any ICT until this user agreement is completed. The agreement helps ensure all students, parents and staff are ICT aware and know of their responsibilities.



Illness and Communicable Diseases

Parents will be notified if students become ill or are injured at school. It is essential that emergency contact details on the school computer system are accurate and up to date. School staff are not permitted to administer medications without parental consent and may only administer basic first aid. This makes your current contact information vital to your child's wellbeing. Should an ambulance be needed, parents will be required to cover this cost. A health form will be issued on enrolment. This form will provide information for staff to consider when planning school excursions and will need to be updated if your child's health circumstances change. If your child suffers from a medical condition e.g. asthma, anaphylaxis you must advise the school immediately to ensure an action plan is put in place to support the care and wellbeing of your child. If your child requires short term medication e.g. antibiotics, you will need to complete the appropriate form available from the office. If any health circumstances change with your child, you will need to contact the office with updated details ASAP.

There are certain common illnesses which are highly contagious. We offer the following information to parents so that they are aware of when, and for how long, they should keep their child home. If you are unsure whether or not to keep your child home, please contact the teacher.

CHICKEN POX Exclude until well and for at least five days after the rash appears and until vesicles have formed crusts.

CONJUNCTIVITIS Exclude until discharge from eyes has ceased or until three days after beginning antibiotic treatment.

INFLUENZA (Flu) Exclude until well, and all symptoms have subsided.

IMPETIGO (School Sores) Exclude until day after antibiotic treatment has commenced. Lesions on exposed skin surfaces should be covered with a waterproof dressing.

MEASLES Exclude until well and for at least four days after the onset of the rash.

MUMPS Exclude until well and for at least nine days after onset of symptoms.

RINGWORM (Tinea) Exclude until the day after treatment has commenced. Lesions on exposed skin surfaces should be covered with a waterproof dressing.

RUBELLA (German Measles) Exclude until at least four days after onset of rash.

PEDICULOSIS (Head Lice) Exclude until the day after treatment has commenced, and when all lice and eggs (nits) are killed

Kindy and Pre-Primary Students

✓ **Parent Help**

At the beginning of Term Two a parent roster will be posted outside the classroom. We encourage you to put your name down when you are available as parent involvement greatly enhances your child's learning. The amount of time you have to spend on roster depends on your available time – if you only have an hour your company will still be valued and appreciated by all. If you have had a negative response to Working with Children Check, you won't be able to assist in classrooms. A parent volunteer declaration will need to be completed before coming in.

✓ **What to Bring**

✓ **Kindy**

Students, please bring a piece of fruit or vegetable to share each day. Healthy foods such as cheese, dried fruit or crackers are also suitable.

✓ **Pre-Primary**

Students are to provide their own recess, please note we are a NUT AWARE school so please avoid muesli bars and other foods containing nuts like Nutella.

- ✓ Lunch
Please provide your child with a healthy lunch and a bottle of WATER only.
- ✓ School Bag
Each child will also need a bag to keep their belongings in. Backpacks (standard size) are most suitable as they keep the hands free for carrying large or delicate work. Please keep these items available for your child in their backpack: 1x wide brimmed hat (labelled) 1x spare set of clothes, 1x hand towel and 1x library bag
- ✓ Collecting your child from school
For a smooth transition at the end of the school day, the class teacher will provide information on their process, specific to their classroom. See early pickup instructions listed in this booklet previously.
- ✓ Pre-Primary: Home Reading
A child's success with reading and love for reading begins at home. Your child will get to select a book to take home to read. The book can be returned and exchanged when necessary. There are stickers and certificate rewards when students reach a certain amount of reading nights.

Library

We have such a beautiful library here at Peg's Creek PS but we also have a very important requirement: Children require a library bag to borrow books from the library. The library offers our students from Kindy to Year 6 lots of great reading materials and the library also has activities running during lunch. Mrs Chambers will be advertising the activities that are being run in the library on our Facebook page. We do ask that children do use hand sanitiser before entering the library and remember to respect the library by keeping it clean and tidy and being respectful to our resources, friends and teachers who also use our library. Students are allowed to borrow up to two books at a time. If a book is overdue Mrs Chambers will email the parent or there will be a note sent home with the child. Should you not be able to find a book in the library don't hesitate to ask Mrs Chambers to help you find it or maybe she can order it in for you.

Lost Property

Clothing that is found in and around the school and doesn't have any obvious means of identification will be handed into the lost property container that is in the breakfast club. Items of greater value such as money, watches, jewellery are given into the front office. Please ensure that all personal property is clearly marked with your child's name on it. At the end of each term, if not claimed it will be disposed of appropriately.

Lunch

Remember what goes into a child's mouth affects not only their attention span but their behaviour and their ability to learn. We strongly recommend that a healthy lunch is packed, this may consist of a sandwich (or equivalent) and two healthy snacks. Please do not over pack as children may feel the need to eat it all. We know that sometimes it may be tricky to come up with a healthy variety of ideas but be sure to check out: [Packed-with-Goodness.pdf \(waschoolcanteens.org.au\)](https://www.waschoolcanteens.org.au/Packed-with-Goodness.pdf)

Health and Wellbeing

Pegs Creek Primary School's Health and Wellbeing Program Coordinator – Sarah Goyder operates out of administration. The Department of Education has made student and staff wellbeing of high importance in its 2023/24 Focus. Pegs Creek Primary School aims to develop strong, connected relationships with our community, parents, staff and students. We provide pastoral care through the implementation of 'Zones of Regulation', 'Be You' mental health support and the structure of Physical Education curriculum and lessons from Kindergarten to Year 6. Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS) features heavily in the development of our students at Pegs Creek and students are given lots of opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities such as Burrup Bouncers and lunchtime sporting competitions and clubs.

Meetings

If you would like to meet with your child/ren's teacher, then we ask that you make contact with the teacher to arrange a time that suits both yourself and the teacher. Remember things don't have to be "wrong" for you to see the teacher – maybe you simply want to "keep in touch". You are more than welcome to email them directly or via the school office email: pegscreek.ps@education.wa.edu.au the School Officer can send you

request to the appropriate teacher. If you would like to discuss a matter with the Principal or Deputy Principal, we also ask that you email the office so the school officer can arrange a time that is suitable.

Mobile Phones

If your child/ren is required to bring a mobile phone or electronic device to school, then it must be handed into the front office prior to school commencing. They are to be signed in and out by the owner of the item. They can only be collected after school ends for the day.

Money Collection

Money for school events such as camps, excursions, incursions or swimming lessons should be placed in a money envelope (which is handed out with permission forms) and clearly marked with your child/ren name on it. They are then to be placed in the lock box which is located in the office. EFTPOS is also available at the front office. The school tries to plan events to minimise expenses for parents as far apart as possible and charges are carefully considered before parents are burdened with additional costs. It is important for costs to be paid by the set deadlines. If you need to discuss a payment plan, please contact the Manager Corporate Services to discuss this matter further.

Nut allergies

Pegs Creek is an allergy aware school and is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment where students at risk of anaphylaxis are able to join in school activities. We ask that you support our students by reminding your children to not share food and practise hand hygiene during eating times.

Parents and Citizens Association

The purpose of the Pegs Creek P&C committee is to raise funds for the school and to encourage parent involvement in the education of their child/ren. Meetings are held regularly throughout the school year. The P&C runs the canteen, uniform shop, book club and other fundraising opportunities during the course of the year. Parents are encouraged to participate and help the P&C so that they can be a part of the growth that benefits their child's education. All members of the community are most welcome to join the P&C. They also have a P&C Facebook page which advertises when the next meeting will be held.



Parents and Citizens' Associations are directed under the Education Act toward two major aims:

1. To promote the interest of the school by endeavouring to bring about close co-operation between parents, other citizens and teachers.
2. The provision to facilities and amenities and other educational needs not provided directly by the Government.

Swimming Lessons

Students will participate in swimming lessons that will be conducted by a trained swimming teacher that is approved by the Department of Education. This will be a part of the school's Physical Education program. Students from Pre-Primary to Year Six attend swimming lessons at the Karratha Leisureplex. Children are expected to attend swimming lessons when they are scheduled and will only be excluded on written medical advice. There will be a cost for students to participate, transport to and from the pool by bus and pool entry. If you are unable to pay for these lessons, you are requested to confidentially discuss this matter with the Manager Corporate Services in the office to discuss a possible arrangement.

School Reports

Children will receive two School reports over the school year via email. A printed copy will be sent out. The first one will be issued at the end of Term 2 for Semester 1 and then the final will be sent home at the end of Term 4 for Semester 2. A printed copy will be sent out upon request along with an emailed copy.

Stationery lists (Personal Items Lists)

Personal items stationery lists are issued at the end of each school year for the following year. These items can be ordered directly online from Campion. Alternatively, you can purchase these items elsewhere. If you require a copy of a stationery list, please ask at the school office or refer to our school website.

Uniforms

Peg's Creek Primary School's community believes that a school uniform:

- Fosters a sense of community
- Enhances the public image of the school
- Encourages equity among students
- Ensures students are dressed safely for school activities
- Should protect the children from ultraviolet radiation.



Students are encouraged to always wear the school uniform.

Please note that all students are required to wear enclosed shoes or sandals while on school grounds. Thongs are NOT allowed. All government schools have no denim policy.

Our uniform shop is open on a Tuesday morning from 8.30am - 9am and online ordering can be done through [Quickcliq](#). If you can't make it to the school or access the online ordering, then you are more than welcome to fill out an order form which you can download from the school website and leave it with the front office, they can ask the staff on a Tuesday in the uniform shop to complete your order and we can drop this off to your child's classroom. We stock a limited number of uniforms at the office for emergency enrolments.

The school shirt is a collared Teal & Black polo shirt; students are to wear **Black** skirt/skorts or pants. Leggings can be worn in the cooler months but must have shorts over the top as per the recent policy change.

School Policies

Good standing is a status that is granted to every student at the beginning of the year. It is the responsibility of every student to maintain their *good standing*. Students with *good standing* are eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities on and off-site during school hours and after school. Students will maintain good standing by following the Pegs Creek Primary school behaviour expectations mentioned on page 7 or students making changes to a behaviour that is either self-initiated or with guidance from a staff member. When a student loses *good standing*, they will lose the privilege to participate in various events throughout the term for 10 school days.

Sun smart

All students and staff need to model sun safety by wearing a broad brimmed hat or a hat with neck protection when you're in the sun. Children will not be allowed to play out in the sun if they do not have a wide brimmed hat on. A cap is not acceptable.

No Hat No Play- children are to sit quietly in the designated area in the undercover area, unless they have specific needs that have been discussed with the principal.



School Song

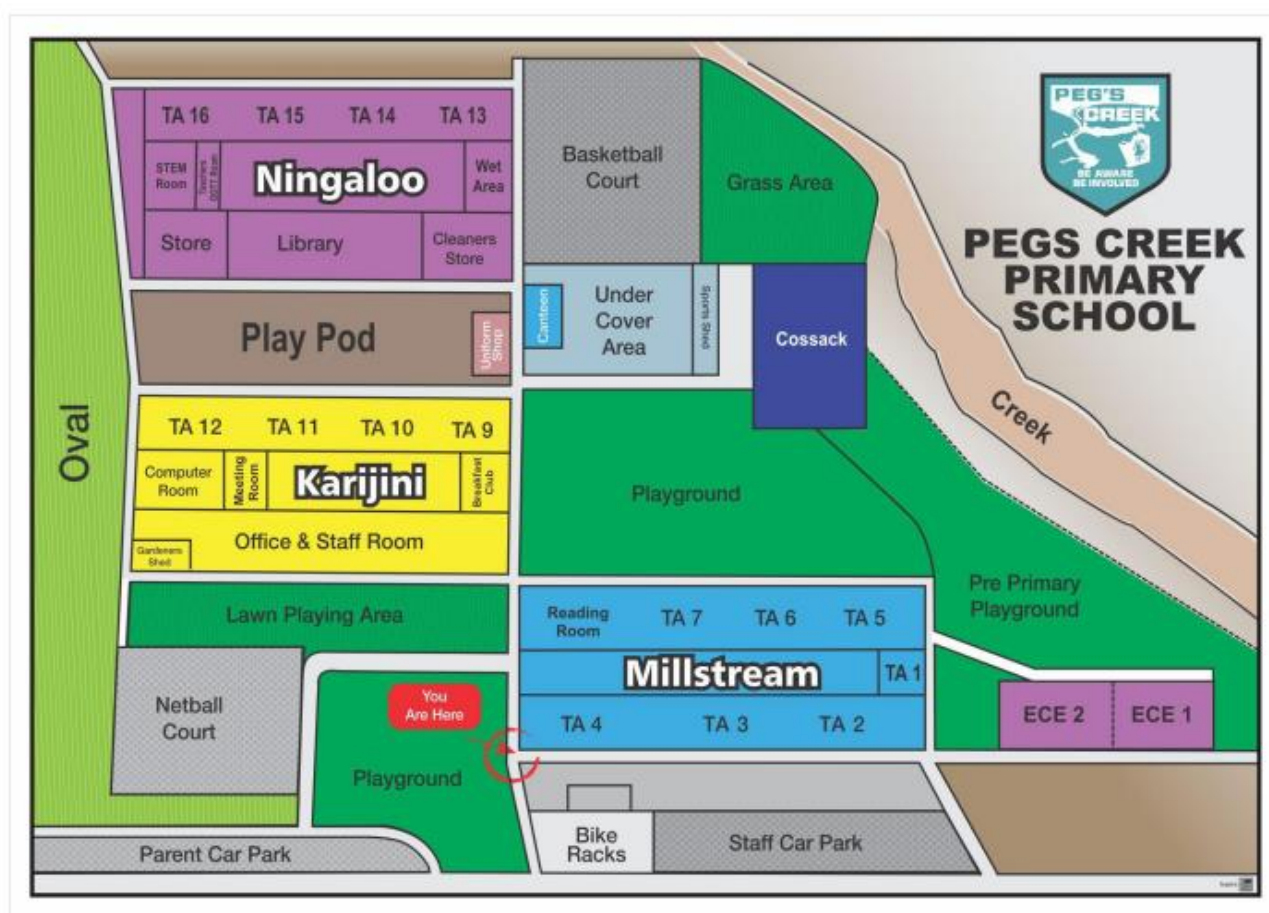
Red earth, red sun, ancient rocks and
Pilbara bright blue skies
Sunset, ocean, palm tree, coastlines,
ranges up so high

Peg's Creek Primary School is bright through
clouds we'll always shine
Be aware and be involved,
be your best and strive

Here at Peg's Creek
we have the best time
Teaching and learning
be your best and strive!



School Map



Voluntary Contribution and Charges

The yearly voluntary contribution for students in Kindy to Year 6 is \$60 per child. This can be paid at the beginning of the school year or with the personal stationery order. All charges will be collected through the year as required. This amount is set by the school board. While contributions are voluntary the quality of our teaching and learning programs will be maximised when each family makes a contribution to the cost of supplementing funding coming from other sources including State and Commonwealth governments. These voluntary contributions can be paid to the office either in cash or by EFTPOS.

What does \$60 get for my child I hear you ask? Here is an example three examples:

- Each Kindy and Pre-Primary students make playdough which costs \$3.00 per week. Your \$60 will help make enough playdough for 20 weeks.
- All students that uses paint, whether that be for Art or other projects a 2L bottle of paint costs \$14.90 your \$60 helps buy 4 colours.
- A Sphero robot cost \$200 each- that is just a little more the 3 voluntary payments.

Water

We acknowledge that Karratha is frequently exposed to very hot conditions and occasional cyclonic conditions, and that the majority of Peg's Creek PS community members are acclimatised, resilient and tolerant of these conditions. We as a school encourage the increase of water consumption on those hot days and have a number of refrigerated cold water drinking fountains on the school grounds that are accessible to students so that they can refill their water bottles up during recess and lunch. Our teachers in Kindy and Pre-Primary do monitor closely the water intake of their students.

Blue Alert

The school will usually remain open

Yellow Alert

If a Yellow Alert is called before school:

- Students do not come to school.
- Parents are informed of Yellow Alert by media (local radio as part of the standard SES message)
- Principal attends school to ensure good order before leaving (staff not required).
- Bus company informed of school closure.
- School site and resources made ready for cyclone.
- Duty of Care exists for any students present. If any students inadvertently attend school:
- Parents are to be contacted to collect children.
- Students who are not catered for in this way must be supervised until an alternative Duty of Care can be assured (Department of Community Development or local Police may be of assistance in dealing with these children).

If a Yellow Alert is called during the school day:

- Students will not be sent home until instructions are received from parents.
- Parents are informed by media (local radio using normal SES Alert messages).

♣ Yellow Alert before 12:00 – parents are encouraged to pick up students as soon as possible. The school will close at lunch time.

♣ Yellow Alert after 12:00 – parents pick up students as soon as possible. The school will close at the usual time.

The above does not preclude immediate closure in extenuating circumstances and if deemed necessary by the Cyclone Committee. (Students who are not catered for must be supervised until an alternative Duty of Care can be assured.) Department of Community Development or local Police may be of assistance in dealing with these children after school finishes or if the intensity of the cyclone escalates.

In the event that a Yellow Alert is called at or after 2.00pm, schools will remain closed the following day.

In the event that a Yellow Alert is called at or after 2.00pm but subsequently cancelled, the Regional Director, in consultation with the Cyclone Committee, has the discretion to ensure that schools open the following day. It is expected that this will be a very rare occurrence and that the 2.00pm ruling will apply in most cases.

Communication between the Regional Office (Regional Executive Director) and schools will continue to be the main source of providing up-to-date information on cyclone procedures for school Principals.

Red Alert

- Schools will remain closed during a Red Alert.
- In the event that a Red Alert is proclaimed after 2.00pm, schools will remain closed the following day.
- In the event that a Red Alert is proclaimed at or after 2.00pm but subsequently cancelled, the Regional Director, in consultation with the Cyclone Committee, has the discretion to ensure that schools open the following day. It is expected that this will be a very rare occurrence and that the 2.00pm ruling will apply in most cases.