



DATES TO REMEMBER

**P&C AGM Monday, 14
February at 2pm**

Labor Day long weekend
Monday March 7

TA 8 Assembly
Friday 18 Feb 2.15 pm

GG stallholders meeting
21 February @ 2pm
All helpers welcome

GG Festival
26 March

In term swimming
21 March—1 April

Uniforms and hats

As a Sun Smart school students need their broad brimmed hats each day. Please remind children to bring their hat each day.

Canteen help required

The school canteen is only able to operate five days a week if we get volunteers. If you can spare a couple of hours on a weekday morning please see Chantal or Sue in the canteen.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to a new school year. when they reach milestones. Please I hope everyone had safe and enjoyable holiday. note that 50 days can only be reached 50 days into the new year and not earlier. Please help your

This year Mrs Sarah Warren has joined the staff for the year and is teaching in TA 2. Ms Briggs-Killick joins the staff also this year as our Art teacher while Mrs Ramsay leaves us in week 6 to have her first baby. Mrs Robinson is now a permanent staff member and is teaching in TA 4 one day a week and also works in a support role. We also welcome back Mrs Steel after extended maternity leave who will be in TA 11 on Fridays.

The holidays have seen more work on the school which is hopefully nearing completion. The library is having an extension, the new sports shed is nearly complete and the outdoor area in early childhood is coming along well. The final works is the store room off the hall.

Home reading and homework

All classes from years 1-7 have home reading and homework. These routines should be running fully by week two. You will notice new reading signers were on your book list. Please ensure that you sign them each day that your child reads as we provide incentives to the children

child's learning by taking the time to read to your child each night and listen to them read.

School procedures

We would like to remind families about ongoing procedures regarding the school. As such the following pages outline many of our policies and behaviour expectations. Many of these can now be downloaded in full from our new website (see below for URL).

You may like to read through some with your children. We also welcome your feedback in relation to these if you would like to contribute ideas that may result in your child having a healthier, safer and enjoyable school year.

All children are reminded of the these rules throughout the year and younger children and new children are always given plenty of reminders to assist them to fit into the regular routine.

Lis Turner ☺ Principal

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COMMUNITY

CIRCUS FUN

A beginners guide to acrobatics, juggling, tumbling, trapeze, trampolining, slapstick and loads more!!

If you are 5 – 12 years old and would love to try something new.....Circus Fun is for you !!

A brand new 6 week program on Thursdays 5pm till 6pm.

Starts Thursday, 17 February @ GERALDTON PCYC 99211317 105 Pass Street, Geraldton WA 6530

\$50 for the whole 6 weeks this includes Insurance.

P&C NEWS

Welcome back to school for another exciting year for parents, staff and students alike! A special welcome to new families. We know you will enjoy your time here at Waggrakine Primary School.

The P&C is an important association giving parents a voice in our school community. We need new members in order to remain vibrant and viable, so please support us. No experience on committees required! We need 5 members present at every meeting, which means a core group of 10 would be ideal. Members apart from president, secretary and treasurer have no extra expectations apart from attending meetings.

Our **AGM will be held on Monday 14th February at 2pm**. The venue will either be the library or staff room. Please sign in at the front office prior to the meeting. If you are interested in being involved but the time does not suit you, please register your interest. The meeting times and days are flexible to suit the majority of members. Please note the AGM will be primarily to register members and elect positions.

We look forward to working with you over the coming year! All the best for your endeavours, and many thanks for your support.

Lisa Keeffe
P&C president

Ambulance cover

Each year we usually need to call an ambulance 3-4 times. This occurs as when we are dealing with neck, back or head injuries we will not take chances. We endeavour to contact parents prior to calling ambulances when possible. The family is billed for the ambulance direct and this can be around \$800. As such we strongly urge all families to spend the small annual fee on ambulance cover or check your current cover to ensure that you have ambulance cover for all family members. Contact St Johns or a private health fund for more information.

Mobile Phone Policy

Students are not to have mobile phones with them during the school day and they are strongly discouraged from bringing them to school at all.

If it is necessary for your child to bring a phone to school, it is to be switched off and taken to the front office before 8-45am where phones are labelled and stored. Students may collect mobile phones after the final siren.

Students found to be in possession of, or using a mobile phone during school hours will have the phone confiscated. The phone will need to be collected by the student's parent/guardian from the office.



Scoters

While we encourage students to ride, and walk to school for their health we would like to remind those students who ride scooters and bikes that these must only be walked inside the school grounds to prevent accidents. Parent contact will be made for students who are not following these rules.

Everyone at Waggrakine Primary School has the right and responsibility to ensure:

- Everyone is respected.
- Everyone is safe.
- Everyone has the right to learn.
- Everyone has the right to be able to do their job.
- Everyone can speak up when others do not follow the code of conduct.

School Code of Conduct

- Show consideration, courtesy and respect to others and their property.
- Follow instructions from staff members.
- Play and move in the school so that all people are safe.
- Abide by the school's policies and procedures and classroom codes of behaviour.

Volunteers welcome

Each year the school program is greatly enriched by many volunteers, parents and family members helping out with reading groups, excursions, library work or other school functions. At the beginning of each year it is a mandatory requirement for the safety of children that all parents of children at Waggrakine sign a confidential declaration and all non parent volunteers require a Working with Children Check. Teachers will seek your cooperation in meeting our requirements to ensure children's safety.

Assemblies

Assemblies are held on Friday afternoons commence at 2.15 pm. This is to provide five days of uninterrupted literacy instruction in the mornings. Assemblies are usually ordered from Year 7 to PP over the year. Dates are advertised in each newsletter.

Attendance

Attendance is an area we continue to focus on in 2011. Regular attendance of over 90% is essential for all children's progress. Please ensure your child attends regularly to maximise their learning opportunities. Lateness is also an issue and students are expected to be at school prior to 8.45 to ensure they do not miss valuable learning experiences. If your child is a poor attendee you will be contacted by the class teacher or member of admin to work together to improve attendance.

Swimming classes

Swimming classes for years 1-7 take place in weeks 8 and 9. Notes will go home in a few weeks. To enable early planning, we anticipate the cost to be \$35-\$40 per child for the two week program. This covers pool entry and bus. The Education Department covers the costs of the lessons.

School Contributions

This year contributions are \$40 per child. Your support in paying these contributions early allows us to provide a richer curriculum for your children. We thank you in anticipation for your support.

WAGGRAKINE PRIMARY SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR STANDARDS

RESPECT FOR SELF, OTHERS, PROPERTY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

- Attendance**
- Students (other than bus students) are expected to arrive at school between 8-20 and 8-45am. If students arrive before 8-30am they must immediately move to the courtyard outside the staffroom and wait quietly behind the orange lines until dismissed at 8-30am. Students are not to take their bags to class or order their lunch during this time. Only students accompanied by a parent may wait outside the classroom.
 - Students who arrive late (after 9-00am) must go to the office for a 'late slip' before going to class. All lateness of any time is recorded in the record keeping.
 - Absence from school must be explained either verbally or in writing by a parent/guardian.
 - Students may only leave the school grounds during the day if they have been collected by a parent/guardian who has signed them out at the front office.
- Behaviour**
- Responsible and respectful behaviour is expected.
 - Language used at school must be socially acceptable.
 - Follow the instructions of all staff.
- Mobile phones and electronic equipment**
- Mobile phones and personal electronic equipment eg. ipods, MP3s, cameras should be left at home. If a student needs to bring one to school it is to be turned off and taken to the front office prior to 8-45am and collected after 3-00pm.
- Classrooms**
- Students are permitted in rooms only when a staff member is present.
 - Students are expected to follow the class code of conduct.
 - After entering the classroom in the morning, students must not leave without permission from their teacher.
- Dress**
- Students are expected to meet school dress requirements unless an exemption has been granted.
 - Students are required to wear broad brimmed hats when in the sun ("Sun Smart").
- Eating**
- Eat only in designated area.
 - Remain seated until dismissed.
 - Place rubbish in bins after being dismissed.
- Playground**
- No hat, no play (includes visiting the library during lunch or recess).
 - Play in designated areas and follow rosters for playground equipment.
 - Use all playground and sporting equipment appropriately. Equipment in PE teacher's marked area on the oval is not for use during breaks.
 - Play non contact games.
- Movement**
- Walk on verandas, undercover areas and other paved or concrete surfaces. Students riding bikes, scooters etc. to school must wear helmets and enter through the gate on Hall Rd. Bikes etc. must be walked across the road and within the school grounds. Bikes must be wheeled directly to the bike racks. Locks are recommended.
- School Property**
- Treat all school property with care.
- Personal property**
- Any items of personal property brought to school are at students' own risk. Valuables should be left at home.
- Canteen**
- Orderly queuing is required.
 - Lunches are to be ordered between 8-30 and 8-45am.