



DATES TO REMEMBER

P&C meeting
Monday 18 May @ 2pm

TA 1 Assembly
Friday May 20, Week 3



**AUSTRALIANA
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Friday 27 May

TA 2 Assembly
Friday 10 June, Week 6

TA 14 Assembly
Friday July 1, Week 9

Parent Contributions

We have only received 29% of Parent Contributions so far. Please keep them coming in so that your children can benefit from the money.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to term 2. We start the term with the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy testing. On Tuesday all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students around Australia will be involved in the testing. Tuesday students have writing and spelling and punctuation, Wednesday they have reading and Thursday they have Numeracy. Absent students will have the opportunity to complete assessments later in the week.

In the last newsletter I mentioned that we were fortunate enough to be included in the Asia Education Foundation, Indonesian—Australian Bridge PROGRAM. Mrs Mannion, Ms Low, Ibu Melanie Cross and Ms Moses are off to Melbourne on Tuesday 17 May to attend a PD at Melbourne University. They will be joined by two Indonesian Teachers, who are from SDN 4 Cilegon, Banten in West Java. Their names are (Mrs) Ibu Nursahanah and (Ms) Ibu Mina Mefida and they will be returning with our staff to visit our school from 23 May to 3 June. Please take the time to say hello and make them feel welcome during their stay. They are being billeted by staff and we hope to have an Australian themed disco while they are here.

In addition TAs 12/13, TA 14, TA 8 and the Indonesian class will be having a sharing afternoon with interested parents on Wednesday 25. This will allow the children the opportunity to share some of the learning experiences they have had. Another note will be sent home with more details closer to the event.

We recognised ANZAC Day with a ceremony at school in week 11. Thank you to Lesleigh Stewart, our resident bugler, for her participation and Mrs Suckling for organising such a memorable ceremony. Thanks too to our fabulous choir and Mrs Gadsby for their songs.

Thanks to those staff and students who attended the ANZAC Day ceremony in town during the long weekend.

Well done also to the Choir and Mrs Gadsby for the Music assembly last term. It is always wonderful to watch the choir perform. Thanks to the regular group of parents who come to support all the children at school each assembly and provide their performances with a real audience.

Lis Turner, Principal ☺

Behaviour Management

At Waggrakine we use a range of behaviour management strategies to promote positive relationships, trust and co-operation to secure an enjoyable learning environment where expectations are clear and conflict is minimised. We have recently introduced the Team Teach philosophy to complement our existing behaviour management techniques and to support the creation of an environment where pupils feel safe, enjoy learning, engage enthusiastically in activities, can access the curriculum and achieve their social and academic potential. As school staff members we have a duty to keep all students safe and in all instances must act in their best interests. Accordingly, all staff are trained in behaviour management skills to help them to defuse situations before behaviour becomes challenging. We also learn how to de-escalate incidents should they arise. This also includes training in restrictive physical intervention should students who are in crisis require this level of support. Reasonable and proportionate use of force to support students in crisis can only be used when the risks involved in doing so are outweighed by the risks involved in not intervening/using physical restraint. In essence, staff are trained to physically restrain students if they judge that not doing so is likely to result in greater harm to themselves or to other students.

This philosophy is included in our Behaviour Management documentation and supported through staff training. If we assess there to be a foreseeable risk and that restrictive physical intervention may be needed to support individual students, then this assessment will be communicated to parents and caregivers who may then wish to become involved in supportive programs which seek to prevent physical interventions becoming necessary. As with all our programs we encourage parents and caregivers to discuss their child's individual learning and behaviour needs with our staff and communicate regularly concerning their child's progress at Waggrakine.

Choir Assembly performance shines!



Cycle to School Day 2011

Congratulations to everyone who took part in Cycle to School Day on Thursday 14. Many students and their families put in a great effort and I hope they had a lot of fun on the day. It was great to see the bike rack grow from 5 bikes on Wednesday to 45 on the Thursday. Well done to Mrs Price, who rode all the way from Mt Tarcoola, and it was also great to see Mr Lawson riding through the gates on his bright purple bike with streamers flapping.

A special thanks goes to the parents, teachers and students who helped the day happen.

Cycling is free, it helps improve the environment and it keeps our bodies fit and healthy. The project was aimed at school children with a focus on having as many children as possible cycling to school a few times a week or as often as possible.

Yours Thankfully
Leigh Murdoch

Mothers Day at Waggrakine

Waggrakine Primary School held a Mothers Day stall on Friday 6 May to raise funds for our sister school SD 4 Pelaga which is located in Bali. This was a successful fundraiser which made a total of \$400.00. The money raised goes to assisting the school to purchase items such as books, sports equipment and other resources.



Positive Rewards

This term we are introducing two new positive rewards for our students.

Waggy Wonder

When staff are on playground duty they will be issuing 'Waggy Wonder' cards to students observed playing and interacting with others appropriately. Students will write their name and faction details on the card then deposit the card in one of several designated boxes. As well as earning faction points, at each assembly 3 cards will be randomly drawn to receive a prize. There will be one prize for Years 1 to 3, one for years 4 & 5 and one for years 6 & 7.



Extra Recess

On Friday in weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10 students who have not had detention during the preceding fortnight will receive an extra afternoon recess period. The percentage of children eligible to participate in each reward session will be published in the newsletter.



Attendance

We are also going to start rewards for positive attendance as we have so many students who have such high percentages of attendance.



ANZAC Ceremony
15 April 2011



LITERACY and NUMERACY Years 1-12

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Your Child Improve:
Self-Esteem
Confidence
Motivation
Independence
School Results

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