



### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Travel Smart Why Not Wednesday

Every Wednesday throughout the term

**800m**

Tuesday, 27 August 2.00pm

#### CARNIVAL DAY

Friday, 30 August

#### Book Week Parade

Wednesday, 4 September

#### TA 14 Assembly

Friday, 6 September

#### Interschool cross country Spooky Disco

Friday, 13 September

#### Last day of term 3

Friday, 27 September

#### First day of Term 4

Tuesday, 15 October

Check out the school blog at [www.waggrakineps.wordpress.com/](http://www.waggrakineps.wordpress.com/)

Newsletters can be found at our website on [www.waggrakineps.det.wa.edu.au](http://www.waggrakineps.det.wa.edu.au)

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It was fantastic to see so many parents and family members at school on Friday for the Cross Country. Thanks so much for coming down to support your children, they really love that you are there! I also want to say also how proud we are of our year 7 students who look after the young ones so much throughout sports events, it is great to see such active citizenship!

I need to remind families again that there are 90 outstanding enrolment forms and this is becoming very problematic for us if we need to contact parents. Forms will be sent home with your child, please complete and return as soon as possible. If you need assistance completing the forms, please contact the office and we will be more than happy to assist you.

Last week saw the most extensive education reform, redistribution and reduction of funding to Western Australian Government schools that I have ever witnessed. While reform to the education system is welcome and redistribution of funds allows for greater equity in the way schools are funded, a reduction in funding and staffing to schools will impact on day

to day business. 2013 has been a big year for Waggrakine with the fire, and now with a reduction in resources. It is more important than ever, that parents who have not paid their contributions please do so. As a government school we only request \$40 per child, but this makes a difference to what we can offer students. Contributions are very low, which is very disappointing.

2013 school contributions collected to date:

Primary	31.76%
Pre Primary	48.07%
Kindy	45.80%

I would like to showcase a couple of our classroom blogs and the school blog. Staff work hard adding entries to their blog ensuring parents can share classroom events. Blogs are a great way to interact with your child at home and get more out of "what did you do at school today or this week?" Check out the school blog at [www.waggrakineps.wordpress.com/](http://www.waggrakineps.wordpress.com/), the year 7 blog at <http://year7waggy.wordpress.com/> and the ECE 3/4 blog at <http://ece3waggy.wordpress.com/>

Lis Turner  
Principal ☺

# TA 10 and 11 Assembly



## This fortnight's

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Karra 45

Karra, Karra  
Is the best.  
Leading the way from all  
the rest,  
Redback, redback  
Spinning away  
Come on Karra,  
Let's lead the way.

## Lost Property

Please make an effort to check the lost property for items your child may have misplaced over the last couple of terms. The "mountain" of jumpers continues to get bigger. If your child has lost a jumper, the chances are it's in the hall!

## Will you be at Waggrakine in 2014?

To assist with planning for 2014, we request you advise us if you are planning on leaving Waggrakine Primary School at the end of this year. If you know you are moving on can you please complete the slip below and return to the office.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

My child **will not** be attending Waggrakine Primary School in 2014

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Kindy Enrolments

### Now open for 2014

If your child was born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 it's time to enrol them for Kindy in 2014. Enrolment forms can be obtained from the office.



**Enrol now to ensure you have a place in 2014 and are invited to the 2013 inductions welcoming new families**

## Travel Smart News

Well done to everyone who has continued to participate in Why Not Wednesday during the cooler weather. Our numbers have dropped to about 100 participants each week. As the weather improves it would be great to see the number increase.

Please remember to have your Why Not Wednesday card with you. If you don't have your card, the team is still counting you and awarding tokens, but you need your card to get stickers and raffle tickets. It is good idea to keep your card in a small pocket of your bag all the time.

The winner of the Travel Smart trophy for the past fortnight is TA 13 who had 32% of the class participating over the past 2 weeks.

## Orangutan Story

**Orangutan: "The rainforest is their habitat. Without the rainforest, they will become extinct."**

*Swinging through the rainforest, strong arms pulling through the trees. Must get away, must escape. Big yellow claw, right behind. Must get away, must escape! Hurry! Hurry! Stop, turn. Brother and sister not behind. Look around, must find them! Big yellow claw too close, must leave them behind. Sad. Empty. Alone.*

The animals fled as the yellow bulldozer slammed into the trees. They fell, hit the ground with a boom, their roots yanked out of the ground. It was a sad thing to watch, but not to the workers who were causing the destruction. They watched with delight as the rainforest was destroyed. They are overcome with greed and are blind to what is happening around them...

### 40 years later

*Weak. Sick. Hard to breathe. Throat dry. Thinking, wondering. Where? Where are brother and sister? Why? Why did they leave? How? How did this happen? Tired, so, so tired. Sleep, need to sleep. Tired, sleep, sleep for long time...*

What once was a beautiful rainforest is now a barren wasteland. It is so dead, it is hard to believe there was any life there at all to begin with. If this does not stop, there will be no more trees to cut down, and then what will the foolish humans do? When the trees go, the world goes with it, and what use is palm oil when there is no one to use it?

By Erin Whiteside

## A Big Thank You!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Rod Cummings (one of our grandparents) who has taken the time to make 42 french knitting spools for our students at Waggrakine Primary. The students have been so excited and can't wait to learn how to use them.

## Photos, Photos, Photos

Due to the huge number of events going on at Waggy in the past fortnight, Make sure you check out the school blog which has lots more photos of these events put up on a daily basis.

[www.waggrakineps.det.wa.edu.au](http://www.waggrakineps.det.wa.edu.au)



## House Captains

With sports day just around the corner we thought it was appropriate to introduce our house captains. Check out their videos and chants

<http://year7waggy.wordpress.com/2013/08/02/get-to-know-your-house-captains/>

## Disco

Get your spook on and join us for the next Waggy disco on Friday, 13 September.

Spook it up and dress in your favourite spooooky costume. Lots of deadly dancing, ghostly games and mysterious munchies galore. Keep a look out for more information as the date draws closer.

Don't miss this spooktacular event!



Kindy-year 4 5.15-6.30pm

Year 5-7 6.45-8.15pm

Entry is still a bargain at \$2

## Sports Carnival Morning Teas

Our sports carnival is on Friday, 30 August this year and the P&C will be selling its very popular morning tea stall again, together with a sausage sizzle luncheon.

All donations of cakes and/or savouries will be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the canteen on Thursday or Friday.

Some suggestions are: cakes, slices (sweet or savoury), sandwiches, muffins/scones, quiches, juice boxes.

(Please mark all ingredients on packaging)

We would love as many helpers as possible. If you are able to help out for an hour please leave your name at the canteen or text Jodie on 0407 801 259 or Paula on 0409 076 476 by 27 August.



## Geraldton Primary School Quiz Night



Geraldton Primary School invites you to attend their quiz night on Friday, 30 August at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.

Tickets are \$80 a table with tables of 8 people.

BYO nibbles .

Alcohol will be sold on the night, so please NO BYO.

There will be raffles and door prizes and spot prizes galore.

To purchase a table, call in to see Coralie at Geraldton Primary School office or phone 9921 2311 to reserve your table

## Geraldton Little Athletics

Registration day for the 2013/14 season will be held on Saturday, 7 September from 10am-1pm at the clubrooms on Pass St. A demonstration of hurdles, high jump, discus and javelin will be held from 9-11am.

If your child turns 6 by 30 September, bring them along. All new members must bring a birth certificate.

If you require any more information, please contact Lynette Greenlees on 0427 213 721 or email [gero064@bigpond.com](mailto:gero064@bigpond.com)

## Sunsmart Tennis Camp

The Tennis West - Midwest Zone Sunsmart Tennis Camp will be held 1-4 October 2013 for beginners to advanced players aged 8-16 years.

Costs: Live in \$265 (includes accommodation and meals)

Day student \$150 (includes lunch)

If you are a member of a club the price is \$260 and \$145 respectively.

Enrolments close Monday, 9 September (first in basis)

For all enquiries contact Janniel Harris on 0427 912 685 or email:

[midwest.tennis@westnet.com.au](mailto:midwest.tennis@westnet.com.au)

