



### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Jeans For Genes Day

Friday, 7 August

#### Assembly TA 9

Friday, 14 August  
8.45am

#### Tee-ball & Jumps

Tuesday, 11 August

#### Cross Country

Friday, 14 August  
1.20pm

#### 800m & Triple Jump

Tuesday, 18 August

#### Sports Carnival

Friday, 21 August

### Canteen help required

The school canteen is only able to operate five days with the help of volunteers. If you can spare a couple of hours on a weekday morning please see Genevieve or Sue in the canteen.

Ph: 9938 1481



Dear Parents and Guardians,

This term has started off with a bang and there is a wonderful energy around the school as staff and students get into the full swing of Term 3.

This week we are celebrating NAIDOC week. NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself. The theme this year is "**We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect & Celebrate**", which highlights and celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. See inside pages for events happening over the week.

This term, as you all know, is Sports Carnival term. Children have been training hard to improve and practice their skills for the up coming events.

Next week we kick off the events with Tee-ball and Jump events on Tuesday, 11 August, followed by the Cross Country at 1.20pm on Friday 14th. The 800m and Triple Jump events will be held on Tuesday, 18 August, with Carnival Day on Friday 21st. If you can spare the time, I know your child/ren would love to see you there cheering them on! Extra sets of hands on the day, setting up and packing away is always appreciated. Please contact the office if available to assist on the day.

The P&C would also appreciate support with donations of cakes and slices for the day and manning the food stall on the day. Included in the newsletter is a flyer for you to fill out and return if you can spare a little of your time during the day. It is only 30 minutes out of your day and the more helpers we have the less work it is for everyone. So come along and support your children and the school!

As we sadly said goodbye to one of our Jindarndee House Captains this term, our Year 6 students from Jindarndee were given the opportunity to apply for the position by writing and delivering a speech. The Jindarndee students from Year 5 and 6 then voted. Congratulations to Corey Surmon who is our new Jindarndee House Captain for 2015.

With the National Quality Standards (NQS) being implemented in child care facilities throughout Australia, child care facilities and schools are now responsible for meeting set standards. These standards ensure centres are providing high quality education and facilities for students from birth to Year 2. The 7 Quality Areas are:

1. Educational programs and practice
2. Children's health and safety
3. Physical environment
4. Staffing arrangements
5. Relationships with children
6. Collaborative partnerships with families and communities
7. Leadership and service management

Within Quality Area 3 we are exploring the idea of a natural playground and seeking feedback and ideas from parents around inexpensive solutions. Here are some ideas that we invite feedback and donations of:

- \* Tyres, all shapes and sizes
- \* Rope of varying thicknesses and lengths
- \* Sticks and branches
- \* Planks of wood
- \* Concrete cylinders
- \* Large industrial cable reels
- \* Hay bales

If you or anyone you know has access to these items I would love to hear about it. Our hope is to create an area where kids can explore and create using recycled and natural materials.

Zoei Nixon - Principal

# NAIDOC WEEK

Theme of 2015: **We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect & Celebrate**

During the week we have a number of events and activities happening:

- Opening ceremony with guest speaker Mr Graham Taylor, who is Male Elder of the Year 2015
- Sand design by Maxine Gregory-Veitch
- Football Academy students coordinating rotational activities for the middle primary
- Upper Primary Indigenous football game
- Finishing our 2014/15 NAIDOC mural on the back of the Music and Art room
- Cook up - Friday
- Additional Classroom based activities



## Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

In August, all Australian schools will be involved in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) on school students with disabilities. As part of this, Waggrakine Primary School have been asked to provide data about our students with disabilities, learning difficulties and/or additional needs. The information requested is based around three areas:



- the student's level of education (i.e. primary or secondary)
- the student's category of disability (i.e. physical, cognitive, health, sensory or social/emotional)
- the student's level of adjustment (i.e. support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive adjustment).

The information collected **does not** identify individual students or the school, but provides the Federal Government with data on the number and nature of disabilities in all Australian schools. We believe it is vital to contribute to this data collection as the information will be used in the future to inform policy and programme improvement for students with disabilities.

Last week parents with students who have been identified for inclusion in the data collection were sent a letter. If you do not want your child/ren to be included, you can opt out by signing a form and we will ensure your child is not included in the information we provide to the Commonwealth.

If you would like any additional information, please visit the following website: <http://www.schooldisabilitydatapl.edu.au>



## School Uniforms

During the cool winter months, please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform when attending school. Students not following the Waggrakine Dress Code will have a verbal reminder from staff. If they continue to wear incorrect attire parents will be notified.

We respect and take pride in our school. Help us to do this by ensuring your child has the correct uniform.



## Jeans for Genes Day

On Friday, 7 August students are invited to participate in Jeans for Genes Day. This is a day when, for a gold coin donation, you can wear your jeans to school. Funds raised go to the Children's Medical Research Institute for research into birth defects and diseases such as cancer, epilepsy and a range of genetic disorders. If you do not have jeans, other jean style trousers or shorts may be worn but no very brief shorts please. Students still need to wear their school T-shirt and jumper.



## Values - Respect

At school we have implemented a renewed focus on the teaching of values. As a school we have started with the value of RESPECT. We have broken this down into visible behaviours that we can teach and reward when observed.

For the past few weeks our main focus has been modelling, teaching and rewarding use of manners at school. We are still reinforcing our previous focus on appropriate greetings and it has been heartening to hear so many students greeting adults and their peers respectfully.

You will notice posters around the school detailing this behaviour within the value of RESPECT. Please help us to show respect by continuing to model the use of greetings and manners around the school.

Students will be rewarded with value tokens for demonstrating and practising this behaviour around the school.

In the coming weeks our main focus will shift to respect for our school environment.

## TA 3 - Boom Chicka Boom



# Waggrakine Primary School P&C

## 2015 Sports Carnival Menu

Juice Boxes (Apple, Orange, Tropical or Blackcurrant)	\$1.00
Tea & Coffee	\$1.00
Water	\$1.50
Mixed Cake Plate	\$2.50
Sausage Roll	\$3.00
Sausage in bun with sauce	\$3.00
Ham/chicken and salad sandwiches	\$5.00

Menu options available all day unless sold out



### Natural Playground donations and feedback

Donations and ideas for the Natural Playground are greatly appreciated. Please contact the school via email, [Zoei.Nixon@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Zoei.Nixon@education.wa.edu.au) or phone 9938 1132 with donations, suggestions or feedback.

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- \* Other suggestions welcome!



**IT'S NOT  
OKAY TO  
STAY AWAY!**

Parents/Guardians must provide an acceptable written or verbal explanation for all student absences. Everyday a child is away makes a difference to their education!