



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **Disco**

Friday 19 June

K-Year 3 (5.15 - 6.30pm)

Year 4 - 6 (6.45 - 8.15pm)

### **Assembly TA 8**

Friday 26 June, 8.45am

### **Last Day of Term 2**

Friday 3 July 2015

### **First Day Term 3**

Tues 21 July 2015

### **Cross Country**

14 August 2015

### **Sports Carnival**

Friday 21 August 2015

### **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 Anne-Marie or Sue in the canteen.  
Ph: 9938 1481



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are almost at the end of Semester 1. What a busy 6 months we have had, with 27 new enrolments since census which puts our numbers at a fabulous 493 students.

Due to the increase in students the school has decided to fund an additional Year 5 classroom for Semester 2. Letters went home on Monday with all Year 4 - 6 students detailing the restructure. The restructure will only affect Year 4 - 6 classes, where we are over our ideal classroom sizes. The Kindergarten through to Year 3 classes will remain the same. This restructure, although unsettling for some students, will allow the school to have smaller numbers in each of the classrooms, thus enabling more teacher time for your child.

We have been fortunate enough to have Mr Leigh Murdoch (our current Sports Teacher) accept the position as the new Year 5 class teacher. This allows for a smoother transition for the students moving to the new class, as Mr Murdoch already knows each of the students. The school is currently sourcing a teacher to take on the Sports Teacher role for 6 months.

Next term we welcome back Mrs McLean to TA14 for the remainder of 2015. Mrs McLean has been on leave this term.

We also say congratulations and goodbye to Miss Melissa Stojanovski

who has won a position as Deputy Principal at Carnamah DHS for Semester 2 2015. Mrs Anne Williams who is currently in ECE 4 on Wednesday will take on the full time position in the class to maintain consistency.

Sadly we also say goodbye to Miss Stephanie Burro from TA 2, who has won a position at St Lawrence's Primary School, in a Year 6 class. We wish you all the best!

Taking Long Service Leave for Term 3 is Mrs Helen Price from TA 11, we wish her a safe and lovely time and look forward to hearing about her travels on her return in Term 4.

Once staffing has been finalised I will send out information to all families detailing the classes and teachers.

Over the last month you would have noticed workers around the school as our roof repairs have commenced. Repairs to the skylights, downpipes, and several other patches will hopefully be finished before the end of June. This will tie in with the roof replacement commencing later this year. Due to the water damage from the storms earlier on in the year we have been fortunate enough to have a number of floor coverings replaced in classrooms with painting to some exterior fixtures also scheduled. I am excited by the improvements which will make a huge difference to the look of our school.

**Zoei Nixon**  
Principal

## TA 2 Assembly - The Little Red Hen



## 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, we at 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, 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.

Over the coming month, staff will be in touch with parents of students who have been identified for inclusion in the data collection. If you do not want your child/ren to be included, you can opt out by signing a form and we will ensure that 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

As we come into the winter months, please ensure that your child has the correct colours and uniform on when attending school. Students not wearing correct uniform will have a verbal reminder from staff and if they continue to wear incorrect attire a letter will be sent home to parents.

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



## Safety for our Students

An increasing number of cars are repeatedly parking on the gravel on the east side of Hall Road and in the staff car park. Not only is this dangerous for students but it also creates traffic congestion as cars travelling south down Hall Rd can not go around cars turning into kiss and drive, due to cars parked on the verge.

Please help keep our students safe and alleviate congestion by using an alternative car park or timing your pickup so there is not a need to wait.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation!!

## Reports

Semester 1 reports will go home with students early Week 11. Please let the office know if you are going to be away and we can arrange for the reports to be posted to you.

Students from PP to Year 2 will receive a written description of their achievement in each subject area (Very Low, Limited, Satisfactory, High, Excellent). Students from Year 3 to Year 6 will receive a grade description for each subject area (A - E). A comment will be provided in the areas of English, Mathematics and a general comment will be written at the bottom of the report detailing their attitude, behaviour and effort.

Some students may have an NA in some subject areas, this is due to new enrolments or poor attendance, resulting in the teacher's ability to gather enough information to make an informed judgement regarding achievement.

## 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. The first targeted behaviour in RESPECT is greetings. For the next 2 weeks we will be modelling, teaching and rewarding greetings around the school.

You will notice from Monday next week posters around the school detailing this behaviour within the value of RESPECT. Please help us to show respect by modelling greeting around the school.

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

## BRIDGE program



In Term 1 holidays Ms Low flew to Malaysia to visit our BRIDGE school in Penang. There she experienced how a Malay Chinese school operated and immersed herself in the culture, teaching classes, eating and living as they do.

Last week we had our Bridge school teacher Mrs Dason, from Penang, come to visit our school. Mrs Dason shared with the students her culture, talking about her family, home, school and games. It was great to see the students engrossed in learning about a different culture and enthusiastically trying new things. The upper classes sent some work back with Mrs Dason to develop a link between schools. We look forward to fostering the ongoing correspondence with our BRIDGE school and we look forward to sharing this with you.



# ITS DISCO TIME



WHEN: 19th June 2015

WHERE: Waggrakine School Hall

Come dressed as your favourite sports star or hobby to kick off the first disco of the year.

JUNIOR (Kindy—Year 3)

5:15pm- 6:30pm

SENIOR (Year 4—Year 6)

6:45pm - 8:15pm

ENTRY—\$2  
DRINKS AND  
SNACKS ON  
SALE

