



DATES TO REMEMBER

Assembly TA 5 & 6
Friday 26 February 8.45am

P&C AGM
Monday 15 February
3.30pm in Lorax room

Parent Night
Wednesday 16 March
5.15 - 6.15pm PP - Yr 2
5.30 - 6.30 pm Yr 3-6

Labour Day long weekend
Monday 7 March

In term swimming
Five day blocks in weeks 5 & 6
Info has been sent home

Easter is at the end of week 8
with school closed Friday 25,
Monday 28 and Tuesday 29
March

Last Day of Term for
students is Thursday 7 April as
the Friday is a pupil free day.

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 Gen or Anne-Marie in the canteen.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with much excitement that I return to Waggrakine after a year's leave. I am eager to get back into the swing of school life. A big thanks to Mrs Nixon who put in a huge effort to run the school during 2015 and the staff, parents and community who supported her.

In the office with me we have Deputies:

Mrs Di Suckling - full time
Mrs Mandi Ostaszewskij - full time
Mrs Zoei Nixon - Mon and Tue
Mrs Suckling is taking Long Service Leave from week 7 term 1 until the end of term 2. Mrs Nixon will work full time during this period.

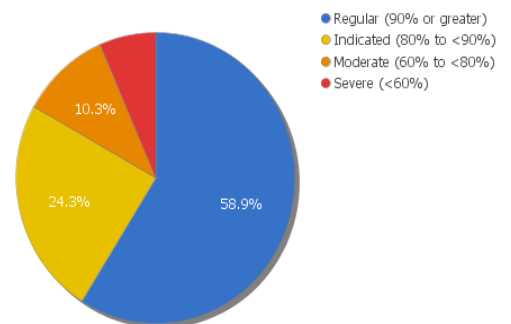
Mrs Marina Fowler and Mrs Michelle Tazewell are our School Officers and Ms Carol-Anne White remains our Registrar although now named Corporate Services Manager.

We welcome the following staff:
Mr Bradley Reynolds, TA I (Yr 4)
Mrs Kristine Cox, TA 15 (Yr 4)
Mrs Anne-Louise Marchant, Music
Mrs Tracy Hopkins, PP & TA II
Please check the blog for profiles.

Our numbers continue to grow as the Waggrakine catchment area (north of the Chapman River) continues its residential growth. This year we start with 16 Year 1 to 6

classes, one more than second semester last year.

My personal priority for 2016 is to work with families to improve attendance. Our Semester 2 2015 attendance was very poor and such attendance is putting children severely at risk in their learning, in this instance almost half the school population, with only 58% of students regularly attending over 90%.



Parents will notice that many of the classrooms have an attendance target for the term with rewards attached to try to improve the attendance rate. Such poor attendance will have a significant impact on children's learning.

The following pages are reminders of school procedures. Please take the time to read through the expectations with your children.

Lis Turner
Principal

The first day at school ...



Contributions and Charges

2016 contributions remain \$40 per child. Please help us to increase our contributions in 2016. Payment can be made online or at the office. BSB 016650, Acct 340819733, use child's name as reference.

Mobile Phones, iPods and iPads

Students are not to have mobile phones, iPods or iPads with them during the school day. If it is necessary for your child to bring electronics to school, they are to be switched off and taken to the front office before 8:45am where they are labelled and stored. Students may collect items after the final siren. Students with or using these items during school hours will have them confiscated and parents will need to collect from the office. School insurance does not cover loss of personal items.

Scooters

While we encourage students to ride and walk to school we remind students with scooters and bikes that these must be walked inside the school grounds to prevent accidents. A lockable scooter rack donated by the P&C is available.

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.

Ambulance cover

Each year there is often a need to call an ambulance for emergencies and we do not hesitate in doing so for the safety of your child. This may, at times, be done before parents are, or can be, contacted. The family is billed for the ambulance and this can be around \$800. We strongly urge all families to pay the small annual fee for ambulance cover or check your current private health insurance to ensure that you have ambulance benefits for all family members. Contact St John Ambulance or your private health fund for more information.

More first day of school

Communicating to the school community

Website

Waggrakine PS web site has an events and calendar page, and on parent information pages has policies, book lists and calendars that can be downloaded. <http://www.waggrakineps.wa.edu.au/Home.aspx>

Facebook

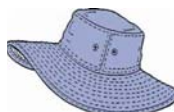
Continuing on from last year we strive to reduce the amount of printing we are doing. As such we will aim to print only two newsletters per term. Regular small communications will be done through the school Facebook page 'Waggrakine Primary School'. Please join the site if you have not already. There is also a P&C site that I encourage parents to join for the latest info from the P&C. [Waggrakine Primary School P&C](#)

School Blog

The school blog, 'What's up at Waggrakine?' regularly features photos of events in the school as they happen so please visit this site or follow the site so you are informed of the latest news and images. <http://waggrakineps.wordpress.com/> There is also a page on the school blog that will link to the teachers' class blogs.

Class Blogs and Facebook pages

A large number of classes will develop their own blog and/or Facebook page. Teachers will inform you once they are established.



Hats

In order to play in the playground at breaks children must wear a broad brimmed or legionnaire hat. Caps and bucket hats do not comply with our SunSmart policy.



Parent Volunteers

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 co-operation in meeting our requirements to ensure children's safety.

From your P&C

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 Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday 15 February 2015 at 3.30pm in the Lorax Transportable.**

All positions will be declared vacant and we will be looking for nominations. We would love to see new and familiar faces. Please check out our Facebook page Waggrakine Primary P&C and ask to join. If you have any queries, please contact Paula Luckraft on 0409 076 476.

School Expectations

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 8.30 and 8.45am. If students arrive before 8.30am they must immediately move to the courtyard outside TA 5 - 8 and wait quietly 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 and continued lateness will be discussed with parents.
- Absence from school must be explained either verbally (in person or by phone) or in writing (note or email) 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 prior to collecting them from class. Teachers will not let children go without a 'sign out' slip from the office.

Behaviour

- Responsible and respectful behaviour is expected as outlined in the Code of Conduct.
- Language used at school must be socially acceptable.
- Follow the instructions of all staff.

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, including the wearing of a broad brimmed hat. Sun Smart and Dress policies are available on line at our web site www.waggrakineps.wa.edu.au

Eating

- Eat only in designated area.
- Remain seated until dismissed.
- Place rubbish in bins after being dismissed.

Playground

- No hat, no play on the oval. Students stay in the undercover area or may go to the library.
- 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 (no tackling etc. in football, this is explained to children)

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 and then walk bikes etc. to the 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. Items taken from student bags are not covered by insurance. Valuables should be left at home.

Canteen

- Orderly queuing is required.
- Lunches are to be ordered between 8.30 and 8.45am.