



DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 9 May
P&C meeting, 3.15pm

Friday 13 May
TA 7 Assembly

10, 11 & 12 May
NAPLAN testing

Friday 27 May
TA 1 Assembly

Friday 3 June
is a pupil free day

Monday 6 June
WA Day public holiday

Friday 10 June
Assembly TA 2

Friday 24 June
Assembly TA 3 & 4

Last Day of Term for
students is Friday 1 July

**This term we are
focussing on RESPECT**

Canteen help required

The school canteen is only able to operate five days with the help of volunteers. Please let us know if you can help.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

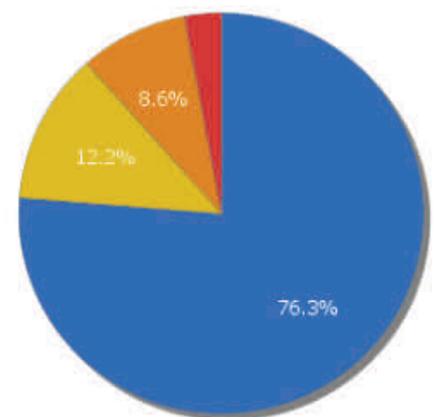
Term 2 has had a positive but very busy start to the term with classes welcoming 28 new students. This is equivalent to a new class. We would like to welcome the new families and hope you enjoy your experience at Waggy! I will be letting head office know of our continuing growth as we will once again be needing to prepare for a new classroom by 2017 at the latest.

This term I have been asked to take on the role of Regional Executive Director (RED) of the Mid West schools for 3 weeks (Week 4 - 6), while our RED, Mr Greg Thorne takes Long Service Leave. It is an honour to be asked to take on this role. I will be away weeks 4, 5 and 6, however I will continue to be involved in regular management issues of the school and answering emails. During this time Mrs Nixon will be Acting Principal.

We welcome three new part time teachers in support roles to the school this term. Miss Ellen Brown, Mrs Rebecca Mackin and Mrs Annette Ash have taken on Miss Stojanovski's roles while she is on Maternity Leave.

We are very pleased to see a vast improvement in attendance in Term 1 and hope to see this improve even more in Term 2. Thanks to those families who have minimised in term holidays and ensured their children come to school each day.

We currently have 76% of students with regular attendance (90% or greater attendance). Our target is to maintain (and improve) this percentage throughout the term.



● Regular (90% or greater)
● Indicated (80% to <90%)
● Moderate (60% to <80%)
● Severe (<60%)

Lis Turner
Principal

Staff Survey Results

Special thanks to parents who completed the online school survey. The couple of minutes it takes parents to complete the survey helps us with our planning and identifying areas of need. Results of the surveys are outlined to the right of this information.

As a result of the survey and as part of ongoing annual review of our Behaviour Management in Schools Policy we continue to address areas of need in the playground and learning areas.

We have established fortnightly rewards for students who have shown positive behaviours and attendance each fortnight with an increased play time once a fortnight. Other incentives are also being developed.

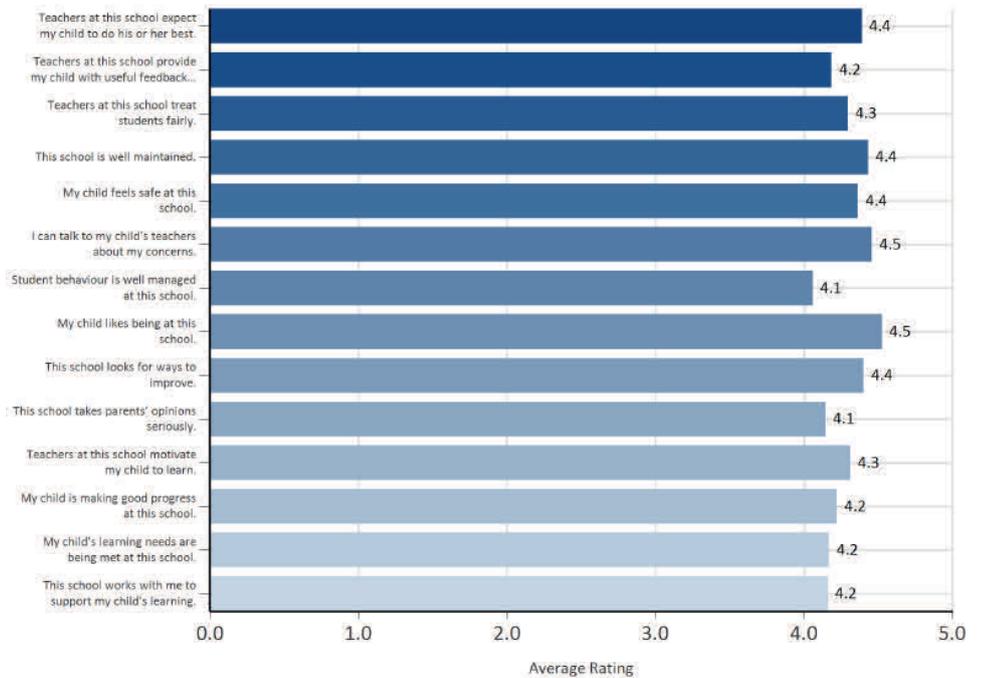
With increasing numbers this term, we have revisited the playground rules, play areas and increased the number of staff on duty, separating many of the play areas to grade specific. We are also looking at sourcing some more playground equipment for some areas.

Updated policies are available each year on the school web site in the School > Policies section.

P&C NEWS

Unfortunately the disco scheduled for 13 May has had to be postponed due to lack of helpers. It is vital to the P&C's survival and success that we have parent involvement. Please come along to our next meeting on Monday, 9 May at 3.30pm in the Lorax Room.

We would love to see new faces to allow us to continue our great fundraising efforts to support our children and Waggy!



Did you know Waggrakine is a 'Crunch & Sip' school?



THE ROTTEN APPLE SYNDROME

As parents, we are only too familiar with the rotten apple or worse the mouldy orange that hides at the bottom of the school bag waiting to be discovered at the end of term. Diligently we send our little darlings off to school every day with a piece of fruit only to be discouraged when it comes home again a little bruised and battered. Ever hopeful we do the same thing day after day. This is what Einstein defined as insanity:

"Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results!"

Many parents have been saved from this dreadful fate by the innovative Crunch & Sip program. The Crunch & Sip break is not only a time to introduce children to fresh fruit and vegies it is also an opportunity to encourage the habit of drinking water. Research indicates that children rarely drink enough water and often forget to drink unless reminded.

Don't forget to pack Crunch & Sip in the school bag every day.

CRUNCH:

Easy-to-eat seasonal fruit such as a small apple, a container with hulled strawberries, a mandarin or banana

OR

Canned fruit in natural juice with a spoon

OR

Vegetables such as carrot or celery sticks, cherry tomatoes or snow peas

AND SIP:

A clean, clear water bottle filled with plain water

<http://www.crunchandsip.com.au>

ANZAC Assembly



Many thanks to those family members who attended the ANZAC assembly. Special thanks to Tim Stewart, Music teacher from Geraldton Senior College and retired serviceman, Mr Robinson. Thanks to Mrs Marchant, the senior students and choir for making it a positive ceremony.

Go Blue for Autism — see the blog for more news



Thank you once again for your support of World Autism Week which we celebrated on 7 April. Not only did we raise \$510, but we have also been selected as one of two schools in WA to receive the entire Autism Association of WA publications. These 15 books are valued at over \$500 and will be used to further support our students and staff.



Jiddee Jiddee (willy wagtail, blue), Karra (red back spider), Jindarndee (grasshopper, green), Winjee (bat, yellow)

**Do you know your school
faction song?**

Jiddee Jiddee
Sittin' on a grandstand,
Beatin' on a tin can,
Who can,
We can,
Nobody else can,
Jiddee, Jiddee

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

Jindarndee
Grasshopper, grasshopper,
Leaping ahead.
Jindarndee, Jindarndee,
Knock 'em dead.
Sock it to 'em, Sock it to 'em,
We don't mind
Sock it to 'em, Sock it to 'em,
Doin' fine!
Congratulations Jindarndee

Winjee
Winjee, Winjee scream and shout,
We're going to hypnotise 'em,
Paralyse 'em, knock 'em out.
Hit 'em high
Hit 'em low
Come on Winjee let's go, go, go!



Year 6 students in their new leavers' shirts received at the end of last term.



Two of our new teachers, Miss Brown (above) and Mrs Ash (below), in their classes.

