



DATES TO REMEMBER

Assembly TA6

Friday, 11 August

T-Ball Throw/Long Jump

Friday, 11 August

800m (senior)/Triple Jump

Thursday, 17 August

Sports Carnival

Friday, 18 August

Book Parade

Tuesday, 22 August

Please note the change of date

Kindy Sports Days

Group 1

Tuesday, 29 August - 2pm

Group 2

Friday, 1 September - 2pm

Pre Primary Sports Day

Thursday, 21 September

Check out the school blog

at

[http://](http://waggrakineps.wordpress.com/)

waggrakineps.wordpress.com/

Newsletters can be found at

our website on

www.waggrakineps.wa.edu.au

Dear Parents and Guardians

It has been a busy start to the term and now we are in week four already! This term we welcomed Mr Fogarty to TA8 who is replacing Mrs Millar.

Sports carnival season has begun with a wonderful sunny morning of cross country and many excited children trying their hardest on the day. It was wonderful to see so many families and friends come to support the children.

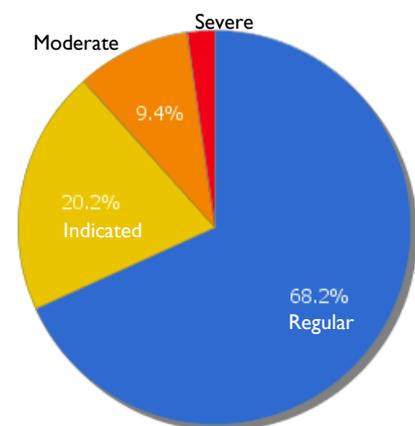
A reminder that the school has a blog where we have a lot of photos taken at various school events. This can be found by googling 'what's up at Waggrakine', or go to: <https://waggrakineps.wordpress.com>

During the term we look forward to your continued involvement in the sports events, book parade, Literacy and Numeracy week and book fair. For new families, the book parade is a fun morning where students (and on occasions, parents) dress up as their favourite book character. There is more book parade information on the next page. Parents are encouraged to come along to the parade and all school events.

With Semester 1 over, I would like to remind families of the value of regular attendance which is considered to be above 90%. For those looking at the half days in your reports, this equates to less than 20 half days being regular attendance.

As you can see on the chart below, 68% of students reached regular attendance, making it difficult for the regular programs to assist students to progress and achieve at their full potential.

Lis Turner - Principal



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

2017 Book Parade and Literacy Week

Week 6 (21 to 25 August) of this term we are celebrating Book Week and Literacy Week. We have a number of daily challenges planned for classes and community member to participate in, as well as some major events through the week.



On the morning of Tuesday, 22 August we will hold our Book Parade in the hall. This year's theme is 'Escape to Everywhere'. The parade is divided into year groupings. Kindy –Year 2 will start at 9am and Year 3—Year 6 will start at 10am. We would like to invite parents for a read-a-book sitting after each of the parades. The K-Yr 2 will have their shared reading in the ECE area at 10am. The Yr 3—6 will have their shared reading on the front lawn of the school at 10.30a, after the senior parade. On Friday afternoon (25 August) we will hold our School Spelling Bee. Two students from each class will be competing against other students from the same year. More details will be sent out closer to the date.

Family Email Addresses

The Department of Education is gradually phasing in delivery of student reports electronically. While we don't have a timeline as yet, we would like all families to provide us with an email address to facilitate effective communications between the school and home.

News from John Willcock College

John Willcock College are asking for parents to return enrolment forms for children starting Year 7 next year. If you are not sending your child to John Willcock in 2018, can you please let them know by phoning 9965 8300 or let us know and we will pass the information on.



Jeans for Genes Day

On Thursday 3 August students and staff participated in Jeans for Genes Day. For a gold coin donation, everyone wore jeans to school. We are proud to announce \$380 was raised. These funds 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. Thank you Waggy for your support!

Cross Country



P&C News

A note from our President

My apologies in advance, this is going to be rather grim.

Gone are the days where parents are active participants in their child's school lives. In a school with over 340 families, it staggers me that we are barely able to get 10 parent representatives to our meetings. We are asked to change the time or day, which we do and we still have the same challenge. Our last meeting we were unable to reach quorum, which meant there were no decisions made. What is a quorum? In a school that has more than 100 students, we need 10 paid members (that is it)!

I understand that we are all busy in our lives - we have children with sporting and after school commitments, partners that work away or spend long hours at work, you might have a demanding job on top of running the home.

What would happen though if there was no P&C group? As some of you may be aware, this was a reality recently faced by John Willcock and Geraldton Secondary College when they couldn't fill the vacant Treasurer's role. The immediate concern was the closure of both canteens which, like Waggrakine are managed and funded by the P&C. This would mean that students wouldn't be fed, some relying on the canteen as it is the only meal they get. Being isolated, students can't pop to the shop as there is no shop nearby. They don't have the Breakfast Club, which we are so very fortunate to have.

What would happen if our P&C were to cease?

Yes, the canteen would close. three employees would lose their jobs. There would be no Uniform Shop on site, instead it would probably be outsourced to uniform stores locally which would see prices dramatically increase. Would there be book prizes and awards at Graduation and the end of year assembly? No. Would there be ribbons, trophies, stickers or food and drinks at Sports Day? No. There would be no discos, fairs or quiz nights. Year 6 parents would have to find the extra money for the Activity Week adventures from their own budgets. Special occasions such as NAIDOC celebrations and Showcase might still go ahead, but possibly at a cost to families. With school budgets being tightened, there would be many sacrifices made. Vital services, such as the Chaplaincy program might be reduced or not offered at all. Library resources would become outdated as the funds wouldn't be there to replenish yearly. The Breakfast Club probably wouldn't survive.

And most importantly the "voice" for parents would be lost - the people making a noise, ensuring our kids' are safe in the carparks and road safety around the school. The P&C has personally allowed me to be more involved within the school, knowing what goes on behind the scenes. Each time a meeting comes round and we are struggling to get numbers, I question myself as to why. Why don't people put their hand up to spend a couple of hours a term in a meeting, to be involved in their children's futures? Please share this information with your fellow parents and have a think about what might happen if we were unable to continue the P&C.

News From The Canteen

The canteen has a new phone number. If you need to contact them for lunch orders or uniforms, please call **0499 381 400**.

Did you know you can order lunches online now? Register today at: www.quickcliq.com.au, complete the registration form and follow the instructions. A leaflet is enclosed with this newsletter to help you along.

Sports Carnival

Term 3 is well and truly underway and this sees the P&C getting ready for Sports Day. With the Canteen being closed for the day, the P&C will take over the catering with a cake stall for morning tea, tea and coffees, a lunchtime BBQ and cold drinks for sale.

In the lead up to Sports Day, the Uniform Shop will be open for families to purchase their faction shirts and other uniform requirements on Wednesday, 16th and Thursday, 17th of August between 8.30am and 9am. There will be EFTPOS facilities available on these days.

A cake tray will be going home to families shortly, and we are hoping you can help us out by donating some yummy homemade treats for the morning tea cake stall. Donations can be delivered to the canteen on the day before or to the Art Room on Sports Day. We would love to see cakes, slices (sweet or savoury), biscuits, cupcakes, muffins, scones or quiches. We do ask however, that items are not filled with cream as these tend to spoil quickly.

We need plenty of helpers on the day. We would all love to be able to watch our children participate in their events, we ask for only an hour of your time so please let us know how you can lend a hand. We need people to help with plating morning tea, putting up gazebos, flipping a burger on the bbq, serving and also assisting in the clean up. Please return the volunteer slip below to the office, text Paula on 0409076476 or email waggrakine.presidentpc@yahoo.com.au

Volunteer Slip: SPORTS DAY 2017

I can spare an hour to help at the Sports Carnival, 18th of August

Name:

Phone:

- I can help set up
- Morning tea preparations
- Cooking BBQ
- Serving customers and preparing food
- I can help pack up.
- One hour in MORNING
- One hour in AFTERNOON

Please return completed slip to the Front Office.