



Talking Together

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Important Dates

Sports Events (see inside for more details)

Cross Country – Friday 27 July at 11.30am
 Jumps/throws – Friday 10 August at 8.45am
 800m/triple jump – Thurs 16 Aug at 8.45am
 Sports Carnival - Friday 17 August at 8.45am
 I/school cross country – Friday 7 September
 Interscholar carnival – Friday 14 September

Book Parade - Find your Treasure

Wednesday 22 August
 Kindy – Year 2 – 9.00am
 Year 3 – Year 6 – 10.00am

TA10 and 11 Assembly

Friday 3 August at 8.45am

Jeans for Genes Day

Gold coin donation. Friday 3 August

TA 5 Assembly

Friday 24 August at 8.45am

Pre Primary Sports Day

Friday 31 August, 9.30-11.00am

Kindy Sports Day

Group 1 – Tuesday 4 September at 2.00pm
 Group 2 – Friday 7 September at 2.00pm

Parent Night

Wednesday 5 September – time TBC

TA 2 Assembly

Friday 7 September at 8.45am

Dear Parents and Caregivers

In Week 1 we welcomed back our happy students, excited for another term. We hope you enjoyed your holidays together. This term we are gearing up for some exciting sporting events, starting with our cross country run this Friday. With Book Week the following week, it is also time to read some books and think creatively to create Book Week parade character/s for 22 August!

We welcome Miss Morgan Freeman to TA10 this term as Miss Read has taken on a role supporting students with special needs and assisting teachers to cater for the diversity in each class. This will ensure the needs of all our students are met for them to reach their potential. Miss Ehlers will be leaving us at the end of Week 3 to have a baby. We welcome Mrs Jane Doyle to TA 7. We also welcome Mrs Noeleen Macleod, Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer as we farewelled Mrs Peggy Walsh who moved north, and welcome to Miss Mikayla Collins as Education Assistant supporting the Sounds Write spelling program and academic intervention support.

Regards
 Lis Turner | Principal



Book/Literacy Week

This year's Book Week is in conjunction with Literacy Week (20–25 August). The school literacy committee have planned some engaging activities for classes, staff and the wider community to participate in. Each class will earn points for taking part in daily activities, however, parents can also earn points for their child's class by participating in the community and parent daily challenges. There will be daily 'line from a book' classes and parents can participate by identifying the book and author the line is from.

Each day there is a different literacy focus.

Monday: Grammar Guru – classes will test their grammar skills by editing a text.

Tuesday: Perfect Punctuation – punctuate like your life depends on it!

Wednesday: Rapid Reading – who will be the fastest class to simultaneously read a tongue twister?

Thursday: Articulating adjectives – which class can be the most creative when composing a sentence.

Friday: Voracious Vocabulary – Friday will be an open day for parents and families to come and join in our 'Goose Chase' for vocabulary.

Sporting Events

Cross Country – Friday 27 July

11.30am start, times are a guide only.

Group Racing	Approx. Times
Year 1 girls	11.30am
Year 1 boys	11.40am
Year 2 girls	11.55am
Year 2 boys	12.05pm
Year 3/4 girls	12.20pm
Year 3/4 boys	12.35pm
Year 5/6 girls	12.50pm
Year 5/6 boys	1.05pm
Presentations	1.20pm

Sports Carnival Events Information

Tee ball throw and long jump are championship events. Only two students per faction, per year group are selected to compete in these events. Every child tried out for these events during PE lessons. If your child has been selected, they will receive a note indicating which events they will be participating in.

Pre Primary Sports Day – Friday 31 August

Our Pre Primary classes will be holding their sports day from 9.30-11.00am. Parents are welcome to stay and share lunch with their children.

Spelling Bee

Last Friday, two representatives from every Year 1 to 6 class competed in our Waggrakine Spelling Bee. Contestants displayed remarkable skill and courage in representing their class. Listed below are the winners and runners up from each year group.

Year	WINNER	RUNNER UP
Year 1	Ceana West	Mia Bailey
Year 2	Sebastian Wann	Dion Persichillo
Year 3	Davina Haynes	Julian Power
Year 4	Jaymee Brown	Hamish Correll
Year 5	Lee Kjellgren	Taia Conti
Year 6	Rowan Dennis	Zac Watson

The winner and runner-up from each year group from Year 3 to 6, have the honour of representing Waggrakine PS at the Midwest Spelling Bee being held at Allendale PS on Friday 3 August. Our students will compete against 15 other schools from around the district. We wish them all the best for their individual and team competitions on the day.

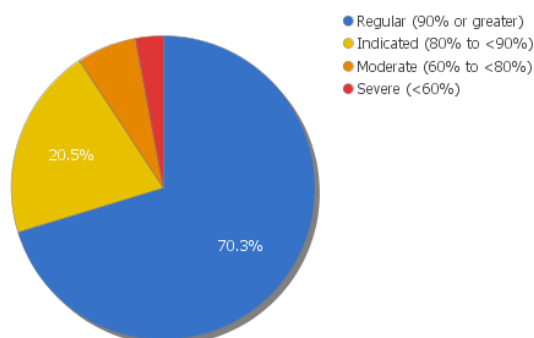


School Plan

Our school plan priorities are:

- Success for all students
- Quality teaching and leadership; and
- Community engagement

Attendance is one of the goals in our school plan. In past years we have been disappointed with the low number of students attending school in the regular zone of 90%. Semester 1 2018 has shown an improvement in our attendance, but there remains room for improvement. Our goal now is to see the regular section at 75% and above!



1 or 2 days ABSENT a week doesn't seem much but...			
If your child misses...	That equals....	Which is....	And over 13 years of schooling that's....
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	nearly 1½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	over 2½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes LATE a day? Surely that won't affect my child?			
He/she is only missing just...	That equals....	Which is....	And over 13 years of schooling that's....
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	nearly 1½ weeks per year	nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1hr 40 mins per week	over 2½ weeks per year	nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	half a day per week	4 weeks per year	nearly 1½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	over 2½ years

Every day counts if you want your child to be successful at school.

Term 3 Parent Workshop

We would like to continue supporting our community with parent workshops during Term 3. Parent sessions will again be held in the staff room from 2.00pm to 3.00pm for interested parents. Our first parent workshop is detailed below:

Wednesday 8 August

Supporting Fluent Readers

Come in and learn some helpful tips, techniques and resources to help build comprehension skills.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

All government and non-government schools in Australia are required to participate in the annual Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability. The national data collection counts students who have been identified as receiving an educational adjustment to address a disability as defined under the Disability Discrimination Act, 1992.

The national data collection collects information in a consistent, reliable and systematic way. The information collected will not explicitly identify individual students and no information that could reasonably enable the Department to identify individual students will be provided. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school or the NCCD helpline on 0477 741 598 or you can access more information by visiting

<https://docs.education.gov.au/node/33415>



P&C News

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 and Thursday (15-16 August) between 8.30am and 9am.

Term 3 sees the P&C getting ready for Sports Day. The Canteen will be closed on this day which means the P&C will run their annual cake stall for morning tea, tea and coffee, a lunchtime BBQ, cold drinks and icy poles for sale. Lunch pre-order forms will be distributed soon.

A cake tray will be going home to families shortly, and we request you donate some yummy treats for the cake stall. Trays can be returned to the canteen the day before Sports Day, or at the Art Room on the day. We would love to see cakes, slices (sweet or savoury), biscuits, cupcakes, muffins, scones or quiches. We do ask however, items are not filled with cream as these tend to spoil quickly.

Everyone loves to be able to watch their children participate in their events, and as such, we need helpers on the day. We only ask for an hour of your time, so please let us know if you can lend a hand.

DISCO

The next disco will be held on Friday 24 August. We will carry on the Book Week theme of 'Find Your Treasure' where students are encouraged to wear their costumes again. Posters will go up shortly with details.

WHEN I GROW UP.....

The major P&C fundraiser for 2018 is a Quiz & Karaoke Night. Mark 27 October on your calendars, organise a babysitter and get a table together. With a theme of "When I Grow Up ...", we would love to see you come dressed as what you wanted to be when you were younger!! There will be prizes for the best dressed male and female. Doors will open at 5.30pm with the quiz starting at 6pm. A licensed bar will be available, therefore it is an 18+ event. Tickets will go on sale Monday, 30 July from the office, \$10 per person with tables of 8. There will also be food platters available for pre-order. With plenty of prizes, raffles and karaoke from the fantastic Two Plus You, it is promising to be a great night out.

Can you help out? Do you have a business that is willing to donate a prize for the Quiz Night? Please get in touch with Jo O'Toole on joshoun1@hotmail.com or drop it into the office. We would love your support and will advertise and promote your business during the evening.

2019 Kindy Enrolments

Do you or anyone you know, have a child born between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2015? If so, please send them in to the office to collect a Kindy enrolment form for next year. We will need to sight the child's birth certificate and immunisation records. Kindy inductions start next week, so if you have not enrolled yet you will have missed out on your child's invitation. Please call in at the office for enrolment forms and details.