



Talking Together

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Important Dates

Wednesday, 9 May

Parent Night
Kindergarten-Year 3 - 5.15-6.15pm
Years 4-6 - 5.30-6.30pm

Friday, 11 May at 8.45am

TA12 and 13 Assembly

Parent Workshops

Week 4 – Numeracy focus
Week 6 – Behaviour regulation focus
Week 8 - Reading focus
(see inside for more details)

Monday, 14 May

P&C Meeting, 5.30pm in the staff room

Monday, 21 May at 3.20pm

Board Meeting – community members are welcome but please let us know in advance for catering and room allocation purposes.

Future Assemblies at 8.45am

Friday, 25 May – TA1 and 9
Friday, 8 June – TA4
Friday, 22 June – TA6

Thursday, 28 June

Last day of Term 2 for students

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope you are able to come to our parent night next Wednesday evening.

We are looking forward to a positive term with a continued focus on our three school plan priorities:



In Week 3 the National Assessment Program, Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be conducted with Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students across Australia.

Classroom programs continue to be focussed on a rigorous approach to whole school priorities in English and Mathematics.

In addition, we have a focus on Digital Technologies, a new curriculum area mandated in the Australian Curriculum from 2018, which seeks to support students' understanding of computer coding, robotics and programming. This is exciting and hands on for the students and also links to Mathematics, Science and Engineering.



Quality Teaching and Leadership

Staff continue to undertake professional learning in whole school focus areas such as working with special needs students, developing education plans, literacy and numeracy programs and more. Staff also participate in performance and development meetings and practices, such as collaboration and classroom observations.

Community Engagement

Parent Night on Wednesday, 9 May

- Kindergarten - Year 3 - 5.15-6.15pm
- Years 4-6 - 5.30-6.30pm

There will be a P&C sausage sizzle outside TA7 and 8 for everyone to enjoy.

Parent Engagement Workshops:

(All workshops will be held in the staffroom)

Número Workshop - Di Suckling

Date: Wednesday, 23 May (Week 4)

Time: 2.00-3.00pm

Find out how to play the mathematical game Número with your children. This is a numbers card game suitable for students of all ages. Número consolidates basic number facts for all four operations, speed of recall, concepts of fractions, decimals and percentages and mental computational skills all while having fun with numbers.

Swimming with Sharks – Clara Harris

Date: Tuesday, 29 May

Time: 5.00–7.00pm

Clara shares her experiences as a parent of a child diagnosed with Autism. "It's a bit about autism, a bit about community, a bit about family, a bit about mental health and a lot about acceptance."

Introducing the Zones of Regulation - Shannan Robinson

Date: Wednesday, 6 June (Week 6)

Time: 2.00-3.00pm

Every child experiences a wide range of emotions every day. For some children understanding these emotions and knowing what to do when they arise can be particularly challenging. The Zones of Regulation is a program designed by Occupational Therapist and Educator, Leah Kuypers which helps children to identify their feelings and learn strategies to support them to self-regulate. This is a classroom and family friendly tool which can be used to help children of all ages.

Please come along to our parent workshop where you will:

- *Learn how to increase your child's emotional awareness*
- *Gain an understanding of the Zones of Regulation program*
- *Learn how to use the language and strategies of the program to support your child in everyday life*
- *Meet other parents, caregivers and staff from the Waggrakine Primary School community*

Supporting Reading – Zoei Nixon

Date: Wednesday, 20 June (Week 8)

Time: 2.00-3.00pm

How do we read and why do some children find it difficult? What can I do to support my child to become an independent reader?



Reports

With the commencement of our new three year School Plan, we are on a quest to develop more consistent, informative and on-going methods to communicate with parents. Our aim is to develop processes where you (the parents) are able to know how your child is progressing, and what the school and you can do to help your child progress further. This year's report will look a little different from previous years'.

Over the last 9 months, teachers and admin staff have determined the core skills that are essential in English and Mathematics for Pre-Primary to Year 6. Within the Semester 1 report, these core skills will be articulated on an additional sheet enclosed within the report (see beside for an example of the core skills sheet). Your child's performance will be rated against each of these core skills. We aim to make the information you receive in reports more consistent and parent friendly. We have simplified the information, detailing where your child is in relation to other students in WA, and what further support they may need to move forward in their learning.

To streamline the process, comments in English and Mathematics will be minimal so information on the core skills insert is not repeated. Learning area comments will contain a brief comment around effort and suggestions of areas for improvement. General comments will remain the same, detailing behaviour, work habits, social interactions and any interagency programs.



Year 1

Semester 1

First Name Surname

Core English Skills

	Excellent	High	Satisfactory	Limited	Very Low
READING & VIEWING					
Reads short repetitive texts with simple sentences and supportive images with developing fluency.					
Can describe characters and setting from a book read.					
Recalls key ideas and answers simple comprehension questions about a text read. When reading makes connections to personal experiences.					
WRITING & CREATING					
Creates simple recounts and narratives using appropriate text structure.					
Provides some details about ideas, events or characters using simple nouns and verbs.					
Accurately spells some high-frequency words and simple words with regular spelling patterns.					
Uses full stops and capital letters.					
SPEAKING & LISTENING					
Attempts to speak clearly and audibly to familiar audiences.					
Delivers short presentations on familiar events or topics.					
Attempts to use some body language and eye contact when speaking.					
Listens to and follows simple instructions.					

Core Mathematics Skills

	Excellent	High	Satisfactory	Limited	Very Low
NUMBER & ALGEBRA					
Counts to 100.					
Partitions numbers into tens and ones using place value					
Uses some counting strategies to solve simple addition and subtraction problems.					
Continues simple repeating pattern involving numbers and/or objects.					
Can skip count by twos, fives and tens to 100.					
MEASUREMENT & GEOMETRY					
Uses informal units to order objects by their length.					
Describes 2D shapes.					
STATISTICS & PROBABILITY					
Identifies the chance that something will, might and won't happen.					
Asks questions to collect data to record.					
Draws simple data displays.					

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This is an example of the format for the core skills insert you will find in your child/ren's Semester 1 report.

Reports will be sent home with students during the last week of Term 2, Week 9.

P&C News

The P&C are holding a Mothers' Day raffle and would love donations of new items to add to the hamper. Please drop items into the canteen or office. Tickets are on sale from the office for \$1 each. They will also be on sale at the Canteen at lunch time on Tuesday 8 and Thursday 10 May.

We will be holding a sausage sizzle at the Parent Night on 9 May outside TA7 and 8. Come along and grab a \$2 sausage while you see your child/ren's work. It is also a great opportunity to meet and socialise with other school families.

The next P&C meeting will be on Monday 14 May at 5.30pm in the staff room. All families are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you wish to join the P&C, membership is \$1 per year.

With the impending uniform change, we will not be ordering any more pebble polo shirts when they sell out. Faction shirts will still be available.

Canteen

We will be introducing some Winter Warmers menu items to the Superfoods Headquarters over the next couple of weeks. The online menu on QuickCliq is regularly updated and "daily specials" will be advertised on the school's Facebook page and blackboard at the Superfoods Headquarters.

Did you know you can now order your child's lunch and uniform needs online? Very convenient for those days where you may have run out of bread, running late or don't have any cash in your wallet. Waggrakine Primary School is now a QuickCliq member and you can easily register at the safe and secure website www.QuickCliq.com.au

Orders must be placed before 9.20am each day. Our friendly Canteen staff are always willing to lend a hand to help you register if you are having difficulties.

Your continued support of the canteen is greatly appreciated and is vital to enable us to open 5 days a week. We are always looking for volunteers to help out in the canteen, so if you can spare an hour or two of your time and can make a sandwich, you are well qualified to help out. Pop in and see either Anne-Marie, Amy or Taryn to lend a hand.

Community News

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Bluff Point Dentist Closure

The Bluff Point Dental Therapy Clinic will be closed from Monday 30 April to Friday 8 June.

Emergency treatment can be accessed at Allendale DTC- 99214218- (Allendale Primary School) and the Rangeway DTC - 99214373 (Rangeway Primary School).

Before School tennis

Have FUN & warm up before school

A great introduction into tennis, Years 2-6.

- Fun games, prizes, certificates and modified match play
- 8 week program • FREE ANZ Tennis Hot Shots T-shirt upon registration

WAGGRAKINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Commencing - Thursday 10 May
- 7:45 am - 8:30 am
- \$122.00 for 8 weeks OR pay per lesson
- Waggrakine Primary School
- Register online

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