



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Assembly TA 9 & 12**  
Friday, 1 December

**PP Swimming Lessons**  
Mon 4-Thurs 14 December

**Year 6 Graduation**  
1.30pm  
Thursday, 7 December

**Graduation Dinner**  
Thursday, 7 December  
**Captain's Table**  
Thursday, 7 December  
10.55am

**Awards Assembly**  
Tuesday, 12 December  
8.45am

**Last Day of Term 4**  
Thursday, 14 December

Check out the school blog  
[http://  
waggrakineps.wordpress.com/](http://waggrakineps.wordpress.com/)

Newsletters can be found on  
our website  
[www.waggrakineps.wa.edu.au](http://www.waggrakineps.wa.edu.au)

Dear Parents and Guardians

Firstly I'd like to say a huge thanks to Mrs Marchant and Ms Gould for the fabulous job they did preparing our five acts for Showcase. Thanks to families for supporting their children and well done to our students who displayed beautiful behaviour at the Queens Park Theatre and performed at their best. We have had lots of great feedback and there are many photos now on the blog.

We have had another busy term and as I write this we have Year 6 students at activity days and next week they begin their transition to John Willcock College. This will mark our last transition to John Willcock as with the announcement of the two Year 7-12 high schools beginning in 2019, our current Year 5 students will transition to Geraldton Senior College. We would like to take the opportunity to thank the John Willcock College team for the wonderful memories they have given past students and their efforts in continuing to support Waggrakine over many years. It is sad to part with our great partnership with John Willcock.

We look forward to a new beginning for our Year 6 students to attend Geraldton Senior College, more information is on the following page.

In 2017 our student growth has slowed, with only a slight increase in student numbers compared to previous years. We have minimal staff turnaround planned for 2018 but will be farewelling a few staff:

- Mr Fogarty is leaving us to head to the Kimberley
  - Mrs Honeywood is moving to another school
  - Mrs Jones is leaving this week to have a baby
  - Ms Gould is also having a baby and will finish at the end of the term
- I have not mentioned all our staff as we have had many fixed term support staff this term who have provided a great deal of support to your children.

Regards, Lis Turner - Principal

# Geraldton Secondary Schools Transition

John Willcock College and Geraldton Senior College are expanding in 2019 to cater for students from Years 7 to 12. This enables students to complete all their secondary education at the one local secondary school.

Local intake areas have been established to ensure there are sufficient student numbers at each school. You can find the new local intake areas on Schools Online -[www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolsonline](http://www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolsonline).

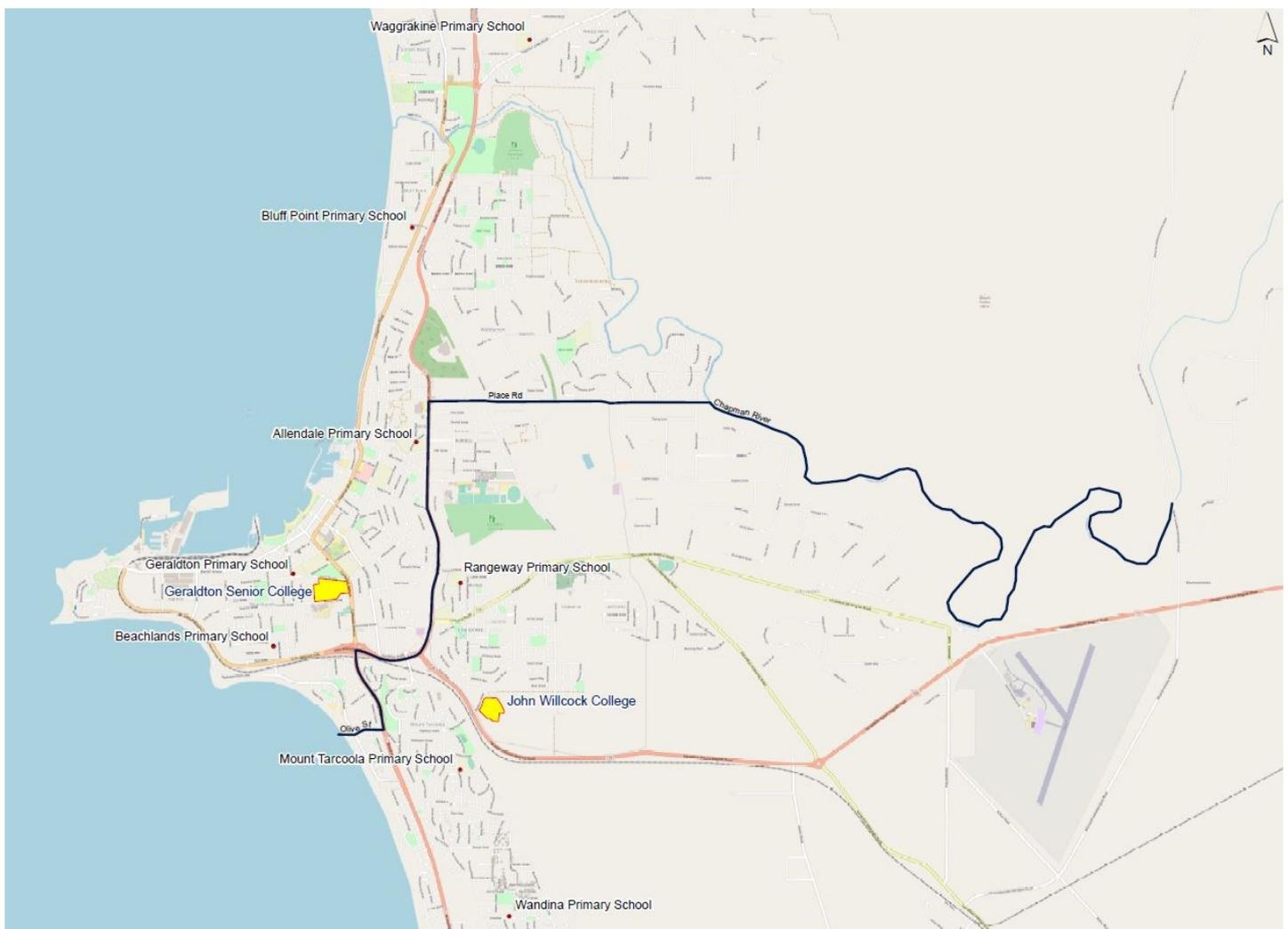
Students will begin transitioning to their local-intake school between 2019 and 2021.

Upgrades and improvements have started at both schools. Each school will offer a broad curriculum with pathways leading to both Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications and attainment of an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

John Willcock College is introducing a new Academic Extension Program for children from Years 7 to 10 focusing on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Geraldton Senior College is retaining its state-of-the-art Trade Training Centre providing programs in laboratory skills, engineering and electro-technology. Students from John Willcock College will also have access to the Trade Training Centre at Geraldton Senior College through the Geraldton trade training consortium. Both schools will offer the Clontarf Foundation academy program.

Further information regarding transition arrangements will be sent to families soon.



Students from schools below the black line will attend John Willcock College and those from above the line will attend Geraldton Senior College. Waggrakine students will all attend Geraldton Senior College.

## 2018 Term Dates

### Term Dates 2018

Staff commence on Monday, 29 January 2018

Term 1: Wednesday, 31 January – Thursday, 12 April

Term 2: Monday, 30 April – Thursday 28 June

Term 3: Monday, 16 July – Thursday, 20 September

Term 4: Monday, 8 October – Thursday, 13 December

*Please note: The following dates are student free days in 2018 (school closed for students)*

*Friday 13 April, Friday 29 June and Friday 21 September*

## Library

All library books must be returned by Week 8 – 27 November 2017.

Thank you again for all your support with the Scholastic Book Fair and Book Club this year. They have been a great success with all the rewards going back into our school for the students.

Mrs Pears



## Captain's Table - Morning Tea

In 1979 the first principal of Waggrakine Primary School, Mr John Thompson, likened his school to a ship. He was the captain of the Waggrakine learning ship and all learners were welcome aboard. A wide range of community volunteers helped out within the school during the year, so Mr Thompson initiated an event to honour their assistance. As he was the captain of the good ship 'Waggrakine', he named this commemorative event the "Captain's Table".

Today we are proud to continue this annual event to recognise and honour the ongoing support of the parents and community members who volunteer their assistance to aid the smooth sailing of the good ship 'Waggrakine'.

If you have volunteered your time to the school in any way during 2017, we welcome you to join us for the 2017 'Captain's Table' on **Thursday, 7 December, in the staffroom from 10.55-11.25am.**



## Boardies for Bali - Free Dress Day



**On Tuesday, 28 November** we are holding a Boardies for Bali free dress day to raise money for our Bali sister school. Students can wear their favourite pair of boardies and bring along a gold coin donation to support our sister school.

Please ensure clothing does not have any inappropriate logos and is sunsmart.

## From the P&C

It has been a very busy term for the P&C. On 28 October, the P&C hosted a Through The Ages Quiz Night at the school hall. With 14 tables competing for some amazing prizes the evening was a great success, making over \$3000 profit! Congratulations to the Charlston Gangsters who were our overall winners of the evening as well as our lucky raffle winners. After the quiz was finished, we were entertained by Two Plus You with karaoke. Lots of fantastic photos of the evening are on the School Blog.

A lot of hard work and dedication goes into these kind of events and I would like to thank the Fundraising Committee for the many hours spent ensuring the night went smoothly. Special mention to Jo O'Toole for organising the many wonderful prizes, Amy Blyth and Kylie Berntsen plus their band of helpers who organised the food and drink, Miss Brenda Wann who was our amazing Quiz Master and all the families who attended and the many businesses who donated prizes.

The P&C would like to thank the following people for their generous donations:

Cellarbrations @ Sunset	Sunset IGA
Leon Bakers Jewellery	Mantra Accommodation
Smales Jewellers	Skeetas
Hogs Breath Café Geraldton	Jo-Jo's On Volute Hair Studio
Bliss and Wellness Centre	Nice & Norty
Geraldton Fruit & Veg	OPUS Music
Sunset Newsagency	SOLO
Flores Road Barber	Aussie Pastries
Dagleish Catering	Bankwest
Bunnings Geraldton	Geraldton Fish and Tackle
Orana Cinemas Geraldton	Senses Café
Body Haven Northgate	ML Communications
Murchison Tavern	BBQ's Galore
The Body Shop At Home: Leah Pettit	Hoppy's Parts R Us
Getaway Outdoors	Lisa Scott
Willocks Surfwear	Batavia Furniture and Beds
Cavana	Beaurepaires
Get Your Locks Off	Jo-Anne Breen: Doterra
Priceline	Go Health
Jacaranda Healing	Fairy Jo Face Painting Magic
2 Havens	Sahaira Hair Salon
Clark Rubber	Lovely Delights Café @ Sunset
Tupperware: Bron Phillips	Williams Mufflers
Finity	Park Lane: Fiona Jacks
Wintersun Hotel	City Farmers
Waggrakine Primary School	

Less than a week after the Quiz Night, the P&C held its very first Ladies Night . With many fantastic stalls for exclusive shopping opportunities, demonstrations, a Fashion Parade, raffles, door prizes and games, it was a great night out for all who attended. With over \$1100 in profits, we look forward to hosting another in the future. Many thanks to the organisers Megan Kipling, Amy Blyth and Kylie Berntsen for your commitment to Waggrakine Primary School. It is very much appreciated.

We have one final event for 2017 which will make the kids very excited - A Red and Green Disco. Being held on Friday, 1 December in the Hall, there will be drinks, snacks and glo stuff for sale from the canteen. Entry is \$2 per child. The Junior Disco for students in Kindy to Year 3 runs from 5.15pm till 6.30pm and the Senior Disco for Years 4 to 6 starts at 6.45pm till 8.15pm. As always we are looking for helpers to decorate the hall, supervise the discos and work in the canteen. If you are free to lend a hand please let Paula know on 0409 076 476.

With the school year coming to an end, the Superfoods Headquarters (Canteen) are running down their stock levels. Please be aware that some items may be unavailable in the final weeks of school, please check the P&C Facebook Page or the blackboard at the Canteen for things that have sold out.

The final P&C Meeting will be held THIS Monday at 3.15pm in the Conference Room (adjacent to the Staff Room). Everyone is invited to attend and we would love to see some new faces. In February the Annual General Meeting will take place (TBA) and all positions on the Executive Committee will be declared vacant. Could you be the next P&C President? Vice President? Secretary? Treasurer? Give some thought to your P&C involvement in 2018.

Paula Steenson - President