



Talking
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Term 3 Dates

TA 4 Assembly

Friday 2 August at 8.45pm

Silly Socks Day

Friday 2 August

TA 1 and 2 Assembly

Friday 16 August at 8.45am

T Ball and Long Jump Events

Friday 16 August

800m and Triple Jump

Thursday 22 August

Sports Carnival

Friday 23 August

Book Week Parade

Wednesday 28 August

Book Week Disco

Friday 30 August

TA 5 Assembly

Friday 30 August

Parent Night

Wednesday 4 September

A calendar of events is on the web site: <https://waggrakineps.wa.edu.au/events/> and is also pinned at the top of our Facebook page.

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Term 3 is off and racing to a positive start! We have many students excited about our carnival period. We welcomed 11 new students in Week 1 and farewelled some students moving to Perth. Our new fence has allowed many students to feel more secure and increased the school's security.

During the holidays we had a new swing added to the Year 5/6 play area, increased the Year 3/4 nature playground again and top dressed our oval to fill in rabbit holes.

TA 8 have written to the Council to request funding to rabbit proof our oval on the northern and western boundaries. We are hopeful of support as our Mayor, Mr Van Styn visited Year 4 students in TA 8 last term after they wrote to him about our rabbit problem. He was surprised to see the damage the rabbits have done to our oval.

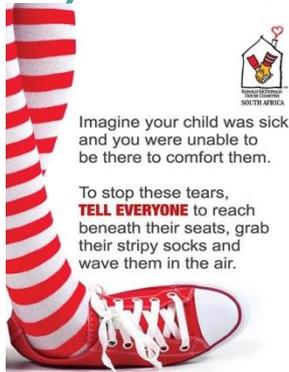




During the holidays Mrs Shannan Robinson, our Learning Support Coordinator, accepted a new role of Primary Enrichment and Challenge (PEAC) Coordinator for the Midwest. The P&C also said farewell to Ms Anne-Marie Mulcahy as Canteen Manager. I would like to thank both ladies for their contributions to the school over the years. Mrs Nixon is on long service leave for the first 4 weeks of term.

The school has recently advertised for positions for teachers, education assistants and cleaners to fill our ever growing school. Jobs are always advertised on jobs online WA and applications can only be made through this website.

Silly Socks Fundraiser



This Friday, 2 August, we are holding a Silly Socks Day with funds raised going to Ronald McDonald House charities which provide a home away from home for regional families with a seriously ill child

receiving medical treatment in Perth. Families can be just steps away from their child's bedside. They also provide one to one tutoring for children recovering from serious illness, making the return to school less daunting. Some ideas are: wear bright colourful socks, odd socks, attach socks to your hat, wear long socks as a scarf. Please bring a gold coin donation.

NCCD

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*, in line with the *NCCD guidelines (2019)*. The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

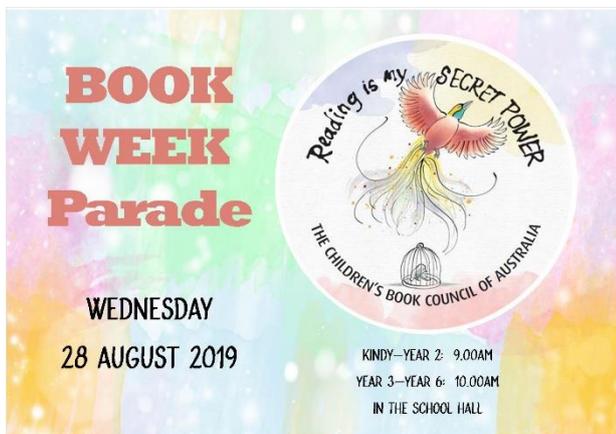
The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy) (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](https://www.nccd.edu.au) (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>) or <https://www.nccd.edu.au/tools/fact-sheet-parents-guardians-and-carers> for Parents fact sheets.



Book Week Parade

It's time to begin choosing your character and planning for book week in Week 6. The parade will be followed by a disco on the Friday night with the same theme. We can't wait to see your costumes.



Cross Country

Well done to all those students who had a go at cross country on Friday. Thanks to family members who came along to support and thanks to students and staff who assisted on the day. Congratulations to our winners, who will be representing us at the interschool event.



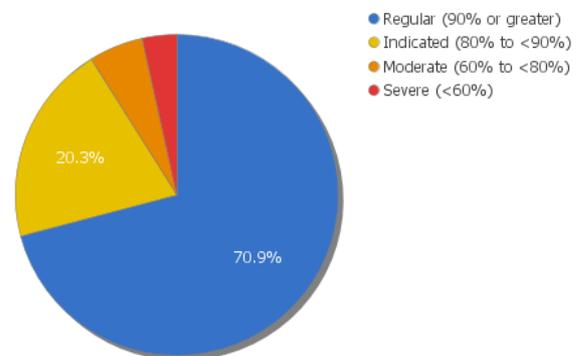
Spelling Bee

Thursday Week 1, Mr Reynolds ran the Year 1-6 Spelling Bee and named some new champions who have been identified to participate in the Midwest Spelling Bee on 9 August. Notes to successful students will be sent home soon.



Attendance 2019

Our attendance to date this year has been very positive in comparison to previous years and in comparison to the state and like schools. We are at, or above the state average, which is pleasing to see. Thanks to those families who always ensure their children coming to school on a regular basis.





NAIDOC Celebrations

During Week 10, Term 2 we held our NAIDOC celebrations. Many thanks to those people who came along and supported the event. Students were engaged in a number of activities throughout the week. Thanks to our visitors including Rob Strickland for his opening at our NAIDOC Assembly, Nola Gregory from the language centre for her poetry workshops and to Mrs Gloria Fogarty for building the Mia Mia with students. Thanks to our Aboriginal Education Committee and families for their input into preparing and having our annual cookup. Thanks to our own Didge boys for their performances.

Triple P Parent Sessions

On Thursday, 15 August at 9-11am our School Psychologist Graham Goodall-Smith and Senior School Psychologist Tonia Fahey will present a Triple P Parenting session at school in TA 19.

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program is a parenting and family support system designed to prevent – as well as treat – behavioural and emotional problems in children and teenagers. It aims to prevent problems in the family, school and community before they arise and to create family environments that encourage children to realise their potential.

Practitioners introduce parents to the five key principles of positive parenting that form the basis of Triple P. These principles are:

- ✓ Ensuring a safe engaging environment
- ✓ Creating a positive learning environment
- ✓ Using assertive discipline
- ✓ Having reasonable expectations
- ✓ Looking after yourself as a parent.

P&C

Again a huge thanks to Anne-Marie Mulcahy for her wonderful work in the school canteen for the past few years, her efforts have been much appreciated. We wish her all the best in the future.

The P&C will be running the food stall at the Sports Day. Lunch pre order forms will be coming home shortly and donations of cakes and morning tea items will be sought. As always, if anyone can volunteer 30 minutes to help on the day this will be greatly appreciated. Notes will be sent home soon.

Lastly, the Book Week Parade will be followed by the Book Week Disco with the same theme. Put all the dates in your calendar and see you there!

Communication with School

Please remember school staff are always available to meet with parents. If you would like to discuss your child please talk to your teacher to make an appointment.

Kindy Enrolments/Inductions

Kindy inductions for students commencing in 2020 are starting this Friday, 2 August. If you have, or know anyone with a child born between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2016, please send them in to collect a Kindy enrolment form for next year. We will need to sight the child's birth certificate and Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) Immunisation History Statement (from the MyGov account).