



Talking  
Together

# waggrakine

Achieve By Caring



## Term 4 Dates

### **ECE 3 and ECE4 Assembly**

Friday 8 November at 8.45am

### **ECE 2 Assembly**

Friday 22 November at 8.45am

### **PP Swimming Lessons**

Monday 25 November-Friday 6 December

### **Geraldton Senior High School Transition**

Tuesday 26 November

### **TA 6 Assembly**

Friday 6 December at 8.45am

### **Group 1 Kindy Concert**

Tuesday 10 December

### **Year 6 Graduation & Captain's Table**

Thursday 12 December

### **Group 2 Kindy Concert**

Friday 13 December

### **Awards Assembly**

Tuesday 17 December

### **Last Day of Term 4 for Students**

Thursday 19 December

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

We have had a smooth start to Term 4 and teachers are gearing up for end of year reports. If we don't have an email address on file please let the office know as reports will soon be sent via email.

Year 6 students have a busy Term 4 with a number of excursions and activities planned. Students in Kindy, Pre Primary and Year 6 are involved in transition programs so they are familiar with the year ahead. Year 6 students have already been involved in a number of opportunities.

A big thanks to the P&C for their continued involvement in the school, and congratulations to our P&C president Paula Steenson for being nominated as the WACCSO rep for our region. It is good to know we are well represented.

Each year the Education Department celebrates excellence through the Education Awards WA. While we nominate staff each year to acknowledge their hard work, it is an honour to be selected a finalist and/or winner. This year we were very proud to have Mrs



Kym Coulthard, our Lead Education Assistant reach the finals of the Education Awards for her excellence in supporting staff and children. Congratulations to Kym for reaching the finals, she was acknowledged at a lovely Awards breakfast in Perth this week.



We were excited to be informed of the state government Priority Maintenance Program for schools. Waggrakine Primary is receiving \$322,000 - \$62,000 towards general upgrades and improvements, and \$260,000 towards toilet upgrades, in line with the department's requirements and building recommendations.

With the smaller amount we hope to increase shade areas, replacing the shade above the ECE flying fox, placing shade above TA 19, (the extension to Year 6 classrooms, as this will be our third Year 6 class from 2020 onwards) Other projects include access from the canteen to the hall, some windows in our break rooms, lock work, gate upgrades, seating and more!

## 2020 Planning

We are well underway with 2020 planning and ensuring teachers and education assistants are ready to start on day 1. The role of staffing is complex as families come and go, staff move on or take leave and student needs and numbers expand. We are now the largest primary school in the Midwest and it is our goal to ensure, as our Vision outlines, that we enable an environment where we allow students to Achieve by Caring.

Due to our permanent buildings being at capacity we cannot accept any out of boundary students. Only students in the Waggrakine intake zone can enrol at Waggrakine.

Over the year we have had many positives at Waggrakine. We now run assemblies each week, with alternate weeks being our shorter PBS (Positive Behaviour Support) assemblies. These include the PBS rap song, and community song, PBS certificates and wrist bands are also handed out at these assemblies. Parents are welcome to stay and watch, it is lovely to see everyone up singing and dancing at assemblies.



## Kindy Enrolments/Inductions

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



## Yoga with Mrs Coulthard

Over the past two terms we have been running yoga and mindfulness classes for students in Years 1-6. It has been fabulous to see the group numbers growing and the students appearing very excited that it is "yoga day".

We have been learning some very traditional yoga postures and some fun ones too! Students have been taken through a set of different breathing techniques to calm the mind, wake us up, or both! We have been connecting our yoga and mindfulness practice to the zones of regulation which is taught across the school.

Yoga helps students to stop and listen to their bodies and help them notice when they might not be feeling themselves as well as recognize different emotions. Research states that children gain enormous benefits from yoga. Physically, it enhances their flexibility, strength, coordination, and body awareness. In addition, their concentration and sense of calmness and relaxation improves...Yoga brings that marvellous inner light that all children have, to the surface.

<https://www.yogajournal.com/teach/yoga-for-kids>



## Chaplaincy Program

Our chaplaincy program helps us support the health and wellbeing of students. The program provides breakfast, crunch and sip, recess and/or lunch for a large number of students. It also provides many students with a sense of belonging. In addition Mrs Atkins (Sharon) runs craft activities in the Art Room at lunch times on Tuesday and Wednesdays. Sharon is always available to provide support to families and students when occasions arise.



Students enjoy craft with Mrs Atkins

## Numeracy

Once again in 2019 our NAPLAN Numeracy results for Year 3 and 5 students are within the expected range for our school.

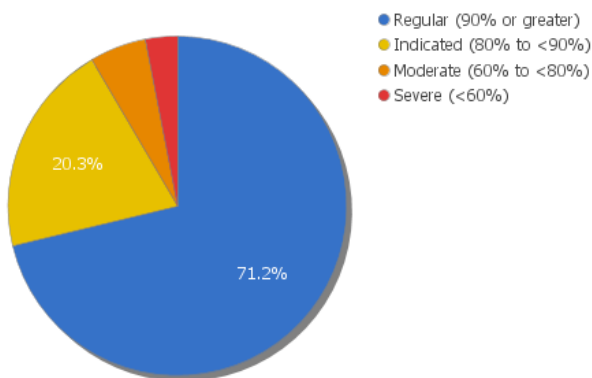
This year the school purchased Progressive Achievement Tests in Mathematics (PAT Maths). Teachers from Year 1 to 6 have completed this testing late last term. This has provided valuable identification of areas of strength and concern for each child, enabling teaching in Term 4 to be more targeted. We have also continued to subscribe to Mathseeds and Mathletics to support mathematics learning. These programs are accessible via the internet to students at home. If you need information regarding this, please see your child's teacher. Over the next few weeks, students in Years 1-6 will be completing the 'One Minute Basic Facts' test to track progress from Term 1. Please see your child's teacher if you wish to discuss your child's progress.





## Attendance

Our overall attendance rates for Semester 1 were on par with the state average and sometimes above. The graph below shows that many of our students are attending school less than the expected 90%, with almost 29% of students not attending regularly. Term 3 data is worse, showing less regular attendance. Well done to those families who support their children to attend on a regular basis, and thanks to those who keep us informed of legitimate reasons for absences.



## Office National

Is supplying Waggrakine Primary School with back to school supplies for 2020. Your lists will be coming home with your children in the following weeks. Online ordering opens on 1 November.

## P&C News

**HALF GAME SHOW, HALF PARTY AND 100% FUN!**

# Bogan Bingo

WE ROCK. WE KNOW.

Raffles Licensed Bar BYO: Snacks

**WHEN: 2 November 2019** **18+ EVENT**  
Doors Open at 6.30pm Fun Starts at 7pm

**WHERE: Waggrakine Primary School Hall Road**

**TICKETS: \$30 per person**  
Contact Nat for tickets on 0409 118 512

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Don't forget to get your Bogan Bingo tickets which are available from the Canteen. Included in the price of your ticket are 4 bingo games, air guitar competition, door prize, best dressed bogan (king and queen), raffles, games and AWESOME entertainment till midnight.

Two of the raffles are a West Coast jumper signed by Josh Kennedy and a Carlton jumper signed by Patrick Cripps.

The P&C recently held a sausage sizzle at Bunnings which raised \$1200 - a phenomenal effort by everyone who helped out and purchased their sausages.

Our Year 6 students also had a cake stall at Bunnings which raised \$400.