



Talking Together

# waggrakine

Achieve By Caring



## Term 4 Dates

### Disco

Friday, 6 December (K-Y3: 5.15pm-6.30pm,  
Y4-Y6: 6.45pm-8.15pm)

### Captain's Table

Thursday, 12 December at 10:55am

### Year 6 Graduation and Dinner

Thursday, 12 December at 1:30pm

### Awards Assembly

Tuesday, 17 December at 8:45am

### Last Day of Term 4 for Students

Thursday, 19 December

### Office Opens in 2020

Tuesday, 28 January

### First Day of 2020 for Students

Monday, 3 February

## Kindy Enrolments

Kindy inductions have been very successful, thank you to those who have attended. If you 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).

## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

In our final weeks of the year we would like to thank our families for their support and interactions with the school. Thanks for supporting your children at swimming lessons and assemblies, carnivals and excursions, home reading and school help and volunteer work. The school welcomes volunteers in classrooms, the library or in the canteen. If you have some time to give in 2020 please come and see us. We invite all family and community members who have volunteered this year to our 'Captain's Table' morning tea on Thursday 12 December.



I would also like to thank the P&C for all their support in 2019 and remind everyone the P&C have their final disco this Friday evening.

Many thanks to our School Board members for their ongoing support of the school, assisting with reviewing data and finalising decisions relating to finances, academic results, surveys, attendance and more.

Reports will be sent home via email this semester late Week 9 or early Week 10. If your email has changed since you enrolled your child, please contact the office to update your details. Those few families who do not have an email address will have alternate arrangements made.

### Farewells

We would like to say thank you and farewell to a number of staff leaving us:

- Miss Katisha Barrett
- Mrs Julie Painter
- Mrs Susan Jones
- Mrs Rebecca Mackin
- Mrs Stacey Bridgeman

We also have a number of staff who have been filling in fixed term positions, we are unclear at this stage of some positions for 2020.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year period.



Lis Turner  
Principal

### Class list posting 31 January

Class lists will be posted on Friday 31 January. These will be posted on the Art Room window accessed from the south west gate, Chapman Valley Rd carpark due to access changes.

### School Facts

Did you know in 2019:

- we reached 40 years of age at the current site,
- we reached 100 staff members,
- we have 23 classes of students,
- we have over 550 children and are the largest public primary school in the Midwest.



### 2020 Planning

Planning of class lists is underway for 2020 and we ask you inform us if:

- your child is returning later in Term 1, ie not on the first day of school,
- your child is not returning to Waggrakine in 2020.

2020 school dates vary from school to school as schools have flexibility in three of their school pupil-free staff planning days. As many of our families have children at Geraldton Senior High School, we have linked into their days so that our days align for those with children at both schools.

### Term dates in 2020 are:

Term 1: Monday 3 Feb to Wednesday 8 April  
Term 2: Tuesday 28 April to Friday 3 July  
Term 3: Tuesday 21 July to Fri 25 September  
Term 4: Tuesday 13 Oct to Thursday 17 Dec

A calendar of events is on the web site: <https://waggrakineps.wa.edu.au/events/>





## Year 6

Congratulations to our Year 6 students for 2019. We have had a fantastic year and our data shows they have been wonderful role models in showing respect, responsibility and active learning throughout the year. Next week we celebrate their graduation from primary school and wish them all the best as they move into high school.

The students had an engaging term leading up to their market day last week, raising funds to purchase a gift for our school. Some suggestions so far: carpet and/or fans for the Hall, air fryers for the canteen. Big thanks to those parents who helped their children with the market stalls.



## Chaplaincy Program

We are happy to let you know that we have once again received federal funding for our chaplaincy program, managed through Youth Care WA. Sharon Atkins will continue as our Chaplain however, is on leave until Week 6, Term1, 2020.

## Positive Behaviour School Update

A huge thank you and congratulations to all our staff, students and volunteers for their hard work over the last 3 years of our Positive Behaviour School's implementation. All our commitment and support has led to us receiving 100% in our recent PBS school wide external evaluation. We are the first school in the Midwest to receive 100% in all areas of PBS implementation. We are all Waggy Wonders!

In the remaining weeks of the school year, leading into Christmas, our PBS foci are: Being Responsible; and Respecting Others. We can practise these behaviours at home and school by:

- showing patience
- greeting others with a smile
- using our manners
- showing kindness
- accepting others' differences
- setting a good example to others
- encouraging others to do the right thing
- taking responsibility for our actions
- admitting our mistakes and trying to make it better

At school we will be teaching, reinforcing and rewarding students displaying these behaviours. There will also be a focus for students who are not displaying these expectations. Please have a talk to your child about how they could show these things every day.

### Contributions and Charges

Contributions and charges for 2020 have been posted on Facebook and Seesaw.

Book lists will be posted on the website soon and were sent home in hard copy in November. Classes have also posted them on Seesaw. If you need another copy, please come into the office.

### Thank You



Big thanks to some of our unspoken heroes in the office; Mrs Tazewell and Mrs Fowler, for the wonderful job they do in the office supporting families and students in so many ways.

We would like to also say a big thank you to those staff who are in the classrooms with your children every day. Teachers, AIEOs and education assistants have put in a huge amount of time and energy to make the classes safe and happy places to be with an engaging curriculum.



### Board Shorts for Bali

Thanks to everyone for supporting our Board Shorts for Bali day on Monday. We raised \$322. Ms Low has been in regular contact with Pak Agung in Bali and they are hoping to spend the funds on restoring their basketball court and replenishing basketballs and other sports equipment for the students. Thanks for your kind donations.

### Support Available in the Holidays

Centre Care 9921 1433

- Family or individual counselling

Helping Minds 9427 7100

- Individual and family informal counselling

Ngala 9921 4477

- Counselling, family and youth support

Rural Link 1800 552 002

- After hours psychiatric emergency

Desert Blue Connect 9964 2742

- Family violence and women's refuge

### P&C

A huge thank you to all our P&C members for their efforts throughout Term 4 and 2019.

A reminder to parents that Uniform Pre-Order forms are due back to the canteen by this Friday with payment or proof of payment to ensure availability next year.

Uniforms will be available for collection from the canteen on the 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January from 9am until 12pm.

There are spare forms at the office if required.

### Disco

Our final disco for 2019 is being held tomorrow, Friday 6 December.

Kindy to Year 3: 5.15pm-6.30pm

Year 4 to Year 6: 6.45pm-8.15pm

Admission is \$2 and there will be drinks, snacks and glo-stuff for sale.

