



Talking Together

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Term 1 Dates

Year 1-6 Swimming

Monday 16 – Friday 20 March
TA 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 16 & 18
Monday 23 – Friday 27 March
TA 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14 & 17

Music Assembly

Cancelled

Last Day of Term 1

Wednesday 8 April

ANZAC Assembly Term 2

Cancelled



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers
With COVID 19 measures put in place today for the added safety of your children include:

- Explicit hand washing instructions and practice with all students
- Events - excursions - all excursions from now on other than swimming will be cancelled. If directed to, we will stop swimming.
- The DISCO is cancelled
- Assemblies cancelled for rest of term - PA announcements for certificates and waggie wonders will be used (there was a music assembly remaining this term)
 - Alternate Friday waggie wonder draws over the PA
 - Merit certificates or honour certificates also over PA or in classes
- After swimming we will implement a staggered play time (ie swap some ie year 2 year 4 and year 6 play at eating time and others stay the same, may be TAs rather than years)
- where previously Year 4 and 5 sat together to eat and Year 1, 2 and 3 sat together to eat:
 - Year 5 to sit out the north side of TA 5-8
 - Year 3 to sit between the Hall and Year 3 classrooms



- ANZAC assembly will be cancelled and ANZAC town ceremony - no student reps to be sent
- Changes to collect lunches at canteen
- Soap supplies are adequate, however if anyone has pump soap bottles (that are close to empty) please send them in for us to use and refill for school, classes and other locations. Toilets have always had soap.

Ongoing updates and change will be communicated via Facebook and Seesaw. Please contact the office should you have any queries.

All the Best Lis Turner



Year 3 students in their new eating area

Education Department update

While the situation regarding the COVID-19 continues to evolve, the Department of Education sector has established plans and a team to support principals and schools. It is important that as a school community we apply common sense, factual information and a practical approach to COVID – 19.

If a WA school has to close due to a confirmed case, it will be on advice from the WA Health Department's Chief Health Officer. The Chief Health Officer will, if there has been a positive COVID-19 test result in our school, close our school temporarily while assessment and tracing of exposure is conducted. A thorough school clean will then be carried out to make the school safe for the return of students and staff.

In this situation the principal will receive direct advice and support regarding the closure process and communication materials from the Department of Education's Coronavirus support team.

Upon the school being notified, all families will be immediately contacted and provided with the relevant information. This contact may be during the school day, or before or after school. It is therefore important that we have up-to-date contact details for your children, please notify the front office if these have changed.

Parents will also be advised of the extent to which class work can be completed at home during this temporary closure and provided with the details of how this will work.

While it is acknowledged that this may be a stressful time for the community, parents are reminded that schools open and close all of the time and that the reason for any school closure will be to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

How to minimise the spread of COVID-19

- Frequently washing your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or using an alcohol based hand gel
- Refraining from touching mouth and nose
- If coughing or sneezing, covering your nose and mouth with a paper tissue or flexed elbow
- Dispose of the tissue immediately after use and perform hand hygiene
- Avoiding close contact with anyone if you, or they, have a cold or flu-like symptoms (maintain a distance of at least 1 metre).



Who cannot attend school – advice as at 16 March 2020

The Prime Minister has introduced measures placed on international arrivals into Australia. This means a mandatory 14 day self-isolation requirement will be placed on all international arrivals into Australia.

Students or staff who have been tested for COVID-19 should follow the advice of the WA Department of Health and stay away from school whilst awaiting results.

Students or staff also need to self-quarantine if they have been informed by public health authorities that they have been in close contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus. They must isolate themselves for 14 days after the date of last contact with the confirmed case.

COVID-19 symptoms

People with COVID-19 may experience:

- fever;
- flu-like symptoms such as coughing, sore throat and fatigue; or
- shortness of breath.

For the latest health information and health related enquiries please visit [WA Department of Health](#) or access the helpline 1800 020 080.

COVID-19 testing

The WA Chief Health Officer, Dr Andrew Robertson, has advised people should not go to be tested for COVID-19 to either COVID Clinics or GPs unless they are currently experiencing symptoms and meet the testing criteria.

To be eligible for testing people must:

- be currently experiencing symptoms such as fever, cough or sore throat AND have
- returned from overseas travel in the last 14 days
- OR be currently experiencing symptoms, and be a contact of a confirmed case
- OR be currently experiencing symptoms and believe they have been in close contact with a person infected with COVID-19.



From the P&C Canteen

As we enter unknown territory regarding the Corona Virus, the P&C and more importantly Waggrakine Primary School Canteen are making some changes to ensure students, staff and the school community are kept safe.

We encourage families to utilise the online ordering of lunches to minimise the number of people who may present to the Canteen in the mornings to order lunches. It is quick and easy to do, and it has the most up to date menu and lunch time specials available.

Sign up for an account at quickcliq.com.au Add credit to your account using a credit card, bank transfer or Paypal.

Start ordering your lunches! Great for those days when you have run out of bread or have no cash in your purse!

Another option is to pop the correct change into an envelope, write your child's name, TA number and lunch order and drop it into the box on the Canteen counter.

As we are aware, there has been an increase in grocery demands at the local supermarkets and suppliers in Geraldton. We are also faced with this challenge, please be aware that it may be necessary for the Canteen to substitute items (rolls instead of bread, seasonal fruit etc) where required.

There will be no after lunch treat sales (slushies, icy poles etc) until further notice to avoid mass gatherings of students at the Canteen at one given time.

We thank you for your patience regarding this matter.