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Talking Together

Achieve By Caring



Term 2 Dates

All events remain cancelled until we receive further instructions from the government review on 14 May.

Free Dress Rainbow Wednesdays (no cost)

6 May - Week 2

Violet

13 May - Week 3

Red

20 May - Week 4

Green

Highlights of our Yellow Day



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to Term 2 in all three formats:

- online learning
- at home packages
- face to face learning

I hope you are all well and managing in these uncertain times.

Please remember for weeks 1-3 at least, whether you come to school or stay learning from home, is up to you. We welcome students back and at the same time will continue to provide support for those learning from home.

A huge thanks to our fantastic community for the positive support during the holidays, for the start of school and learning from home. It has shown what a wonderful community Waggy has, with everyone working together.



We started the school term on a sunny note with everyone dressing in yellow, at home and at school, for our Yellow Day. It was a bright and fun way to start the term.

Week 1 has gone smoothly, with 57% face to face attendance over the week, 28% learning at home and the remainder being other absence types. A number of teaching and non-teaching staff have endeavoured to phone all families still at home and make contact to ensure everyone has their educational needs met.

At school, we have been excited to see our students returning and know that as the weeks move on, and hopefully the state retains a reduction in COVID-19 cases, that families will begin to return to work. We support those families who have stayed at home and it has helped us transition back into Term 2 with ease, in these uncertain times.

Big thanks to our staff, who mid holidays, dropped their home and family tasks to come in, meet and plan for the Week 1 changes. Due to so many offering to help out, I feel we worked well to be ready for the start of term with the new arrangements:

- Three kiss and drops to assist parents who were asked by the government to stay at the gates – thank you to the community, teachers and education assistants, as this has been so smooth!
- Additional cleaning times in the playground, eating areas, high touch areas and toilets – thank to our cleaners who have stepped up for this.
- Preparing for all three modes of learning, Seesaw, work packages and face to face – thanks to our teachers

Regards
Lis Turner | Principal



Support Available

While many of us have seen the wonderful creations achieved by so many over the holidays and prior, while people take the time to be crafty we are aware too that for some this is a time of deep uncertainty with family mental health and well-being, physical health, employment and or financial pressures weighing on many. I therefore want to take the opportunity to remind everyone of some avenues to seek support beyond your own important friendship groups, if required.

Headspace Geraldton

Support for adolescents to young adults
9943 8111

Helping Minds

Support for primary age children
9427 7100

Hope Community Services

9921 7409

Mission Australia

Emergency support
9921 5441

Salvation Army

Emergency support/food assistance
9964 3627

Kids Helpline

Phone counselling service
1800 551 800

Lifeline

13 11 14

Beyond Blue

Aims to increase awareness of depression and anxiety and reduce stigma.

1300 22 4636, 24/7

Canteen Closure

Our canteen will be closed until Week 3. This includes the uniform shop too. Anyone needing a jumper, there are second-hand ones at the office which can be purchased for a donation, or students can wear any jumpers until the uniform shop re-opens.



Cyber Safety

10 top tips to help protect your children online.

- 1 **Build an open trusting relationship around technology** – *keep communication open and supportive so your child knows they can come to you if something goes wrong or does not feel right online.*
- 2 **Co-view and co-play with your child online** – this will help you better understand what they are doing and why they enjoy an app, game or website, as well as providing a great opportunity to start conversations about online safety.
- 3 **Build good habits** and help your child to develop digital intelligence, and social and emotional skills – such as respect, empathy, critical thinking, responsible behaviour and resilience – and practice being good online citizens.
- 4 **Empower your child** – wherever possible, help them make wise decisions for themselves, rather than telling them what to do. Try to provide them with strategies for dealing with negative online experiences that will build their confidence and resilience.
- 5 **Use devices in open areas of the home** – this can help you manage and be aware of who your child interacts with online through phones, tablets, smart TVs, gaming consoles and other connected devices.
- 6 **Set time limits that balance time spent in front of screens with offline activities** – a family technology plan can help you to manage expectations around where and when technology use is allowed – you could even fill in an Early Years [Family Tech Agreement](#).
- 7 **Know the apps, games and social media site your kids are using** – make sure they are age-appropriate, and learn how to [limit messaging or online chat](#) and [location-sharing](#) functions within apps or games, as these can expose your child to unwanted contact and disclose their physical location. For more advice:
 - The [eSafety Guide](#) includes information to help parents and carers choose safer apps and report and block unwanted contact and sexual approaches.
- 8 **Check the privacy settings** on the games and apps your child is using and make sure their profiles are turned on to the strictest privacy setting. Restrict who can contact your child or ask them to check in with you before accepting new friends.
- 9 **Use available technologies to set up parental control on devices** that can filter harmful content, monitor your child's use and limit or block their time on connected devices or functions (eg. cameras, in-app purchases).
- 10 **Be alert to signs of distress and know where to go for more advice and support.**
 - Report harmful online content to eSafety at esafety.gov.au/report.
 - Contact a free [parent helpline](#) or one of the other many great [online counselling and support services](#) for help. Kids, teens and young adults can contact [Kids Helpline online](#) or by phone on 1800 551 800 and the service also provides guidance for parents.

Referenced from Esafety website. For further information please visit:
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/covid-19/advice-parents-carers>