



Talking
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Term 2 Dates

Tuesday 9 June (pm)

Student leaders and house captain photos

Wednesday 10 – Thursday 11 June

School Photos

Monday 29 June – Friday 3 July

NAIDOC Week

Friday 3 July

Last day of Term 2



Year 1 students with Mrs Ash enjoying the brand new carpet in the hall and learning some gymnastics.

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I want to thank you again for your support throughout what has been a very unusual school semester. The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting our entire community and has presented us with extraordinary challenges in managing schooling during the first half of 2020. I am pleased that together, we have been able to make the best of this situation and ensure the safety of your children and continuity of their learning.

With the regular attendance of many students being lower during this time, the breadth and depth of the curriculum covered throughout Semester 1 may have been reduced. For this reason, schools are not required to include A to E grades on Semester 1 student reports. It also means that your child's attendance may not be reported, and any written comments may provide less information on their progress than usual.

As attendance is not accurate and may have been affected by COVID 19, we will not place attendance figures in the reports either. Those families who we have concerns regarding



attendance will have percentage attendance added to the comment section by the Principal or Deputy Principal.

Schooling is returning to normal and our students are engaging in the regular curriculum in their usual classroom environment. Those approved to learn from home are also being supported. Semester 2 reports will reflect this and will provide the usual, more detailed information on your child's progress and achievement.

I'd like to thank parents who have been supportive with the gates, kiss and drive points and other changes implemented during this time.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement as we work together to provide the best learning opportunities for your children. As we progress, I'll be sure to keep you updated with any new information.

As of Week 7 parents are allowed back on school grounds, but please continue to respect physical distancing measures. We advise:

- Parents may drop off and pick up students outside the classrooms.
- Parents are asked not to enter classrooms unless for after-hours scheduled meetings.
- Kindy and Pre Primary classes will return to normal drop off and pick up times. With classrooms open from 8.30am and student pick-ups back to 3.00pm.

Gate changes:

- The back gate will be unlocked at 8:20am and be manned for 15 minutes, this will remain as a kiss and drive for Week 7 at least, and will be monitored and reviewed through the week. If it is too congested or unsafe, we will revert back to a carpark.
- ECE gates and car park will be back to normal reverse parking, from Monday 8 June.
- Some ECE staff will remain at the gate for those parents wishing to continue developing their child's independence, supporting them to walk to and from class via the gate. During this time of change it has been heart-warming to see our children showing an increased resilience and independence.
- Kiss and Drive is unchanged.
- The main gates will be unlocked all day now and locked again after school.

- Playgrounds will remain closed for after school use.

We ask parents where possible, not to send students to school early. We only have one staff member employed prior to 8:30am who has duty of care and this is the bus warden. While staff are on site to prepare lessons and school routines, they are not required to be here before that. Admin monitor the undercover area from 8:15am, so if you can send students as close to 8:30am as possible this will assist with duty of care and ensure your child's safety.

Assemblies are still unable to go ahead due to the 100 people inside and 300 people outside rule.

At the end of Week 5 and Week 10 classes celebrate our Good Standing with a reward. In Week 5, each year group coordinated their own special reward. 99% of our students earned their good standing reward, what amazing Waggy Wonders our students are! Classes celebrated by enjoying outdoor activities, movies, gymnastics and more. In Week 10 we hope to have a whole school celebration for students upholding our three school-wide expectations by being: Responsible; Respectful; and an Active Learner, within COVID restriction guidelines.

Over the next 5 weeks our school-wide focus is Being Responsible. Please discuss and encourage this with your child over the next 5 weeks.

Regards
Lis Turner | Principal





Dress Code Reminder

As Winter is upon us, we ask parents to ensure school jumpers are clearly labelled, as these items are notorious for going astray. Also, a reminder to ensure your child is following our dress code by wearing a school jumper and royal blue shorts or tracksuit pants. Please encourage your child to show pride in their school by supporting with this. Uniforms can be purchased online via Quickcliq <https://www.quickcliq.com.au/>.

Please also remember that hair longer than shoulder length, needs to be pulled out of faces and tied up.

School Representatives

This term one of our Year 6 School Representatives moved schools, leaving a position vacant. Year 6 students will conduct a re-election for a new Student Representative next week. Those students who originally nominated for the position at the beginning of the year and any new student who meets the attendance and behaviour criteria are encouraged to put their name forward, no speeches will be given and only the Year 6 students will be voting. We look forward to welcoming our new Student Representative.

Canteen

Our canteen and uniform shop are operating 5 days a week. Until further notice, orders can only be placed online via www.quickcliq.com.au and must be placed by 10am.

Sick Children

To support student and staff health, we remind everyone that children are not to be sent to school if they are sick. Likewise, staff with colds are not able to come to school either. Students are being reminded to wash their hands thoroughly at many key times throughout the day and extra cleaning of shared areas are still in place.

School Photos

School photos are next week and while the staff photo is composite due to COVID class photos will still be taken. If you do not want your child's photo taken in a class photo, the photographers will include a composite (single head/shoulders) photo of your child. Please advise us by Monday 8th June if this is your preference.

Please ensure your child wears their school uniform on their photo day and NOT their faction shirt.

Semester 1 Reports

Semester 1 reports will be emailed to parents once again. Please ensure your email address is up to date and advise the office of any change.

Daily Attendance Message



Waggy has implemented an attendance strategy to assist parents/carers to notify the school of your child/s absence. The following generic message 'WPS records show (child/s name) is absent, Pls reply SMS or ph 08 9968 1880 stu name/reason/sbs date'

Please assist us by notifying the school of your current mobile number to ensure our records are accurate.



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.

Bus Transfer Point

A reminder that Waggrakine is a bus transfer point for school buses. Between the times of 8:00am to 8:20am and 3:30pm to 3:45pm please ensure you do not park in the green zones of the attached picture



Positive Behaviour Support

We have been a Positive Behaviour Support school now for four years - most WA schools are PBS schools. Each year we have an external audit identifying our progress towards meeting the targets of being an effective PBS school. We are pleased that in December 2019 we received 100% rating against all the criteria.

