



Talking
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Term 2 Dates

Friday 3 July

Last day of Term 2

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Tuesday 21 July

First day of Term 3

Wednesday 12 August

NAIDOC cook up celebration

Wednesday 21 October

Book Week Parade

Thursday 24 September

Last day of Term 3



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Well our unusual semester is coming to a close. Thanks again to our community for being supportive of all the changes implemented this year to date. We are looking forward to Semester 2 and the new normal!

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

Thank you to the staff for all the work they have done this semester, getting work packages ready, then planning for face to face, adapting quickly and giving up time in the holidays to help each new directive given to us by the department.

During the COVID-19 changes we have reduced the number of children in eating areas and the playground by having year 1, 3 and 5 eat first and play second, then the years 2, 4 and 6 play first and eat second. This is one of the routines we will be continuing.

We are hoping with restrictions changing from Saturday we will be able to welcome back face to face assemblies. We have had some fun undertaking assemblies via Zoom to the classroom screens, the younger children telling me they have seen me on TV now!

The back gate will go back to normal car parking from Term 3. Thanks to everyone who used it this term, it ran well.



During Term 3 we usually have many events, some dates are still to be confirmed.

- Book Week Parade has been moved to Term 4 on Wednesday 21 October.
- Part of our NAIDOC celebrations has been moved to 12 August for our annual cook up around the fire, a day to celebrate and invite the community in. More information to come.
- Carnivals may be changed in the way we operate for 2020, with events on different days. We will send more information about this at the beginning of next term.
- Interschool sports events will be advised early Term 3 when we have more information.

As Semester 1 concludes we say farewell to Miss Crouch from ECE 4 who is going to take up a semester long (we hope) opportunity on Christmas Island as a PP teacher. Mrs Ash will be taking on ECE 4 as the class teacher.

This semester we were lucky to have Ms Emma Hazelton as an additional staff member to support all the changes, she has assisted with attendance and Aboriginal education directions significantly, and we thank her for her role. She has now won a new position to begin in Semester 2 in the public sector.

Next week I am taking the week off on long service leave so I will see everyone back in Term 3.

Have a safe and happy holiday or break with your children and we will see you in the new term.

Regards
Lis Turner | Principal



School Board

The School Board plays an important role in contributing to good school governance so that school resources are used efficiently, and community expectations and the school's priorities reflect the needs of students.

The Board helps with approvals and advisory roles and is made up of representatives from staff, parents and the broader community. The Board's decisions include fees and charges, book lists, sponsorship and dress codes.

A couple of our parent memberships are expiring and if you are interested in being a member of the School Board please contact the office and let us know. The School Board will then vote on parents wishing to fill those vacancies. The Board meets once or twice a term after school hours.

Semester 2 Assemblies

Term 3	Class
Week 2: 31 July	TA 9 & 14
Week 4: 14 August	TA 7 & 8
Week 6: 28 August	TA 5 & 6
Week 8: 11 September	TA 2 & 4
Term 4	Class
Week 2: 23 October	TA 12 & 13
Week 4: 6 November	TA 10 & 11
Week 6: 20 November	ECE 2, 3 & 4
Week 8: 4 December	Music
Week 10: 15 Dec (Tue)	Awards

Good Standing Reward

At the end of Week 5 and Week 10 each term, classes celebrate our Good Standing with a reward. Our whole class reward for these students at the end of Term 2 is an **in school time disco**.

Students who have met good standing targets over the last 5 weeks of term will participate in the whole school reward, the disco, and will also have a sausage sizzle and an icy pole. Big thanks to the P&C who are going to look for volunteers to help cooking the sausage sizzle. If you can help please let the office know. Even an hour would be awesome.

There are four discos to get all students through within our restrictions. No money is required. The theme is a pyjama party so students are welcome to wear pyjama free dress for the day or stay in uniform.



2020 Grants

We have won a grant for \$30,000 through the Department for playground equipment which the school will top up to enhance the playground areas of the school.

2020 School Upgrades

This year we have been fortunate to receive additional funding to enhance or repair school grounds and property. A number of additions to date have been:

- Significant toilet upgrades (in progress)
- Dividing walls in double classrooms
- A carpeted hall which looks fabulous!
- LED lighting in sensory rooms
- ECE and Year 6 permanent shades
- Significant and repeated additions to rabbit proofing (not yet rabbit proof though! Rascally rabbits!)

P&C Uniform Update

To ensure everyday availability of uniforms for our families in 2021, the school uniforms are being handed over to Total Uniforms on the highway. During Semester 2 the uniform shop at school may run out of certain sizes, in this time of transition. If this becomes a problem for you please let us know, so we are aware. In the meantime uniforms can still be purchased online at Quickcliq <https://www.quickcliq.com.au/>.

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.

Canteen Upgrade

We are also thrilled that the canteen is having a much needed upgrade which is being funded by the Department. Over the holidays the canteen is having new vinyl flooring, and the walls and ceiling painted. In order to have these much needed upgrades done, we are asking for volunteers on the last day of this term and Monday 20 July to empty the entire canteen and restack it as everything must be cleared out. Even an hour's help would be great! Contact the office, canteen staff or just turn up if you can help.

Canteen Closed

Friday July 3 – last day of Term 2
Tuesday 21 July – first day Term 3

Daily Attendance Message



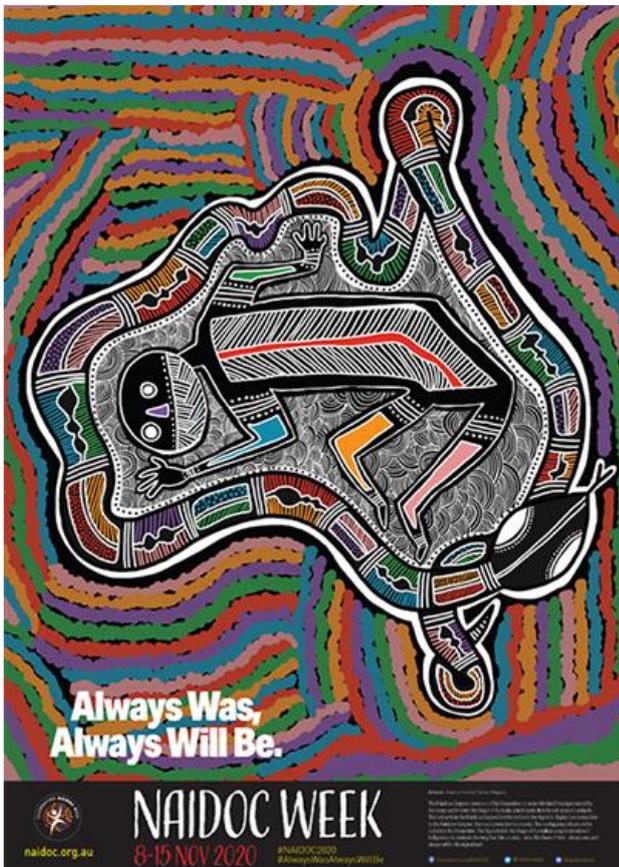
Waggrakine has implemented an attendance strategy using text messages to advise and request parents/carers to notify the school of your child/s absence. The

following generic message 'WPS records show (child/s name) is absent, Pls reply SMS or ph 99681880 stu name/reason/sbs date', will be sent to your mobile phone if your child has an unexplained absence.

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

NAIDOC week

Week 10 this term is usually when we all celebrate NAIDOC Week. Nationally NAIDOC Week has been moved to Term 4. As we love to celebrate with our fire pit and a cook up, we will envisage to have a cook up around Week 4 next term. We would love members of the Aboriginal community to get in touch if they would like to help out on the day.



Lost, Found and Donated

We have an abundance of lost school uniforms and parent donations of pre loved clothes. Please see the office if your child has lost theirs or requires a donated item.

Semester 1 Reports

Semester 1 reports will be emailed to parents in Week 10. Please ensure your email address is up to date and advise the office of any change.

Additional Pupil Free Day

Due to COVID-19, all schools were given an additional Pupil Free Day, ours are as follows;

- Monday 20 July, first day Term 3
- Friday 25 September (additional day)
last day Term 3
- Monday 12 October, first day Term 4
- Last day of school for the year is Thursday 17 December

