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Dates to Remember

Friday 6 November at 2pm
ECE2, 3 and 4 Assembly

Monday 9 – Friday 20 November
PP Swimming Lessons

Friday 20 November at 2pm
TA10 and 11 Assembly

Tuesday 24 November
Year 6 transition to GSHS

Tuesday 1 December
Board Shorts for Bali Free Dress

Friday 4 December at 2pm
Music Assembly

Thursday 10 December
Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday 15 December
Awards Assemblies

Wednesday 16 December
Good standing and class parties

Thursday 17 December
Last day of school



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 4, 2020. I feel grateful that we are in WA and have been spared to date of many restrictions and additional stressors of Victoria and beyond. While it has been a different year, we are lucky to have been able to hold many school events with few restrictions. Carnival, Book Week Parade, transitions to high school, and a wonderful colour run celebrating good standing, to name a few.

This term we welcomed Bradley Reynolds and Brenda Wann into full time Deputy roles for the term. Mrs Ostaszewskyj took leave and will return part time next week. We welcome back Mrs Schuts and Mrs Williams from leave.

We are also excited to let you know that Waggrakine was invited, along with three other Geraldton public schools, to create a video of a combined choir singing the National *Count Us In* song. A huge thanks to Ms Brook for co-ordinating and leading this event which highlighted the Midwest and Waggrakine around Australia. We will post the link on Facebook and Seesaw.

Regards
Lis Turner | Principal

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Term 3 Good Standing Reward Day



Semester 2 Reporting

Once again students' school reports will be emailed to parents. Please ensure your email details are up to date.

If a second report is required for another parent, please contact the office.



Book Week Parade

Early this term we celebrated Book Week with the theme "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds". It was truly amazing to see how much enthusiasm and creativity was put into costumes and outfits for our parade. Everyone looked amazing and we all had lots of fun. As a school, it is such a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our children's literacy.

Pre Primary Swimming Lessons

Pre Primary students will have the opportunity to participate in swimming lessons. The lessons will be run from Monday 9 November through to Friday 20 November.

Students in ECE2 and 4 will attend 12.45-1.25pm

Students in ECE 3 will attend 1.30-2.10pm. The cost is \$62.00 per student which covers transport to and from the Aquarena, pool entry and lessons.

Note were sent home last week. If your note did not make it home or has been misplaced, please contact your class teacher or the office.

BOOK WEEK PARADE

WINNERS

YEAR 1-2	YEAR 3-4	YEAR 5-6	MRS PEARS CHOICE AWARD
Adelle P	Ariella J	Aiden T	Ava C
Alistair R	Blake O	Byrynn K	Cole N
Charlee D	Chris S	Chloe E	Gory M
Charlotte E	Cody T	Davina H	Daiton C
Eden C	Connor K	Jesse S	Declan T
Ethan J	Hayden R	Lily M	Duncan M
Inara T	Jessica J	Lucy S	Jaymee B
Isabella B	Lachlan R	Miranda M	Theresa S
Jake L	Maya P	Riley B	
Jasmine C	Mia B	Sam K	
Lacey W	Rafael A	Shaniah S	
Lachlan W	Reef K	Sui L	
Mason B	Sienna B	Tahlia C	
Paige D	Will T	Xander S	
Sophia K	Zoran N		
Zoey O			

CBCA Book Week
CURIOUS CREATURES, WILD MINDS
 October 17-23 2020
 #CBCA2020



Online Safety Basics

As parents, we need to help our children safely navigate their digital world and educate them to avoid harmful online experiences.

Our support and guidance can give our children the confidence to make sound decisions online – and ask for help when they need it.

There are 3 key strategies to support your child:

1. **Be Engaged, open and supportive:**

- Get involved. Share online time with your children as part of family life. Play games together. Talk about favourite apps, games or websites.
- Keep lines of communication open. Ask about their online experiences, who they are talking to and whether they are having any issues.
- Reassure your child they can always come to you, no matter what. Let them know you will not cut off internet access if they report feeling uncomfortable or unsafe when online – this is a real concern that may stop your child from communicating with you openly.
- If you notice a change in behaviour or mood, talk to your child about it. If you are concerned, consider seeking professional help – from your GP, a psychologist or school counsellor.

2. **Set some rules**

- Set age-appropriate rules for devices and online access, with consequences for breaking them.
- Ensure your child's input – this will help them understand risks. As they get

older you can review your rules together.

- Consider creating a family tech agreement (sometimes called a family media plan or family online safety agreement). A family tech agreement is a set of rules about how devices, like smartphones, tablets, computers, TVs and gaming consoles are used in your home. It is written down and agreed to by all family members and kept in a place where everyone can see it, such as on the fridge.
- Your family tech agreement could cover the type of websites that can be visited, time spent online and acceptable online behaviour.
- The consequences for breaking the rules should be clear. Negotiate these with your child when you create your agreement so they mean something to them.
- Consider making some 'rules for parents' too – and stick to them! Model behaviour that you would like to see.

3. **Use the available technology**

- Get to know the devices you and your children use and set them up for privacy and online safety. Take advantage of parental controls to monitor and control screen time and access to content in ways appropriate to your child's age and experience.
- Choose apps and games carefully, taking age ratings and consumer advice into account.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/online-safety-book>





Count Us In

Each year, Music Australia hosts the annual "Music Count Us In" event. The event's purpose is to advocate for music education in schools across the country. Schools register for the event and learn the program song which is sung by all registered schools on the same day and time. This year a "Yamatji Remix" has been created using the local Wajarri language and our school has been invited to showcase this version by filming and recording it for streaming across Australia on Celebration Day (Thursday 5 November).



All students who have been actively participating in one of our choirs, didge or music extension group, have been invited to participate in the recording (along with some students from other local schools).



Relay for Life

On Saturday 17th October, the Waggy Wonders team participated in Relay for Life. This year was a little different, with some of our Year 6 students participating in this community event as part of their Citizenship Challenge.

Abbey M led the fundraising by asking for sponsors to support her as she bravely shaved her head. For this amazing effort she managed to raise \$4,233. The students continued to fundraise which included our raffle and free dress day, earning \$826 and another \$355 from the raffle on the day.

Our final fundraising total was \$6,325. I am very proud of each and every one of our staff and students for the effort they put in. A special mention to our Year 6 students – Jack, Chelsea, Jaymee, Nyssa, Hamish, Cooper, Matilda, Charnae, Cameron, Abbey, Ruby, Emma and Kaleb. Many thanks to everyone who participated in helping us make a difference to those whose lives are affected in some way by this terrible disease. I look forward to seeing our 2021 Year 6 students take on this worthwhile challenge of fighting for a cancer-free future.

Mrs Kristine Cox



Good Standing Term 4

Next week Waggy kids will again be rewarded with their mid-term good standing with activities including minute to win it, outdoor activities, games afternoons and more.

In Week 6 good standing is reset so all students can again set goals to achieve their reward in Week 10. On Wednesday in Week 10 the PBS team are planning another AWESOME whole school event which we hope will end the year with a positive bang, rewarding students for consistently demonstrating our three expectations of Active Learning, Respect and Responsibility.

We are proud of the number of students who are meeting these goals and work proactively to help all children reach their goals.

School Blog

For more photos of most school events please check the school blog at <https://waggrakineps.wa.edu.au/communication/blog/>



Adopt A School

Through generous donations from WA families and AAS members, Adopt A School have been distributing food packs to Balinese families in need. Bali has been particularly hard hit by the COVID pandemic due to the dramatic decrease in tourism. Food aid has been essential for many out of work families.

Coordinators assess every family when deciding who receives food parcels. Families with parents who have lost their jobs, a member with a physical handicap, are living in poverty and those not in good health have been grateful recipients.

Anyone who would like to donate direct, can deposit directly to AAS:
BSB 016-286 (ANZ)
Account 4958-51244

Alternatively, please contact Lis Turner if you would like to read some of the newsletters from AAS with more information.



Author Visit

The Geraldton Regional Library arranged for Kelly Canby, a Western Australian children's author and illustrator, to visit Waggrakine and inspire our Year 5 and 6 students. She shared her passion for writing and illustrating. Kelly is an internationally published illustrator and author of over two dozen children's books. Thanks for a wonderful visit!

