Apart from the legal requirement to attend, it is vital that children attend every day for the sake of their future successes, academically and emotionally, as well as in regards to employment choices. It is very important that parents help children to develop good attendance career from the very beginning by ensuring that they attend kindergarten or school whenever possible.

Onslow School’s overall attendance this term has been very poor. Parents are reminded that any student absences need to be communicated to the school. All of the events that occur at school such as the Sports Carnivals, School Ball and Attendance Camps have attendance requirements. Students who do not meet the requirements are restricted or not invited to participate in these events:

**School Faction Carnival**

Students who do not meet the attendance requirements of 80% or their individual attendance target if they are on a plan can participate in the event but will not be eligible to accrue Championship points and therefore will not be able to win any Championship points or runner-up championship points.

**School Ball**

Students who do not meet the attendance requirements of 80% or their individual attendance target if they are on a plan will not receive an invite to the Ball and will not be allowed entry to the venue even, in the accompaniment of a parent.
Attendance camp (years 4-7)

Students who do not meet the attendance requirements of 80% or their individual attendance target if they are on a plan will not receive an invitation to the camp and will be expected to attend school on the camp dates.

Being half an hour late to school each day from Year 1 to Year 10 is approximately equivalent to missing one year of schooling.

A student who is absent 1 day a fortnight will, by Year 9, have missed 1 year of schooling.

Unauthorised absences have a greater negative impact on student achievement than authorised absences.

School Photos

Will be held on the 2nd September, student order forms were sent home at the beginning of the week. Student forms can be dropped off to either the class teacher or to the office staff. Sibling packs can be obtained from the front office. All forms need to be returned either prior or on the day even if you are not ordering photos.

School Faction Carnival

It was a great day with the team games making it a very close competition. Well done to all the students as it was great to see them displaying our school expectations by cheering not only kids in their factions but students from other factions as well. Photos from the day can be seen on the last page of the newsletter and more can be found on the school website. A big thank you to all our sponsors and volunteers and to Mr Yates for his fantastic organisation.

Faction Flag Design Competition

The school is retiring the old Faction Flags and is holding a competition for a new logo design for the 3 flags. Students can design their logos at home and drop them in at the front office no bigger than A4. Competition closes 19th September. Winning logos will be printed on the flags for many years to come.

Jackie Barry
Principal
Onslow School

Parents encouraged to come, watch, play and engage.

There will be breaks throughout the year where programs have to be cancelled, in these instances children will be notified at school. Sorry for any inconvenience.
The Year 6/7’s would like to thank everyone who participated in their Free Dress Footy Colours Day and the Jelly Bean competition. About $200.00 was raised for their end of year Graduation. Congratulations to Rahim Hayes for the correct guess of Jelly Beans and to the ice-cream winners for the best footy uniform.

**KINDY 2015**

Onslow Primary School are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2015.

Children born between 1st July 2010—30th June 2011 are eligible to commence Kindergarten in 2015.

Please see the office staff for Enrolment Forms. Birth certificates and Immunisation records will be required at the time of enrolment.

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**Faction Athletics Carnival**

Last week we held our annual Faction Athletics Carnival and the day was a huge success. All students who participated conducted themselves extremely well and the team work exhibited was exemplary. All three factions put up a great fight but it was Flames who came out victorious on 249 points, just three points ahead of Breakers on 246. Cyclones also put in a great effort finishing with 230 points. The individual champions were as follows:

- Junior Champion Boy – Runner Up – Crawford Elliott
- Intermediate Champion Boy – Runner Up – Arlen Grainger
- Senior Champion Boy – Runner Up – Syrell Hayes

- Junior Champion Boy – Runner Up – Kyle Jewell
- Junior Champion Girl – Runner Up – Amanda Coughlan
- Intermediate Champion Girl – Runner Up – Sienna Hogg
- Intermediate Champion Girl – Kiara Parker

- Senior Champion Girl – Runner Up – Teneka Clark & Jordan Quince
- Senior Champion Girl – Tara Drummond

From our Faction Carnival we have selected a team to represent the school next Friday the 29th August in the Tri-Schools Carnival to be held in Onslow. All of these students have been notified and consent forms have been sent home. Pannawonica and Roebourne will be travelling down to take on the mighty Onslow team and we are looking forward to another great day of team work and sportsmanship.

We will see you all there.

Joel Yates
Physical Education Specialist
**Miss Barry**

Miss Barry mighty manager  
It's a great day with her around  
Sparkling sense of humour  
Savvy and tall

Bright and popular  
A fabulous staff member  
Really clever  
Really loves it when we try our best  
Yells softly

*Written by Harlan Brown*

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**Mr Tyndall**

Mr Tyndall  
Ruler of the school  
Takes us on fun camps  
Years of service in Onslow  
Never lets us get away with anything  
Deadly teacher  
Always in uniform  
Loud when he yells  
Legendary

*Written By Year 6/7*