



# SCHOOL WANGGA

## School

## Talk

We are committed to quality teaching, high expectations and success for all students.

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## Principals Message

A couple of big sporting weeks with the Jumps & Throws, basketball clinics and the Athletics Carnival. A huge thank you to **Mrs Jo Yates** who has coordinated the carnivals and giving the opportunity for every student to participate. Our NAIDOC celebrations will be happening on Wednesday 26 June with the Community Cook-up and Art Exhibition. **Mrs Irene Hayes** and **Mrs Rebecca Mackin** are preparing for this amazing event. This year we are moving this to the lower oval with the student artwork being displayed in the garden.

Semester 1 reports will be sent home on Tuesday 25 June. I have been privileged to read some student reports and there is good achievement for the majority of our students, which highlights the quality of teaching and learning happening, particularly in the Pre-primary to Year 2 classes. It was great to see that over 40 parents took the opportunity to talk with their child's teacher for the Parent – Teacher meetings a few weeks ago. Please use the QR Code to share feedback on this form of communication.



We are investing in creating clear processes for students who may be struggling. Our leadership team, Learning Support Coordinator, TSH and School Psychology Service are working together to provide the support needed for individuals and ensuring that parents are part of these conversations.

*Lisa Campbell*

At Onslow School we acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians of the lands and waters on which our students live and are educated. We acknowledge and understand that Elders, parents, families, and communities are the first educators of their children, and we recognise and value the cultures and strengths that our First Nations people bring to the classroom.

## Early Childhood Team

Our Early Childhood team are working to give every student the best start to their school career. The work of our staff uses the principles from the Early Years Framework of Belonging, Being and Becoming to support our 4 and 5-year olds to school. In addition, the National Quality Standards also inform effective practice.

Our Early childhood staff provide an environment that allows for young people to learn and to play which meets their development needs. It is also a time for our staff to talk with parents about challenges that their child may be experiencing and to seek assistance through relevant agencies including School Health Nurses and WA Country Health Services (WACHS).

This is our acknowledgement of the effort and commitment of Ms Toni Barrett, Ms Sally-Ann Smee, Mrs Serena Maloney, Ms Jackie Bickendorf, Mrs Nicola Bond and Mrs Tarryn Hayes to our students in Kindy and Pre-primary.



## Partnerships – Shire of Ashburton

Onslow School wishes to recognise the ongoing partnership with the Shire of Ashburton. Participating in the What's on in Onslow (WOO) meetings each month and seeking their help with school events, eg carnivals is one way that we work together. It is also through the Youth Strategy that we have strengthened our partnership with secondary students invited to take part in a range of student workshops, including the BOP Young Entrepreneurship program alongside OCCI. Similarly, being part of the NAIDOC and R U OK? Day Working



Parties also the school to contribute to community events. We look forward to continuing to work alongside the Shire of Ashburton to enhance the educational opportunities for our students.

## School Garden

Our School Garden is benefiting from the students helping on Tuesday and Thursday morning with **Mrs Rebecca Mackin** and **Ms Jackie Bickendorf**. **Mr Paul** is enjoying this help as well.



We need to recognise what the school garden offers for students at Onslow School and so am looking to have a **School Garden naming and poster competition**. This will be open to all students on Onslow School and entries will be closed by Wednesday 24 July. More information to follow.

## Road Safety



There have been concerns raised about the safety of students as they are riding to school. Please reinforce the need to stop and check for oncoming traffic.

There have been several reports of near misses as children are riding together and can be caught in conversation rather than focussing on safety.

## Year 1 Phonic Assessment and ULFI at Onslow School with Mrs Jennifer Conwell

Phonics is an essential part of effective literacy learning, together with:

- Oral language
- Phonological awareness
- Fluency
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension

Phonics is necessary for children to become successful readers, spellers, and writers. This is especially important for children as they progress through school and beyond. Sound literacy skills are essential for further education and the workforce.

Following an analysis of our Year 1 Phonic Assessment, almost all our Year 1 students have met the criteria for developmental success, with the majority of those students well exceeding this. Year 1 teacher Paula Elieff attributes this to Onslow School's consistent use of a phonics program (ULFI) that has a clear scope and sequence. When she joined Onslow School in term 2, she knew exactly where the students were up to and could continue the teaching without interruptions.

Paula attributes her student's success to this program that delivers content at the correct pace. In addition, learning is consolidated in reading, writing, dictation and sentence work. There are also regular check in's that monitor student progress, so that teaching and learning can be responsive to the student need.

We are excited to share these results and celebrate student success with our community.





### Dates to Remember

- Friday 21 June – Athletics Carnival
- Monday 24 June – NAIDOC Celebrations Being
- Tuesday 25 June – Reports Distributed
- Wednesday 26 June – NAIDOC Cook UP and Art Exhibition
- Friday 28 June – Last Day of Term 2
- Tuesday 16 July – Students Return to School