



SCHOOL WANGGA

School

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Principals Message

It is great to see families and staff with our return to school for the final term of 2024. During the holidays I received a letter from the Minister of Education, Dr Toni Buti MLA approving our name change to Onslow School. This means that we will be recognised as a K – 12 school within the system and help with strengthening the sense of belonging for all students.

Early this term, communication from Department of Education informed me that Onslow School's Fire Risk Rating has been adjusted to High. This means that we will no longer experience pre-emptive closures when the Fire Behaviour Index is above 75. Bushfire planning is still required.

A big welcome to **Mrs Kelly Mauger** who is our Deputy Principal along with **Mrs Sally Dix** who is teaching in Room 5. Both bring a wealth of experience and have already made a positive impact within our school.

We also look to the support of parents to monitor your child's fatigue levels. With the warmer weather, commitments after school along with the range of activities happening on the weekend this impacts on your child's readiness to learn and quality of their social connections.

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.

Reporting to Parents

The Department of Education has provided clarity of the requirements for the end-of-semester reports.

At this point of time the changes that have been proposed are –

- Learning areas comments are not required

What will remain the same?

- Overall grade for a learning area, e.g. English
- Grades at the strand level, e.g. Reading, Writing and Speaking & Listening
- Effort for each Learning Area
- Overall general comment
- Attendance information



We have scheduled **Parent – Teacher meetings** for the week beginning 11 November which would be an opportunity to talk with your child’s teacher about their achievement and progress.



Kindy and Year 6 Graduation

On 27 November the Kindy and Year 6 students will be acknowledged at a whole school assembly. Both are important milestones and so we look to celebrate this together. More information will be forthcoming for both the Kindy and Year 6 parents.

Excellence in Teaching and Leadership

On the School Development Day at the beginning of this term staff looked at our NAPLAN results which confirmed that our school programs and guidance from the Department of Education are supporting student learning.

Some of the reasons for our results were given as –

- Use of whole school scope and sequence in Mathematics
- The Department focus on teaching phonics in the early years
- Use of clearly described learning routines, eg. Number Talks

This has reinforced our efforts to adopt an Onslow Reading Model which is currently being trialled in primary classes. I would like to acknowledge **Ms Anna Hayden** and **Mrs Kirsty Moncrieff** for their leadership and support to staff.

Connected Community

Onslow School continues to provide a Breakfast Program for our students. This achieved through Mr Bill Thomason, as our Student Support Officer, who provides this from 7:45am – 8am for approximately 15 students each day.

The donations from Foodbank and Thalanyji allow the school to support students with starting the day in a positive way.



School Council News

Ms Tara Colum and other School Council members want to represent the school community and so each term you have been invited to pose a question to the School Council.



For last term the question was related to the procedures and guidelines linked to the Department of Education Student Behaviour Policy. In consultation with staff, we have reviewed and updated our current procedures, and this will be tabled at the next School Council meeting in Week 6.

If you have another question for our Council, please use the QR code to complete the form.

Onslow Early Learning Program News

The Onslow School Early Learning Program (ELP) plays an integral part in preparing children for school whilst providing a safe, easily accessible place for families to be supported and learn about their child's development. The ELP is currently open to all carers and their children entering



Kindergarten in 2025 and 2026. It is great to see whole families involved in their child's development and preparation for school!

At Onslow School as we approach the end of the year, we have been delivering activities and implementing routines that have a school readiness, literacy or numeracy focus. In the coming weeks,

we look forward to our Kindy Orientation during the ELP in Weeks 7 and 8. This will include connecting with Telethon Speech & Hearing and the School Health Nurse.



ELP sessions run every Friday from 8:15am-10:15am. For details, please contact Kindergarten Teacher and Early Learning Program Coordinator, Miss Toni Barrett via email toni.barrett2@education.wa.edu.au

Western Australia has new cyclone warnings.

We're no longer using the old blue, yellow, red alert system.



ADVICE

An incident is active.
Be aware and keep up to date.



WATCH AND ACT

There is a possible threat.
Take action now to stay safe.



EMERGENCY WARNING

There is a threat to lives and homes.
Take immediate action.

Thank you to our P&C for cooking us breakfast on Ride2School Day!



If you are planning to leave our School Community at the end of this year, please let Front Office know. This information helps to plan class structure and overall numbers that we could anticipate at the beginning of 2025.

Dates to Remember

- Tuesday 29 October – Pre-Primary Transition Begins
- Wednesday 6 November – Student Councillors Assembly & Open Classroom
- Monday 11 November – Parent / Teacher Meetings Commence
- Monday 11 November – Remembrance Day
- Monday 11 November – School Council Meeting
- Friday 22 November – Early Learning Program Kindy Orientation
- Friday 22 November – Year 6 Graduation