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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

A calm beginning to the term though can see that this will change as the term progresses with the excitement of the end of year both within school and the community.

This week we recognise our teachers with World Teacher's Day. At Onslow School we are fortunate to have a great team who support, inspire and educate those that will be our future, your children. Please take time this week to express your appreciation of the great teachers we have at Onslow School.

Term 4 is also a time for planning for next year which includes being aware of families that are leaving us at the end of the year. If you haven't already, please let the Front Office know of your plans. On the other hand, we have close to 160 students enrolled. We extend a warm welcome to families that have joined us this term.

Lisa Campbell

At Onslow School we acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians of the lands and waters on which our students lie and are educated. We acknowledge and understand that Elders, parent's 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.

TEACHING & LEARNING

Health and Physical Education with Mr Julian Tan

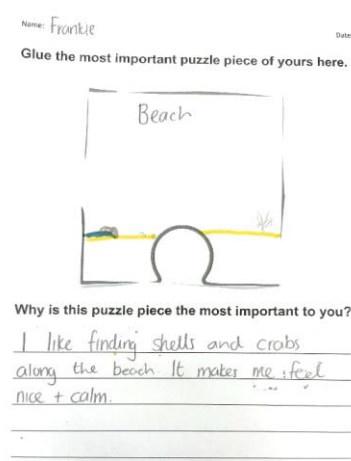
As we step into Term 4, I am excited to share what lies ahead for our students in Health and Physical Education.

In our Health classes, we will explore the topics of “Personal Identity”, “Respect and Empathy” and “Growth and Development”. Personal Identity will enable students to recognise and embrace their unique characteristics and individuality. The topic of Respect and Empathy will teach students to value the emotions of others and to encourage them to build harmonious and supportive social settings. “Growth and Development” will guide students, through age-appropriate discussions and activities, the emotional and physical changes that they will experience as they mature.



Shifting gears to Physical Education, we will be utilising Tennis and modified striking games with a focus on hand-eye coordination, agility, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The aim is to improve the fundamental movement skills of all our students while boosting overall physical health and continuing to build on their competencies in sport.

Wednesday morning Run Club will still be on this term until further notice. It open to all age groups with the purpose of getting our students more active and fit. Sessions run from 7:30am – 8:00am.



Telethon Speech and Hearing



Telethon Speech & Hearing

Our partnership with TSH continues to grow with Onslow School staff providing further support with Sounds Write program to students who are needing additional support. This is links with in-class reading program to give students further opportunity to read aloud in a one-to-one setting. This has been made possible through TSH receiving funding for the training of staff and the ongoing guidance from our Learning Support Coordinator, Ms Tracee Drummond.

We continue to discuss the opportunity for further assessment for children who are not making the expected progress. This will involve conversations between our Learning Support Coordinator, TSH clinicians, parents and class teachers to talk through actions and referral pathways.

Onslow School is extremely fortunate to have access to speech and language and occupational therapy services which is made possible through Chevron Australia funding.

Secondary with Ms Susan Buzan & the Secondary Team

The Secondary section of Onslow School is a vibrant and ever-evolving community. We recently celebrated a significant milestone as our Year 12 students bid farewell to high school with a memorable dinner at the Onslow Beach Club. This event allowed us to commemorate the accomplishments of our departing seniors.



As we shift our focus to the exciting opportunities that await us in Term 4, there is an array of educational and engaging activities in store. Our Year 9 students are gearing up for their first attempt at Certificate in Education (WACE) in Year 12. Additionally, we are delighted to host the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) during Week 6. Their visit promises to shed light on numerous career prospects for our nature enthusiasts. DBCA's continued support extends to our Turtle Monitoring camp on Thevenard Island in Week 8, an integral component of our science program and curriculum involving all Year 7 and 8 students.



Our school proudly partners with ESS and the Compass Group, offering students in Year 9, 10, and 11 the opportunity to participate in workshops focused on practical, budget-friendly, and healthy cooking options. These workshops are not only a culinary delight but provide valuable insights into budget management, food safety, and sourcing quality produce.



In collaboration with the Onslow Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI), a select group of students will undergo a comprehensive Barista course over a three-day period. This equips our students with invaluable skills and ensures that our school's coffee machine is managed expertly. These skills are not just beneficial

to us at the school but also provide students with a competitive edge in future employment opportunities.



Catch up on other school news via our website!
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Information for Parents – The Impact of Holidays During School Time

Developing the habit of going to school every day is vitally important so your child does not miss out on important ideas and skills they need for future learning.

This is why we strongly encourage you not to go on family holidays during school time.

Why is going to school regularly so important?

At school, many concepts (such as literacy and numeracy) are taught in a sequence. Missing school means missing out on learning – which can often make it difficult to catch up later. This is particularly important in the early years when essential foundation skills are being taught. Going to school every day helps children learn the important life skill of ‘showing up’ – at school, at work, to sport and other commitments.

Research from the Western Australian Telethon Kids Institute shows that every day at school counts towards a student’s learning. Students who attend more, generally do better at school and in life. The *School Education Act 1999* does not allow principals to give permission for families to take holidays during the school term. As students are required to attend school every day, time off for holidays is recorded as an absence.

What can you do?

We strongly encourage you to organise holidays during school holiday periods to make sure your child doesn’t miss out on school. Please contact office staff if you have been considering taking a holiday during the school term. This will allow us to discuss the learning your child would be missing out on.



With the warmer weather already here, we may experience a PLANNED SCHOOL CLOSURE. You will be notified via SMS if this happens.

More information on Fire Danger Ratings and Bushfire Warnings can be found on our website and on www.dfes.wa.gov.au.

Upcoming Events

Teachers Day – Friday 27 October
 Assembly Room 3 – Wednesday 8 November
 Remembrance Day – Friday 10 November
 School Partners Morning Tea – Friday 10 November
 Year 9+ Info Session – Wednesday 15 November
 Year 7 Transition Parent Info Session – Tuesday 21 November