



SCHOOL WANGGA

School Talk

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

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Principals Message

Parents as partners is a key part of supporting success for children and young people at Onslow School. There is a strong interest in helping through the P&C along with being connected through the Parent Class Representative. Thank you to everyone who has expressed their interest.

It was also very encouraging to see the number of parents who visited their child's classroom last week during the Open Classroom.

Last week also saw the introduction of our 2024 Student Leaders who certainly proved that they are worthy of this position within our school.

School Pick-up and Drop-off

A reminder for all parents that the drop off and pick-up zone is at McCrae Ave.

It is appreciated that the traffic outside of Early Years block has reduced thereby making it much safer for students who are walking, riding a scooter or bike.



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, 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.

School Council

Our School Council contributes to the good school governance. The functions of councils and boards are covered by legislation and include both approval and advisory roles. The School Council is composed of parent, community and staff representatives and act as a voice for the school community.



Your School Council is looking to the school community for questions they may have about school planning and direction. Your questions could inform some of the elements of the 2024 - 2027 Business Plan.

Please use this QR code to raise questions that you have.

Lisa Campbell

Meet the Leadership Team – Part 2

An important part of any school improvement journey is the opportunity for leadership within the school. Each of these people have an important role in establishing the direction for each of the areas they are responsible for along with supporting staff with implementation of the proposed changes. As part of their membership to the School Improvement Team they consult with others and regularly share their progress.

Mrs Jennifer Conwell is the English Curriculum Leader

Ms Adele Marchment is the Mathematic Curriculum Leader

Ms Anna Hayden is our PBS Team Leader

Mrs Kirsty Moncrieff and Ms Toni Barrett lead the National Quality Standards (NQS) in the early years.

The work of these leaders is highly valued as part of continuing to strive for quality teaching and success for all students.



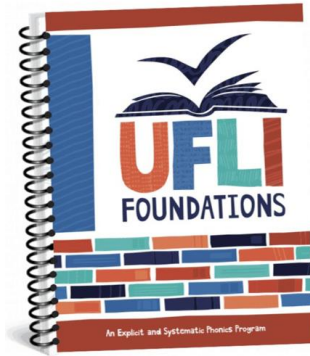
English

Primary teachers have participated in four (4) hours of Reading professional learning in the last fortnight. This has been provided by Fremantle Language Development Centre and provided key information, and a review, for what makes for quality Reading instruction.

Reading is composed of several skills including Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary, Comprehension and Oral Language.

At Onslow School the inclusion of Heggerty, as the Phonemic Awareness program in PP – Year 2 along with phonics program being UFLI we are providing our students with solid foundations for their early reading skills.

Onslow School is well positioned within the Phonics Initiative, being funded by the State Government for 5 years, to support the explicit teaching of phonics in all schools in WA. As part of this commitment the Initiative has a checkpoint in the middle of Year 1 to track phonics development. Families with children in Year 1 will receive a letter in the coming days regarding this very important Initiative.



Room 5 with Miss Adele Marchment

Students in Year 4/5 have been learning about area and perimeter during Mathematics lessons. After learning the theory of how to calculate both area and perimeter, they consolidated their learning through playing. Through play, students have an opportunity to practice skills and engage with others to further develop their understanding. Students learned how to play “Area Wars”, a game that involves rolling two dice and multiplying the numbers together to find the area. Players then must create a space that equals that amount of area. When all spaces are filled, the player with the biggest total area wins! The children loved playing this, first with partners in class, and then teaching their parents during the Open Classroom last week.



BHP Early Learning Program

The partnership with BHP supports a pre-Kindy program for children who will be attending Kindy in 2025. This happens on a Friday from 8:30am-10:30am and is a great way to support their child through some early reading conversations. More information can be found at [Early Years - Pilbara Education Partnership \(bhppilbaraeducationpartnership.wa.edu.au\)](http://bhppilbaraeducationpartnership.wa.edu.au)

For this year Ms Toni Barrett is the Early Learning Program Coordinator and is very much looking forward to working with families and their children. If you are interested in registering your child, please email toni.barrett2@education.wa.edu.au





Attendance matters for achievement

If a child misses...	that equals...	or...	From PP to year 12 that adds up to...	Which is the equivalent of attending until:	Attendance category
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	1 month per year	nearly 1 ½ years	part-way through year 11	Regular
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per year	over 2 ½ years	part-way through year 10	Indicated
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per year	over 5 years	the end of year 7	Moderate
3 days per week	120 days per year	6 months per year	nearly 8 years	the end of year 4	Severe

Ensuring your child attends school regularly is key to their learning and growth. Every day in the classroom offers valuable lessons in academics, building friendships and learning life skills such as teamwork and responsibility. Missing school means missing out on these opportunities, making it harder to catch up. We are here to support your child’s learning journey, ensuring they gain the most from their time at school and setting a strong foundation for their future.



Term Dates to Remember

11 March – P&C Meeting
 18 March – School Council Meeting
 21 March – Community Breakfast Harmony Day
 27 March – Swimming Carnival

13 March – NAPLAN Starts
 20 March – Room 5 Assembly
 25 March – NAPLAN Ends
 28 March – Last Day of Term