



SCHOOL WANGGA

School Talk

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Principals Message

As the last School Wangga for 2024 it is a time to look back at the school year sharing some of the events and activities that have occurred and the partnerships that have helped with this –

Term 1

This term saw **Class Meetings** take place early in the term as an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and understand class routines.

This was followed by the **Student Leader elections** where Maximus, Billy, Annabel, Paisley, Luella and Delayla took on their first responsibility as Student Councillors of running the whole school assembly in Week 5. We have continued with the **Open Classroom** each term after the Week 5 assembly giving an opportunity for parents and families to visit their child's room.

The **Harmony Day Community Breakfast** brought many of us together with a breakfast provided by ESS on the Lower Oval.

The **Swimming Carnival** at the end of term was a massive success with the coordination of **Mrs Jo Yates**.





Term 2

This term saw many visitors with the cooler weather beginning with the TSH therapy team returning, DBCA, SIDE teacher and Regional Learning Specialist visits, cooking classes for different classes each week were provided by ESS and zero2hero commencing their Tough Stuff Challenge in our Yr 5/6.

This was also the term where we had our **Public School Review**, a visit to the termite mounds as part of our On-Country learning, participation in **National Simultaneous Story Time** and our Yr 9 – 12 students travelling to Karratha for the **Career Expo**. Our partnership with OCCI and Shire of Ashburton extended an invite to be participate in the **Young Entrepreneurs Program** with secondary student attending a workshop.

The Athletics Carnival was brought forward to Term 2 and the cooler weather was appreciated by everyone. **Mrs Jo Yates**, once again, proved her ability to coordinate a whole-school event with participation and good sportsmanship being rewarded. For 2024 Breakers took the flag home.

Our **NAIDOC celebrations** took place in the last week of term and while community attendance was lower there was still a great cook-up led by **Mrs Irene Hayes** and her team of helpers. The Art Exhibition also showcasing the creativity of our students and with Bella taking the overall prize.



Term 3

Another busy term with the continuation of **100 Nights of Reading** an initiative to encourage reading at home. The **Book Week Parade** was another memorable moment with many amazing book character costumes. There was recognition of **Science Week** with visits from Australian Earth Science Education and DBCA along with the **Maths Activity Hour** later in the term.

The three-day visit of **Myles Pollard**, with the support of OCCI, was another highlight and a special thank you to **Mrs Rebecca Mackin** for coordinating the series of drama workshops for students. The **SIDE mini roadshow** and **SALT workshop** for our secondary students were opportunities to learn about trades and to have some practical experience.

The P&C hosted the **School Ball** at the beginning of the term giving students the opportunity dress to the theme of 'Glam'. Lots of great music and good food made this a memorable moment for everyone who came. Being part of the Onslow community **R U OK? Day** had a special place where we look to how we can support others through conversations.

The **Yr 5/6 students** travelled to Coral Bay for their week long camp with some last minute changes though overall a positive experience for everyone. Term 3 was also the end of school for our Year 12, **Ulfa Nikmah** with a Graduation Dinner with her family and staff.



Term 4

Ongoing visits by SIDE teachers and Regional Learning Specialists to support our secondary students with further visits from Australian Earth Science Education. This saw the last of the ESS cooking visits who also helps with the various catering. Throughout the year; the recognition of **World Teachers Day** being the most important calendar event. We attended the Shire of Ashburton's **Remembrance Day** ceremony as a whole school, inviting a time to reflect and acknowledge those that have served in our Armed Forces.

The P&C once again provided a breakfast for **Ride to School Day** and hosted a fabulous **Colour Run** that brought many parent volunteers together. **Parent – Teacher meetings**, the second for the year, was offered again and with the change in reporting processes was an opportunity to talk with teachers about their child's progress and achievement.

This was also the term for the **transition of our Kindy, Pre-primary and Year 6 students**. Kindy orientation focussed on visiting the school and for some this was an experience that was familiar as a result of their involvement in the Early Learning Program. For our Pre-primary students this was orientating in the playground. The Year 6 students had the experience of a Webex presented by SIDE along with being in the secondary setting.

Most notable for the term is the **Kindy and Year 6 graduation**, taking a slightly different format with the assembly in Week 8. A special moment to acknowledge this milestone. Similarly, the End of Year Concert shared the celebration with our school community through performances and awards.



Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday!!

Wednesday 5 February – First Day of Term 1 2025 for Students