



# SCHOOL WANGGA

## School

## Talk

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

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### Principals Message

Many celebrations during the last few weeks with the most notable being a highly successful Swimming Carnival organised by **Mrs Jo Yates**. This is a massive accomplishment where staff, students, parents and community members work together to make for a great day.

We had the Telethon, Speech and Hearing team visit last week and we look to begin OT and speech sessions next term with recruitment being finalised for the Education Assistant to support on the ground. A big thank you to **Ms Renee Elliot** who had taken the lead at the school with this important role in providing therapy for our younger students.

With the Onslow ANZAC ceremony happening during the holidays the school will be holding our ANZAC service on Wednesday 9 April (more details to follow), being led by the Student Councillors. All parents and families are welcome to join us for this.

This week has been focussed on gathering the thoughts and ideas from the community about the School brand. If you have participated in this conversation, I would like to thank you for your input where the next step will be collating the conversations to identify the common themes and values that have emerged. The School Council will have a strong role in the decision making process from this point forward.

*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.

## Excellence in Teaching and Leadership

Work commenced in 2024 to establish a clear structure for Reading to be used across all primary classes. This began with a school visit and being part of the Karratha Education Network who hosted a TeachMeet about Reading. With some trialling in 2024 it was agreed to scale this across all classes.

All teachers have planned at least one Reading Unit this term and there is a genuine enthusiasm for the structure. The quotes below from students share what they have been learning in Reading this term and the skills linked to this.

I got information about tigers by looking at the heading and subheading. An interesting fact about tigers is that they eat fish.

*Isla Room 3*



We have been learning about Artic Foxes, and they change their colour in summer and winter. I could answer questions quickly by scrolling through the text.

*Decklon Room 4*

In Reading I have learned that dragons live in dark caves, hidden valleys and tall mountains. I use the subheadings to help me find the information.

*Vaughn Room 5*

I have learned to skim through a text to find the answer to a question.

*Billy Room 7*



## Partnerships

### Supporting Early Development: BHP Early Learning Program and TSH Collaboration

The BHP Early Learning Program (ELP) aims to foster strong family engagement in supporting children's early development. One key objective of the program is to connect parents, caregivers, and families with available developmental health services to ensure they have the resources needed for their child's growth.

Last week, the ELP partnered with Speech Pathologists and Occupational Therapists from Telethon Speech & Hearing (TSH) to provide valuable support to families. These professionals visited the program, offering parents a chance to ask questions about their child's development and receive expert advice. This collaboration highlights the program's commitment to equipping families with the knowledge and tools to help children thrive in their early years.

We look forward to welcoming TSH back to the ELP later in the year!

## Connected Community

### School Council

Following the School council meeting on 24 March I would like to share that Tara Colum will continue as the School Council Chairperson, and Adam Conwell will remain the School Council Vice-Chairperson.

While the meeting focussed on induction and the school brand conversations there was also the beginning of a review of the current Chevron Australia Sponsorship Agreement. This agreement is up for renewal at the end of this year and the School Council will take an active part in examining the benefits of the current agreement for the students of Onslow School and alternative direction.

### Other Updates

#### School Garden

Work has started with the preparation of the School Garden with Mr Paul McLean and Ms Sandi McAullay being very busy. From tomatoes to beans to corn to pumpkin and many other varieties of vegetables we are looking forward to another crop of vegetables later in Term 2.

The Gardening Club will be happening again, and more details are to follow.

For now, students are nominating a vegetable for their class.



#### Mobile Phones

From the beginning of next term staff will reminding students to place their mobile phones into a locked box.

For secondary student this will be managed by the Form Teacher and for primary students storage will happen in the Front Office.

This is to support the Department of Education Mobile Phone policy of 'Off and Away All Day!'



Thank you for the positive response to the request to park on McCrae Place.

This has provided a much safer area outside of the Early Years classes.

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL



### Dates To Remember

Friday 11 April – Last Day of Term 1

Tuesday 29 April – First Day of Term 2