



SCHOOL WANGGA

School

Talk

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Principals Message

The past three weeks have been buzzing with activity, featuring events such as the Bullying No Way! Day Community Breakfast, Athletics Carnival, Book Week, and the upcoming several career-focused visits for our secondary students. These occasions have truly showcased the strength of our community connections, especially through the generous support of volunteers and the collaborative spirit shared with our school.

Last week, we observed a noticeable decrease in student attendance. While some are due to illness, others appear to reflect the busy pace of life within our community. It's a timely reminder of the importance of making thoughtful choices about which events to participate in, to help manage fatigue, wellbeing and meeting your child's educational engagement.

I'd like to acknowledge Ms Kelly Mauer for her steady coordination during a period when several staff members have required leave. Her efforts, along with the dedication of our wonderful team, have ensured that school operations continue smoothly and effectively.

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.

Connected Community

Program Kaartdijin

We are currently transitioning to Kaartdjin, a new platform for maintaining student details along with recording of attendance, behaviour and health records. This will involve some changes to the way that communication happens as there will be capacity to send messages via this system.

For the moment staff are familiarising themselves and we are ensuring that we have the background permissions correct. Please be patient as there may be times where you receive communication as we align our processes with this new system.

School Council

Our School Council met earlier this week to discuss several key initiatives, including the school brand refresh, NAPLAN results, the Chevron Sponsorship proposal, and our school uniforms.

I deeply appreciate the Council's thoughtful contributions and their commitment to excellence, while also recognising the complexities inherent in school operations. Their input into shaping our school values, motto, and brand identity has been pivotal in guiding our decision-making.

As part of the brand refresh, the updated school logo will be reflected in our uniforms. This transition will require close collaboration with our P&C, and we look forward to discussing this further at our upcoming meeting. Together, we'll explore ways to support our school community through this exciting change.

Community question – School Uniform

A community question was received by the School Council about the inconsistencies with the school uniform and for the need to reduce the burden to families who are trying to ensure that correct uniform is worn.



Moving forward, this was the advice from the School council –

1. adopt a similar approach taken with enclosed shoes to ensure compliance for the wearing of the school uniform
2. to support families, the current P&C uniform stock, particularly jumpers, be reviewed, and affordable alternatives be considered to ease financial pressure.
3. families are encouraged to label all uniform items to reduce loss and minimise the need for replacements.

A renewed focus on enforcing existing uniform standards is essential as a precursor to the introduction of the uniform showing the school logo introducing any new uniform or branding. The school

leadership team will be engaged to explore practical steps for re-establishing expectations and improving overall compliance.

As we understand a uniform any workplace helps to foster a strong sense of identity, belonging and appropriate conduct and this same idea can be applied to a school uniform

Secondary – Year 9 and 10 Parent Luncheon

On Friday, August 15th, the Year 9 and 10 students hosted a buffet luncheon for their families, featuring dishes they designed and prepared themselves. The menu included fettuccini, burritos, sushi bowls, Chinese pork, spicy prawns, fish and chips, and Jamaican curry.

The students opted for a multicultural theme and calculated the amount of food needed based on the number of guests. They also researched costs to ensure they stayed within budget.

On the day of the event, guests savoured every bite of the diverse flavours. Following the luncheon, the students reflected on their hard work and, with their guests, evaluated their efforts over the past few weeks.

Special thanks go to Claire Wheeler and the Onslow Sports Club, whose support provided the students and their guests with proper dinnerware and glasses.



Do you need to enrol for Kindy in 2026?

Your child's date of birth would be between 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022
Contact the school for enrolment information on 9153 2100

Attendance

Everyday Counts – Let's Keep Learning on Track

In our vibrant town of Onslow, where travel and remote living are part of everyday life, staying connected to school is more important than ever. Whether it's a short trip away or a few missed days here and there, every absence adds up — and can quietly chip away at a child's learning, confidence, and future opportunities.

Why it matters:

- Students who attend regularly are more likely to succeed academically and socially.
- Missing just one day a week can lead to over a year of lost learning by Year 10.
- School is more than lessons — it's where kids build friendships, resilience, and a sense of belonging.

What we can do together:

- Plan holidays outside of term time whenever possible.
- Stay in touch with teachers during absences — Use online educational tools to help bridge the gap.
- Celebrate strong attendance — every day at school is a step toward a brighter future.

Let's work together to keep our kids learning, growing, and thriving — every day counts.



Dates To Remember

- Monday 1st September – P&C Meeting
- Thursday 4th September – Year 6 Excursion to the Airport
- Thursday 11th September – RU OK? Day
- Friday 12th September – Tri-school Carnival in Roebourne
- Wednesday 17th September – Room 2 Assembly
- Friday 19th September – School Ball
- Friday 26th September – Last Day of Term for Students