



SCHOOL WANGGA

School

Talk

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

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Principals Message

Excitement is building as we look to recognise the next milestones for our Kindy and Year 6 students with their Graduation Assembly next week. This is a time when our Kindy students will be commencing full time school in 2026 and for our Year 6 students, they will begin their journey in secondary.

Our Pre-primary students will begin their transition into the larger playground along with the Year 6 students being orientated later this term with some experiences with SIDE and other aspects of secondary.

Our End of Year Concert preparation is well underway. The theme for this year is 'Christmas' and once again performances and awards will be the focus of the evening. More information will be coming closer to the event about start times.

We have had several new enrolments to the school, and this has bolstered our student numbers to 175. On the other hand, if you are looking to leave us please let Katie or your child's teacher know so that we can consider this in our 2026 planning.

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 & Leadership

Building Staff Capacity

Throughout 2025, our primary teachers have actively participated in the *Shaping Minds* program—a blended professional learning initiative combining online modules with in-class observations. This program is highly valued by our staff and has provided opportunities to learn and apply a wide range of teaching approaches.

The strategies explored through *Shaping Minds* have supported teachers in enhancing student engagement, conducting high-quality review sessions, and planning effective learning experiences. Staff have expressed their appreciation for the chance to collaborate with *Shaping Minds* consultants, gaining insights into instructional practices and accessing additional resources.

We are keen to continue with *Shaping Minds* into 2026, with plans to increase school visits and offer targeted professional learning opportunities for our team based on the feedback from staff.

Parent – Teacher Meetings

We're looking forward to seeing families at our Parent–Teacher Meetings on **Tuesday, 25 November**. It's a great chance to chat about your child's progress this semester.

- **Time:** 12:30pm – 4:00pm
- **School finishes at 12:00pm** (half day)
- **Book a time** on the sheets in your child's classroom
- **Meetings are 15 minutes** per child

Please note: If you can't pick up your child at 12:00pm, they will be supervised until the normal finish time.



Supportive and Inclusive Learning Environment

Connecting to Culture

We're excited to share that a Waalitj Mentor is visiting our school every fortnight, creating meaningful opportunities for students who need extra support to re-engage with education. Working alongside **Mr. Billy Thomson**, Sharrod Wellingham from Waalitj Foundation is providing alternative hands-on learning experiences such as fishing, mud crabbing, and even golf. These activities are helping students build a sense of connection and belonging thereby strengthening their engagement. We look forward to seeing the positive impact this ongoing partnership will have as students reconnect through cultural interests and traditional learning approaches.



Social Media Minimum Age Campaign

From **10 December 2025**, Australians must be **16 or older** to create or keep accounts on major social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, and YouTube. This change aims to protect young people from harmful content, cyberbullying, and excessive screen time. Under-16s won't be penalized, but platforms must block accounts for those under the age limit.

The campaign "**For the good of their wellbeing**" encourages families to prepare for this change. Visit [eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au) for resources, FAQs, and reporting tools.

Parent Tips

Explain the Why:	Talk about how the rule supports mental health and safety.
Set Rules Together:	Agree on screen time and device use.
Offer Alternatives:	Encourage offline hobbies and safe apps for younger users.
Model Good Habits:	Show balanced tech use.
Stay Updated:	Check eSafety for advice and report issues promptly.



Thank you to families who have already paid their voluntary contributions and charges for 2025. If you haven't yet, we appreciate your support in helping us provide the best for our students. Payments can be made via bank transfer with below details.

Onslow School

BSB: 066-531|

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Connected Community

Together We Thrive: Thank You for Your Support

At our recent morning tea, we celebrated the wonderful support of our parents and community partners. Whether you volunteer, help with uniforms, donate resources, offer work placements, or support your child with things like 100 Nights of Reading — your efforts make a big difference at Onslow School.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. Your involvement helps create a happier, stronger



place for every child to learn and grow. We look forward to working together again in 2026.



With our new school logo launching, the uniform will be changing in 2026. We're working closely with the P&C to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Next year, a new school shirt featuring the updated colours and design will be available. This will be the only school shirt for 2026. Current shirts will be collected and donated to our sister school in Cambodia.

Onslow School P&C

Our Onslow School P&C work tirelessly in the background in their effort to provide uniforms, organise events and support with different projects, with the most recent support targeted to the upgrade of our playground.

Mrs Kylie Spencer, in her role as President of the P&C, and other members have committed to perform catering across the year as a fundraising effort, strengthen partnerships with local industry particularly within their sustainability with donation made from battery recycling and continued to provide some 'fun' events for the students of Onslow School, most recently with the Colour Run. The membership of the P&C has continued to remain strong and their active role in building community has ensured that they are supporting the school in many ways. We sincerely thank the P&C for their ongoing commitment and generosity.

Dates To Remember

Friday 21 November – Triple PP – Fearless Program

Monday 24 November – P&C Meeting

Tuesday 25 November – Parent-Teacher Meetings (1/2 Day School Closure)

Wednesday 26 November – Kindy and Year 6 Graduation Assembly

Friday 28 November – Year 6 Graduation Party

Tuesday 2 December – Turtle Camp Commences

Thursday 4 December – Student Assembly SIDE Graduation

Thursday 11 December – End of Year Christmas Concert