



# Wagaman News

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## Coming Events

<b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Student Leadership Badge Presentation
<b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Year 3-6 Sports: AFL & Touch Football Whole school assembly – 3/4
<b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Hetherington
<b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Touch Football Gala Day Wagaman School Council AGM arrive
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	5:30pm for 5:45pm start - Library
<b>Tue 9<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Learning Conference 3:00 – 6:00pm
<b>Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Learning Conference 3:00 – 5:00pm
<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Crazy Hair Day & Shave for a Cure
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar</b>	Teacher Professional Learning Day

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have worked hard over the past four weeks to select our student leaders for 2021. It is always a difficult decision and it was wonderful to see the number of students who applied for various leadership positions. We select our school leaders in a variety of ways. Our House Captains and Vice-Captains were selected by their peers through a preferential voting system. These nominees gave speeches to their teams and then all students from Year 3 to 6 voted for the leaders of their teams. We thank Mrs Bevan who led this process with the support of Ms Colling and Ms Angie. Our School Captains and Vice-Captains were selected through an application, speech and interview process. There were 2 Learning Commissioners selected from each class through an in class voting process. The School Captains, Vice-Captains and Learning Commissioners will work with Mrs Harnett and Ms Colling to help drive school improvement. Our House Captains and Vice-Captains will work with Mrs Cannington to lead some sporting events. We look forward to our badge presentation ceremony tomorrow morning at 8:30am.

Our car park does continue to be a challenge during drop off and pick up times. We have improved significantly, however **patience** is required at these times. Our biggest challenge is **appropriate use** of the **drop off zone**. This is not a parking area. It is vital that **parents stay in their car** and move from the zone once children are safely secured in the car. This ensures a steady flow of traffic. It is very

important that parents and carers exercise caution in our school areas for the safety of all our students.

Our Transition and Year 1/2 students have been participating in the Smart Sparx program this week. This fire safety program has been very interactive and the students enjoyed a session this week with fire brigade personnel.

On **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** our school staff will be working with Literacy Consultant Lisa Keskinen to focus on the development of our connected literacy program with a particular focus on reading. This will be a **pupil free day**. **Camp Australia** will be **operating during the day should you require care for your children**.

This year we will celebrate Harmony Day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Our team are busy planning some great activities and we are hoping to start the day with a community breakfast.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our **School Council Annual General Meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 5:30pm in the library**.

Warm Regards

Mandy McKinnon

## Voluntary Parent Contributions

1 student	\$60.00
2 Children	\$50.00 each
3 children or more	\$40.00 each
Preschool	\$50.00 per term

School contributions are voluntary and payment is a parental decision. All contributions are used to directly benefit students.

**Your support and contribution to Wagaman Primary School is greatly appreciated.**

**Account name:** Wagaman School Council  
**BSB:** 035-306  
**Account:** 93-0622  
**Ref:** Child/children's name

## Learning Commissioners

We have selected all of our student leaders for 2021. Tomorrow morning we will be presenting them with their badges at our 8:30am assembly. Congratulations to all who have won a student leadership position.

### School Captains

Robert Armstrong  
Venice Suva

### School Vice-Captains

Zaeem Jahan  
Sadhana Kandel

### House Captains

**Crocs:** Jake Peterson  
Amron Zeineddine  
**Sharks:** Daniel Berces  
Shakira Alley

### House Vice-Captains

**Crocs:** Kyla Seiboth  
Olivia Armitage  
**Sharks:** Maddison Lee  
Maclive Albert

### Learning Commissioners

3/4 Hetherington	Rick Atanacio Nicole Ishiguchi
3/4 Chadbourne	Molly Maglasang Cai-Zhen Hoon
3/4 Vavlas	Tilly Conboy Jasmine Rumens
3/4 Cannington	Vhanna Fernandez Luca De La Cruz
5/6 Harnett	Ethan Williams-Craig Nicoletta Mairou
5/6 Bevan	Andonis Darzentas Sabhina Abag
5/6 Colling	Byron Minchinton Melina Schwartzkopff

## Learning Conferences

**Learning Conferences** will be in **Week 6**. These will be scheduled in 10 minute sessions. We will run them on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**.

Learning Conferences will be an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to meet and discuss learning. At these sessions parents will have an opportunity to share information with the teacher about their child. Students and teachers will have an opportunity to share individual student learning goals

which have been negotiated and formulated in class based on students' current achievement. Many of our classes will also be sharing their learning through use of the Seesaw digital portfolio platform. Teachers will send out information for you to sign up and see your child's work.

## School times

7.55 - 8.10	Staff on duty
<b>8.10</b>	<b>Morning Bell</b>
8.10 - 10.15	Morning Session
10.15 - 10.45	Recess (30 mins)
10.45 - 12.45	Middle Session
12.45 - 12.55	Lunch - Supervised eating
12.55 - 1.25	Lunch - Play (30 mins)
1.25 - 2.40	Afternoon Session
<b>2.40</b>	<b>Afternoon Bell - Go Home</b>

**Please note that Preschool and Transition finish at 2.30 pm**

## Duty of Care

**Staff are on duty at Wagaman School from 7:55 am each day.** Children are supervised in the playground from this time until our first bell goes at 8:10 am.

Please consider this prior to leaving your child at school at the beginning of the day for safety.

The few staff who are on-site early do so to prepare for their day's program. They are not deployed for supervision at this time. A further safety/care issue is having visitors on site.

**NO children should be dropped at school before 7:55 am.**

**If you need to leave your child at the gate before this, it is advisable to contact the Principal to discuss.**

## Late arrivals and early departures

**Early Departure:** If parents and carers need to collect their child before the end of the school day, they must report to the front office PRIOR to collecting their child. Office staff will record the early departure and families will take an **EARLY** Pass to give to the teacher when collecting from the classroom.

**Late Arrivals:** Students are required to report to the front office when arriving after the morning bell. They will be given a **LATE** pass to give to their teacher, and arrival time will be recorded in the diary.

## Uniform Policy

**Basic uniform:** Green shirt and royal blue bottoms (shorts/skorts/skirt). **No denim or prints**

**Sports uniform** (Wednesdays) Red or Blue shirt (House colours) and royal blue bottoms

**Senior shirt (year 6):** Blue & green senior shirt

**Shoes:** enclosed shoes

**Hats:** Bucket (6cm brim), broad brim or legionnaire

**Note: Baseball or peaked caps do not meet Sunsafe policy and are not permitted to be worn**

If there is a reason your child cannot wear one of the uniform items, please see the Principal to discuss.

Schools in the NT have a mandatory uniform policy. This is seen as both cost effective and equitable practice. Children gain a positive sense of belonging in readily identifying with their school community.

## Lunch Boxes

To ensure that food stays fresh, we provide a fridge in each class to keep your child's lunch.

Please note that food is best kept in plastic lunch containers. Insulated (esky) type containers prevent the refrigerated air from getting to the food.

If your child brings lunch to school in an esky type container, it is best to leave it in the air-conditioned classroom OR with an ice brick or frozen popper



**Do not place insulated lunch bags in the fridge**

## Reminders

Please ensure your child has a water bottle and hat **EVERY** day. We ask that children in Early childhood have a spare set of clothes in their bag each day in case they are required.

Please contact the front office if your contact details have changed.



## Library News

Students in Early Childhood and Middle primary **MUST** have a library bag for borrowing. You might buy a bag or it could be as simple as a shopping bag with their name on it.

If your child has any overdue books from 2020 or you cannot find the book please contact the school to find out how much is owing.

Volunteers are always needed for book repairs and covering. See Miss Angie or myself if you have a little time to spare.



Mrs Wong  
Librarian

## Update contact information

Have your Contact details changed? Please phone the front office ASAP to update your details.



## Life Education



**Harold and Suzi are coming back to Wagaman!**

During **Week 6**, the Life Education van will return to our school. **All classes** will take part in a range of activities to support their learning of the Health curriculum.

Permission notes and money are due to the office by Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March.

## Preschool News

Our first fundraiser for the year will be an Easter Hamper raffle. We would appreciate any donations such as Easter eggs, books, soft toys, vouchers etc.

Please place any donations into the box in the Preschool or front office. Raffle tickets have been sent home.



Camp Australia – 1300 105 343

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**We want your containers!**

Rinse them out! Place them in the green bin in the foyer.

Plastic Aluminium Glass Liquid Paperboard

We only accept containers with...  
"10c refund at SA/NT collection depots in State/Territory of purchase"

Help our school fundraise while helping our environment!

Recycle 10c Glass Bottles Recycle Plastic Bottles Recycle Cans Recycle Cartons

**COME JOIN THE GREEN & GOLD**

Palmerston Saints will be running a Come and Try Hockey Program  
ALL EQUIPMENT WILL BE SUPPLIED  
**OVER 3 WEEKS**

**STARTING WEDNESDAY 24 FEB**

**5 - 6PM WEDNESDAYS**

**PALMERSTON SENIOR COLLAGE**  
outdoor undercover basketball courts  
10 Tilston Avenue Driver, NT

**PALMERSTON SAINTS HOCKEY CLUB**

@saintshc | saintshcdarwin@gmail.com | Megan 0467 311 762

## Back to school vouchers

You are entitled to receive \$150 of educational goods and services for each child enrolled in a government or non-government NT school or preschool.

If your child is in transition to year 12, you will receive the entitlement in term 1 each year. The entitlement must be used by the end of term 1.

If your child is in preschool, the entitlement is available throughout the year, but is only valid to the end of the first term in which they first enrol.

Further information can be accessed through the NT Department of Education website:

<https://nt.gov.au/learning/student-financial-help-and-scholarships/back-to-school-payment-scheme>

## A day in the life of the 5/6 Bevan students

**After lunch we read our Lexile books while Ms Bevan listens to some individual readers.**



**or use them in reading groups.**



**After free choice writing we enjoy sharing our writing and giving feedback.**



**Sometimes we experiment with artistic styles.**



**Sometimes we practise our typing skills on the laptops**



## School drop off and pick up - **Reminder**

### How do Drop and Go bays work?

We have a Drop and go bay outside the Administration building. These are designed to assist with the traffic congestion that occurs before and after school.

#### **In the morning:**

- Move to the most forward bay in the Drop and Go area
- Ask your children to get out of the rear left hand side door (the safety door)
- **Parents and carers must remain in the vehicle**
- When children are clear of the vehicle, indicate and enter traffic flow.



#### **In the afternoon:**

- Only enter the Drop and Go area if you can see your child is ready to be picked up
- **Remain in the car** with your engine running and handbrake on
- If you cannot see your child, drive on around the school and rejoin the queue

***Please discuss with your children your most preferred pick up point.***

### School 40 km/h zones

40 km/h speed limits are in place around our schools. These 40 km/h school zones are working towards the aim of a reduction in road trauma for school aged children. **The zones are applicable from 7 am to 5 pm on school days** and normal speeding penalties apply. If you do speed you can expect a fine and demerit points. Please take care when driving around our school and observe the 40 km/h limit for the safety of all children.



Dear Parents & Carers,

We wish to advise that the Wagaman School Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at 5.45pm on the 8 March 2021, in the Library. This is the governing body of the school and aids in planning the improvement agenda of the school community.

School Council activities give parents the opportunity to participate in decision making for the benefit of child/children. Please consider nominating for a position on the school council. **Nomination forms can be submitted to the front office or handed to the chairperson on the night prior to the meeting starting.**

All parents are encouraged to express their interest in our school community and its activities by attending this meeting. The Annual Report will highlight our achievements in 2020.

Remember that you don't have to be a member to attend. So please consider giving us an hour of your time.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mandy McKinnon

Principal

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**NOTE: The Executive positions are voted in by parent reps on the night of AGM**

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**(Please cut along dotted line and return to either a school council member or the school front office)**

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the position/s of Parent Representative

on the **Wagaman School Council Inc.**

Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

I accept the above nomination Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_