



Wagaman News

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Coming Events

Fri 26th Mar	Year 3-6 Sport: Netball and Cricket
Thu 1st Apr	Whole School Assembly – 3/4 Cannington
Fri 2nd Apr	Good Friday – Public Holiday
Mon 5th Apr	Easter Monday – Public Holiday
Fri 9th Apr	Year 3-6 Sport: Netball and Cricket
Fri 9th Apr	Last day of Term 1
Wed 21st Apr	School Photo Day
Fri 23rd Apr	School Photo Day

Dear Parents & Carers,

Our term is flying by, and we have again had a very busy two weeks. This week our staff have been learning a great deal from our Literacy consultant, Lisa Keskinen. Lisa has worked with us previously to develop our whole school writing approach. On Monday, staff spent the day with her learning about reading pedagogy. On Tuesday and Wednesday, Lisa worked in our classes, delivering demonstration lessons and developing our staff expertise in teaching reading. This week our staff have also attended after school workshops about teaching Mathematics. These workshops have been delivered by a number of teachers from a variety of Darwin schools.

Last Friday, we held our Harmony Day celebrations. Our morning breakfast was fabulous, and we had many parents attend. We were very excited to raise just over \$3000 to go towards our Area 1 playground upgrade. We thank Bunnings, Coles, Kate Worden and Lena and Alex from Bruce's Charcoal Chicken for their generous donations. After breakfast, Ms Chadbourne's class hosted our Harmony Day assembly. It was great to hear the messages of inclusivity and friendship. Ms Edeson coordinated our whole school song, and it was very moving to listen to.



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Our Learning Commission came together with other school Learning Commissions yesterday to begin their 2021 journey. It was exciting to see them working together to look at our school data and begin to discuss the stories that the data represented. The Minister for Education and the Chief Executive of the Department of Education attended this day as did approximately 200 students from 15 schools in the Darwin and Katherine region. We thank Ms Harnett, who is working as our Teacher Commissioner this year, for making this wonderful student leadership opportunity available.

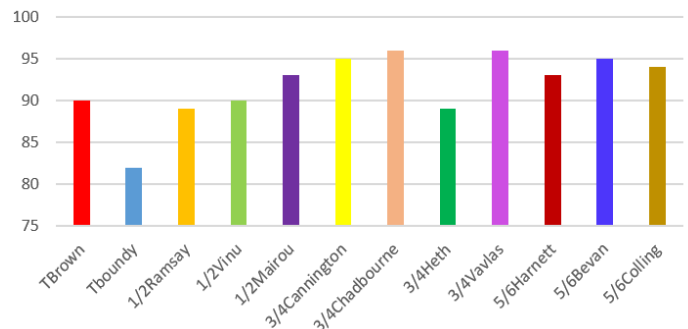
At Wagaman, our voluntary contributions are \$60 per child for one child or \$50 per child if families have more than one child at our school. These contributions go towards vital resources for students. Over the past two years, most of this has gone towards upgrading technology for students to use. In 2021 contributions will go towards our Area 1 playground upgrade. Please pop in to the front office to make your 2021 voluntary contribution. We thank all those families who have already contributed.

Our carpark during peak drop off and pick up times has improved. We still have some parents who park in the drop-off zone and leave their car to collect their children. Cars parked in this zone block the spaces used for quick drop-offs and pick-ups. We ask that all families follow the rules of this zone for the safety of all.



It is exciting to see that our whole school attendance for the year is currently sitting at 92%. Congratulations to 3/4 Chadbourne and Vavlas who are currently sitting on 96% attendance for the year so far. 9 out of our 12 classes have an attendance of 90% or greater for this year which is awesome. It is interesting to note that if a child has less than 90% attendance in a term, they have missed more than 5 school days, which is an entire school week, and over the year, this means they miss more than 20 school days or 4 weeks of the school year.

% Attendance in the year to date 24th March 2021



Keep up the great attendance everyone. I look forward to seeing you all every day.

Warm Regards

Mandy McKinnon
Principal



3/4 Chadbourne

We all look forward to our Friday afternoon Passion Project time! During this session, we can make, learn or do something we're passionate about. Here are some projects we've been working on



A cushion in our reading corner had a hole in it, so Alveena learnt to sew and fix it for us!



Cai-Zhen and Molly have been writing books.



Learning to sew became a project that others wanted to learn how to do.



After reading about the NASA rover that landed on Mars, Shen and Leilani decided to make their own model rover.

We've also had students learn to play chess and monopoly, model boat making, some ingenious lego creations and learning another language!



Josiah has been researching crocodiles. His plan is to make a poster to share his findings.



Learning to draw has been popular.



Olivia, Molly and Cai-Zhen working on a recycled paper town.



Payson, Leilani and Molly working on some Henna designs on Harmony Day.



Mairi doing some further research on the NASA Mars rover landing that she can share with us.



A time to learn life skills such as tying shoelaces



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Camp Australia – 1300 105 343



Huge **congratulations** to **Kendra** who will travel to Alice Springs over Easter to compete in the NT BMX Series Round 1



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.

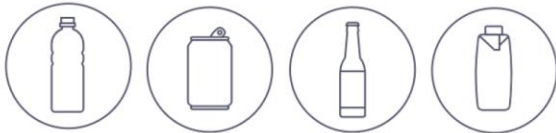




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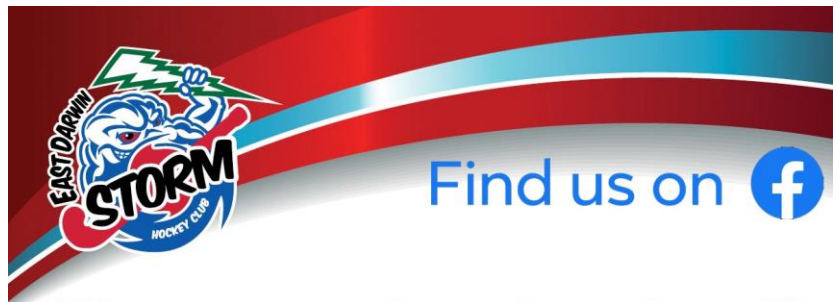
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