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Coming Events		
Fri 25 th June	Colour Explosion Fun Run	
Fri 25 th June	End of term 2	
Tue 20th July	Term 3 starts (students resume)	
Mon 16 th Aug	School Council Meeting – Staff room 5:45pm	
Fri 27 th Aug	Pupil Free Day	



Dear Families

We have been busy since our last newsletter. Our sports day was again a fabulous day. It was great to see all of our students participate, and they are to be congratulated on the sportsmanship they demonstrated on the day. It was also lovely to see many parents come and watch the events. We had a number of our existing school records broken on the day. Congratulations to the following students who set new records:

- Tiffany 12 year old High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put and 200m
- Prima 9 year old Shot Put and Discus
- Travalia 11 year old Shot Put
- Vivian 11 year old Discus
- Byron 10 year old 100m and 800m
- Maclive 11 year old 100m
- Myer 12 year old 100m
- Gracie 12 year old 100m





Our concert evening last Thursday was fabulous. It was wonderful to see so many in our school community come together. A huge thank you to

Ms Edeson, our Music teacher, who taught the items and coordinated the entire evening. Thank you also to our school council and parents who worked on the BBQ. Special thank you to Rachael Pickering and Maria Vlamos, who coordinated the BBQ. Thanks also to Matthew Messina for his kind donations. We raised \$1700 from our BBQ, which will go towards our Area 1 playground upgrade.

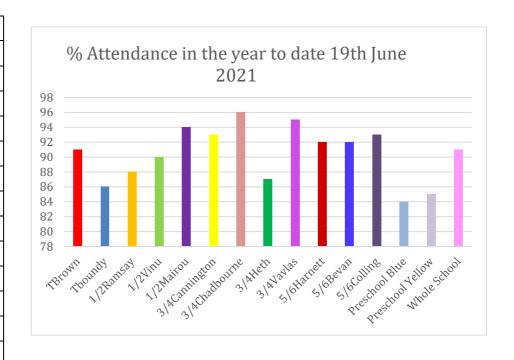
We are all looking forward to our Colour Explosion Run tomorrow afternoon. We will have a slightly earlier lunch, and our run will begin at 1:30 pm. Please ensure your child brings a white shirt to wear for the run so they can participate. A massive thank you to those who have raised money. Our total so far of just



over \$14000 will undoubtedly contribute significantly to our playground redevelopment. What a great school community effort!

Our attendance has continued to track steadily at 91% so far this year. Congratulations to those classes who have maintained more than 90% attendance for Semester 1.

TBrown	91
Tboundy	86
1/2Ramsay	88
1/2Vinu	90
1/2Mairou	94
3/4Cannington	93
3/4Chadbourne	96
3/4Heth	87
3/4Vavlas	95
5/6Harnett	92
5/6Bevan	92
5/6Colling	93
Preschool Blue	84
Preschool	85
Yellow	
Whole School	91



Tomorrow we say farewell to Ms Emily Boundy. Emily has taught Transition this semester. We thank her for all of her work at Wagaman and wish her well for her next adventure. Our new Transition teacher will be Grace Storey. Grace has provided us with some information about herself and is looking forward to meeting everyone at Wagaman, particularly our awesome Transition students and their families.

Yesterday all students took home their Semester 1 reports. Our teachers are always happy to discuss these further if you need more information or clarification, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Tomorrow is the last day for Term 2. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing students back at Wagaman on Tuesday 20th July.

Warm Regards
Mandy McKinnon

Meet our new Transition teacher

My name is Grace Storey. I am a new graduate from the Australian Catholic University in Melbourne and am so excited to be welcomed into the Wagaman Primary School community for my first teaching role. I studied a Bachelor of Early Childhood and Primary School teaching, with particular interest in building inclusive, safe, supportive and creative spaces for children and young people. I have a background in interior design and styling, and am always undertaking new creative endeavours. When I'm not teaching or creating, I'm usually out in nature walking with my Border Collie Willow, or camping. I also love to paint and take photographs with my film camera.



During my studies, I have worked as a co-educator at a Montessori Kindergarten in Torquay, located on the Surf Coast of Victoria. Here I have learned valuable information about young children and how they learn. I love watching children grow and thrive in their environment, and supporting children through their emotional and social well-being.

With my teaching style I bring creativity, kindness and a passion for education. I believe children thrive when learning relates to their interests and needs, and hope to create an environment to support your children to become lifelong learners. I am also committed to working closely with community members and families to ensure I am meeting everyone's needs and am always open to feedback. I believe when we can work together, great things can be achieved. I am a very approachable person, and welcome the opportunity to meet and work with you all.

Thank you and see you very soon!

Preschool Blue Group - Colour Explosion Fun Run











3/4 Vavlas

World Refugee Day is an international day honouring refugees around the world. It falls each year on June

20th, and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict. Year 3/4 Vavlas read a poem called *If All the World Were Paper* by Joseph Coelho and reflected on the lives of refugees.

If All the World Were Paper

If all the world were paper
I would fold up my gran
and take her everywhere I go.
I would laminate my baby sister in bubble
wrapand lay her to sleep in unbound fairytale book pages. And should she get scared,
rip every fear, shred every scream,
tear every tear.

If all the world were paper I would re-bind my grandfather, smooth out the dog-ears to all his stories, place his younger days in a zoetrope and flush the harrowing chapters down an ink-gurgling well.

If all the world were paper, kind deeds would be post-it notes that stick to the doer in ever-growing trails, so we would always remember, friends would come with perforated lines so you could keep their best bits with you at all times.

If all the world were paper, Christmas wrapping foil and birthday cards would follow you to school.

If all the world were paper dreams would be braille so we could read them whilst we slept, nightmares would be shopping lists because shopping lists are so easy to forget.

If all the world were paper arguments would rustle before they started and could be put right with a little tape.

If all the world were paper we could paperclip families together, draw smiles on all the sad faces, rub out the tears, cover our homes in Tippex and start all over again.

All the world is not paper, but whilst we can imagine it were we can recycle the rough times knowing we will never ever fold.

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Refugees

I have started learning about refugees. I found out that many people have to leave their country because of war. Many countries don't let them in because they don't have the right paperwork. They think that there is no space in their country for them. So, the refugees travel. When they travel they don't have supplies like food, water, blankets and medicine. Some children and parents die because they get sick.

I feel sad for the refugees. They don't have places to live and they feel like some people don't want them. If I was a refugee I would want to have a home and feel safe.

By Zak

Refugees

In school we are learning about refugees. I'm happy that we are learning about refugees because my mum and dad are refugees. When I heard that they are refugees I was shocked. When I went to school I told my teacher and she said that I should interview my parents. They said that they travelled from Vietnam to Darwin on a very small sailing boat. The saddest part of it is that they didn't have food or water for 4 days. I was very surprise about what they told me.

Dear government,

I am writing to persuade you to accept refugees. Please help the refugees because all of them suffer with terrible memories, hunger and thirst when they escaped their own country to save their lives. Many of them lose their parents, most of them are ill because they don't have medicines. When they go to another country people shouldn't feel threatened. Please give more people the chance that my parents had to live a good life.

By Roy Vo

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New Staff Member

Name:- Poonam

I was born in India, and I came to Australia in 30th September 2014. I have completed a Master of Professional Accounting and Master of Business Administration at Holmes Institute's. I have also completed diploma in early childhood education and care.

My Hobbies and Interests.

Art and craft Painting Gardening Cooking Music

What makes me smile:

Children smiling faces
Kids cuddles
Spending time with my family and friends
Seeing funny videos online



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Wagaman Colour Explosion

Money Raised as of 24th June 2021

FULL GRAPH Online Fundraising \$9607 / 68.21% Cash Donations 1 \$4478 / 31.79% **Total Donations** \$14085

Our Explosion Colour Run is tomorrow, Friday, June 25.

We have passed our target goal of \$10,000. As of 11.30 am today, we have raised **\$14,085**.

Our office are collecting the cash sponsorship money. Please ensure you give this to the office tomorrow.

If you have not ordered your prizes, please do so before June 30, or see our office for help.

Thank you everyone for your help to raise funds for our Area 1 playaground upgrade.

