




Wagaman News

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Coming Events

Thu 12 th Aug	Wagaman Warriors AFL (3:30 – 4:30pm) Round 2 (Karama School)
Mon 16 th Aug	National Science Week 2021 <i>Food: Different by Design</i> 
Mon 16 th Aug	School Council Meeting 5.45pm-Staffroom
Tue 17 th Aug	Learning Conferences Tr - Yr6
Wed 18 th Aug	Learning Conferences Tr - Yr6
Thu 19 th Aug	M/P Book Quiz (Lunch time)
Thu 19 th Aug	Wagaman Warriors AFL (3:30 – 4:30pm) Round 3 (Wagaman School)
Fri 20 th Aug	Whole School Assembly – 3/4 Cannington
Fri 20 th Aug	Hockey Gala Day
Tue 24 th Aug	Dripstone Science Fair (Yr 5 Students)
Wed 25 th Aug	U/P Book Quiz (Lunch time)
Wed 25 th Aug	Dripstone Middle School Parent Information Evening
Fri 27 th Aug	Pupil Free Day – Professional Learning Day for Staff



Dear Families

Our Year 5/6 students had a great week in Katherine last week. They arrived back on the bus Friday afternoon very tired but with wonderful stories to tell. Some of the highlights of their trip included a Katherine Gorge cruise, a cultural experience with Top Didj and a tour of Cutta Cutta caves. It was wonderful to hear that everyone consistently displayed the “Wagaman Way”. Camp is always such a great opportunity for students to learn and connect with their peers, developing not only new knowledge and experiences but also important social skills. All of our Year 5/6 students enjoyed meeting up at the Territory Wildlife Park on

Friday.



This week our Year 3/4 students have visited Lee Point as part of their inquiry into sustainability. They walked along the area guided by Ranger Tim. They all came back eager to share their new learning about the area its ecosystem.



The annual Northern Territory **School Survey** collects the opinions of staff, students and their families about school performance, culture and services. It contains questions that aim to **provide schools** with **key insights** into student wellbeing, engagement, and learning. **We would love to hear from all of our families** to support us in our ongoing school improvement journey. Please take the time to complete the survey and let us know how we are going. You can access the survey at <https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/mUAYYxbk>

At the end of last term, we were excited to receive a grant of \$10,000 from International Services. This grant is going to be utilised to develop our cultural understandings. Teachers are currently planning some very exciting learning opportunities. We will be hosting a market and learning showcase in week 2 next term to share our learning with you. Please keep an eye open for further information about this exciting community activity.

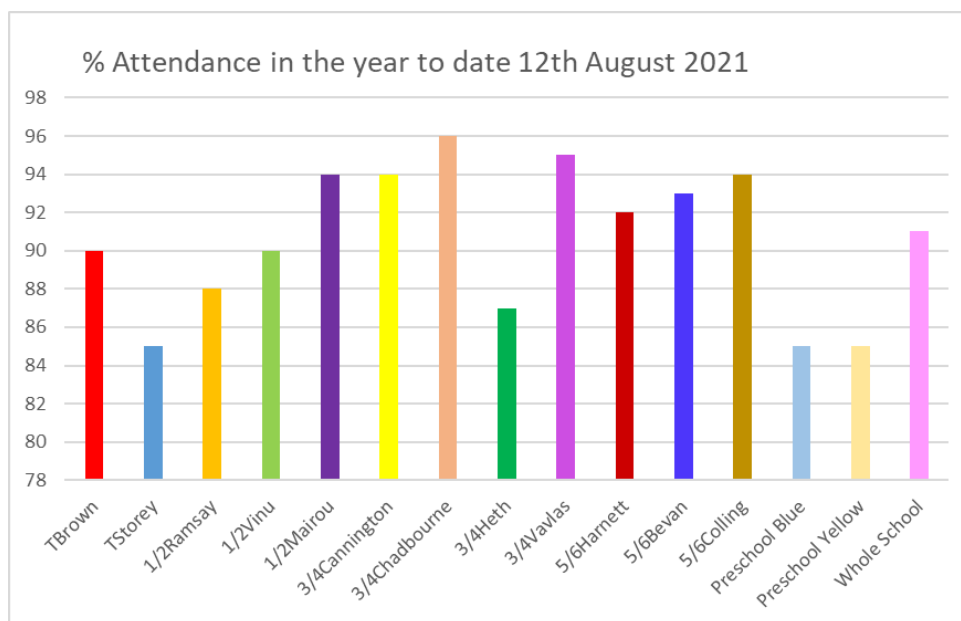
Last term we hosted a review of our school. We achieved some great results. The report summary is available at the front office if you would like to read it. It is also available on our school website. Our staff have begun using the results to inform our ongoing school improvement planning. These results will also be shared and discussed at our school council meeting on Monday 16th August.

A reminder to all families that inquiry learning consultant Kath Murdoch is coming to Darwin and will be working with our teachers on **Friday, 27th August**. This will be a **Professional Learning Day** which means **students will not be able to attend school**. **Camp Australia** is currently **taking bookings** for the day for those families who require care for their children.

Next week our teachers are holding **Learning Conferences**. We do ask that **students come** to the conferences with parents so they can talk about their learning. This is a great opportunity to discuss and share your child's learning. It would be great to see **all families make a time** to catch up with their child's teacher to share the exciting learning that has been taking place.

We are all looking forward to our book week celebration in week 6. Ms Wong and her team are coordinating bed time stories, book quizzes and a **book character parade**. We are excited to see what book characters people will come dressed as on **Thursday 26th August**.

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



Our attendance is continuing to track at 91% for the year. Congratulations to Year 3/4 Chadbourne, who are again the best attending class in the school. They are closely followed by 3/4 Vavlas. It is exciting to see that 9 of our classes have attendance of 90% or greater so far, this year. Our goal is to get to whole school attendance of 92% or greater for the year. Please remember to notify the school if your child is away. Department of Education guidelines do require that the school receives a medical certificate for students who are absent sick for more than 3 consecutive days at a time.

Thank you for helping our school by remembering to check in or sign in when you enter our school grounds. It is important for the safety of our students and teachers that we all continue to be vigilant and do this each time we enter the school grounds.



Warm Regards
Mandy McKinnon



Dripstone
middle school

**YEAR 6 PARENT
INFORMATION EVENING
AND SCHOOL TOUR**

FOR ENROLMENT IN 2022

WEDNESDAY 25th AUGUST 2021
5pm to 6:30pm in the School Library

For enrolment queries
Telephone: 8983 7777
Email: dripstone.middle@education.nt.gov.au

Robyn Thorpe, Principal

Social Skills Program 2021

Growing friendships in the Mayuma food garden.

Students have been involved in curriculum activities designed to develop social skills with the opportunity to participate in collaborative activities such as cooking and gardening in the school's Mayuma food garden.

We have been growing rosellas, bananas, passionfruit, luffa, egg plants, pineapples, dragon fruit and aloe vera.

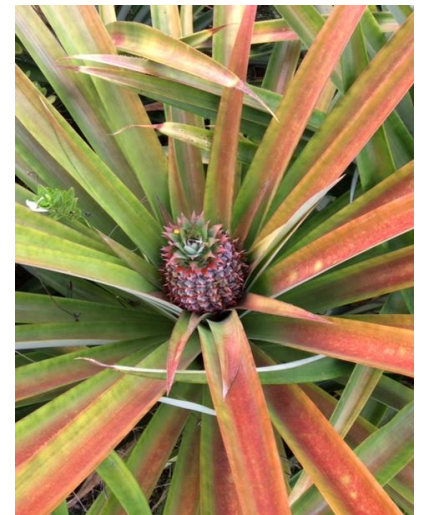
This semester we are looking forward to growing Asian produce, particularly those that thrive in our environmental conditions. We will be cultivating our own seedlings and selling these in pots. Students will also explore cooking using the produce we discover and grow.



Rosella

We grew an enormous quantity!

Thank you for supporting our school garden fundraising. We raised \$124.60 and made some very tasty rosella syrup. We are now looking forward to our crop of Pineapples ripening.



Can you help?

We are on the lookout for anyone who has knowledge on growing and cooking with Asian produce.

Email Mrs Suvi - suvi.higlett@education.nt.gov.au

Parent helpers are always welcome in our School Garden.

Papua New Guinea Culture



Today 5/6Colling had a culture session about Papua New Guinea with BuBu (Saana's grandma) and Lydia (BuBu's friend). 5/6Colling learnt how to weave mats, bags, baskets, plates and balls from coconut palms.

BuBu also showed 5/6Colling how to open coconuts and what all the parts were used for - nothing is wasted. 5/6Colling had a taste of the coconut and they really enjoyed it. We really appreciated BuBu and Lydia for teaching 5/6Colling the culture of Papua New Guinea.

By Drew and Daniel





BOOK WEEK AT WAGAMAN



Come dressed as your favourite book character and bring your book with you!

Book

PRIZES TO BE WON FOR THE MOST CREATIVE COSTUMES!

Character Parade



Thursday 26th August
8.30am



Wagaman



Bedtime Stories

Wear your pyjamas, bring a teddy, snuggle up and listen to some bedtime stories at our library! All Early Childhood classes from Preschool to Year 2 are invited to come along with their parents/carers to join in this special event to celebrate Book Week. Milo and cookies will be served in the courtyard after story time.

When: Thursday 26th August 2021

Time: 5.30pm to 7:00pm

Where: Library and Courtyard Area



Please note: All children will need to be supervised by their parents/carers at this time.

Camp Australia OSHC 1300 105 343

We partner with @Camp Australia to deliver tailored before and after school experiences in your OSHC. When it is school holiday time, Rocketeers blasts off with extraordinary holiday adventures. Register to book:

<https://pp.campastralia.com.au/account/register-contacts>



Sports vouchers are now available on line to apply at www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au

The Sport Voucher Scheme makes it easier for Northern Territory children to participate in sport, recreation and cultural activities making for happier, healthier Territory children.

Children in urban areas receive a \$100 voucher twice a year.

An enhanced sport voucher policy, beginning 12 July 2021, includes swimming programs and music lessons/instrument hire during school hours, as eligible voucher redeemable programs.

For more information, contact the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities: 1800 817 860 or sport.voucher@nt.gov.au



Tickets are now on sale

For the 2021 Beat Festival Tides

Wednesday 15th September

Anula primary, Bees Creek primary, Berry Springs primary, Dripstone middle, Nakara primary, Nightcliff primary, Palmerston College, Wagaman primary, Wanguri primary and Singchronicity NT Music Schools' combined schools choir

<https://www.yourcentre.com.au/#!/events>

Phone 8980 3333

WPS 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

HOW CAN YOU HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT OUR SCHOOL?

The annual School Survey 2021 for parents is open. We want to understand your feelings about our school so we can know what is done well and what can be made better. Your voice can make a difference.

Please go to <https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/mUAYYxbK> to access the survey.

Or follow the link on our Facebook page or the link sent via Seesaw message.

School Survey 2021
AUGUST 9–27



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