



Wagaman News

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Coming Events

Fri 27 th Aug	Pupil Free Day – Professional Learning Day for Staff
Wed 1 st Sep	Dripstone Middle School Parent Information Evening (Yr 6 Families)
Thu 2 nd Sep	Wagaman Warriors AFL (3:30 – 4:30pm) Round 5 (Home game)
Fri 3 rd Sep	Whole School Assembly – 1/2 Mairou
Tue 7 th Sep	Preschool Father's Day Breakfast 8:00 – 8:45am Blue Group
Tue 7 th Sep	Learning Conferences Tr-Yr6
Wed 8 th Sep	Learning Conferences Tr-Yr6
Thu 9 th Sep	Preschool Father's Day Breakfast 8:00 – 8:45am Yellow Group
Thu 9 th Sep	Wagaman Warriors AFL (3:30 – 4:30pm) Round 6 (Home game)
Week 10	M/P Book Quiz (Lunch time) U/P Book Quiz (Lunch time)



Dear Families

We have all certainly been through some interesting times since our last newsletter. It was great to see many students engaging in learning tasks while working from home last week. The events of last week have highlighted the importance of ensuring all families are linked to their child's Seesaw. If you need help doing this please contact your child's teacher. A huge thank you to all families for your support in helping us ensure we were able to quickly and efficiently have students collected once lockdown was announced last week. We did have challenges with our phone system so thank you for your patience. We have had many excursions and events cancelled this week due to the light lockdown. Our Learning Conferences have been rescheduled to Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th Sept. We will keep all appointment times as previously booked. If you would like to alter your time please contact our friendly administration team. Ms Brown held her conferences earlier in the term and Mrs Hetherington will hold hers on Tuesday 14th and Wed 15th Sept. Ms Amy Cannington will hold Learning Conferences Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th September.

Tomorrow we have a pupil free day for staff to engage in **Professional Learning**. This means children **will not** be able to **attend school**. Our staff will be learning from international inquiry based learning consultant Kath Murdoch. Kath is a well recognised expert in her field and we are very fortunate to have her working with our staff. We are disappointed that she is not able to be here in person however we have a fabulous day of online learning that we are looking forward to. Camp Australia is open for families should you require care for your children.

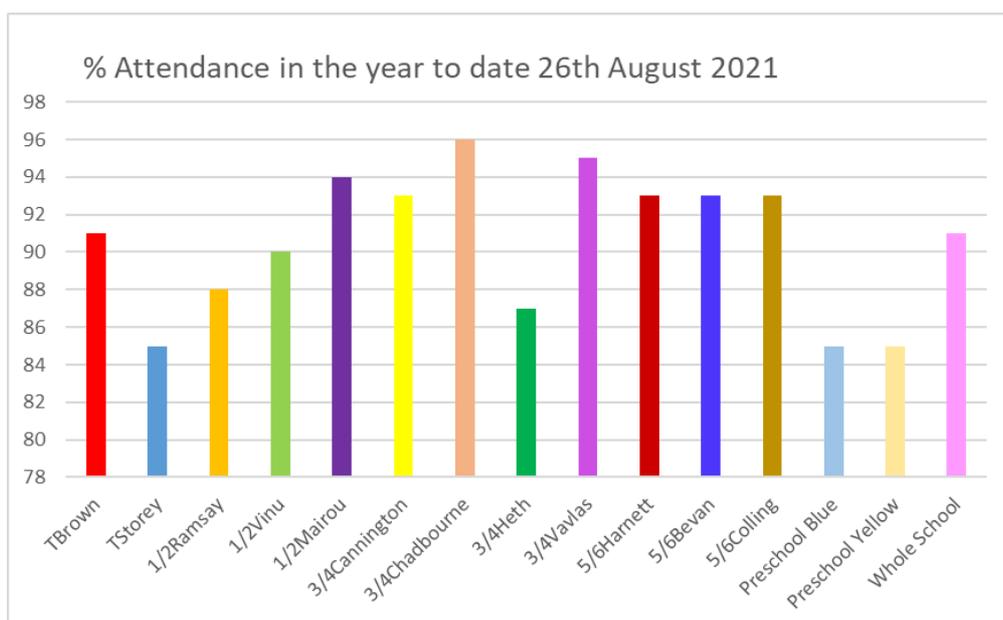
This week is Book Week and whilst we have had to change the way we celebrate this year we are excited that today we have been able to go ahead with our book character dress-up day. It has been awesome to

see the range of characters our students have dressed as. Ms Wong plans to hold both Middle Primary and Upper Primary book quizzes in week 10 this term.



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>

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



Our attendance is continuing to track at 91% for the year. It is wonderful to see the large number of classes who have attendance above 90%. Please ensure that you contact the school if your child is away so that we can record the reason for the absence in our attendance system. 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.

It has been great to see the majority of parents using our drop-off zone safely and following our safety guidelines in the afternoon. It is important that these are also followed during the morning drop-off. Unfortunately, lately we have had reports of some people dropping students off at the crossing and holding up the traffic which is trying to move through the zone.

Thank you for helping our school by remembering to wear your mask and ensuring you 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 check in each time we enter the school grounds.

Warm Regards

Mandy McKinnon



Year 5/6 Colling

5/6 C Inquiry into Culture.

Our data

Our thoughts

OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE:

Indigenous Greek Chinese
Nepalese Norwegian English Irish
Scottish German Filipino
Spanish Portuguese Vietnamese
Anglo-Indian Thai Cambodian

LANGUAGES WE SPEAK

Iuidja Djambampuyngu Tiwi
Nepalese Vietnamese Tagalog Thai
Khmer English Tok Pisin Greek

"Culture is sitting next to the fire and listening to stories"

"Culture is a kind of giant family."

"Culture is participating in celebrations."

"Culture is working together."

"Culture can feel hard at first but then it's a gift."

"Treat your culture as a gift because you are lucky to be part of this community."

"Culture is an explosion of language, feelings and country."

"Culture is listening and showing respect."

Our research





RESCHEDULED TO WEDNESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER

Dripstone
middle school

YEAR 6 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING AND SCHOOL TOUR

FOR ENROLMENT IN 2022

WEDNESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 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

Casuarina Senior College would like to welcome all 2022 prospective and current enrolments for yr. 10, 11 and 12 to an open evening at the college on Monday, 13 September from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm.

Tour our facilities, including our new STEM centre and award-winning Resource Centre, and discuss our wide range of subject offerings and pathways with our dedicated staff.

CASUARINA SENIOR COLLEGE

P-TECH
PARTNERS IN TECHNOLOGY

OPEN EVENING

Monday, 13 September 2021
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Choose Casuarina Choose Success

All Welcome Enrolling now



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



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

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>



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