

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2

10 Jan 2022



IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS:

Mon 31 Jan

• Start of Term 1

Wed 9 Feb

 School and Vice Captain applications due

Mon 14 Feb

- Learning Commission applications due
- House and Vice House Captain nominations due

Tue 8 and Wed 9 Mar

• Learning Conferences

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to our new school year. We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning at Wagaman. A special welcome to our new families. Everyone has settled to school routines well over the past two weeks.

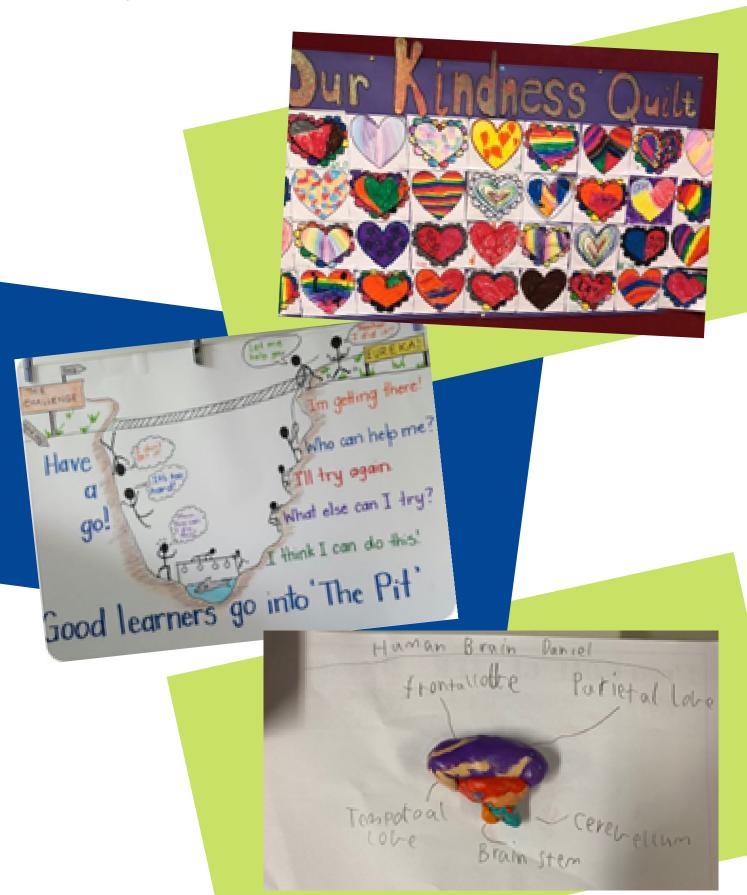
A very big thank you to families for following the guidelines we have implemented to help ensure the safety of our staff and students. COVID-19 has certainly presented some challenges for the start of the new year. The current restrictions are in place until the end of Week 4. At this time, the Department of Education will review them and provide further guidelines and recommendations as we move forward.



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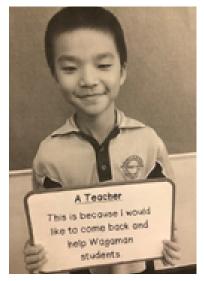
Classes are busy working through our school start-up program, which focuses on our values, agreements, and learner assets. As part of this, classes also build a collaborative classroom culture and establish important class rules and expectations. Students have been learning about having a growth mindset and the challenges of being in the "Learning Pit". Some of our classes have even been learning about the brain.



Some of our Year 3/4 students have been talking about what they would like to do when they grow up.









We are working towards establishing our 2022 Student Leadership Team. This year, our School Captains (Yr 6), Vice Captains (Yr 5) and Learning Commissioners (Yr 4-6) will be selected through an application and interview process. Our House Captains (Yr 6), House Vice-Captains (Yr 5), and Student Representative Council (Yr 3-6) members will be selected through a voting process. We have had many students nominate for these positions and are looking forward to finalising the team. Our School Captain and Vice-Captain interviews will be held tomorrow.

school Council is our school representative body. It is made up of parents and teachers. School representative bodies have many functions that include considering and advising community education initiatives, working with school staff to determine the purposes for money expenditure, assessing the school's needs for buildings, facilities, and equipment, and making recommendations to the CEO.



Joining the school council is also a great way to connect with other parents and school staff. Our School Council AGM will be held on Monday 14th March at 5.45 pm in the Blue Room. A general meeting will follow the AGM.





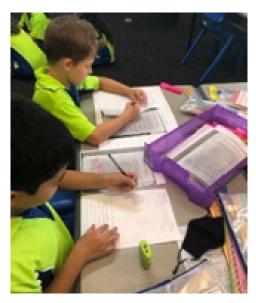


We are always keen for new families to join our School Council. If you want more information or are interested in joining, please come and chat with me at school or come to the AGM. If you require babysitting for the AGM, please let our friendly administration team know.

Our school has continued to implement Meaningful Maths as a whole school approach to the teaching of Mathematics. Teachers have reviewed their Maths data, and this week they began implementing their Maths group rotations based on the data. We plan to hold a parent information session about our Maths approach later in the Year.







Many in our community are currently celebrating Lunar New Year. Lunar New Year celebrations take place for fifteen days and began on the 1st of February. Ms Wong has been teaching students about Lunar New Year in her lessons. This is the year of the (water) tiger.



Wishing everyone,

恭喜发财 GŌNG XĬ FĀ CÁI / GONG HEI FATT CHOY (HAPPINESS & PROSPERITY) 新年快乐 XĪNNIÁN KUÀILÈ (HAPPY NEW YEAR) 新年快乐 XĪNNIÁN KUÀILÈ (HAPPY NEW YEAR)

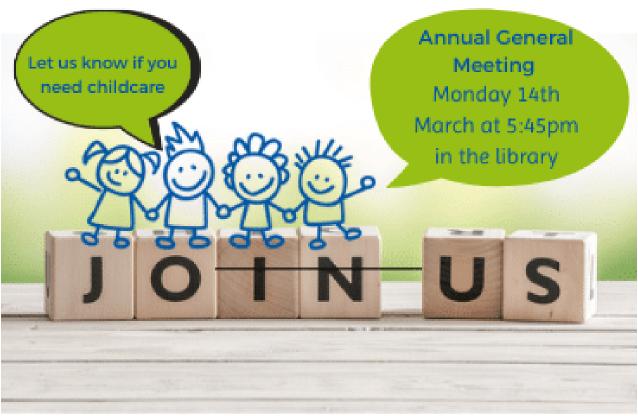
Warm Regards, Mandy McKinnon











Joining the Wagaman School Council provides a great opportunity for us to COME TOGETHER and SHARE IDEAS which help shape the future directions of our school.

Making a Difference









STUDENT CITIZENSHIP AWARDS



Congratulations, Kyla, who received a Student Citizenship Award on Australia Day.

The Student Citizenship Awards recognise students who show a sense of fair play, generosity of spirit, concern for others, cultural understanding, positive attitude and involvement within the school and the wider community.

The awards were hosted by Australia Day NT and the City of Darwin.







LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

YEAR 3/4 CHADBOURNE

As part of our daily morning routines, we recite an Acknowledgement of Country. We decided to research these words a little deeper and have a go at creating our very own version. This involved a lot of research. We explored the purpose of an Acknowledgement of Country, looked into the different language groups that are within the Top End (we have a great display outside the library!) and worked out the meaning of some of the trickier words often used. We read quite a few examples and found many language features and content that they all contained. With this information, we collaborated in creating the version we will use. This is what we have come up with:

We would like to acknowledge the Larrakia land that we are learning on today. We respect the Traditional Custodians, their spiritual connection to the land and the care they've taken of our country over thousands of years. We thank them for sharing the waters and local ecosystems for us to enjoy. We pay respect to the ancestors past, present and future.

THIS LAND IS YOURS.



VOLUNTARY PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS

- 1 student \$60.00 per year
- 2 Children \$50.00 each per year
- 3 children or more \$40.00 each per year

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





Reminder

Ensure you are connected to the Seesaw Family app to receive important messages.



PARENTS use the Seesaw FAMILY app to connect to their student's Seesaw account, view completed activities, and communicate with the teacher.



Have You Redeemed Your Back To School Payment?

Please visit our school office for details.



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM ENROLMENTS

The first round of applications for 2022 closed on 3 December 2021, and the NTMS welcomes new enrolments.

Click on the image to go to the NTMS website and complete the application form. Your child will be placed on a waiting list until a position becomes available.



FREE DENTAL CARE FOR TERRITORY KIDS!

Take advantage of free dental services delivered through school-based clinics. We have a service at Wagaman. Services include:

- Dental checks
- Treatment advice
- Pain and trauma management
- Emergency care
- Fillings and repairs
- Oral hygiene

To find out more, click on the image above.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



Children living in an urban area are eligible to receive two \$100 sport vouchers each year. One in January and one in July, for sport, recreation and cultural activities.

Redeeming your child's voucher is now even easier with a new online application form.

Vouchers will not be issued through schools.

Parents or carers need to apply for vouchers online each semester.

TO APPLY FOR YOUR VOUCHER

- 1. Visit sportvoucher.nt.gov.au/apply
- 2. Click apply online
- 3. Follow the prompts to complete the form



If your child's details are in the system, your voucher will be available to print or save immediately. If your child's details are not found in the system, a voucher will be sent to your nominated email address within 7 days.

Further information is available by calling 1800 817 860 or email sport voucher@nt.gov.au



www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Darwin Junior Touch Season Starting soon!



CLICK HERE

LOCATION: Territory Rugby League Stadium

TIME: 5pm - 6pm Competition & Games

CONTACT: brodie.morcom@touchfootball.com.au or 0498631983

The Darwin Junior Competition Taps started this week. For more information, click the above image.



TRACY VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB JOIN WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST!



COME & TRY CRICKET



THURSDAY'S
5.30PM TO 6.30PM
17 MARCH TO 7 APRIL 2022
AGES 5 TO 10 YEARS OLD
\$55.00 PER CHILD

PLAY TOGETHER
A SAFE WAY TO HAVE FUN
& STAY ACTIVE FOR KIDS
OF ALL ABILITIES

Contact 0418 817 825 admin@tracyvillagecc.com.au

