

# Newsletter

Term 1, Week 02, Feb 09, 2023



# IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS:

Fri 10 Feb

 4/5 Chadbourne Hosting Assembly

### Fri 24 Feb

 5/6 Vavlas Hosting Assembly

### Mon 27 Feb

School Council AGM

### Tue 28 Feb & Wed 1 Mar

• Learning Conferences

### Fri 3 Mar

• Netball Gala Day

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A huge welcome to 2023 to all our new and existing families. It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school. Classes have been extremely settled and engaged in fabulous learning experiences over the past two weeks. Our Transition students are adjusting well to the changes and expectations of "big school."

Child Australia are now delivering Outside School Hours Care services at Wagaman. The feedback from the program has been excellent so far, and students have been thoroughly enjoying the program. Child Australia have staff who work from Wagaman each day, so if you would like to follow anything up, please contact them through email and schedule a time to meet to discuss the program.





@wagamanprimaryschool



In 2023, regular attendance at school continues to be priority for all Department of Education schools. At Wagaman, we are aiming to have all students at school every day. We realise that at times students are sick and are therefore unable to attend. Students who attend school 90% of the time across a year miss approximately 20 days of school per year. This means they are away a week each term. When students are absent, they miss important learning opportunities. It has been great to see some of our classes with 100% attendance this week.

Wagaman Primary
acknowledges the traditional
custodians of the land on
which we learn, the Larrakia
people.
We respect their Elders, past,
present and emerging.

If your child misses:		That equals:		Which is:		Over 13 years that's:	
	1/2 day per week	*****	20 days per year	*****	1 month per year		1.5 years of school
è	1 day per week	*********	40 days per year	*****	2 months per year		2.5 years of school
èè	2 days per week		80 days per year	****	4 months per year		5 years of school
èèè	3 days per week		120 days per year	*****	Over half a school year		8 years of school

Our school council is made up of parents and teachers and they are an important governance body in our school. We have a fabulous group of parents on council. We love to also see new parents joining council as it helps continue to build and grow our fabulous school. Council meets on the third Monday of each month. Our School Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held Monday 27th February in our school library. We ask people to arrive at 5:30pm for a 5:45pm start. If you are considering joining, you are more than welcome to come and have a chat with me or one of our current council members. To join, please come along to our AGM. We look forward to welcoming some of our new families. If you require babysitting to attend, please come and see Mel or Angie in the front office.

Instrumental lessons are offered weekly at Wagaman for students in Year 4-6. The lessons are taught by teachers from the NT Music School. Tuition is available free of charge to families for a variety of instruments. The only cost to families is the hire of an instrument which can be done through the NT Music School. The registration and contact details to enrol in this program are in this newsletter. If you would like to know more please ask at our front office.

School begins at 7:55am and students should not arrive at school prior to this time. Last year we offered Before School Care, however, due to the small number of families who used the service, we were not able to sustain it. This year for families who start work early we are offering user pays before school supervision which begins at 7:30am. If you need to use this service, please talk to Mel or Angie at the front office.

This year, Wagaman Primary School will celebrate its 50th birthday. Our school concert, a special assembly and a "back in time" day will all be held in Week 9 of Term 2. If you have some ideas about our celebrations, come and see one of our school team.

This morning I was lucky enough to visit 4/5 Chadbourne while they held a "Book Feast." It was an extremely exciting learning event and has sparked some great interest in a variety of books.





Looking forward to another awesome year of learning at Wagaman.

Kind Regards Mandy McKinnon



# IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN LEARNING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

Enrolment applications are open for new students in the NT Music School's 2023 Instrumental Program at Wagaman Primary School. Instrumental lessons are offered during school hours for students in Year 4, 5 & 6. We currently have spaces in our flute, trumpet, trombone and percussion lessons. Lessons are free with a \$50 contribution requested once placement in the program is confirmed. Instrument hire from \$100. Sports Vouchers accepted to assist with cost of hiring instruments.

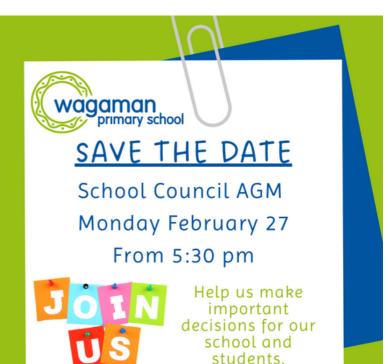
Apply online now at

www.ntms.net.au

# Get your application in today!

For further assistance phone the NT Music School on 8963 5550.







# **LEARNING SPOTLIGHT**

# **YEAR 5/6 VAVLAS**

Dear Wagaman Community,

On Tuesday, Year 5/6 had a visit from Ranger Michael. He works at the Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife.
Ranger Michael gave us an informative talk about magpie

geese.

Magpie geese are native to Australia. Their scientific name is anseranas semipalmata, meaning half-webbed feet.

We learnt about their breeding season and that they mate for life. Doesn't that give you goose bumps!

These magnificent geese are omnivores - they eat both plants and animals. Ranger Michael told us it is illegal to feed them. Feeding them can harm their health and lead to unnatural population increases. So we would like to inform our community that we should not be feeding them.

Year 5/6 Vavlas







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

The Student Citizenship Awards recognise a student who shows 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.



# REMINDERS



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Pack your hat and water bottle, every day.





# HAVE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CHANGED?

Please phone the school office ASAP to We need were

We need up to date details in case of emergencies.





# SCHOOL DENTIST

The Wagaman School Dental Clinic will be open for dental appointments for students for the month of February.

All appointments are free for students, please call (08) 8922 6466 to book an appointment.





# CHILD AUSTRALIA WAGAMAN OSHC

Child Australia provides before and after school care at select schools in Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

We are highly experienced in managing children services programs located on school sites with amazing results for the children and broader school community.

We believe in a true partnership that extends the value proposition to your school. We facilitate the consideration of delivery options from the very start, working with your school management team and parent/family committees to find options that suit your School's vision. We are looking forward to establishing a Child Australia OSHC service at Wagaman Primary School. We are really excited to join the school community to provide a quality OSHC service for children, families and the broader school community.

Our Vision - A community where children grow, thrive and reach their potential.

Our Mission - To support children's wellbeing, learning and development, by advocating for and developing the community of professionals working with them.

### Enrolment information

- All families will be required to re-enrol and complete a Child Australia enrolment form
- Enrolments forms are available at the school's front office and during the school assembly: 2 and 13 Dec
- Michelle Dolby can be contacted for any questions or online enrolment forms via phone and email listed in this flyer
- A Parent Handbook information will be supplied in due course

### Fees

OSHC: \$32 per day Vac Care: \$72 per day

\*No added charge for incursions and excursions

Outside School Hours Care

2:30PM - 6:00PM | After School Care 7:00AM - 6:00PM | Vacation Care

\*Pre schoolers welcome

Contact details

P: 0422142314

E: wagamanoshc@childaustralia.org.au

Our Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) provides an environment that is engaging, caring and friendly. Our programs are influenced by the National Learning Framework My Time, Our Place based on recreation and leisure providing school aged children the opportunity to engage in fun, age-appropriate activities that are challenging and educational developing lifelong skills and knowledge.

OSHC can be utilised in many ways by all families with school aged children, some parents may need to use our services every day because of work commitments, others may need to use our service once in a while for an appointment that they just can't fit in during school time or in an emergency situation e.g. car breaking down and they cannot get to school to collect their children. Whatever the reason we aim to provide a quality service that meets families' needs.

For further information go to: www.childaustralia.org.au



# What is Kids Space?

Parents' separation and divorce can be a time of change and transition for everyone. It may lead to some children feeling a range of difficult emotions and a sense of unsettledness. Kids Space is a therapeutic group for children whose parents are separated and/or divorced. It is a safe space for children to be able to meet with others, share their emotions, thoughts and experiences and learn new ways to deal with issues relating to parents' separation/divorce.

### How does Kids Space work?

Children share an afternoon tea and then participate in a range of activities including playing games, creating art, reading stories, and puppet play with the aim of processing family changes and grief and gaining self-regulation and coping strategies that will benefit them while at home, school and socially.

# When and who is Kids Space for?

Four weekly sessions, 3:30-4:45pm for children aged 5-12 years

Term 1
WEDNESDAYS
15TH FEB – 8TH MAR

Term 2
THURSDAYS
20TH APR – 11TH MAY

Term 3
TUESDAYS
25<sup>TH</sup>JUL – 15TH AUG

Term 4
FRIDAYS
13THOCT – 3RD NOV

# How to access Kids Space?

Referrals can be made directly to CatholicCare NT on 8944 2000. A practitioner will contact both parents to arrange a time to meet individually to discuss their child's needs and current coping styles. The practitioner, with permission from both parents, will then meet with the child/ren to discuss the group. Further details regarding the group will be provided on referral.

# Where is Kids Space being held?

CatholicCare NT - Shop 10B Goyder Centre, Palmerston Circuit, Palmerston City NT 0830











# IS YOUR CHILD PREPARING TO TRAVEL INDEPENDENTLY IN THE COMMUNITY?

Neighbourhood Watch 4 Kids is an e-learning portal that supports caregivers in preparing their child to travel safely in the community.

NHW4Kids has been created with best-practice advice and interactive elements to take you and your child on a learning journey to...

Scan the QR Code now to improve your child's safety knowledge, increase their confidence and empower them to trust their instincts and react appropriately to unsafe situations.



nhw4kids.org.au











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PINTS NETBALL CLUB



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JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST NSG PROGRAM OF 2023

NET (5/6 Y/0) SET (7/8 Y/0) GO (9/10 Y/0) 8-WEEK PROGRAM EVERY TUESDAY, S-6PM BEGINNING 7TH FEBRUARY \$160 PER PARTICIPANT

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Past, Current and New players welcome FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND CRICKET! Junior Ph: 0418 817 825 Senior Ph: 0423 729 456 admin@tracyvillagecc.com.au

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