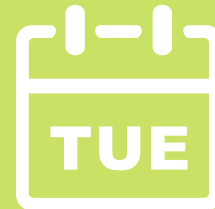


Term 1, Week 04, Feb 23, 2023



Learning Conferences

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS:

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

Mon 13 - Fri 10 March

- Life Education - Healthy Harold

Fri 10 Mar

- 5/6 Bevan Hosting Assembly

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The last two weeks have passed very quickly, and our teachers are looking forward to connecting with families at Learning Conferences next week. This is a wonderful opportunity to sit down with your child and their teacher to discuss learning. I encourage all families to book a time with their child's teacher. Teachers, parents, and students are all partners in the journey of learning. It is important that students come to conferences as major stakeholder in their learning. If you have sensitive matters you would prefer to discuss without your child present, I encourage you to make a separate time for this.



School
Interviews

BOOK NOW

📞 08 8922 6011

🌐 www.wagamanprimary.nt.edu.au

📘 @wagamanprimaryschool

REMINDER

Phone the school office if your
child is absent from school.

We were excited last week to take delivery of our new school bus. School Council have been committed for several years to raising money and allocating funds towards the purchase of a new bus. Our annual school contributions have also been allocated to allow us to afford a new bus. Our bus has ensured our students greater access to excursions at significantly reduced costs. Our old bus was over twenty years old. In the near future, we will be adding our school logo to the bus so that everyone knows who we are as we move around Darwin. Our new bus has already been used by some of our students.



Over the past few weeks, we have been working through various selection processes to establish our 2023 student leadership team. We have a mixed approach to selecting our student leaders. School Captains, Vice Captains, and Learning Commissioners work through an application and interview process. Our Sport Captains and Vice Captains nominate, present a speech and sporting teams vote using a preferential voting system. Student Representative Council (SRC) members nominate within their classes and voting is conducted in each class. Classes are finalising their SRC members this week. Congratulations to those who are our student leaders for 2023. We know that they will all represent our school with pride.

School Captains	
School Captain	Luca
School Captain	Vhanna
School Vice-Captain	Rupa
School Vice-Captain	Nayana



Learning Commissioners	
Paige	Alex
Olivia G	Alveena
Molly	Lindsay
Noelle	Izzy
Cameron	Wei-Ze



House Captains			
Crocs House Captain	Cassius Ah Mat	Sharks House Captain	Jasmine
Crocs House Captain	Kendra	Sharks House Captain	Cai-Zhen
Crocs Vice-Captain	Payson	Sharks Vice-Captain	Coco
Crocs Vice-Captain	Jabari	Sharks Vice-Captain	Pippa



















Ms Carol Hetherington has been on leave for the first four weeks of the year. She has made the decision to retire and will therefore not be returning to Wagaman. Ms Kristen Xu will continue to teach the class for the remainder of the year. Ms Athena Hammond has been successful in securing the position of Meaningful Maths Network Leader. This is a wonderful opportunity for Athena, but it means she will leave Wagaman at the end of the term to start her new position. She will work in this position for the remainder of the year. We are currently working to secure a replacement for Athena and will notify families when this has occurred.

Attendance and engagement are key priorities of our Annual School Improvement Plan and in 2023, we will continue to work hard to further improve our attendance. It is important that you notify the front office if your child is absent. If students are absent for 3 or more days, we do ask that in line with DoE policy, parents provide a medical certificate. It has been wonderful to see some classes start the year with excellent attendance.

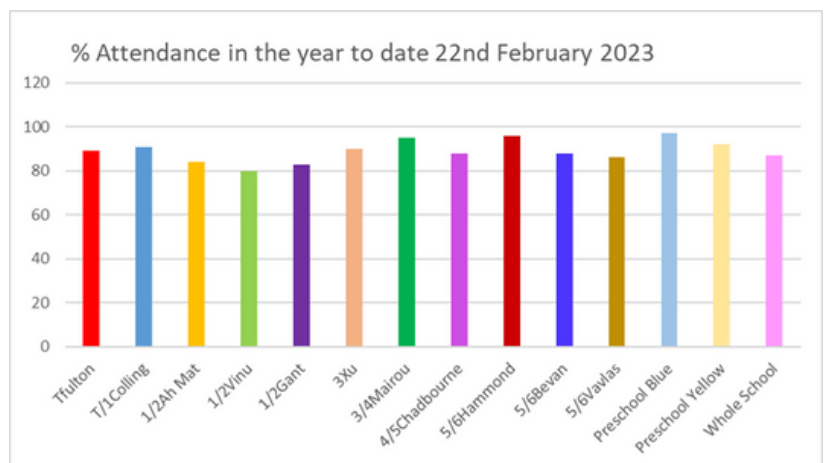
DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much, but...

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
 1 day per week	 40 days per year	 2 months per year	 2.5 years of school
 2 days per week	 80 days per year	 4 months per year	 5 years of school
 3 days per week	 120 days per year	 Over half a school year	 8 years of school

Every day counts!

TFulton	89
T/1Colling	91
1/2Ah Mat	84
1/2Vinu	80
1/2Gant	83
3Xu	90
3/4Mairou	95
4/5Chadbourne	88
5/6Hammond	96
5/6Bevan	88
5/6Vavlas	86
Preschool Blue	97
Preschool Yellow	92
Whole School	87



Congratulations to our Preschool, Year 5/6 Hammond, 3/4 Mairou, T/1 Colling and 3 Xu who all have attendance of 90% or greater so far this year.

Our school council Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held next Monday 27th February in the Blue Room. All parents are welcome to attend. We ask that people arrive at 5:30 pm ready for a 5:45 pm start.

Looking forward to connecting with parents at our AGM and seeing everyone at our Learning Conferences next week.

Kind Regards

Mandy McKinnon



SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Let us know if
you can make it



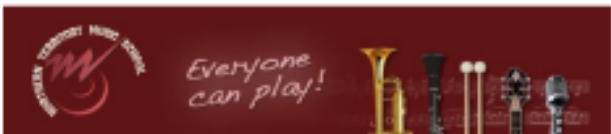
Monday
February 27
5:45pm start in the
Blue Room



J O I N U S

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



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**.



CONGRATULATIONS!



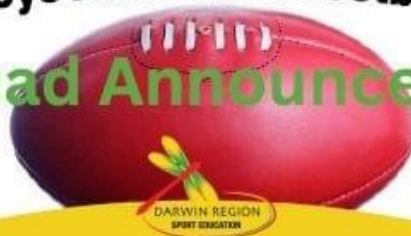
COMING SOON

Suzi and Harold are visiting in Week 6.

Please return your note and money ASAP.



DARWIN REGION SPORT EDUCATION 12 Years & Under Boys Australian Football Squad Announcement



Team Members

- Mason Cameron – Nightcliff Primary School
- Hamish McPherson – Darwin Middle School
- Harvey McCormick – O'Loughlin Catholic College
- Matthew Pilcher – Jingili Primary School
- Lenny Pratt – Holy Family Catholic Primary School
- Jack Anstess – Holy Family Catholic Primary School
- Max Gardner – Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School
- Riley Anstess – Holy Family Catholic Primary School
- Johnny Halikos – The Essington School
- Luke Shepard – Nakara Primary School
- Taj Gray – Nightcliff Primary School
- George Stathopoulos – O'Loughlin Catholic College
- Peter Kalidonis – Jingili Primary School
- Fraser Cruse – O'Loughlin Catholic College
- Ethan Hunt-Bond – Sanderson Middle School
- Archer Caldwell – Dripstone Middle School
- Leo Halikos – The Essington School

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Reserve Members

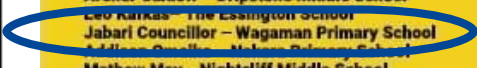
- Scott Griffiths – Parap Primary School
- Bertram Purcell – Anula Primary School
- Rafael Heane – St Marys Catholic Primary School
- Zachary Grose – St Marys Catholic Primary School



Team Officials

- Coach – Natalie Althouse – Henbury School
- Manager – Mark Grosser – Karama Primary School
- Coach – [Name] – [School]

Jabari in Year 6 who made the Darwin Region AFL team!



LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

YEAR 5/6 HAMMOND

Parliament House Excursion

On Friday 17th February students from 5/6 Hammond, Vavlas and Bevan visited Parliament House to gain a deeper understanding of how the Northern Territory Parliament and the Northern Territory Electoral Commission work.

Students were lucky enough to be able to enter the Parliamentary chamber to see how our elected representatives make new laws for the Northern Territory.

"Every word spoken in the Parliamentary chamber is recorded. If you want to have a private conversation without being recorded, you can do and talk next to the fountain outside." Alex

"Every state and territory has a different mace. The only person allowed to touch the mace with gloves on is the Serjeant-at-arms." Sophie

"The Mace is now a symbol of the power of the Speaker and therefore the power of Parliament."

"Parliament House was built where the post office was before it was bombed in 1942. There is still part of the post office that can be found in Parliament House." Noelle

"At the electoral commission session we learnt about preferential voting. The winning vote needs more than 50% to win." Charlie



Year 5/6 cohort at Parliament House



Mock election preferential vote counting.



Students persuading their peers to vote for them!



Students listening to Electoral Commission Information.



Students finding out information about the Northern Territory flag.

LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

JAPANESE

NIHONGO CORNER



Miki Back

Yuto Tsunoda

Konnichiwa (Hello). We are Miki Sensei and Yuto Sensei. We are so excited to meet Wagaman students and teach Japanese Language and the culture to Year 3 to Year 6 this year.

Dripstone Middle School has been growing their Japanese program and we are sure that learning Japanese in Wagaman Primary School will give students an advantage to continue their Language pathway in Middle School. Learning an additional language is a door to enter a new world! It broadens our thinking and we see the world in new ways.

In Nihongo Corner, we will share some information about Japan (Nihon) and Japanese language (Nihongo). We hope that parents, guardians, teachers and students in the Wagaman school community can enjoy learning more about Japan together and even use some Japanese words at home!

Yoroshiku onegaishimasu (Nice to meet you).

Miki sensei and Yuto sensei



REMINDERS



REMINDER

Pack your hat and water bottle, every day.



HAVE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CHANGED?

Please phone the school office ASAP to update your details.

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



KIDS SPACE

Children's Therapeutic Group Work

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
25THJUL – 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





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PLAY SAFETY GAMES



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IDEAS IN NUTRITION

Pack a Healthier Lunch Box

In 3 easy steps.

Try these tips from Accredited Practicing Dietitians working with the NT Government.

Use the 5 Food Groups

1

Try adding one thing from each food group to each lunch box. That means 1 fruit, 1 vegetable, 1 dairy, 1 carb (like bread or rice) and 1 protein- in every lunch box.

Make Ahead

2

If packing lunch boxes in the morning works for you that is great! Some families find it is easier to make lunch boxes the night before or even in a batch on the weekend. Find a time that works for you.

Pack Water

3

Water is the best drink for children. If your child likes very cold water you could try freezing a bottle the night before.



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

DCA Darrandirra Child & Family Centre

FREE
Community Connections Sharing of Cultures
Dance & Music Program

A program for Northern Suburbs children & young people ages 0-17 years old. Children under 10-years-old must be accompanied by an adult.

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Take a peek, ONCE A WEEK



Head Lice ADVICE

Every week, check hair and scalp of all family members for live lice and nits.