



wagaman
primary school
Making a Difference

Newsletter

Term 2, Week 4, May 11, 2023

wagaman primary school
Celebrating 50 years
MOTHER'S DAY SPA
MAY 12
Our early years classes invite you to come along to an afternoon of pampering.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023
National Walk Safely to School Day

wagaman primary school
invites you to attend
50 years
1973-2023
QUEEN WAGAMAN'S BIRTHDAY BASH
Wednesday, June 14

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• Guest celebration morning tea
• Tour of our school
• Back-in-time morning
Friday
16th June
From 8:30 am
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IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS:

Fri 12 May

- TR Fulton Assembly
- Preschool Yellow Group Mother's Day Breakfast 7.45 - 8.15am
- Early Years Mother's Day Spa 2pm

Mon 15 May

- Musica Viva Visit

Tue 16 May

- DMS Year 5 students Science lesson
- School Council Meeting 5.45pm

Fri 19 May

- Walk Safely to School Day
- AFL Gala for 5/6 Students

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our Preschool Blue Group held their Mother's Day Breakfast on Tuesday morning which was well attended by families. On Friday morning, the Yellow Group will have their Mother's Day Breakfast. Friday afternoon, our Early Years will host their Mother's Day spa. We look forward to connecting with families at these events.



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REMINDER

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

BLUE GROUP MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



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



We are continuing to plan our 50th birthday celebrations. This week our staff participated in a session to learn the craft of mosaic with artist Janie Andrews. Teachers created tiles for the project. Today, groups of students will begin making tile pieces from the drawings they have created of our school's natural environment.



On Monday, we will host Musica Viva. This has been a major component of our school music program in 2023. I encourage all students to attend. **Notes and money need to be returned to school by Monday morning at the very latest** to enable students to participate in this wonderful learning opportunity.



Schools are diverse and complex learning environments. At Wagaman, we take great pride in our school's collaborative and welcoming culture. Our values and agreements are regularly discussed and used to reflect on events. We often remind students of the importance of demonstrating these regularly at school. Our students have many excursion opportunities and one of the things we discuss with them is the importance of positive behavioural choices at school to ensure they are able to participate in excursions and sporting events. It is wonderful to see the positive behavioural choices made by the majority of Wagaman students. This is something that has in the past been noticed by members of the public when our students are in the community. These community members often contact our school to congratulate us on the exemplary behaviour of our students. Our students are to be congratulated on this.

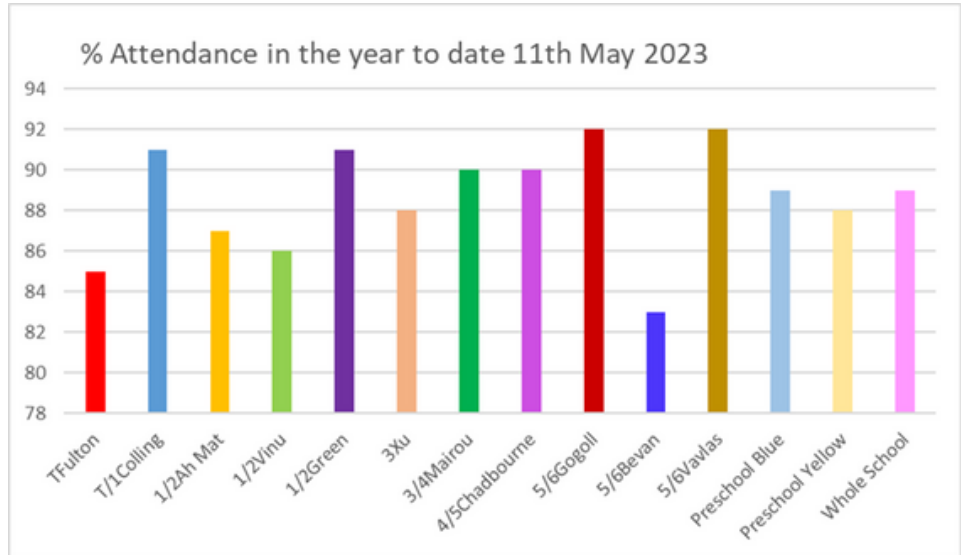
All classes have been working hard through their sport and PE lessons to develop athletics skills and readiness for our track and field carnival. The carnival will be held on Friday 2nd June. Ms Elley has been teaching our Early Years classes modified athletics skills. It was great to see our transition students learning to do modified high jump this week.

A reminder that school supervision begins at 7:55am. Students should not be at school at all prior to this time. If parents have to go to work early, we do offer a user pays before school supervision service. To register for this service please see Ms Melinda or Ms Angie in the front office. This service begins from 7:30am each morning.



At Wagaman, students have access to a large variety of resources. We ask that students **do not bring toys to school**. They are not needed, and personal toys can cause a significant number of problems at school. We cannot guarantee the safety of these toys and they often become the cause of disagreements.

TFulton	85
T/1Colling	91
1/2Ah Mat	87
1/2Vinu	86
1/2Green	91
3Xu	88
3/4Mairou	90
4/5Chadbourne	90
5/6Gogoll	92
5/6Bevan	83
5/6Vavlas	92
Preschool Blue	89
Preschool Yellow	88
Whole School	89



Our whole school attendance has continued to steadily improve this term and is now 89% in the year to date. This is the highest attendance rate we have recorded for quite a while. We are getting closer to our whole school target of 90%. We now have 6 of our classes with attendance of 90% or greater. Thank you to families who are supporting us in achieving this. Please remember that if your child is away from school, it is vital that you contact the school to notify this absence.

Our new bus now has its Wagaman Primary School signage completed and it looks awesome. Keep an eye out for it as we drive around town on excursions.



Our [school council](#) meets again this coming Tuesday, the 16th of May, in our meeting room at 5:45pm. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at school.

Kind Regards

Mandy McKinnon



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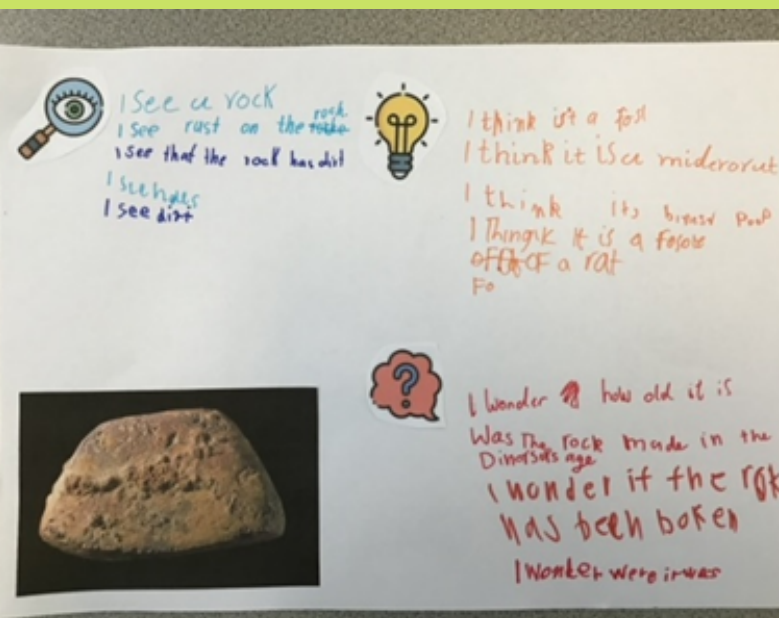
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LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

3/4 MAIROU

This term, 3/4 Mairou are inquiring into 'Why do people choose to remember events from the past?' We learned about the ANZACs and made poppies and a class wreath to commemorate. We discussed other events that have shaped us as a nation and made connections to important events in our own lives.

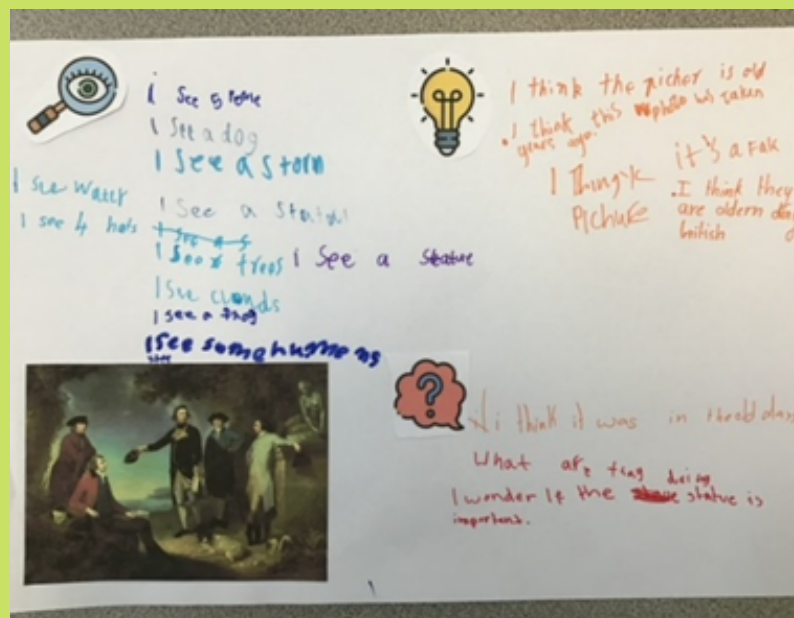
Through online research, books and songs, students have enjoyed learning about other significant events from our past, including the 1966 Gurindji Strike and the 1967 Australian Referendum. We have now begun work on creating a timeline of Australia's history, and are learning how to block code Spheros, which we will use to showcase our timeline of events.



See a rock
I see rust on the rock
I see that the rock has dirt
I see holes
I see dirt

I think it's a fossil
I think it is a miderorut
I think it's brass pup
I think it is a fossil
off of a rat
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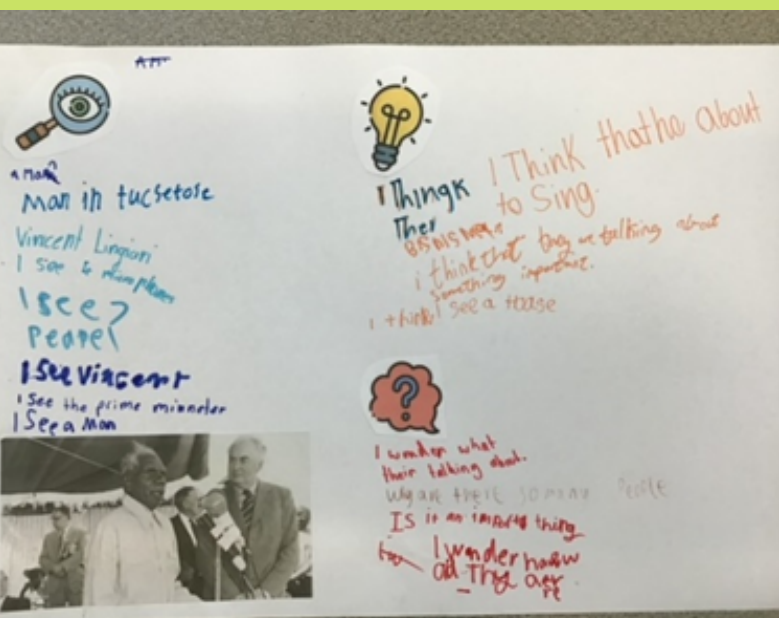
I wonder how old it is
Was the rock made in the
Dinosaurs age
I wonder if the rock
was been broken
I wonder where it was



See a picture
I see a dog
I see a stone
I see water
I see 4 hats
I see a statue
I see a tree
I see a statue
I see clouds
I see a tree
I see something as

I think the picture is old
I think this picture was taken
it's a fake
I think they
are older than
British

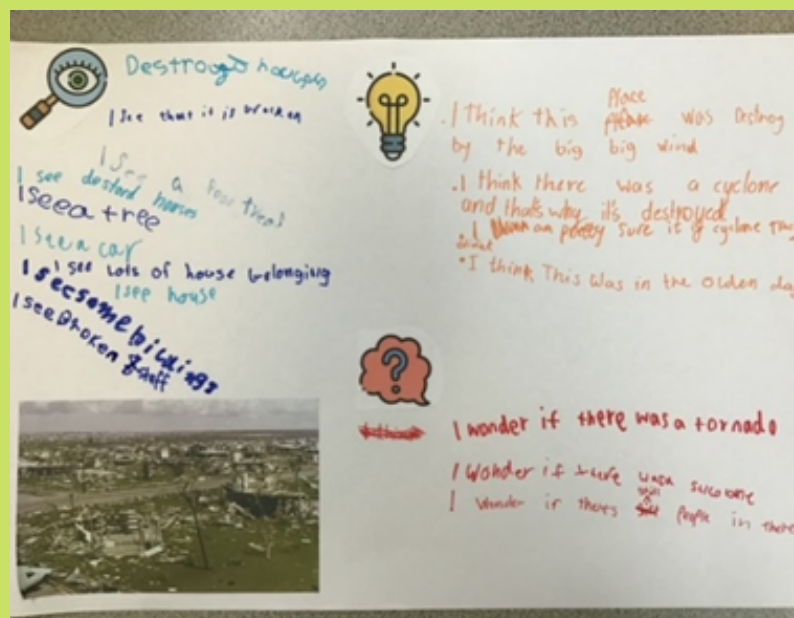
I think it was in the old days
What are they doing
I wonder if the statue is
important.



Man in tucetose
Vincent Lingiari
I see a man
I see a people
I see Vincent
I see the prime minister
I see a man

I think they are talking about
to sing
I think they are talking about
something important.
I think I see a horse

I wonder what they are talking about.
What are some people
is it an important thing
I wonder how all these are



Destroyed house
I see that it is broken
I see a few trees
I see a tree
I see a car
I see lots of house belonging
I see house
I see some buildings
I see broken stuff

I think this place was destroyed
by the big big wind
I think there was a cyclone
and that's why it's destroyed
I think on a party sure it's cyclone that
I think this was in the olden days

I wonder if there was a tornado
I wonder if there were some
I wonder if there were people in there



We have also started preparing for a collaborative piece with local artist Janie Andrews as part of our upcoming 50th birthday celebrations. Students explored our school gardens and researched online to find animals that represented our school, then drew them so Janie could help us create a special mosaic.



Students were also very excited to finish their collaborative painting they named 'Darwin Gumnuts'. They are planning on entering their work in the upcoming Royal Darwin Show so make sure you head over and check it out.



LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

PE WITH MISS ELLEY

This term, during Physical Education, all students across the school have been learning and refining various athletics skills in preparation for our Sports Carnival.

REMINDER:

800m Event: Thursday 1st June Week 7

Sports Carnival: Friday 2nd June Week 7



MEANINGFUL MATHS ENRICHMENT DAY

A group of our Year 4 and 5 students went to a Meaningful Maths Enrichment Day. They joined students from 15 schools across Darwin and Palmerston, working through many mathematical challenges.

Thank you to Ms Kristina who worked with our students and others on the day.



PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS

\$7,000

\$6,000

\$5,000

\$4,000

Parent contributions are voluntary.

All contributions paid are used to resource our school.

Past initiatives have included new books, iPads, laptops and shade sales.

PAY

at the school's Front Office



1 child = \$60

2 children = \$50 each

3 children or more = \$40 each

Preschool = \$50 per term

Account name: Wagaman School Council

BSB: 035-306

Account: 930622

Ref: child or children's name

PAY ONLINE



So far this year, our families have contributed **\$5520.**

THANK YOU!



CENTRE FOR DISEASE CONTROL | Head Lice Advice

Take a peek. ONCE A WEEK



REMINDER



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

www.nt.gov.au/health



TOMORROW

MOTHER'S DAY SPA

MAY 12

Our early years classes invite you to come along to an afternoon of pampering.

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!

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Book your child's place.

Contact Joyce Chang for online enrolment forms and any other enquiries.

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FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!



Enrolments now open for OSHC!

\$32 per day
No added charge for incursions & excursions

After School Care
2:30 - 6:00PM

nightcliffseabreeze.com

SUNBUILD NIGHTCLIFF SEA BREEZE FESTIVAL

Friday 12th | Saturday 13th | Sunday 14th May

2 X DANCE STAGES, A SWAG OF MUSIC STAGES | SAND SCULPTURE COMP & MOTHER'S DAY EVENT
VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITS & COMPS, COMMUNITY VILLAGE, FOOD STALLS & MORE

Along nightcliff foreshore

Artwork | Louise Benton - Anahata Creations

