



**wagaman**  
primary school

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# Newsletter

**Term 2, Week 6, May 25, 2023**



## IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS:

Fri 26 May

- 5/6 Gogoll Assembly

Mon 29 May

- Japanese Survivor Day DLC

Wed 31 May

- Preschool Open Evening  
4.30pm-6.00pm

Thu 1 Jun

- 800m races - 10 to 12yr olds

Fri 2 Jun

- Sports Day

Mon 5 Jun

- Young Writer's Competition  
Entries Due

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The dry season has really settled in over the past two weeks. The weather outside is fabulous, however, it does get a little cool in the air-conditioning at this time of the year. It is important to ensure that students bring a jumper or jacket to use in the classroom. Classes have been working with artist, Janie Andrews on a wonderful art project to celebrate our 50th birthday. The work is stunning, and we are looking forward to unveiling it at our birthday celebration assembly on Friday 16th June.



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**REMINDER**

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

In Week 9, we will hold a number of events to celebrate our birthday. On Wednesday, 16th June, we will hold our whole school concert titled, "Queen Wagaman's Birthday Bash". Ms Edeson and a group of talented students have written this whole school musical reflecting some of our school's history. School Council will be holding a fundraising BBQ beginning at 5:30pm. All students will be called to get ready for the concert at 6:30 and the concert will begin at 6:45pm. The concert will be held in our outdoor amphitheatre area. Families can bring picnic rugs and/or chairs. There will be designated areas for chairs. On the morning of Friday 16th June, we will hold our birthday assembly. It will be in the assembly area, and all are invited to attend. After assembly, students will move to classes to participate in "back in time" day activities. All guests will be invited to join us for morning tea in the library and to view our historical display in the Blue Room. Our school leaders will be offering tours of our school for past students and staff.



Tomorrow marks National Sorry Day. Every year on the 26th May, National Sorry Day remembers and acknowledges the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, which we now know as 'The Stolen Generations.' This will be followed by National Reconciliation Week, which is held from 27th May to the 3rd of June. The 2023 theme for National Reconciliation Week is 'Be a Voice for Generations.' It encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives - where we live, work, and socialise.

We are all looking forward to our annual sports carnival next week. Ms Elley and the team have been working to finalise the program. Students have been learning athletics skills. We will hold our 800m event on Thursday morning for our students 10yrs and older. The rest of the events will be held on Friday.

Next semester, our Preschool teacher, Rachel Kuhl will be taking leave to travel with her family. We are currently working to recruit a teacher to work in our Preschool for Semester 2. Rachel will return to Wagaman in 2024.

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.



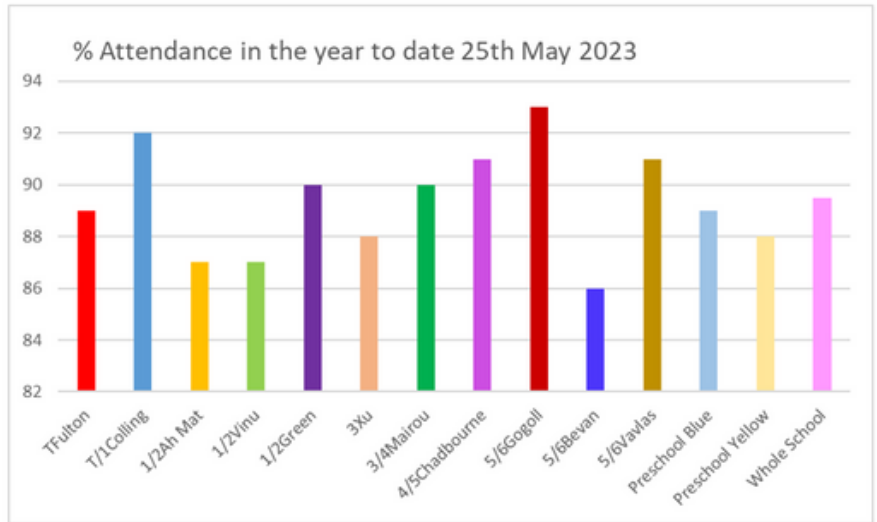
Our whole school attendance has continued to steadily improve this term and is now 89.5% in the year to date. This is the highest attendance rate we have recorded for quite a while. We are getting closer to our whole school target of 90%. We have 6 of our classes with attendance of 90% or greater. Thank 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 their absence.



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.



TFulton	89
T/1Colling	92
1/2Ah Mat	87
1/2Vinu	87
1/2Green	90
3Xu	88
3/4Mairou	90
4/5Chadbourne	91
5/6Gogoll	93
5/6Bevan	86
5/6Vavlas	91
Preschool Blue	89
Preschool Yellow	88
Whole School	89.5



Looking forward to seeing everyone at school.

Kind Regards  
Mandy McKinnon



# Enrolments now open for Pupil Free Day

23 June, 2023

**BOOK NOW**



  
**\$72 per day**

**VACATION CARE**  
26 June - 17 July  
We'll keep the children entertained these School Holidays!

**Book your child's place.**

Contact **Joyce Chang** for enrolment and any other enquiries.

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# SPORTS DAY



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## 02 JUNE '23

**CROCS**

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**SHARKS**

Sprints from 8.30 am

Field events from 9.30 am

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CANTEEN





invites you to attend

# QUEEN WAGAMAN'S BIRTHDAY BASH



BBQ from  
5.30pm

Concert from  
6.30pm

*Save the Date*

## Wednesday, June 14



# WAGAMAN PRIMARY IS TURNING 50

We would love you to join us for our:

- Birthday assembly
- Guest celebration morning tea
- Tour of our school
- Back-in-time morning

Friday  
16th June  
From 8:30 am



## LEARNING SPOTLIGHT 4/5 CHADBOURNE

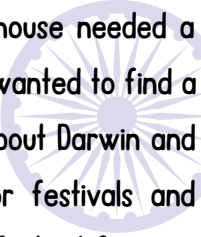
4/5C have been investigating 'Why do people migrate?' We have been finding out about all the different groups of people that have migrated to Australia over the years, including the early settlers and convicts, the Gold Rush miners, Afghan cameleers and the Japanese pearl divers. These diverse groups have all had an influence on our communities. We have mapped migration journeys and even interviewed our own families to find out what brought them to Australia and how they keep their culture alive. Here are some of their responses:



Why do  
people  
migrate?



My dad migrated in 2006 and my mum migrated in 2008. They came from Nepal and they first settled in Sydney. My Dad came to further his studies. Dashain is our biggest cultural and religious festival and it goes for 15 days in October. There is one biggest day on the 10th day where you get a tika (red dot on forehead), blessings from your elders and lots of money.  
Prakshi



My family migrated to Australia in February 2015. Although they are originally from India, my parents were working in Ireland. They moved because Ireland was cold and we would have to be wrapped up in many clothes and always had to wear jackets, gloves, caps, scarves, jumpers and boots. Our house needed a heating system which made our family sick. We wanted to find a warm place and we heard our friends talking about Darwin and moved there. We wear traditional clothing for festivals and community gatherings. We celebrate our state festival Onam in the traditional way. We light the traditional lamp on special occasions like housewarmings. We attend religious activities every week. Anna

We migrated to Australia in May 2015 from India because of work in Australia. When we were coming to Australia, I wanted to pull a prank on my family so I ran around the airport and hid under a chair. No one in my family found me except my brother and because of this prank we nearly missed our flight! Aatish



Our family migrated in 1950 from Greece and we settled in Melbourne for six months and then Perth for three months and then we came to Darwin. Our family came to Darwin because Greece was very poor because of the war, so we came here for a better life. We follow all of the Greek traditions in Darwin because there is a big population of Greeks in Darwin. Our family migrated to Australia by ship. It took 4 weeks to get here and we stopped in Egypt, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam, Phillipines and Singapore. We got off the ship in Melbourne. It was a beautiful trip to see so many countries and to meet so many people. George

My Dad and Mum's family have been back and forth from Australia since 1953 to Melbourne and Darwin. They migrated because it was difficult in their country after the second World War and the Greece civil war. People travelled by ship for months to other countries for a better tomorrow. In order to come to Australia, they travelled 40 days from Greece without knowing English or anyone for help. Something funny I hear all the time is about a relative of my Grandfather who, when he came to Australia without knowing English, would go to the supermarket and buy canned meat and eat, but when he learned English he realised he was eating dog food! Mihalitsa

My great, great, great grandparents came from Germany. They settled in 1800's in Toowoomba, Queensland. My other great, great, great grandparents came from Scotland and settled in Mitchell, Queensland. My pop's side came from Ireland. They all came for better opportunities. The Germans came for farming because there was a famine in the 1800's. There was also a famine in Ireland. The more adventurous in the family came first and the others followed. In the second World War, my German side of the family changed their name to distance themselves from their 'strong German names' They kept lowkey. Nayana

Why do people migrate?

Our family migrated to Australia from Timor-Leste in 2018. My family came to Australia because my parents loved the education system that Australia has and wanted us to study and experience the good life that Australia offers. Alana

My mum came to Australia in 1989 to Sydney from New Zealand. My mum came to Australia to start a new life. Jaxson



### *A Royal Occassion*

We spent a very proper afternoon sipping 'tea', nibbling biscuits and painting official portraits for the coronation of King Charles III. The official portrait gallery can be seen outside our classroom.











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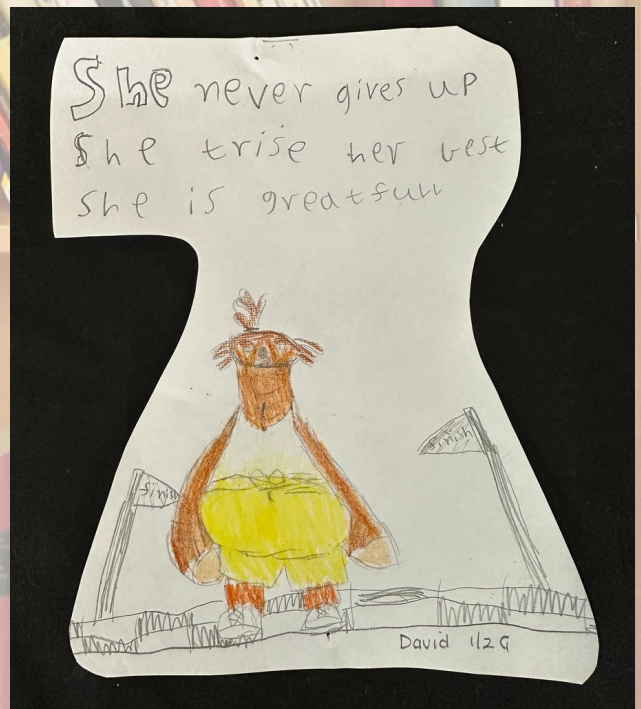
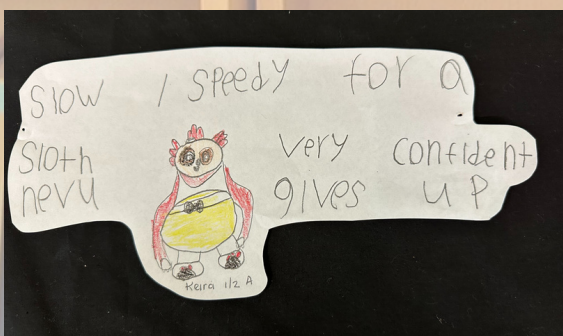
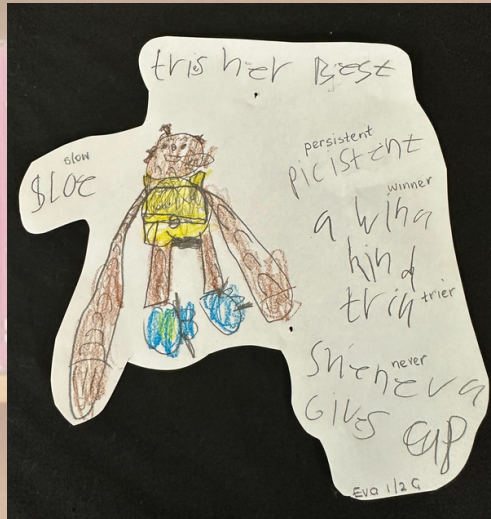
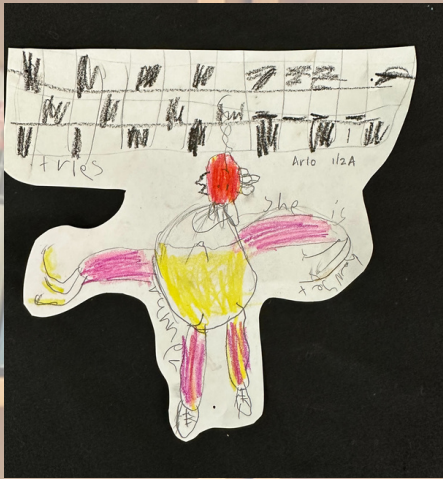
Celebrating 50 years

# LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

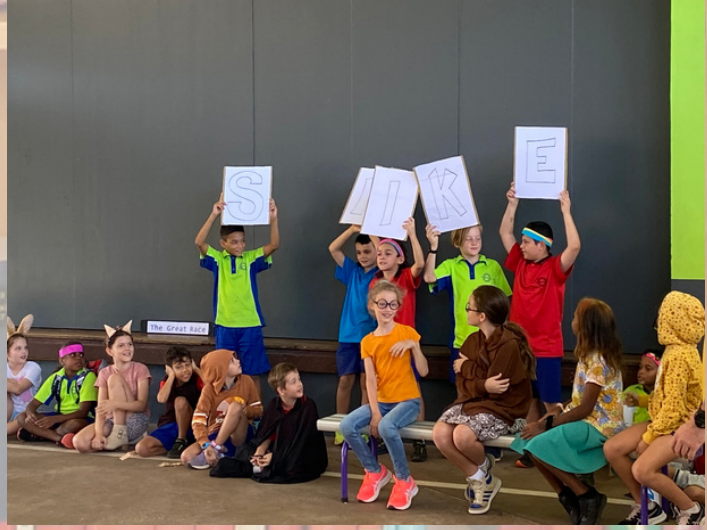
## LIBRARY WITH MS WONG

Each year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in schools, libraries and many other places around Australia to promote the value of reading and literacy.

This year, our Early Years classes gathered to read *The Speedy Sloth* by Rebecca Young and Heath McKenzie, presented by their teachers and Year 3/4 Mairou. After the reading of the book, students wrote about the main character, Spike.









# 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

\$5815.

**THANK YOU!**





# JUNE/JULY 2023 VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Please put a check mark on the day/s your child will be attending Vacation Care each week.

Monday	Yes /No	Tuesday	Yes /No	Wednesday	Yes/ No	Thursday	Yes /No	Friday	Yes /No
26 June		27 June		28 June		29 June		30 June	
03 July		04 July		05 July		06 July		07 July	
10 July		11 July		12 July		13 July		14 July	
17 July									

Please sign  
Permission  
Form

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_











By completing this form, I acknowledge that I am aware that days booked must be paid for, whether children attend or not.

ALL DAYS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A PERMISSION FORM.  
ONCE YOU HAVE CONFIRMED YOUR DATES, THE PERMISSION FORMS WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<p>Monday, 26 June</p>  <p><b>Holiday AFL session</b> Training course run by AFLNT at 10-11am</p>	<p>Tuesday, 27 June</p>  <p><b>Holiday AFL session</b> Training course run by AFLNT at 10-11am</p>	<p>Wednesday, 28 June</p>  <p><b>Show and tell</b> Bring your favorite toy to show your friends</p>	<p>Thursday, 29 June</p>  <p><b>Excursion</b> We are going to MAGNT with Anula OSHC at 10am</p>	<p>Friday, 30 June</p>  <p><b>Make Sushi</b> Let's learn about different yummy cultural foods</p>
<p>Monday, 03 July</p>  <p><b>Gardening fun and Craft Day</b> Create fun projects using recycled milk bottles</p>	<p>Tuesday, 04 July</p>  <p><b>Movie Day at OSHC</b> Enjoy the movie and popcorn with your friends at OSHC</p>	<p>Wednesday, 05 July</p>  <p><b>Asthma Program</b> Asthma foundation will come to tell how you can help a mate at 11am</p>	<p>Thursday, 06 July</p>  <p><b>Pajama Party</b> Let us have a pajama party Pillow Fight and yummy food</p>	<p>Friday, 07 July</p>  <p><b>Bike Day</b> Bring your own bike and helmet to come and have fun at OSHC</p>

Monday, 10 July



**Scavenger/Treasure Hunt**

We are hunting for the lost Wagaman OSHC treasure

Tuesday, 11 July



**Excursion**

Picnic at the park with Anula OSHC at 10am

Wednesday, 12 July



**Ho Ho Ho**

Great opportunity to celebrate Christmas in July at OSHC

Thursday, 13 July



**Technology Day**

Bring your own technology to OSHC to connect with your friends

Friday, 14 July



**Science Fun Day**

Make a lava lamp, burping bag and salt crystal painting

Monday, 17 July



**Camping at OSHC**

We will make kangaroo stew and damper

Tuesday 18 July



**School Day**

Term 3

Wednesday, 19 July



**School Day**

Term 3

Thursday, 20 July



**School Day**

Term 3

Friday, 21 July



**School Day**

Term 3

# Enrolments now open for OSHC!



**\$32 per day**

No added charge for incursions & excursions



**After School Care**

**2:30 - 6:00PM**

**Book your child's place.**

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

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## 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!

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IDEAS IN NUTRITION

### To Snack or Not to Snack

Your child is constantly snacking but never wants to eat when it's time for a meal? This is not unusual or anything you have done wrong. These days we often hear of a similar experience from parents. How can you break the cycle? We recommend starting "time to get hungry"

#### What is time to get hungry?

Time to get hungry is having breaks between meals/snacks that are around 2-3 hours. Children have small stomachs so they do need to eat often in the day. But if they are eating constantly they might start to get confused about what hungry feels like. Try offering food and then telling children they need to wait 2-3 hours until their next meal or snack.

We would love to hear how you go with this. If you would like to get in touch email [nutritiondarwinurban.doh@nt.gov.au](mailto:nutritiondarwinurban.doh@nt.gov.au)



CENTRE FOR DISEASE CONTROL | Head Lice Advice

### Take a peek, ONCE A WEEK



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



# COMMUNITY NOTICES



**Alawa Scout Group**  
65 Lakeside Drive, Alawa, NT

## Join Scouts

Age Group: 5 to 14 Years

Contact: [gl.alawa@nt.scouts.com.au](mailto:gl.alawa@nt.scouts.com.au)

### Digital App Health Check

To support staff to deliver innovative technology in a safe environment, the department is providing an app 'health check'. All apps in use that collect private or sensitive information will be given a rating to guide safe use.

Low risk    Medium risk    High risk

You can now log in to eLearn to check the status of your apps.

### The Digital Applications Catalogue

A catalogue of assessed apps is now available on eLearn

<b>Microsoft Teams</b> Collaboration and online meeting and conferencing. Core	<b>Compass Education</b> School and student management system. Integrated user choice Medium risk	<b>StudyLadder</b> Online learning resource for students and their teachers. Guided user choice Low risk	<b>Class Creator</b> Currently under assessment. New Innovative Emerging	<b>Edmodo</b> Company has shut down Edmodo. No Go! off limits
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Use department provided CORE apps as a preference and where required

INTEGRATED and GUIDED apps have been assessed as having a level of risk - you may use them, but must adhere to the Conditions of Use

NEW apps are still being reviewed and assessed

NO GO apps must NOT be used. Plan to transition to an approved app

If you are using an app not yet included in the catalogue, submit it for assessment.

**Digital Applications Policy**  
The Policy details requirements for the use of digital applications. This approach aims to lower risk and support staff.

**What needs to be checked?**  
Any app, system, tool, or online service accessed on a digital device that captures private or sensitive information, e.g. apps that collect student information or allow students to interact with others or require downloads.

**More information**  
For more info on the Digital Applications Policy scan the QR code or log in to eLearn and search 'Digital Applications'.

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# Harmony Sairee

SATURDAY | 27 MAY 2023 | 4:30 - 9PM  
DARWIN WATERFRONT

Join Darwin's multicultural communities for fun-filled activities, delicious food and colourful dancing performances.

At twilight, release your decorated lantern into the lagoon and watch as it floats away at sunset.



DCA    MCNT Multicultural Council OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY    DARWIN WATERFRONT    NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT