



wagaman
primary school

Making a Difference

Newsletter

Term 3, Week 2, July 27, 2023



WE'RE READING FROM

27TH JULY

TO

25TH AUGUST

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS:

Thu 27 July

- School Fun Read Launch

Fri 28 July

- Darwin Show - Public Holiday
No School

Thu 03 Aug

- Wagaman Warriors AFL - Rd 1

Mon 07 Aug

- Picnic Day - Public Holiday
No School

Tue 08 Aug

- Learning Conferences

Wed 09 Aug

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to Wagaman over the past two weeks. I hope you have all been enjoying the fabulous dry season weather. A very special welcome to our new families.

This term we have welcomed Ms Courtney Noall who is teaching in the preschool for the next 6 months. Ms Courtney has most recently taught preschool Kalkaringi school. We are excited to welcome her to Wagaman. Ms Vavlas and Ms Vinu are both on long service leave. Ms Vavlas is due back on Monday 14th August and Ms Vinu is due back at school on Monday 28th August. Mrs Crystal Guppy is teaching 5/6 Vavlas and Mrs Natalie Morrissey is teaching 1/2 Vinu. It is great to welcome them both to Wagaman.

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REMINDER

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

This week has been particularly busy. Ms Lesley Colling has been working hard over the past 6 months to coordinate the Radical Writer's Festival. The festival day was held on Tuesday at Dripstone Middle School. About 200 students from various Darwin schools, including Wagaman came together for the day to participate in writing workshops run by ten different published authors and song writers. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students.



Also, on Tuesday our Year 1/2 students travelled to the Darwin Entertainment Centre to watch the stage performance of "Possum Magic". I was lucky enough to accompany them and it was an awesome performance.

Yesterday, many of our upper primary students participated in the Darwin Regional Athletics carnival. They represented our school well and had a great day. A big thank you to Ms Elley and Ms Angie for coordinating this team.



On Wednesday, we had staff from the Department of Education visit our preschool and take photos. These photos will be used in the updated preschool curriculum which will be published for all schools. It is an exciting opportunity for people to see the wonderful learning opportunities available in our preschool.

Our wonderful music teacher, Ms Sian Edeson has decided to pursue some opportunities outside of schools in 2024. This means that unfortunately she will not be working at Wagaman next year. We look forward to seeing her new adventures. We will be working to recruit a music teacher for 2024 over the coming 6 months.

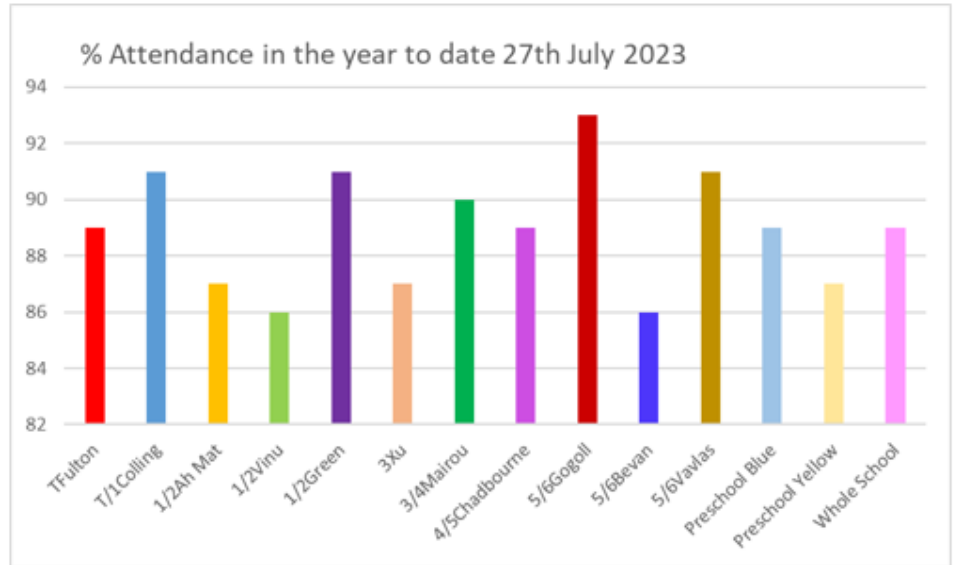
This week, we have sent home contact details. Please take the time to review these and if any details have changed, please update them on the form and return to the front office so we can ensure our records are up to date.

Our whole school attendance has continued to be 89% for the year to date. We have 6 classes with attendance of 90% or more for the year so far.



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



Looking forward to connecting with you at school

Kind Regards
Mandy McKinnon

CONGRATULATIONS

to Kendra, who competed
in the BMX National
Series in NSW during the
school holidays.





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We're excited to announce that we are holding a Fun Read as our major fundraiser this year. We have launched the fundraising today!

Students are bringing home sponsorship forms today, so please keep a look out in their school bags!

This year we are really hoping to raise \$5,000, which will pay for security upgrades around our school. So, we would love all families to participate.

Simply create a profile at www.funread.com.au. This will generate a fundraising link that you can share with family and friends.

Students who raise \$10 or more will receive a reward, and the more money you raise the better the reward, and the more you help the school!

If you have any questions about fundraising, please contact the Front Office.

Thanks for supporting the school happy reading!

CLICK HERE

to register



LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

RADICAL WRITER'S FESTIVAL

On Tuesday, a group of students participated in the first Radical Writer's Festival.

Students from schools around Darwin had the opportunity to work with authors in creative writing workshops.

At the presentations, Vhanna received the Encouragement Award for Year 5-9 Creative Publishing and Izzy received the Encouragement Award for Year 4 short story.

A huge thank you to Ms Colling who lead the organisation of this event.



The Writer's Festival was amazing! We met multiple talented writers, songwriters and authors. We received 3 different coloured armbands for each workshop we can go to. It was incredible to listen to their tips, it was very inspiring. They motivated me to continue songwriting and maybe become an author. We met Sara Storer, Barry Johnsburg and Leon Norrison. I was one of the hosts for the festival and I was very proud to represent my school and receive my award for my entry, "My perspective of the rain."

I felt very shocked and excited when I got the creative publishing encouragement award. So, parents if your child loves to write please encourage them to join this competition because you never know!

By Vhanna



The radical writer's competition was really exciting. I couldn't wait! We did workshops and I definitely learned a lot from the authors and illustrators. When I received an award, I felt speechless and now that I have some new skills up my sleeve I feel confident that with hard work and persistence I can achieve further goals and write for bookworms like me.

By Izzy



LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

DARWIN REGIONAL ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all our primary students who represented our school at the Darwin Regional Athletics carnival.

It was great to see all our students showing our school agreements of participation and personal best!



LEARNING CONFERENCES



WEEK 4

Dear Parents/Carers

Learning Conferences will be held on Tuesday 8th August – Wednesday 9th August 2023 at Wagaman Primary School. **Bookings for this event will close at 6pm on 7th August.**

For parents that do not have internet access, contact the Front Office from Thursday 27th July 2023. Interviews are strictly 10 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code **q9qvq**

CLICK HERE



Enter your details and add your email address



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH** your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. *If you have not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling.* Update your details if email address is incorrect.

DO NOT DELETE the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- OR return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

WAGAMAN SENIOR CHOIR WILL PERFORM WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

Tickets are now on sale via the
Darwin Entertainment Centre!

Wagaman Choir performs on Wednesday the 6th of
September. Book early – shows do sell out!

The NT Music School and the BEAT Foundation present

Courage

THE 2023 BEAT FESTIVAL

the NT Schools Annual Performing Arts Showcase

6-7-8 September

DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

NT Music School Northern Territory Government www.ntms.net.au BEAT Foundation DARWIN

https://www.yourcentre.com.au/#!/events/-N_D5jsG3p8TXIDnZr7q/

COMMUNITY NOTICES



COME & TRY TENNIS

A fun event for students with disabilities, regardless of tennis ability. Students will participate in a range of inclusive and team-based activities to build confidence and sport specific skills. [Register Now!](#)

LOCATION Darwin Tennis Centre
 DATE Saturday 19 August 2023
 TIME 10:00am to 12:00pm
 CONTACT TNT - tennisnt@tennis.com.au
 MOBILE 0406 376 501



— Your Health Link —

National Photographic Competition

HEALTHY LIFE HEALTHY YOU

Competition opens
19 August 2023

SAVE THE DATE

The Mid North Coast Local Health District will open its 2023 Your Health Link National Photographic Competition on World Photography Day 19 August, 2023.

Primary and high school students are encouraged to get ready to grab their mobile phones, tablet or trusty camera and capture images that promote 'Healthy Life Healthy You' for a chance to win a range of great prizes.

Schools are also the big winners with prizes supporting healthy school canteen programs.

For further information contact:
 Tiffany Ball
 National Competition Manager
MNCLHD-YourHealthLink@health.nsw.gov.au



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ALL WELCOME

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

MUSIC • STALLS • FOOD • GAMES
 ELDER'S STORYTIME • CULTURE • FUN

**SUNDAY
 6TH AUGUST
 10AM-1PM
 LEANYER
 RECREATION PARK**

FOR MORE INFO OR TO BE INVOLVED CONTACT:
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