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primary school

Making a Difference

Newsletter

Term 3, Week 4, Aug 10,
2023

School Survey 2023 Closes 26 August

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS:

Fri 11 Aug

- Assembly - 4/5 Chadbourne

Tue 15 Aug

- School Council Meeting 5.45pm

Wed 16 Aug

- Dripstone Middle School Parent Information Session 5.30pm-6.30pm

Fri 18 Aug

- 5/6 Volleyball Gala Day

Tue 22 Aug

- Early Years Bedtime Stories 5.00pm-6.00pm

Fri 25 Aug

- Assembly - 3 Xu
- Book Week Dress-up

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the halfway point of the term already. It has been a pleasure to take on the role of Acting Principal recently while Mrs McKinnon has been on leave. At this stage she will be returning to school, on Monday 21st August.

Our major fundraising event, [School Fun Read](#), has begun. Students are in the reading phase of the event. Teachers are encouraging students to read during silent reading time and keep up to date with their log. Children can record their home readers, books read from our school library or any other reading material at home. Whilst raising important funds for our school, this event is also about having children fall in love with reading. We've had a promising start, [raising \\$2,135](#). Thank you to everyone who has already raised money online. There's still a couple of more weeks to go, so please create an online profile and start fundraising. This year, our fundraising will be going towards upgrading the security around our school.

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REMINDER

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

This week, we held Learning Conferences. It was wonderful to see so many students discussing their learning with their parents, supported by their teachers. If you missed this semester's Learning Conferences, please contact your child's teacher to organise another time to meet.

Last Thursday, our Wagaman Warriors AFL team had their first match of the season against Nakara Primary School. Our team were persistent and everyone gave their personal best. It was a very close game with Nakara winning by 4 points. This Thursday, our team will be playing Holy Family Catholic Primary School at Wagaman, so come down and support them. A big thanks to Ms Elley and Mr Brod for their coordination this season.



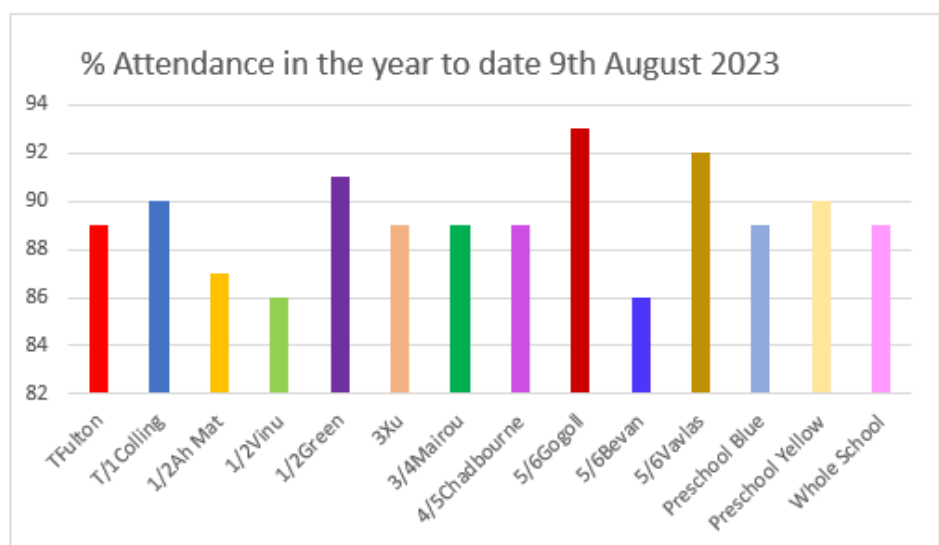
On Tuesday, our Learning Commissioners presented their midway pitch at Jingili Primary School. This year our commissioners are exploring the question of how we can engage students to improve their comprehension in reading.



Today, our Year 6 students had the opportunity to spend the day at Dripstone Middle School for their orientation day. The students got to experience life at middle school, with the highlight of the day being able to make a purchase at the canteen!

Our whole school attendance is tracking at 89% for the year to date. We have 5 classes with attendance of 90% or more for the year so far.

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



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.

Don't forget the annual School Survey is now open. Please take the time to complete the survey - there is a link below. Your responses are used to inform school improvements and ensure we meet the needs of our school community.

Kind Regards

Dane Russell
Acting Principal

HAVE YOU COMPLETED THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL SURVEY?



to access the parent survey
for 2023.



School Survey 2023

8–25 August

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

The annual School Survey is your opportunity to share your experiences with your school and its education services to celebrate success and identify opportunities for improvement.

It's confidential, easy to access and takes 10–20 minutes to complete.

Please contact your school to access your School Survey.

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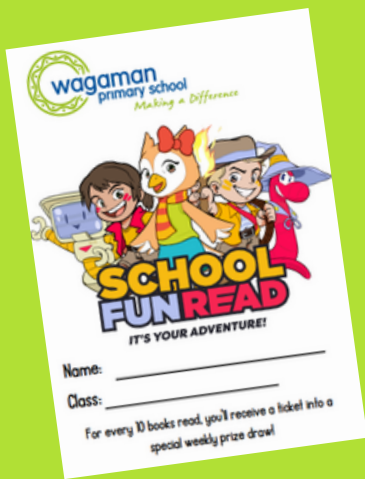
SCHOOL FUN READ



We have started our Fun Read!

It is time for students to start recording the books they read on their bookmark.

When students have read 10 books, hand your bookmark into the office to receive a ticket into our special weekly prize draws.



Students will also receive a new reading log to record other books read. For every 10 books read, they will receive a ticket into the prize draws.

Students will spend time reading each day and we encourage them to also read at home.

Currently, we have raised \$2,360 of our \$5,000 goal. To everyone that has raised funds – THANK YOU. For anyone that has not yet, we would love for you to consider doing so before time runs out.

To create a fundraising page, go to www.funread.com.au

[CLICK HERE](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

Total Enrolment:

280

Children With a Profile:

85

Children Raising Money Online:

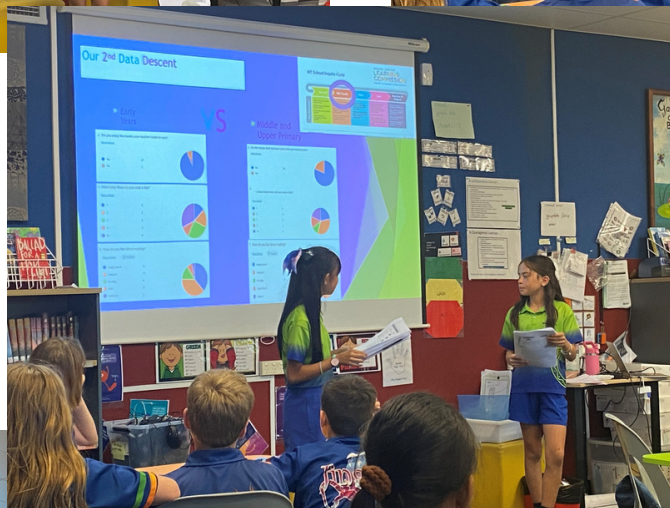
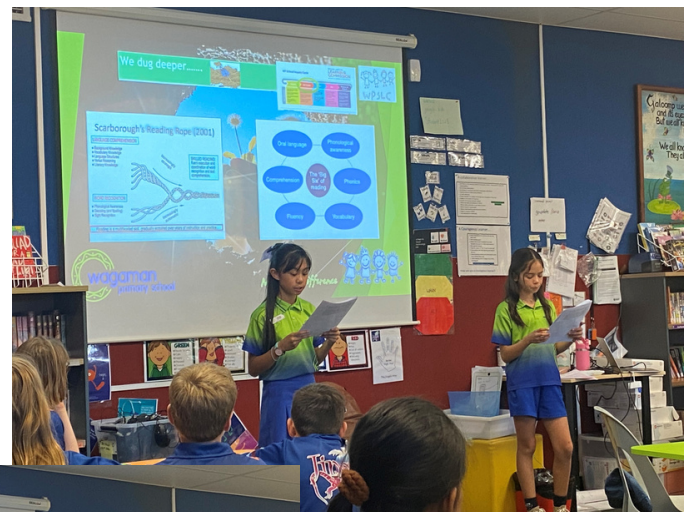
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LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

LEARNING COMMISSION

On Tuesday, our Learning Commission visited Jingili Primary School for their Midway Pitch. They were joined by commissioners from Jingili and Wanguri Primary Schools. Each school shared where they are on their journey, giving and receiving feedback to each other.

This year, our Learning Commissioners are wondering, *how we can engage students to improve comprehension in reading.*



LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

TRANSITION FULTON

On Tuesday, Transition Fulton made gingerbread men.

We have been learning about doubles in Maths and we wanted enough gingerbread men for everyone in the class so we doubled the recipe.

After doubling the recipe we needed:

- 6 cups of flour
- 8 tablespoons of golden syrup
- 4 teaspoons of ground ginger
- 2 cups of sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup of butter

It was easy to double the recipe except for working out what double a half was!

There was so much dough, it was a two-handed job to stir! Declan, Matteo and Ava worked hard.



It was fun rolling out the dough and cutting out the gingerbread men, but the best part was eating them!



LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

5/6 BEVAN

Last week, upper primary students were treated to an incursion from Australian Earth Science Education, whose Education Officer, Lachlan Hallet took them through a science inquiry on the topic of Light.

The students learnt about ultraviolet light, the effectiveness of sunscreen and sun safe clothing, and the way white light is split into the colours of the spectrum.

The students had fun observing the world through defraction glasses. They found the presentation very informative and engaging.



Defraction glasses exposing a world of colour in the fluorescent lights.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION?

THANK YOU!

A message from Wagaman School Council

We would like to remind you of the importance of making the voluntary parent contribution to Wagaman Primary School. Your contribution is essential in supporting the educational programs and initiatives that make our school a safe and positive learning environment for all students.

This year, the school council has decided to allocate the funds towards enhancing the safety of our school during and outside of school hours. Our goal is to add additional security features that will provide an extra layer of protection for our students and staff. This investment will not only provide peace of mind but will also help us to deter and detect any potential threats to our school community.

We thank you for your ongoing support of our school community and for helping to ensure the safety and well-being of our students.

- 1 child = \$60
- 2 children = \$50 each
- 3 children or more = \$40 each
- Preschool = \$50 per term



at the school's Front Office

PAY ONLINE



Account: Wagaman School Council
BSB: 035-306
Account: 930622
Ref: child or children's name

So far this year, our families have contributed **\$7,085**



Book Character Parade



Come dressed as your favourite book character!

Friday 25th August 2023

8:30am



ORDER FORM



Pictureplates

This year, Wagaman Preschool is fundraising through Pictureproducts, where your child's unique artwork can be transformed into a durable, high-quality melamine Pictureplate that will last a lifetime.

Both decorative and useful, Pictureplates are beautiful. Children love eating off their very own Pictureplate, and as the years go by and they grow up and have their own families, their Pictureplate will bring back memories of those happy childhood years.

Collect a template from the office to complete at home, and you can have as many copies made as you'd like, so it's a fantastic gift idea for grandparents and other family members.

All families at Wagaman Primary School are invited to make an order. Please fill out this form and return with payment by Friday, 1st September 2023.



Banking Information

Name: Wagaman Primary School Council
BSB: 035 306
Account: 930 622
Description: Student Name – Pictureplate



Child's name: _____

Parent's name: _____

Parent's phone: _____

Class: _____

Payment can be made by cash, EFTPOS at the Front Office or Direct Debit (see above for banking details).

	Qty	Unit Pricing	Total \$
Pictureplate		\$30	
Total amount			



Wagaman



Bedtime Stories

Wear your pyjamas, bring a teddy, snuggle up and listen to some bedtime stories at our library! All Early Years classes from Preschool to Year 2 are invited to come along with their family to join in this special event to celebrate Book Week. Milo and cookies will be served in the courtyard after story time.

When: Tuesday 22nd August 2023

Time: 5.00pm to 6:00pm

Where: Library and Courtyard Area



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FATHER'S DAY FUN

SEPTEMBER 1ST

From 2pm, our early years classes invite you to come along to an afternoon of fun.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Wagaman Senior Choir will perform
Wednesday 6th September



Tickets are now on sale
via the Darwin
Entertainment Centre!

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

NTMS Northern Territory Government Darwin Entertainment Centre Darwin

www.ntms.net.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES

2023 DRIPSTONE SCIENCE FAIR

ENERGY CHALLENGE • PROJECT DISPLAYS



national SCIENCE WEEK 2023



DRIPSTONE MIDDLE SCHOOL MALL
TUESDAY 15TH OF AUGUST 2023
4.00PM - 5.30PM



An Australian Government Initiative



 national science week 2023

Inspiring
AUSTRALIA



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Young Territory Author Awards



Write and create a book and you could be the 2023 Young Territory Author of the Year.

The competition is open to all Territorians 18 years and under residing in the Northern Territory at the time of entering the book.

First Prize of \$500
School Entry Prize of \$500
CBCA NT Wow Award of \$200

Enter online, by mail or drop into any City of Darwin Library.

Entries close Sunday 27 August 2023

To learn more,
visit darwin.nt.gov.au/ytaa
or scan QR code.



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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Fiction for Years
7-9



Fiction for
Older Readers



2023 SHORT LIST

Fiction for
Younger Readers



Picture Story
Books



Vote now for your favourite Aussie kids books

- Lots of prizes to be won!
- Voting closes:

Monday 2nd October 2023

Winning books announced at the KROC Party

- **Friday 6 October at 2.30pm, Casuarina Library**

Pick up a voting form at your school or local library. Vote online →

Vote for your chance to win!

