



wagaman
primary school
Making a Difference

Newsletter

Term 4, Week 2
Oct 19, 2023



Week 4
Mon 30th Oct -
Fri 3rd Nov

Early Years
Swimming Weeks 5 - 6



IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS:

Fri 20 Oct

- Assembly - Tr Fulton Hosting

Wed 25 Oct

- Afterschool Netball Competition Begins

Thu 26 - Fri 27 Oct

- Learning Commission - Book Swap

Fri 27 Oct

- World Teachers Day



Wed 1 Nov

- Preschool Bike-A-Thon
Blue Group 8:30 - 9:30am
Yellow Group 12:30 - 1:30pm

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to the final school term for 2023. It is great to see everyone back at school. Our students have been enjoying the extra shade that is now available. Over the holidays we had four shade sails and structures installed. One was installed in the Preschool and 3 more were installed in Area 1. Our teachers had a busy Professional Learning Day on Monday 9th October. Staff spent the day reviewing our whole school data and beginning to plan our 2024 school improvement priorities.



 08 8922 6011

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REMINDER

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

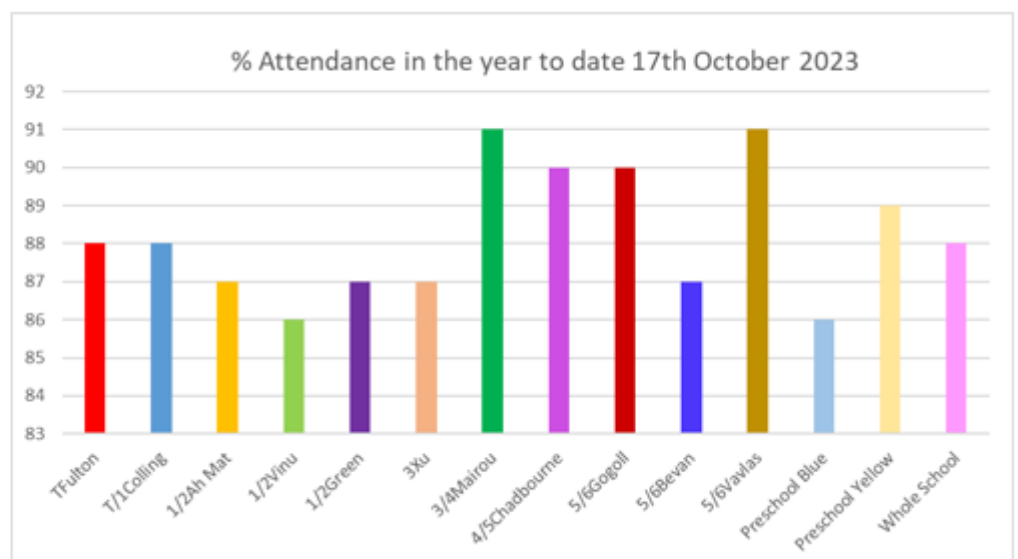
In the last newsletter, I informed everyone about the student wellbeing grant we received from the federal government. As part of this, last week our classes began working with a therapy dog from “Mind Your Paws.” Two classes will work with the dog and handler each Friday. In Week 6, classes will participate in nutrition and cooking lessons with a trained dietitian and teacher. Each class from T – 6 will have a two-hour lesson. In March next year, we have booked Sean Choolburra to perform at Wagaman. Sean is a former Bangarra dancer and comedian. He has performed at many schools and weaves his blend of traditional dance, didgeridoo, storytelling, knowledge and humour to captivate audiences of all ages. Sean is also the voice of Maynard on Bluey. We are all looking forward to these student wellbeing activities.



We have welcomed Ms Ariana and Ms Ashleigh to Wagaman this term. They are Occupational Therapy students who are in the final year of their course at Charles Darwin University. This term they will be working at Wagaman each Wednesday and Thursday in our Early Years. They will carry out classroom observations, assessments and small group therapy sessions. They will also provide strategies that our teachers will be able to use to support students in classes. Last year, we received an Allied Health grant that is funding their placement supervision by an Occupational Therapist. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and teachers and supports us in the provision of targeted adjustments and supports to assist our students’ learning.

Our [whole school attendance](#) is currently tracking at [88%](#) for the year to date. We have 4 classes with attendance of 90% or more for the year so far. Please ensure you contact the school to notify us if your child is absent.

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



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 now taking enrolments for 2024 in all year levels. If you have a preschool aged child or know someone who is looking for a great school for their children in 2024, please contact the front office to schedule an enrolment interview time.

It is vital that we know our enrolment numbers for 2024 so that we can ensure we are appropriately staffed. If your children will not be returning to Wagaman in 2024, please let us know as soon as possible.

Kind Regards

Mandy McKinnon
Principal



How can you have opportunities to have a say in the direction of our school?



School Survey 2023

8–25 August



YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Parents are encouraged to join our school council or attend our meetings as a guest. Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 5.45pm.



**IMPORTANT
MESSAGE**

2024 INTENTIONS

If your child/ren will not be returning to Wagaman in 2024, please let us know by phoning the school office 89226011 or sending an email to wagaman.school@education.nt.gov.au.

Please let us know what school your child/ren will attend.

Classes for 2024 will be finalised in the final weeks of Term 4. If you wish us to give consideration to special requests for your child's placement, please email the Principal, mandy.mckinnon@education.nt.gov.au.



ENROL NOW FOR 2024
Preschool

A small school,
Making a Difference

08 8922 6011

wagamanprimary.nt.edu.au



**Apply
Now!**

secure your child's place!

LEARNING SPOTLIGHT MUSIC

From the recording studio!

As part of our 50th Birthday celebrations, we launched the Wagaman Primary School Song. Following on from this, our very talented Year 3 Xu visited the NT Music School recording studio to create a professional copy for us to sing along with at all of our important events. It was so much fun hearing our voices through the headphones and we hope you enjoy the finished product!





BOOKS NEEDED!

BOOK SWAP

The Learning Commission need you to donate good quality books.

Drop off books in the collection tubs at the front of the school by the 25th of October.



LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

YEAR 5/6 VAVLAS

This term students in 5/6 Vavlas are excited to use skills learnt throughout the year to embark on personal inquiries. Students will be investigating topics that interest them. Personal inquiries promote critical thinking, problem-solving, and tap into students' curiosity and passions. They encourage reflection and metacognition, as students think about their learning process. The students have had some wonderings and fine-tuned their inquiry questions. They are excited to now begin their learning!

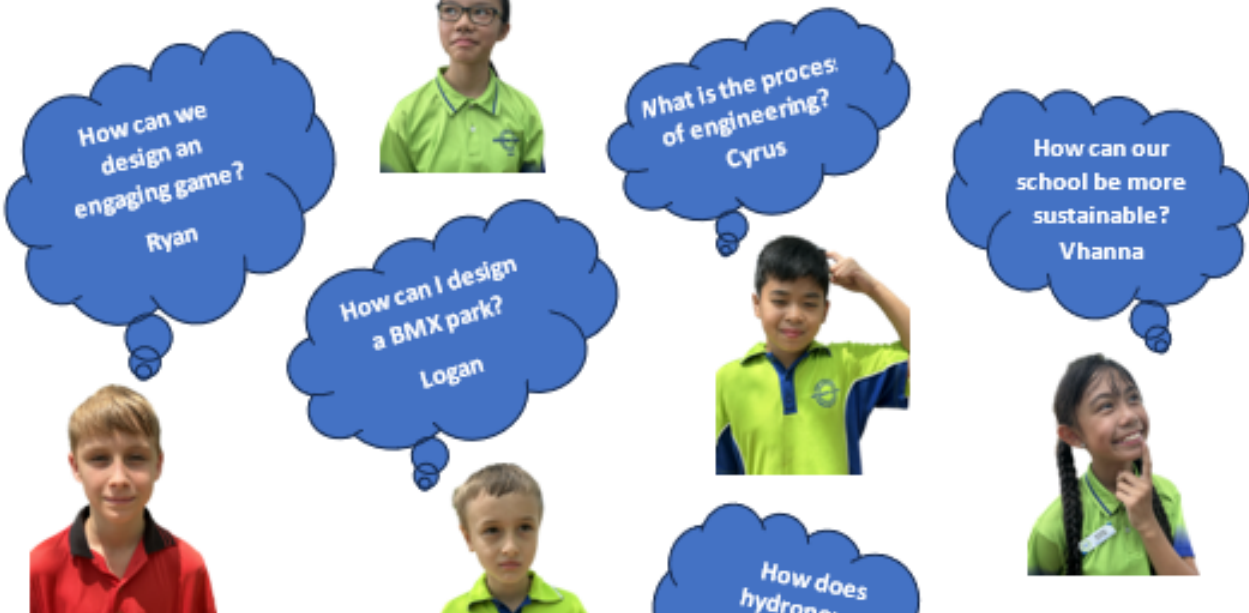


How can you solve a mystery?
Annelise

How do video games affect children's wellbeing?
Malcolm

How can I plan a family holiday on a budget?
Tilly

What are the steps that music composer take to create music?
Cai-Zhen



How can we design an engaging game?
Ryan

How can I design a BMX park?
Logan

What is the process of engineering?
Cyrus

How can our school be more sustainable?
Vhanna



How do trees produce oxygen?
Nicole

Why are guns still allowed in America?
Elsie

How does hydropower work?
Satine

How can I master different egg cooking techniques?
Jessie

When I get my drivers licence how can I look after my car? Rick



How did Michael Jackson inspire other artists? Samantha



How can I improve my origami skills? Ruby



How can we design an engaging game? Shannon



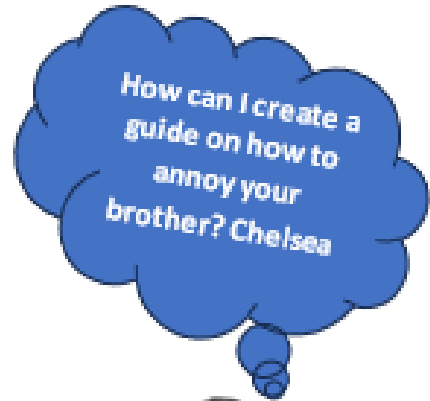
How can I make money by creating games with code? Henry



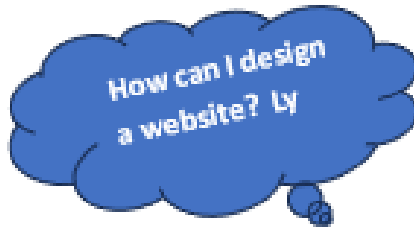
How can I learn to make bracelets? Ally



How can I create a guide on how to annoy your brother? Chelsea



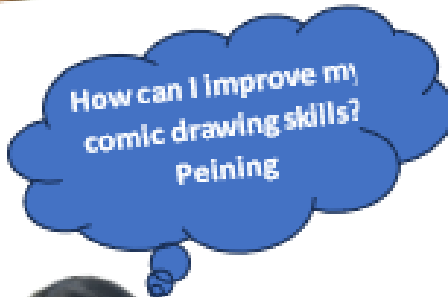
How can I design a website? Ly



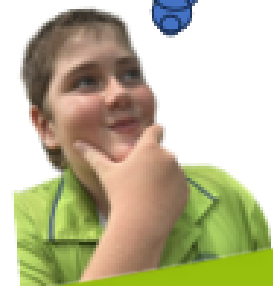
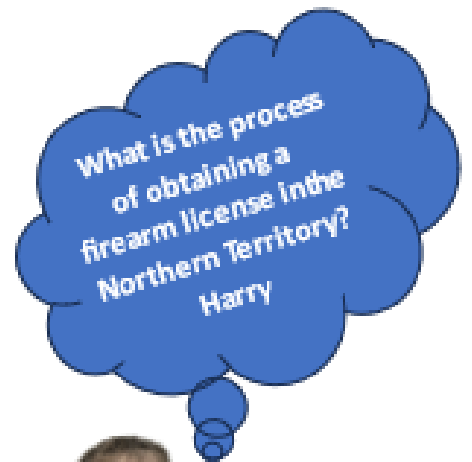
How can I design the perfect neighbourhood? Cleo



How can I improve my comic drawing skills? Peining



What is the process of obtaining a firearm license in the Northern Territory? Harry



HAVE YOU PAID YOUR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION?



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.

\$8,000

\$7,000

\$6,000

\$5,000

1 child = \$60

2 children = \$50 each

3 children or more = \$40 each

Preschool = \$50 per term



at the school's Front Office

Account: Wagaman School Council

BSB: 035-306

Account: 930622

Ref: child or children's name

PAY ONLINE



THANK YOU!

So far this year, our families have contributed **\$7,464**



END OF YEAR HAMPERS

Donations required

Wagaman Primary has a tradition of raffling great prizes for our End of Year Raffle.

Bring in products (BIG or small) to add to the hampers. Items may include; toys, non-perishable foods or Christmas items. If you have a business you may like to donate a voucher or sponsor a gift voucher to give as a prize.

We will send home raffle tickets next week. If you can sell extra tickets, contact the front office

Our Hampers will be drawn at our Presentation Assembly on Tuesday 12th December.

Last year we made a few hampers and had some great vouchers for several lucky families.

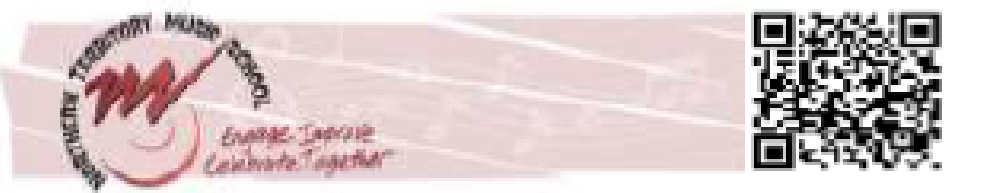
Thank you for your support



OUR FIRST DONATION

**A big Thank You
to Joana Pratt from
Filtered water coolers
NT for donating a
water cooler to our
school raffle.**

SCHOOL NOTICES



IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN LEARNING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT OR SINGING?

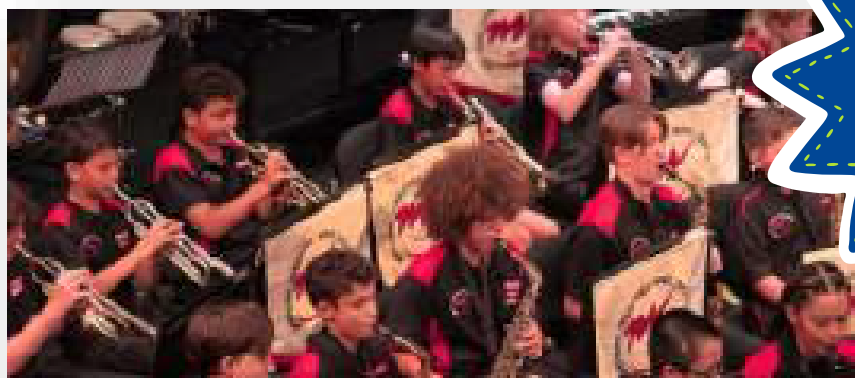
Enrolment applications are now open for new and continuing students in the NT Music School's 2024 Instrumental and Choir Program. Instrumental lessons are offered during school hours for students in Year 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 on flute, clarinet, saxophone, guitar, trumpet, trombone and percussion. Lessons are free with a \$100 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 to secure your interest at
www.ntms.net.au

**Applications close
Friday 1 December 2023**

Should you require further assistance phone the

NT Music School on **8963 5550**.



SCHOOL NOTICES

BOOK FAIR

Week 4

Monday 30th Oct - Friday 3rd Nov



Visit our school library and view the exciting books available for purchase

REMINDER

Pack your hat and water bottle, every day.



SCHOOL NOTICES

Spriggy Schools

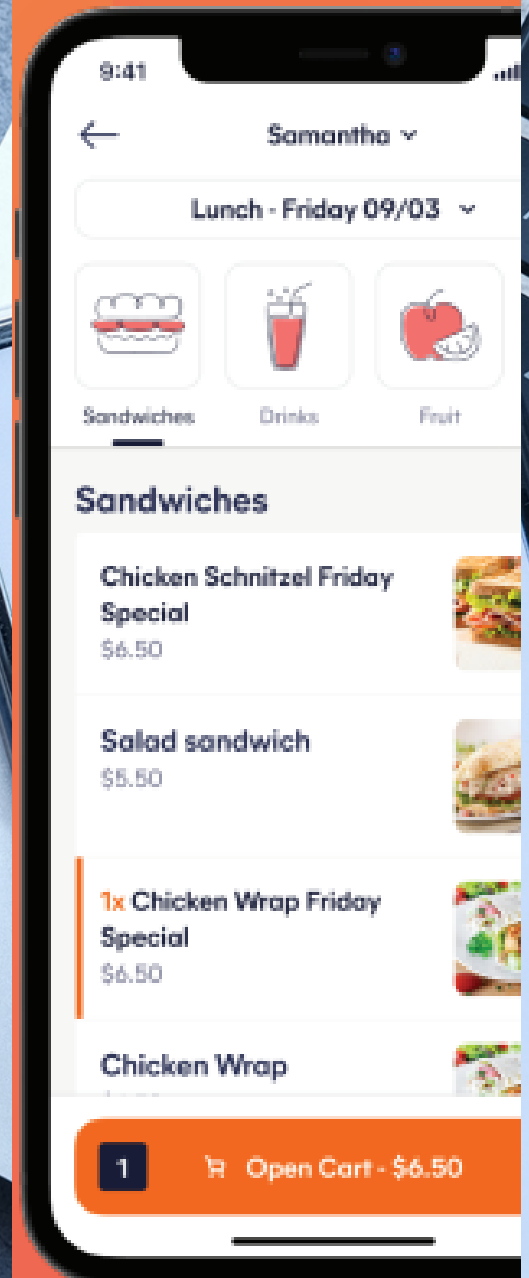
The canteen has
partnered with
Spriggy Schools for
online lunch orders!

Creating your account

- Download the app
- Register your details
- Create a profile for each child

Placing your first order

- View the canteen menu on the home screen
- Browse the menu and tap 'Add to Cart' on any item
- Go to cart and tap 'Place Order' to confirm
- You can edit or cancel your order before the cut-off time



Download the app now!



COMMUNITY NOTICES



IN THE WET TEAM NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

STARTS OCT. 13

14-WEEK SEASON FOR U6 – U11s

\$175.00 FULL SEASON | \$140.00 HALF SEASON

\$140.00 FULL SEASON EARLY BIRD

FRIDAY NIGHT UNDER LIGHTS AT DARWIN FOOTBALL STADIUM



Meet new
team mates

Have fun with
your friends

Keep up
your skills



FOR MORE INFORMATION: PAULA.DACOSTA@FOOTBALLNT.COM.AU

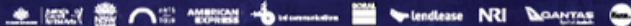


THU 9 NOV 9:30am & 5:30pm
FRI 10 NOV 9:30am

WARU

Journey of the Small Turtle

bangarra
DANCE THEATRE



Bangarra's first dedicated work for children is a beautiful introduction to Torres Strait Islander culture for 3-7 year olds.

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AusBike

AGES 5 - 12



A new national program, designed by Australia's peak cycling body, AusCycling, is running at Darwin Velodrome.

AusBike gives kids the essential skills to experience the freedom, fun and adventure of life on a bike.

AusBikers are safe & active kids!
Our accredited coaches will help build your child's competence and confidence on two wheels...and who knows where their love of riding will take them?!



REGISTER NOW

The AusBike program has been developed with the support of the Australian Government through the Australian Sports Commission

