



wagaman
primary school

Making a Difference

Newsletter

**Term 3, Week 8, Sept 07
2023**



IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS:

Wed 6 Sept - Fri 8 Sept

- 5/6 Katherine Camp - Group 2

Fri 8 Sept

- 3/4 Mairou Assembly

Tue 12 Sept

- T Fulton Excursion

Wed 13 Sept

- T/1 Colling Excursion

Fri 15 Sept

- Inquiry Learning Sharing Morning

Thu 21 Sept

- Dripstone Middle School Young Achievers Day

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been wonderful to be back at Wagaman over the past two weeks. We have again had a very busy fortnight. Our Year 5/6 students who attended camp last week enjoyed their experience and our second group are currently in Katherine having a fabulous time. A big thank you to our dedicated staff who made this great learning opportunity available to our students.



 08 8922 6011

 www.wagamanprimary.nt.edu.au

 @wagamanprimaryschool

REMINDER

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



Last night I attended the 2023 Beat Festival performance evening. 32 of our students were part of the choir. The Beat is an annual event coordinated by the NT Music School. It showcases a great range of Northern Territory music talent. A big thank you to Ms Edeson who coordinated and trained our choir.

This term, the Wagaman Warriors AFL team have been participating in the local schools competition each Thursday afternoon. It has been an exciting and close competition.

Thank you to Mr Brod and Ms Elley who have been coaching and organising the team.

They were even able to coordinate to fit games around our Year 5/6 camp.

Last Friday afternoon, our Early Years classes held a fun Father's Day afternoon. It was wonderful to see several fathers, father figures and family members attend and participate in the activities.



At Wagaman, we work very hard to secure relief teachers when our teachers are absent. At the moment this has become very challenging due to the limited availability of relief teachers. When we are unable to secure relief teachers we do work to try and cover classes internally by altering timetables. When this is not possible, we have to split classes. This means that students work in another class for the day. All class teachers have prepared work for students to do when the class needs to be split.



It has been exciting to see our School Fun Read total rising. We have raised a total of \$7307. 60% of these funds are retained by our school and the other 40% go towards prizes and administration. We look forward to using the funds to improve the security of our school. Thank you to all students and families who participated in the event. I'm sure students are looking forward to receiving their prizes.

Our school continues to encourage and promote healthy lunch box choices. Recently we have had some students bring fast food like McDonalds to school in their lunch boxes. These foods do have limited nutritional value and are therefore not suitable for school. There are many online resources that include some great ideas for school lunches. For more information on healthy lunchboxes, [click on the Munch and Move Fact Sheet](#).

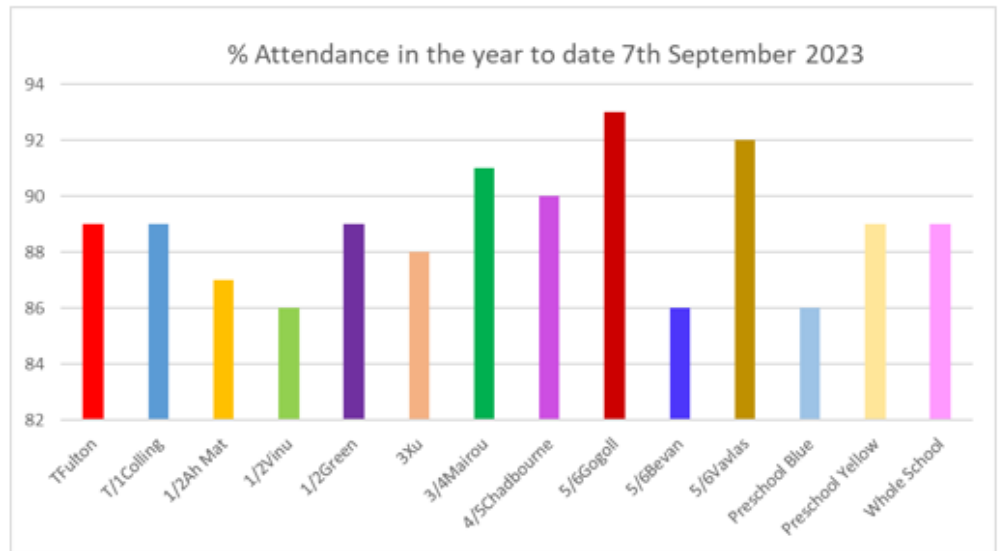


Wagaman Primary School acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which we learn, the Larrakia people. We respect their Elders, past, present and emerging.

Next Friday morning, our classes will open their rooms to share learning with families. We will hold a showcase of the inquiry work students have been doing in classes. Our classrooms will be open for sharing from 8:30-9:00am. Please stay for a while when you bring your children to school so that they can share their learning with you.

Our whole school attendance has continued to track at 89% for the year to date. We have 4 classes with attendance of 90% or more for the year so far.

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



I look forward to seeing everyone at our inquiry showcase morning next Friday.

Kind Regards

Mandy McKinnon
Principal

REGISTER NOW!

to secure your child's place!





SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

A massive thank you to everyone who supported our School Fun Read!

We had a great time during our Book Week celebrations and raised \$7300 for our school.

For those that have fundraised, it is time to finalise your School Fun Read prizes. Log into www.funread.com.au, click 'Order Prizes' and follow the prompts.



Total Raised

\$7,307.00

In Week 10, we are having a special Book Week movie afternoon for everyone who fundraised.



BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS





BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

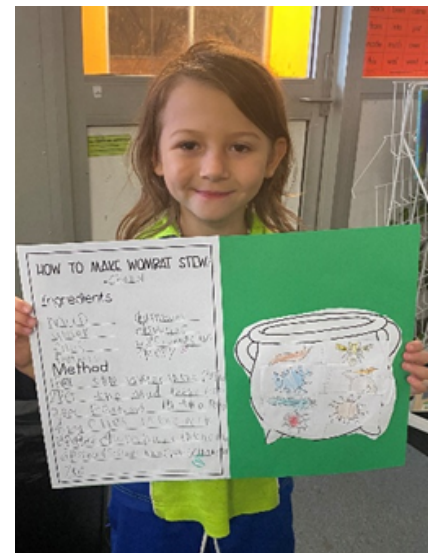
LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

YEAR 1/2 GREEN

This term, we have been reading *Big Rain Coming* and *Are We There Yet?* Both books feature wonderful landscapes of Australia. In both stories, the boab tree was featured. Students were very curious by the 'upside down tree.' This prompted our art project. We explored different boab tree shapes and students then chose one to feature in their work. Students first painted the sunset background, blending cool and warm colours. Once it dried, they painted their boab tree, creating a silhouette. Check out some of our amazing work created!



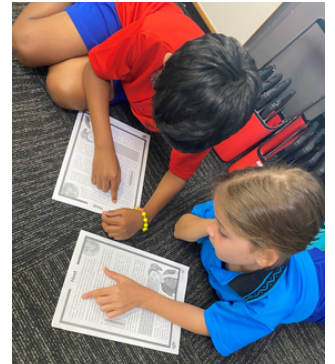
For writing this term, we have been learning to write a procedure. Students have written procedures for recipes, instructions for games and different 'how to' tasks. One very yummy lesson included writing the steps to make fairy bread. Everyone enjoyed following the steps to making their own. The class also completed a 'Wombat Stew' procedure and had some fun making Wombat Stew craft.



LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

YEAR 3 XU

This term, the students in Year 3 have been practising phrasing and tonality when reading. The students have been partnering up and showing each other how to read with good expression and fluency.



To celebrate Father's Day, Miki Sensei taught us how to create origami shirts in our Japanese lessons.



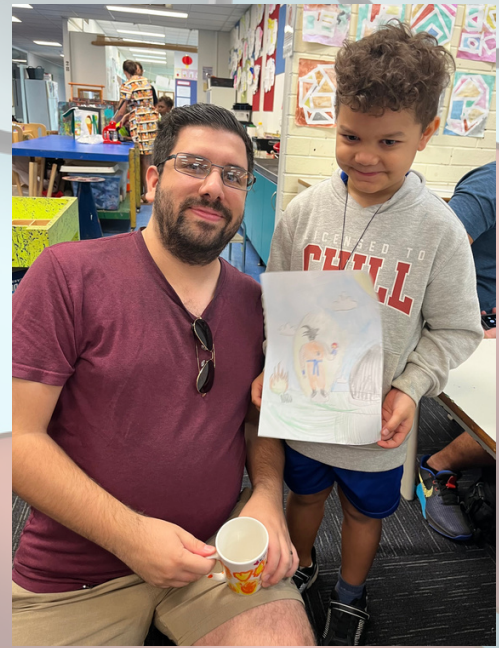
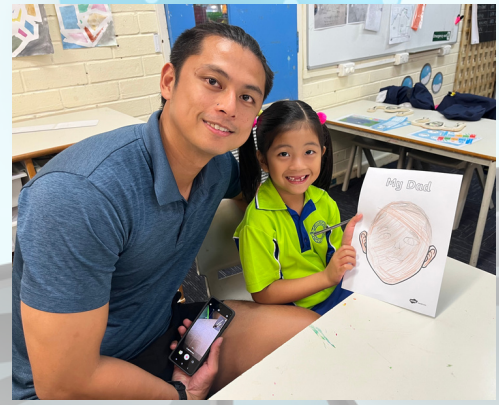
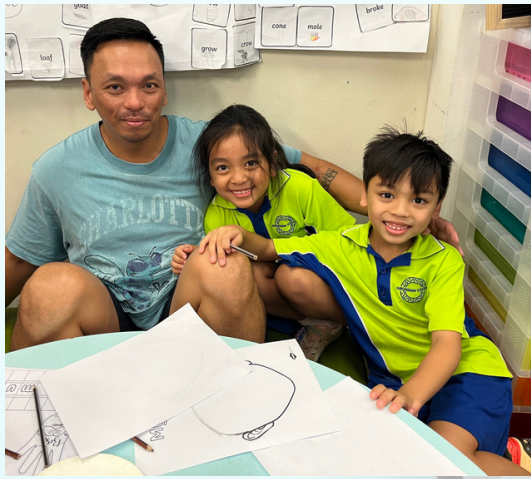


wagaman
primary school

Celebrating 50 years Making a Difference



FATHER'S
DAY FUN



FATHER'S DAY FUN

UPCOMING EVENTS



Inquiry Learning

Join Us! Showcase

next week

Friday,

September 15

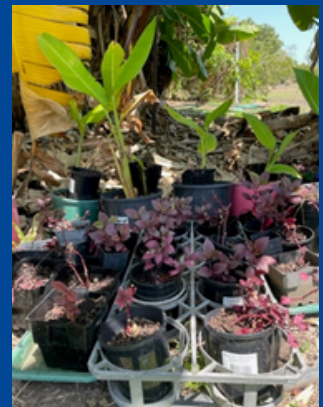
8.30am - 9.00am

Families are invited into classrooms to see the great learning from this term.



Lemongrass Ice Cups and Plants

Students from the social skills program will be selling school made lemongrass ice cups for \$2 and a variety of plants from \$2-\$5.



When?

after school **Tuesday to Friday** next week.

SALE!

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 **\$7,390**

COMMUNITY NOTICES



FOOTBALL NORTHERN TERRITORY **DIVERSITY IS our game** **NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT**

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CLINIC
DARWIN FOOTBALL STADIUM

OPEN FOR BOYS AND GIRLS
5 TO 12
REGISTRATION FEE
\$150/WEEK

HAVE FUN
MAKE FRIENDS
STAY ACTIVE AND
LEARN NEW SKILLS
IN A SAFE
AND INCLUSIVE
ENVIRONMENT

8.30am to 11.30am
Week 1: September 25th - 29th
Week 2: October 2nd - 6th

\$100 SPORT VOUCHER
ACCEPTED HERE

FOR MORE INFORMATION
paula.dacosta@footballnt.com.au



Get your kids packing everyday lunchboxes

When children help plan and pack their own lunchbox, they are more likely to eat it.

Encourage them to swap:

- Muesli bar to Weet-bix bites.
- Le Snak to wholegrain crackers and cheese.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Camp 1
27th and 28th September

Minecraft school camps are a safe and fun environment to not only play Minecraft but learn new skills and socialize with other students from many schools.

If you are in Grade 3,4,5 or 6 then you are eligible to join us in the school holidays!

Venue: Larrakeyah Primary School

8:30am – 2:00pm

Camps are designed to:

- Encourage collaboration.
 - Develop social and communication skills.
 - Engage kids in group problem solving environments.
 - Have enormous fun.
- We have a limited number of places, please book your child's place to avoid disappointment. Bookings to be made via the website only you can not book through the school.

<https://www.wicksees.com.au/book-online>
Call Daniel 0412 144 404 with any questions



2023 SHORT LIST

Vote now for your favourite Aussie kids books

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

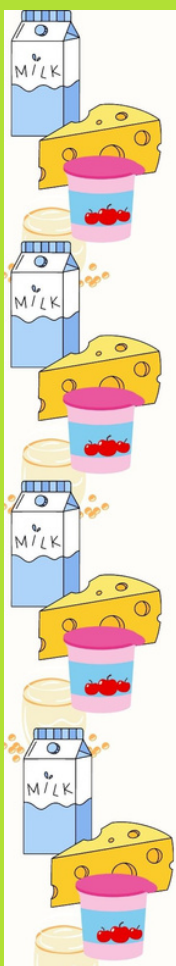
Monday 2nd October 2023

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 →



IDEAS IN NUTRITION

Do Dairy

Next week is Healthy bones week and Accredited Practising Dietitians recommend sending dairy to school every day. Dairy foods have plenty of calcium to help develop strong bones.

Ideas for dairy in school lunch boxes

- 1** UHT milk poppas can be stored outside a fridge until they are opened.
- 2** Look for yoghurt that has less than 15 grams of sugar per 100g.
- 3** Create your own healthy yoghurt by adding fresh fruit to unflavoured/unsweetened yoghurt



Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

FREE 2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Location: Darwin, NT

Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school



During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Understanding sensory processing
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided

12th & 13th September 2023
9.00am - 2.15pm

Novotel Darwin Airport
2 Sir Norman Brearley Drive
Marrara NT 0812



Interpreters available upon request

For more information or to register visit www.positivepartnerships.com.au or contact Grant Russell at grussell@positivepartnerships.com.au

For help, call: 1300 881 971