



wagaman
primary school

Making a Difference

Newsletter

Term 3, Week 10
Sept 21, 2023

SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS

FROM
Mon 25 to Mon 9 Oct
STUDENTS RETURN
Tue 10 Oct

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS:

Fri 22 Sept

- Last day of term
- Assembly - T/1 Colling

Tue 10 Oct

- School resumes for students

Fri 20 Oct

- Assembly - T Fulton

Mon 6 Nov

- Early Years Swimming Starts

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tomorrow is the last day of term before the two-week mid-semester break. Term 4 commences for students on Tuesday 10th October. Monday the 9th of October is a Professional Learning Day for staff. Child Australia is open for bookings should you require Outside School Hours Care services for the holidays and Monday 9th October.

Last week, our classes hosted their Inquiry Showcase. This was an opportunity for students to share their learning with families. It was great to see many families attend. There were a diverse range of learning activities for parents to engage with.



REMINDER

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

 08 8922 6011

 www.wagamanprimary.nt.edu.au

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This morning, our student Learning Commission travelled to Henbury School to present their work about reading comprehension to a range of system leaders from across Australia. The Learning Commission is a group of 14 passionate student leaders who work with teacher commissioners to delve into our school data and contribute student voice to our school improvement agenda.



Earlier this year, the Australian Government announced that one-off funding would be provided to some Australian schools to support student mental health and wellbeing activities. Wagaman Primary School received one of these grants. The use of this funding has been discussed with staff, student leaders, and our parent council. At this stage, we are planning a variety of activities. Next term, as our first activity, we have a dietitian and teacher who will come and deliver nutrition and cooking lessons to each class in our school. We are also planning to hold a parent and student cooking evening. If you have some ideas for activities that you would like to discuss further please come and have a chat with me.

In March this year, students in Years 3 and 5 around Australia participated in the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). All tests except the Year 3 writing were carried out online. This year, the tests were adaptive. This meant that students completed questions based on their abilities. The change to adaptive testing means that we cannot compare this year's results with previous results. In the tests overall, an average of 46% of our Year 3 and 57% of our Year 5 students performed at or above the expected year level. 15% of our Year 5 student achieved 'exceeding' in reading.

Our Year 5 cohort were also very close to achieving the national average in Numeracy. Both our Year 3 and 5 results were significantly above the Northern Territory average results. As part of our Term 4 professional learning day, staff will be delving into NAPLAN and a variety of other data sets to inform our future teaching and school improvement agenda.

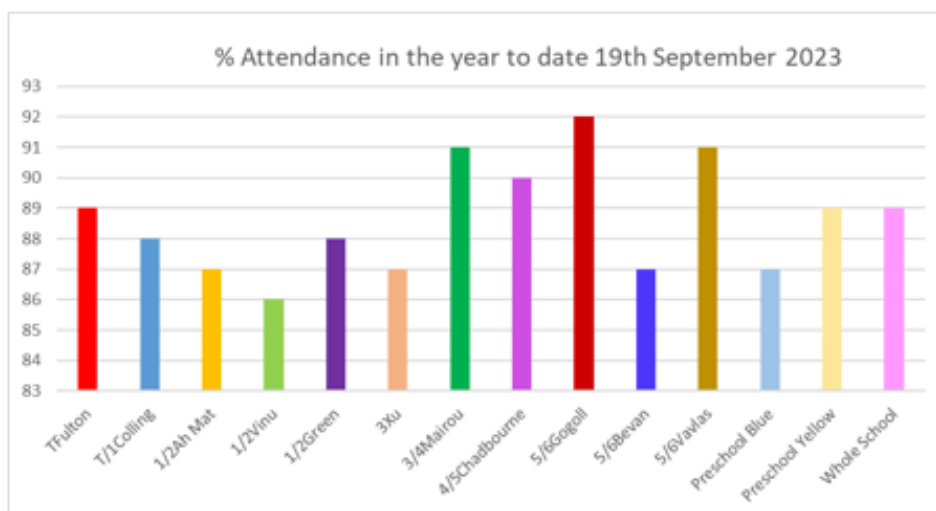
Thank you to those families who completed the parent perception survey. This year we had 89 parents complete the survey which is one of the highest participant rates we have ever had. It is great to receive feedback and we utilise it to inform our school's ongoing improvement.



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.

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. Please ensure you contact the school to notify us if your child is absent.

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



At this stage, during the holidays we will be having new shade sails installed in Area 1 utilising our fundraising from last year. A new shade structure will also be installed in our Preschool over the existing equipment.

We are now taking enrolments for 2024, particularly for our Preschool. If you have a preschool aged child or know someone who does please contact the front office to schedule an enrolment interview time.

I wish all our students and families a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back for another busy term on Tuesday 10th October.

Kind Regards
Mandy McKinnon
Principal

BOOK NOW



Pupil Free Day Monday Oct 9

Sanderson Community “Dry Season” Movie Night

Movie Starts
7.00 pm



Friday 29 September 2023

Wagaman Oval (behind shops)
Bring your chairs/bean bags/blankets

Why not make a family dinner and pre-order from a local business?

- * Golden Star Wagaman - Ph 8928 1423
- * Hingston Chinese Anula - Ph 8927 8088
- * Rene's Pizza Anula - Ph 8985 1200
- * Wulagi Fish and Chips - Ph 8927 1296
- * Happy Gardens (Anula) - Ph 8927 1568

**Come
Join
us!**

Drinks
& Icy Poles
on sale by
Wagaman
School

Brought to you by
Kate Worden,
Member for Sanderson





2024 INTENTIONS

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

Please advise 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.



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making a BIG difference!

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Enrol Now
Preschool 2024



and secure your child's place!

LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

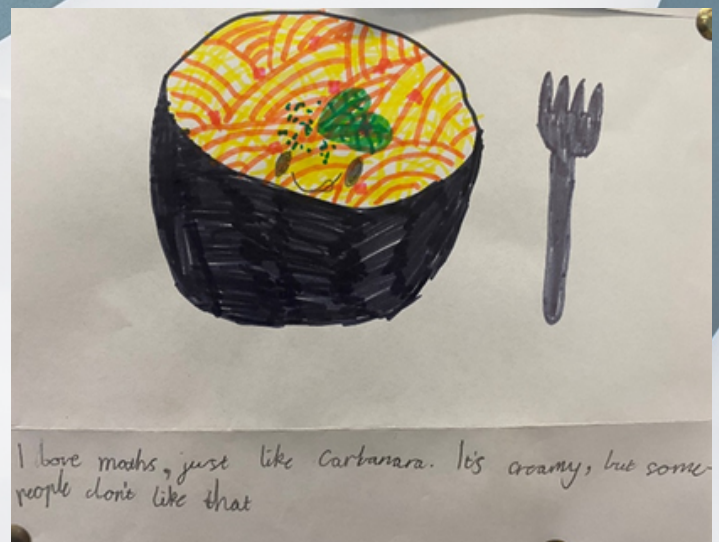
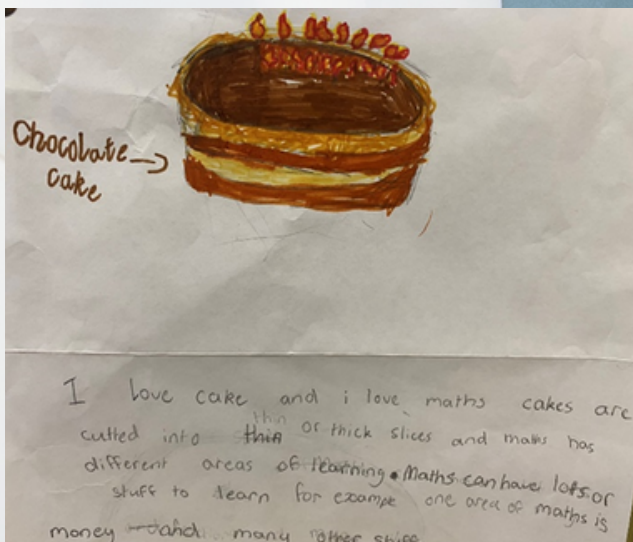
4/5 CHADBOURNE

We have asked ourselves the big question, 'What can light do?' It turns out, a lot!

After tuning in and finding out more, we sorted all we had learnt and then constructed different light mazes. The goal of our design was for light from an artificial source (a torch) to follow a set path. Have a look at our creations.



We have reflected on ourselves as mathematicians. We compared our feelings and attitudes of learning maths to food. Here are some of our analogies:



I chose donuts because I love them like maths. The more toppings the tastier, like in maths the more I know the better.



I chose chocolate because math has so many parts so when all the parts join it makes sense when you unravel the paper so take a bite in to maths.



I chose flour because I like maths when it's hard. But not when it's simple, like flour. When flour is in cakes, it's good. But, flour when it's plain sends my dog to his water bowl. I like a challenge. I don't prefer simple sums.



spicy noodles are yum but when its too spicy it tastes yuck and thats when im in the learning pit.

LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

YEAR 3/4 MAIROU

This term, 3/4 Mairou are inquiring into 'How Does Heat Cause Change?' We had a visit from Firefighter Tony who showed us how we could see heat and we tried to see how heat behaved using thermal cameras.



Once we observed heat moving from one place to another, we conducted some experiments to learn about the different ways that heat transfers. We used conduction and radiation to see who could melt icy-poles the quickest. We observed boiling water and created and observed water currents to learn about convection in water, then made popcorn and spinning models to see how convection worked in air.



Once we learned about heat and how it moves, we learned about the very important role that heat plays in solids, liquids and gases. We wrote a song together to help us remember the difference between each state of matter and performed it at our assembly.

Finally, we used all of our new knowledge to design and create water filters that were powered by radiation. It was pretty exciting to see all of the different designs!

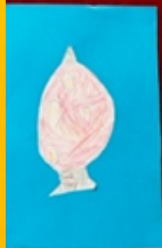


Conduction



Conduction occurs when heat transfers through a solid contact.
An example is when you cook a fry in a frypan.

Convection



Convection occurs when heat transfers through liquid or gas molecules as they move around each other.
An example is when you are boiling something in the oven.

Radiation!



Radiation occurs when heat is transferred by a wave.
An example is the heat from the sun reaching the Earth.

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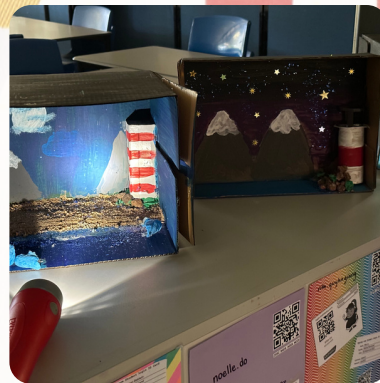
5/6 KATHERINE CAMP

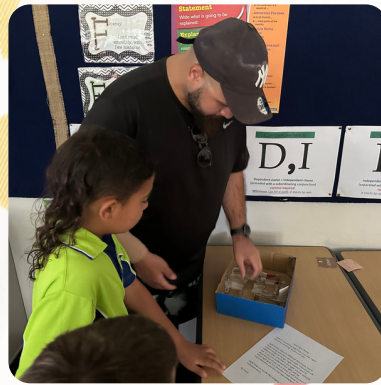




LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

INQUIRY LEARNING SHOWCASE





Families were invited to see this term's learning.

Our students shared their findings and how they took their learning further.

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

Account: Wagaman School Council
BSB: 035-306
Account: 930622



Ref: child or children's name

So far this year, our families have contributed **\$7,454**



EVERYONE CAN PLAY!

The Northern Territory Music School invites you to apply for your child's enrolment in our instrumental and choir programs for 2024.

Who are we?

The NT Music School is a division of the NT Department of Education that offers instrumental, ensemble and choir tuition in government schools.

What are the benefits?

Learning to play a musical instrument and singing in a choir can have both academic and social benefits, as well as being rewarding and enjoyable. We invite your child to begin their musical journey with us.

How does it work?

Application to enrol is offered to students from Year 4 in primary school and to students in middle school. Students come out of class once a week for a 30 minute instrumental lesson with an NT Music School teacher. Students play and practise at home to learn instrument technique, music reading and performance skills. Our choir program is offered by audition. Successful students attend weekly choir rehearsals after school.

What does the program offer?

Students can join a guitar ensemble or join our flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and percussion lessons. They will also have the opportunity to participate in school performances and access events such as the BEAT Festival!

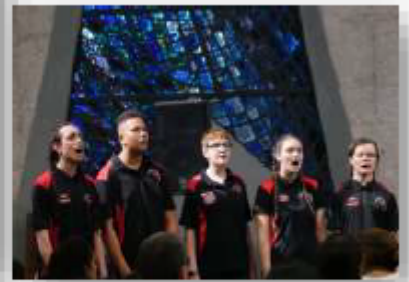
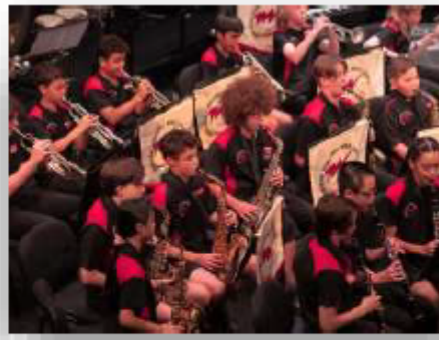
What will it cost?

Lessons are free. Once enrolment is confirmed, an annual contribution of \$100 is requested. Instruments can be hired for a semester from \$100. Sports Vouchers are accepted to assist with the cost of hiring instruments. Students are required to purchase a tutor book from \$25.

How can I apply?

Head to the NT Music School website www.ntms.net.au for more information, and complete the online Application form for the Instrument Program or the Choir Program.

Applications close Friday 1st December, 2023.



Northern Territory Music School | 60 Matthews Rd Wulagi | Ph: 08 8963 5550 | www.ntms.net.au
nt.musicschool@education.nt.gov.au



COMMUNITY NOTICES



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



JOIN OUR FAMILY



JUNIOR PLAYERS WANTED FOR THE 2023-24 SEASON

U5 MIXED - 2019-2018

U7 MIXED - 2017-2016

U9 MIXED - 2015-2014

U11 MIXED - 2013-2012

U13 GIRLS / BOYS - 2011-2010

U15 GIRLS / BOYS - 2009-2008

U17 GIRLS / BOYS - 2007-2007

TRAINING STARTS 3 OCTOBER
TUESDAY & THURSDAY 5.30-6.30PM
U5S & U7S THURSDAYS ONLY
@ UNIVERSITY OVAL, BRINKIN
OFFICE.UNIPIRATES@GMAIL.COM

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Make cherished memories last forever with My First Year 2023. A special keepsake of transition class photos from across the Territory.

In-paper Friday, September 22*
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