



wagaman
primary school

Making a Difference

Newsletter

Term 4, Week 6
Nov 16, 2023



IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS:

Thu 16 Nov

- 2024 Transition Parent Information Evening
5.00pm–6.00 pm

Fri 17 Nov

- Assembly - 5/6 Bevan

Tue 21 Nov

- School Council Meeting
Staffroom at 5:45pm

Fri 1 Dec

- Assembly - 5/6 Gogoll

Tue 5 Dec

- SRC Beat the Heat Treat

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

We have had another busy fortnight at Wagaman. Our Early Years students have really enjoyed their swimming program at Parap Pool run by the Royal Life Saving Society. This is an annual program that is made more affordable by the fact that we have our own school bus.



 08 8922 6011

 www.wagamanprimary.nt.edu.au

 @wagamanprimaryschool

REMINDER

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

This week, our learning commission students and teachers participated in the Northern Territory Learning Commission Expo Day. This involved over 500 students from across approximately 40 Northern Territory schools. I was very fortunate to be able to attend and listen to the work students had been leading in their schools. I was particularly proud of our Wagaman Primary School Learning Commission who were able to showcase and discuss the work they had been doing in analysing data and targeting their focus on engagement in reading. Congratulations to our Learning Commission and also to Ms Vavlas and Mrs Chadbourne for leading the work to develop student voice at Wagaman.



We have continued to host weekly visits from therapy dog Jackson and his handler as part of our student wellbeing initiative. This week we also commenced nutrition and cooking lessons as part of the initiative. Each class from Transition – Yr 6 will have a two-hour cooking and nutrition lesson over the next three weeks. These lessons are being run by Tina Stratton who is a nutritionist and teacher. This week classes enjoyed cooking Spanish omelettes.

Last week, we held our Preschool open evening for students commencing in Preschool in 2024. It was wonderful to see many families attend. Tonight, we will host our Transition information evening. I look forward to seeing 2024 Transition families. We will have child minding available for families.

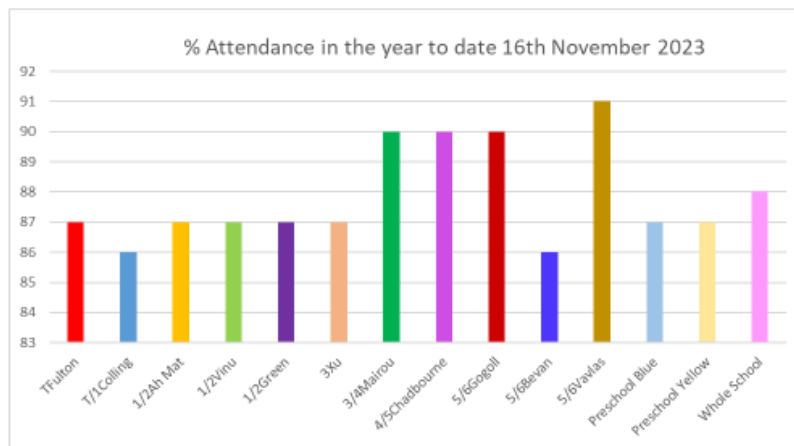


Our school council will hold it's final meeting for 2023 next Tuesday evening in the meeting room at the front of the school. The meeting begins at 5:45pm and all are welcome.

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. There has been quite a bit of illness in the community lately and as a result we have had higher levels of student and teacher absences. Hopefully, as we move into the final weeks of the year, this will reduce and our attendance will improve. Please ensure you contact the school to notify us if your child is absent.



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.

Kind Regards
Mandy McKinnon
Principal



How do we support children to become responsible digital citizens?

Students participate in cybersafety lessons as part of their class Health program. Year 5/6 classes utilised resources from the esafety Commissioner online using their Cybersmart Challenge.



Students in Year 3 to 6 have also participated in cybersafety lessons as part of Life Education lessons.



The eSafety Commissioner also has some great resources to support families.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>





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.

DONT FORGET



123



TRANSITION INFORMATION EVENING



For preschool children starting Transition in 2024

📞 08 8922 6011

🌐 wagamanprimary.nt.edu.au

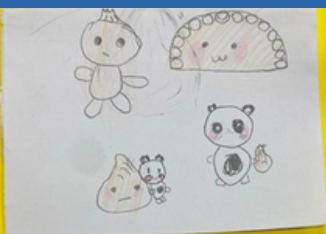
ABC

Thursday, Nov 16
5.00pm - 6.00pm

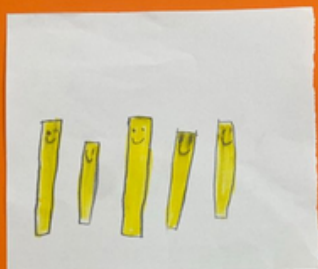
Learn more about Transition and how best to support your child when they start big school.

This term, we have had a poetry focus. Over the last few weeks, students have fully immersed themselves, learning poetry language such as alliteration, onomatopoeia, and similes. Following this, they then learnt how to write an acrostic poem. Together, we began the task by creating a class acrostic poem about fireworks. Students worked together to bump up their writing by adding the poetry devices that we had previously learnt.


Students then had the task to create their own acrostic poem about their favourite food. We spent many lessons planning, editing, and practising writing the poems. Once their planning was complete, students typed up their finished poem and then drew a picture of their favourite food. They enjoyed sharing their poems with their peers once they were finished.




Delicious
Unbelievable
Mmm, yummy
Perfect taste
Lots of smells
I like it
Nice flavour
Golden pillows
By Tegan




Crunchy as sand
Hooray! Chips for dinner
It is as chewy as steak
Putting salt on
Salty as sea water
By Jesiah




Sour, spotty, strawberries
Terrific taste
Really nice with ice-cream
Amazing fruit
Waiting to grow
Beautiful berry
Every bite delicious
Red as a rose
Radiant colour
Yummy!
By Dante



Beautiful burgers
Unreal taste
Really yummy
Greasy potty
Excellent as an ice cream
Redest tomatoes
Salty in my mouth
By Mosiah



Cloudy and soft
Oh! So delicious
Tasty!
Tonnes of sugar
Oh so pretty
Nice rainbow
Colourful and cute
Apple flavour
Nice in my belly
Does it taste good?
Yummy flavour
By Annie



It is yummy
Cold as snow
Easy to eat
Colourful scoops of different flavours
Really good at night
Extraordinary flavours
Amazing cones
Magical rainbow sprinkles
By Phoebe

LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

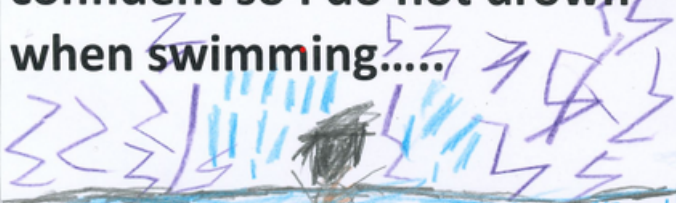



1/2 GREEN

Following writing our poems, students then began looking at poetry performances. In this time, we looked at devices such as rhythm and beat. We learnt how to project our voices, keep the performance flowing and maintain eye contact with the audience. In small groups, students chose a poem to perform and then spent many lessons rehearsing their lines, adding movement and creating props to include. Once they felt they were ready, students then performed their poems in front of 1.2 Ah Mat and received feedback. All the students were so confident and performed funny and creative poems together. They should be commended on such hard work to be prepared and get up in front of others.



LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

1/2 VINU

<p>Swimming lessons make me confident so I do not drown when swimming.....</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">Harrison</p>	<p>Swimming lessons make me happy because I use a board to help me swim on my back and front.....</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">Tiana-Bella</p>
<p>Swimming lessons make me confident to swim in the deep water.....</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">Charlize</p>	<p>Swimming lessons make me brave and confident for when I swim in the deep water.....</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">Jorja</p>

<p>Swimming makes me calm because when I float, I feel relaxed...</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">Angeline</p>	<p>Swimming lessons makes me happy because I learn different strokes of swimming.....</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">Bhavjot</p>
<p>Swimming lessons make me confident because I learn many skills and get better in the water.....</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">Toby</p>	<p>Swimming lessons make me excited because I learn new skills.....</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">Dimitrios</p>

Swimming makes me relaxed...



By Ulli

Swimming makes me happy because it makes me strong...



By AJ

Swimming lessons make me confident because I learn new skills and different ways of swimming...



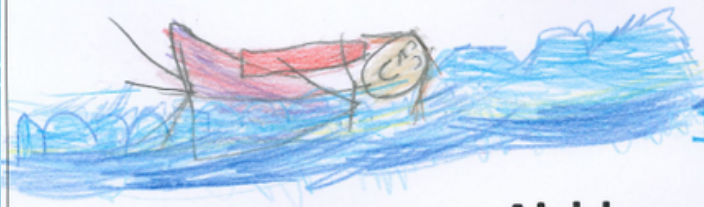
By Jack

Swimming lessons makes me feel happy because of all the floatation devices and toys that we use...



By Zai

Swimming lessons make me excited because I learn new skills.....



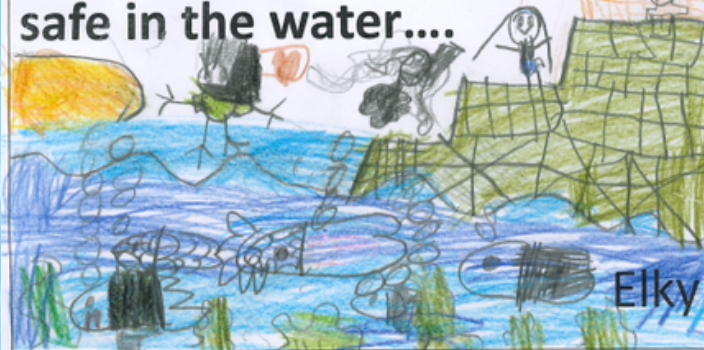
Aishleen

Swimming makes me happy because I learn new ways of swimming...



Harshitha

Swimming lessons make me happy because I learn lots about swimming and being safe in the water....



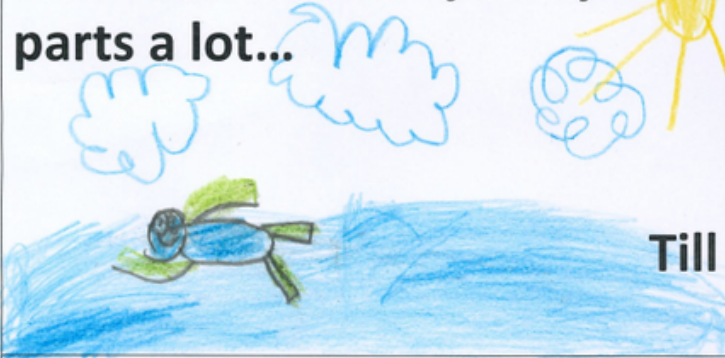
Elky

Swimming lessons make me happy because it is fun...



Kymelia

Swimming makes me tired because I move my body parts a lot...

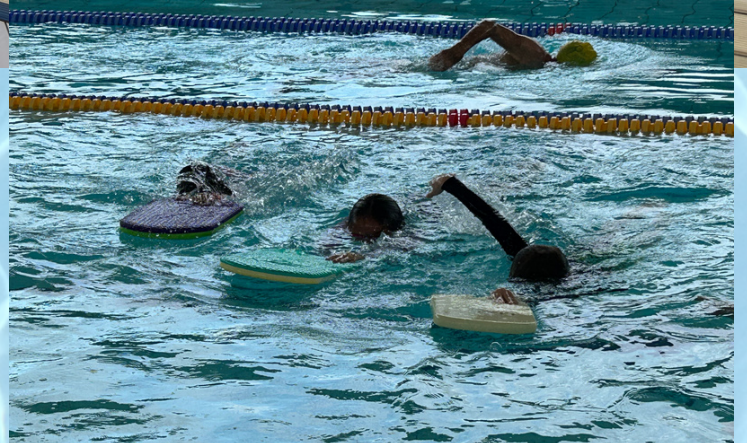
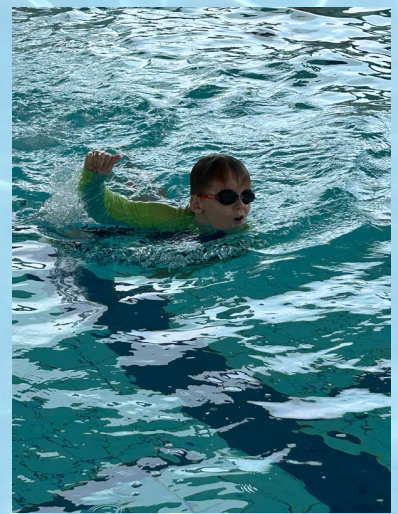


Till

Swimming makes me strong because I exercise legs and my arms.....



Niko



LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

NUTRITION AND COOKING CLASSES

Over the next three weeks, our classes will be participating in nutrition and cooking classes with Ms Tina. Tina is a teacher and qualified nutritionist. She will be working with classes to promote healthy eating. Our students will also be learning valuable cooking skills. This program is funded with money we have recieved from the Australian Government's Student Wellbeing Boost.



Year 5 and 6 are learning to cook Spanish omelettes.

Year 3 and 4 are learning to cook fritters.

Transition, Year 1 and 2 are learning to cook rice paper rolls.

GREAT JOB!

WELL DONE!



Kendra, who recently competed in the BMX Nationals in Shepparton, Victoria.



Roy, who competed in the Territory Junior League Championship, Season 2, Division 1 finals.



AMAZING!

The background of the entire page is a light-colored wooden surface. At the top left, there are two gift boxes wrapped in red paper with white snowflake patterns, tied with red ribbons. At the top right, a portion of a gold gift box with a brown ribbon is visible. On the right side, a blue filtered water cooler is shown. At the bottom, there are several Christmas decorations: a gold metal Christmas tree, red and gold ornaments, a pine cone, and dried orange slices. A large white gift box with a red ribbon is in the bottom right corner.

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 need extra tickets, contact the Front Office.

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

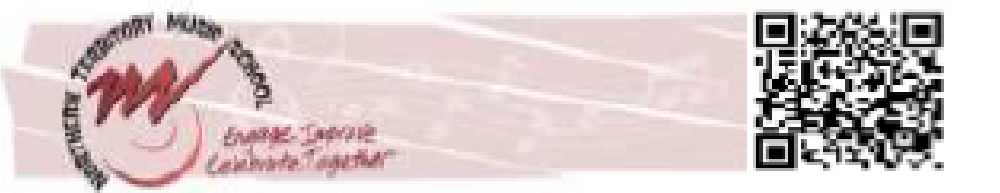
Last year, we were able to create many hampers with some great vouchers for several lucky families.

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

Dear Families,

Exciting News!

The Seesaw app is getting a fresh new icon.
On **October 27**, you will see this change.
Don't worry, everything inside the app will stay the same.



OLD ICON



NEW ICON

Seesaw

www.seesaw.com

MAKE SURE
YOU UPDATE
YOUR APP!

FAMILIES CAN
NOW ORDER
RECESS AND
LUNCH ONLINE!

Spriggy Schools

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

Creating your account

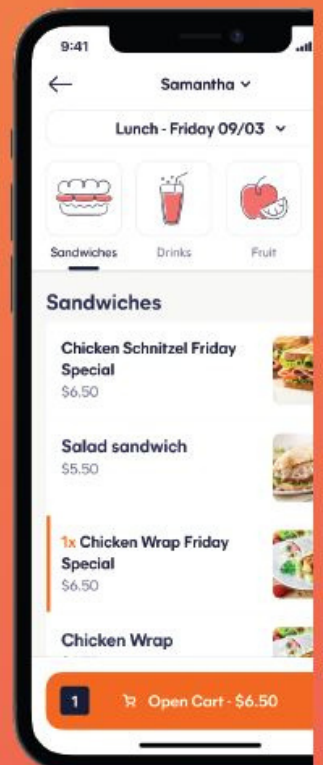
- Download the app
- Register your details
- Create a profile for each child

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



Dripstone
middle school

2024 ENROLMENTS

NOW DUE!



Please return enrolment packs to your Primary School
or to the Dripstone Middle School Front Office
as soon as possible!

APPLY

www.dripstonemiddle.nt.edu.au/enrolments-3/



Dripstone
Middle School



@dripstonemiddle

DARWIN SCHOOL OF BALLET

PRESENTS

The Sleeping Beauty



BOOK NOW: SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2023
TWO SHOWS: 10.30AM | 6.30PM
CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY THEATRE

FOLLOW US

facebook.com/darwinschoolballet
instagram.com/darwinschoolofballet



DIVERSITY
is our game



Proudly sponsored by
**NORTHERN
TERRITORY
GOVERNMENT**

School Holiday

football

Program

**HAVE FUN, MAKE FRIENDS
& LEARN NEW SKILLS
IN A SAFE AND
INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT**

\$175
per week

**Ages
5-12
years**

8.30am - 11.30am

**December
Mon. 18 - Fri. 22**



For more information
paula.dacosta@footballnt.com.au

**Darwin Football
Stadium**

IDEAS IN NUTRITION

To Snack or Not to Snack

Your child is constantly snacking but never wants to eat when it's time for a meal? This is not unusual or anything you have done wrong. These days we often hear of a similar experience from parents. How can you break the cycle? We recommend starting "time to get hungry"

What is time to get hungry?

Time to get hungry is having breaks between meals/ snacks that are around 2-3 hours. Children have small stomachs so they do need to eat often in the day. But if they are eating constantly they might start to get confused about what hungry feels like. Try offering food and then telling children they need to wait 2-3 hours until their next meal or snack.

We would love to hear how you go with this. If you would like to get in touch email nutritiondarwinurban.doh@nt.gov.au

