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primary school

*Making a Difference*

# Newsletter

**Term 4, Week 4**  
**Nov 02, 2023**



## IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS:

Fri 3 Nov

- Assembly - 1/2 Green

Mon 6 - Thu 9 Nov ( Week 5 )

- Early Childhood Swimming

Wed 8 Nov

- Preschool Open Evening  
5.00-6.00 pm

Mon 13 - Thu 16 Nov ( Week 6 )

- Early Childhood Swimming

Thu 16 Nov

- 2024 Transition Parent  
Information Evening  
5.00-6.00 pm

Fri 17 Nov

- Assembly - 5/6 Bevan

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

It was exciting to finally welcome Kath Murdoch to Wagaman this week. Kath is an experienced teacher, author, university lecturer and popular consultant who works in Australia and around the world providing opportunities for teachers to learn. She is a global leader in inquiry-based learning. This week, she worked with Wagaman, Alawa and Jingili teachers during her three days in the territory. She facilitated Learning Labs for teachers in our Early Years classes and we even had teachers from the other schools come and participate. Some of our teachers went to participate in Learning Labs at Jingili and Alawa. A Learning Lab offers teachers an opportunity to learn together through observation and discussion.



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**REMINDER**

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

The end of the year is fast approaching, and we are working on important budgeting and staff planning for the new year. To support us in this area it is important that you let our front office staff know if your child is not returning to Wagaman in 2024.

Our Early Years classes are all looking forward to swimming lessons next week. Lessons are run by the Royal Life Saving Society and are a great opportunity for our students to develop important skills.



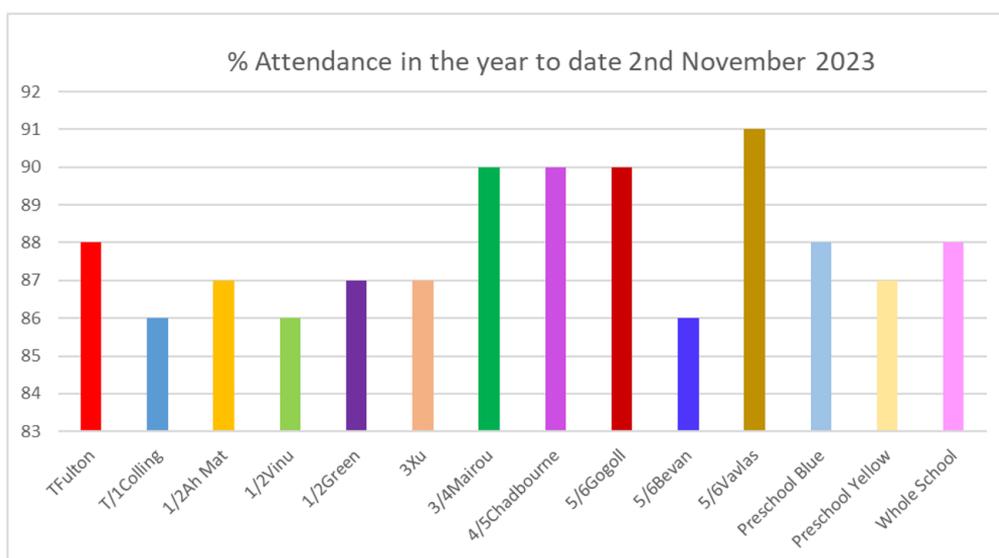
Wagaman School Council met last Tuesday evening. During the meeting, I presented a report of recent events and our school direction. Important financial reports and school management issues were shared. One item we did discuss was

the installation of a fence from our caretaker area to the existing boundary fence to increase student safety and school security. Over the past few weeks, we have had a significant amount of vandalism, which is upsetting for students and staff to see. At our meeting, we also discussed our fundraising plans for 2024. If you have any great fundraising ideas, please connect with Mr Russell or I at school as we are always on the lookout for new ideas.

Our Learning Commission book swap last week was a huge success. It was wonderful to see the excitement and enthusiasm our students demonstrated for this event. In Week 6, the Learning Commission will share their 2023 work with other schools, the NT Government and Department of Education representatives at their expo day.



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.



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.



Last Friday, we celebrated World Teacher's Day. I would like to thank all the staff at Wagaman for the great work they do for our children. Thank you to our School Council and MLA Kate Worden for the lovely morning tea they put on for our staff.

Hot 100 are recognising the great work teachers do. It would be lovely for our school community to nominate the teachers we have here at Wagaman.

Kind Regards

Mandy McKinnon  
Principal

**NOMINATE OUR TERRIFIC TEACHERS!**



# How do we teach children to manage their emotions?



**School Survey 2023**  
8-25 August

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Our teachers use the language of The Zones of Regulation to help our children develop self-regulation skills and emotional control.

Using The Zones language helps children...

## The ZONES of Regulation

<b>Blue Zone</b> Sad Bored Tired Sick	<b>Green Zone</b> Happy Focused Calm Proud	<b>Yellow Zone</b> Worried Frustrated Silly Excited	<b>Red Zone</b> overjoyed/Elated Panicked Angry Terrified

- identify their emotions
- know when and how to use coping strategies
- problem solve for more positive outcomes
- understand how their behaviour influences others



# 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](mailto: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](mailto:mandy.mckinnon@education.nt.gov.au).



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preschool



## OPEN EVENING



Wednesday Nov 8  
5.00pm-6.00pm

For children starting  
preschool in 2024

📞 08 8922 6011

🌐 [wagamanprimary.nt.edu.au](http://wagamanprimary.nt.edu.au)



Meet our teachers  
Explore the space  
Make new friends  
Play

In 5/6 Gogoll, we have been learning about poetry. We have identified the features of different poems and have analysed poems from famous Australian poets, such as Banjo Paterson and Henry Lawson. In pairs, we chose our own poem and created a PowerPoint presentation, which we presented to the whole class. We are focusing on using figurative language when writing our own poems. We were thoroughly impressed with each other's use of metaphorical language.

Here are some examples of our metaphorical writing.

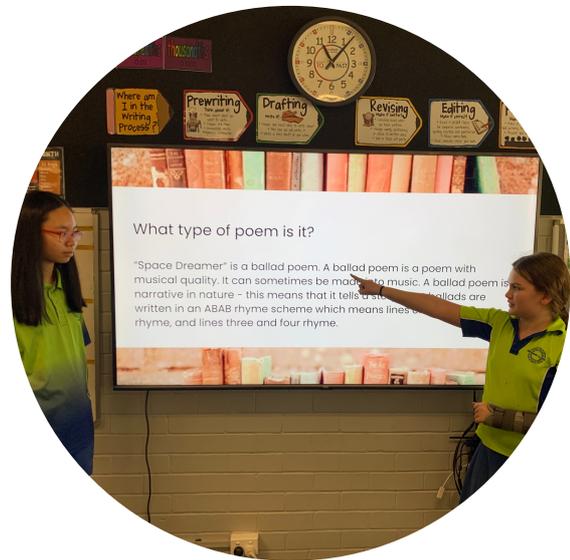
"The darkness is a shield to keep you from the light." Lachlan

"The stars are glittering tears falling from heaven." Georgia

"Bats are frauds of vampires lurking in the darkness." Luca

"The stars are happy signs of angels in the sky." Jasmine

"The stars are lost souls glowing in the moonlight." Audrey



We have all been enthusiastic about our inquiry into energy. We are paying particular focus on these key questions; How is energy transferred and transformed? What are the components of an electrical circuit? What materials act as insulators/conductors of electrical energy?



# LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

## PE WITH MS ELLEY

This term, Years 3-6 Physical Education classes are exploring new sports. Over the last four weeks, students have been learning to play a sport called Tchoukball. This game was developed in Switzerland in the 1970's.



Tchoukball is a non-contact, team sport in which two teams of seven players compete for points by rebounding a ball off a frame goal, onto the ground outside the 'forbidden zone.'





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# LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

## EARLY YEARS



Our Learn to Swim programs have started with Preschool. Our Preschoolers are learning to be safe in and around water. Playing in the water has been a nice relief in this hot weather.

Next week, our Transition and Year 1/2 class begin their Learn to Swim lessons with Royal Life Saving Northern Territory.



**ROYAL LIFE SAVING**  
NORTHERN TERRITORY

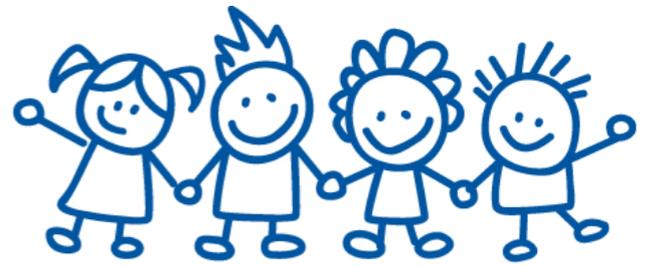
# LIBRARY

**TOMORROW IS YOUR  
LAST CHANCE!**

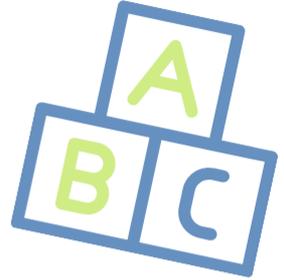
Come and visit our school library. View the exciting books available for purchase.

**SCHOLASTIC**  
**BOOK FAIRS**  
Books bring us together!





# 2024 TRANSITION INFORMATION EVENING



Thursday, November 16th  
5.00 pm - 6.00 pm



Is your child starting Transition in 2024?  
Come along to our information evening  
to find out how you can best support  
your child in their first year of big school.

Meet our teachers  
Learn more about Transition  
Visit our learning spaces



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# HAVE YOU PAID YOUR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION?

**LAST!  
CHANCE!**

## 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

PAY ONLINE



BSB: 035-306

Account: 930622

Ref: child or children's name

**THANK  
YOU!**

So far this year, our families have contributed **\$7,630**

The background features a rustic wooden surface. At the top left, there are two gift boxes wrapped in red glitter paper with white snowflake patterns and 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 with a white base is shown. The text is overlaid on this background.

# 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

A blue filtered water cooler with a white base, positioned on the right side of the page.

OUR FIRST  
DONATION

**A big thank you,**  
to Joana Pratt from  
Filtered Water Coolers  
NT for donating a  
water cooler to our  
school raffle.

The bottom section of the page features a rustic wooden surface decorated with Christmas items. In the center is a gold metal Christmas tree ornament. Surrounding it are several red and gold Christmas ornaments, including round balls and a pinecone. In the bottom right corner, there is a white gift box with a large red ribbon bow. In the bottom left corner, there are some dried orange slices.

# 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](http://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](http://www.seesaw.com)

MAKE SURE YOU  
HAVE THE  
CURRENT 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!

