



wagaman
primary school

NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 4
Feb 22, 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fri 23 Feb

- Assembly hosted by 2/3 Chadbourne

Tue 27 Feb

- School Council AGM 5:45 pm

Thu 29 Feb

- DMS Young Achiever's Day

Mon 4 Mar - Fri 8 Mar

- Life Education Lessons

Tue 5 Mar

- Keeping Safe Parent Info Evening 5:00 pm

Wed 6 Mar

- Performance by Sean Choolburra

Fri 8 Mar

- Assembly hosted by 3/4 Xu

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

The last two weeks have passed very quickly. It was great to connect with families at our [Wagaman Welcome](#) held last Tuesday evening. This was an opportunity for families to meet their child's teacher and their specialist teachers. The sausage sizzle was a sell out too!

Over the last fortnight, we have worked through selection processes to establish our [2024 student leadership team](#). The School Captains and Learning Commissioners submitted a written application for the role, and each nominee attended an interview.



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Phone the school office
if your child is absent.

Our sports House Captains nominees presented a speech to their House team and we used a preferential voting system to elect the sports leaders. Students nominated to be a Student Representative Council (SRC) member, presented a speech to their class and classes voted.



Well done to all the nominees for having the courage to nominate. Congratulations to the successful nominees who are now our student leaders for 2024. We know they will all represent our school with pride.



Our [School Council](#) is holding its [Annual General Meeting \(AGM\)](#) next Tuesday, [February 27](#) in the school's meeting room. We encourage and welcome parents to attend and be part of our parent representative group. Council meets once a month to share ideas that help shape the future direction of school.



A reminder to families, to help ease congestion and keep our kids safe in the carpark, it is important to [use the drop off/pick up zone appropriately](#). Drivers must [remain in the vehicle](#) in this zone and [move as far down as possible](#) to enable more space for other cars behind. If your child is slow to come out, we may ask you to drive around again and re-enter the drop off zone. Please [do not collect children at the crossing zone](#). This is unsafe as other cars behind are entering and exiting spaces.

There are some exciting events coming up in the next couple of weeks including a visit from a vegetation scientist, Dr Donna Lewis, who will deliver a fun and [interactive educational session about native flora](#) to 3/4 Xu. Dripstone Middle School will hold its first [Young Achiever's Day](#) of the year for some of our Year 6 students. Next week we will start another round of [cooking and nutrition classes](#) for all classes with Ms Tina Stratton.



In Week 6, the [Life Education](#) Van returns to Wagaman. Life Education lessons are an important part of our Term 1 Health programs, and all students are expected to attend. Please ensure that you [return your permission note and money by Friday March 1](#). During that week we will have an indigenous cultural performance by [Sean Choolburra](#). Your child might know him best as the voice of Maynard in Bluey. Sean will be performing his show, "Totally Deadly," which weaves tradition dance, didgeridoo, story knowledge and humour.

Looking forward to seeing more faces at our School Council AGM next Tuesday.



Kind Regards
Dane Russell
Acting Principal



[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.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2024

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Captain	Nayana Malla
Captain	Rupankita Roy
Captain	Prakshi Chapagain
Vice	Izzy Fullbrook
Vice	Olivia Schwartzkopff



HOUSE CAPTAINS

Crocs Captain	Taneyaha Talbot
Crocs Captain	Ismail Zeineddine
Crocs Vice	Maia Keogh
Crocs Vice	Josef Stanek
Sharks Captain	Coco Chadbourne
Sharks Captain	Pippa Sutherland
Sharks Vice	Jed Tiller
Sharks Vice	George Cotis



LEARNING COMMISSIONERS

Cleo Bland-Lupyne	Sakellarios Georgiadis	Alicia Skultety
Alveena Baiju	Alexandra Pickering	Ellriza Megoth
Chelsea Hunt	Daisy Chadbourne	
Charlie Hewitson	Tyler Gray	

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Angeline Baiju	Annie Bui	Maryan Gamuza
Lex Star Cruz	Ariel Carpenter	Ly Lam
Marley Castillon	Willa Chadbourne	Mason De La Cruz Wicks
Nevaeh Banprai	Cassius Hampton	Helainah Raymond Skopellos



Our attendance is down from last fortnight. It will be great to see it improve next fortnight.

TCleanthous	88%
T/1Colling	91%
1/2Ferteis	89%
1/2Vinu	85%
2/3Chadbourne	85%
3/4Xu	90%
3/4Fulton	92%
4/5Bevan	89%
5/6Mairou	87%
5/6Vavlas	90%
Preschool Blue	76%
Whole School	88%

WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

When your child misses school, they miss important opportunities to...



learn



develop life skills





be active



be active



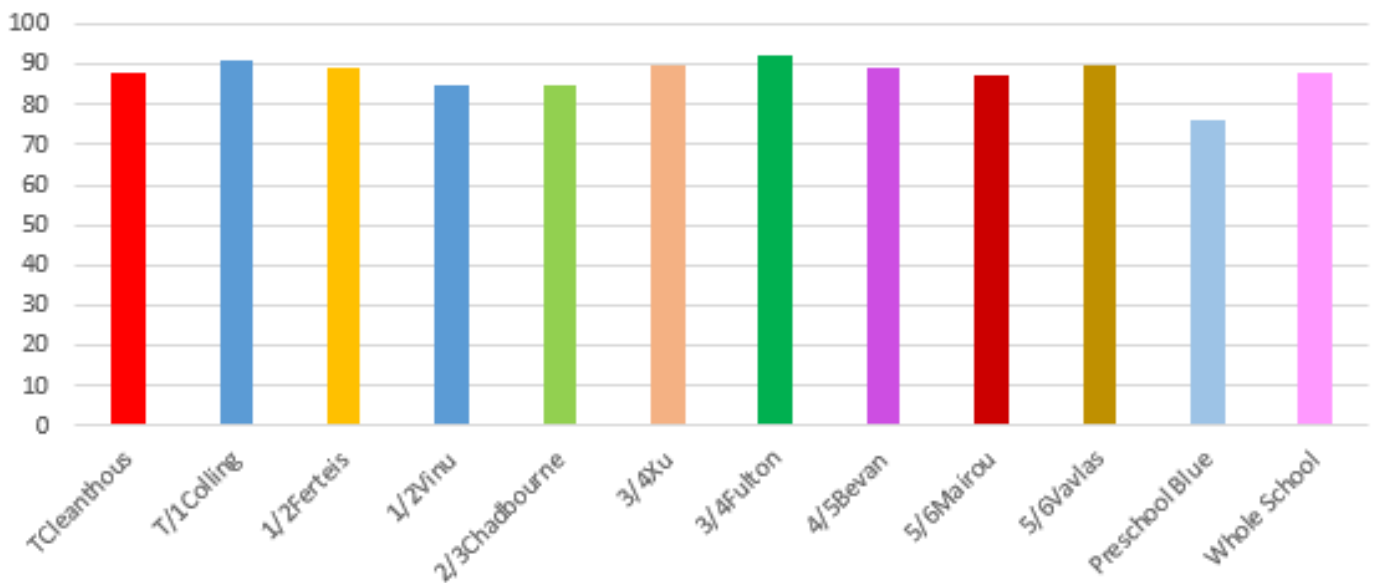
build friendships



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% Attendance in the year to date 22nd February 2024



SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council is a great opportunity for our families to COME TOGETHER and SHARE IDEAS, that help shape the future direction of our school.

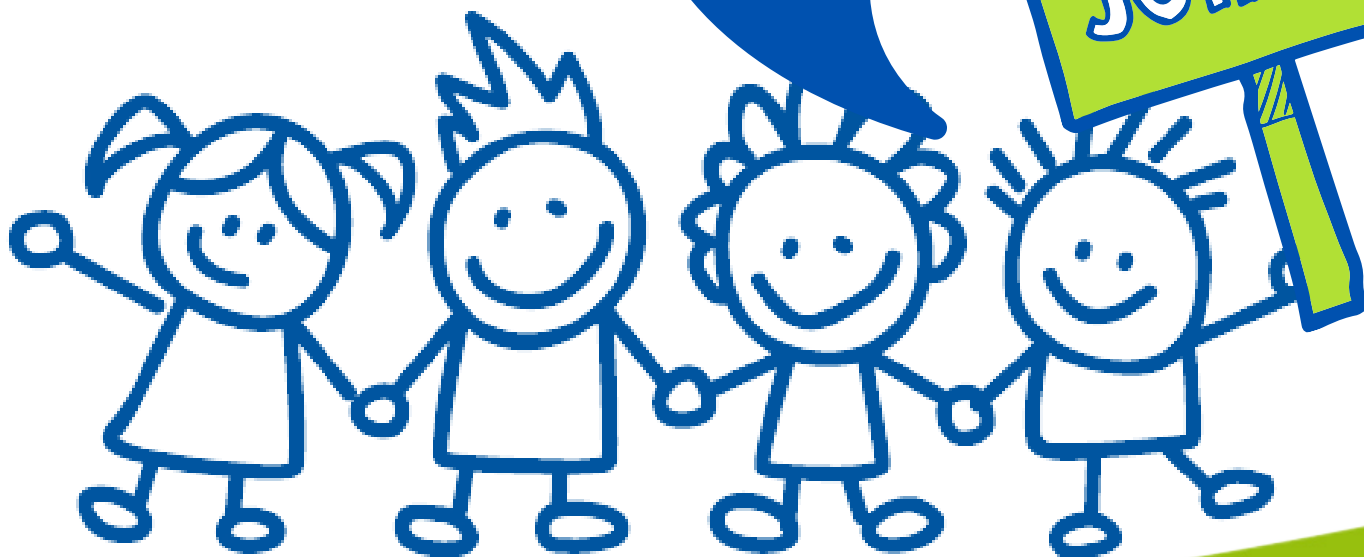
If you are interested in joining our School Council as a parent representative, please come along to our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, Feb 27 from 5.30pm.

Help us in...

Making a Difference

SAVE THE DATE

JOIN US



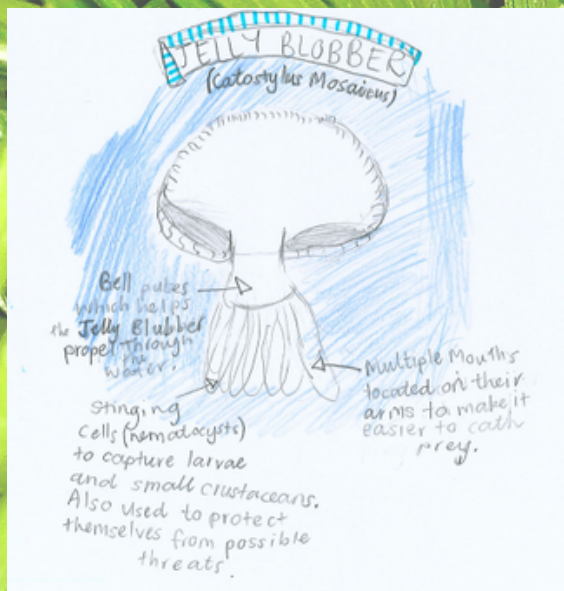
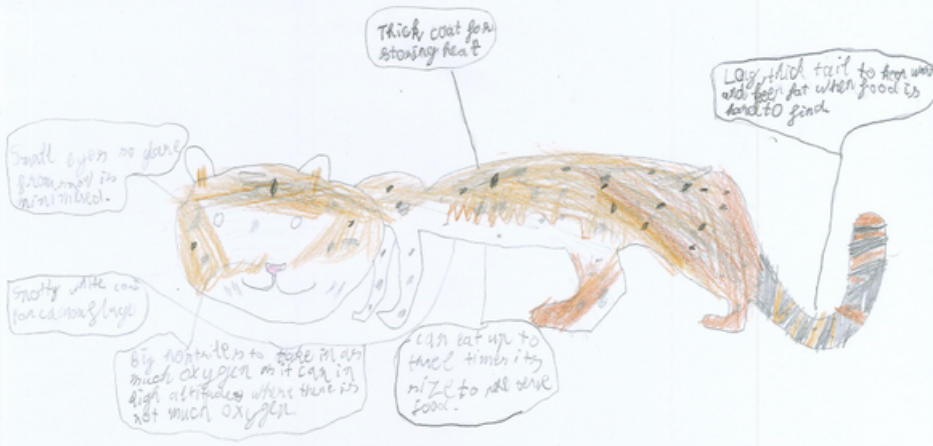
WHAT'S THE LEARNING IN

5/6 VAVLAS

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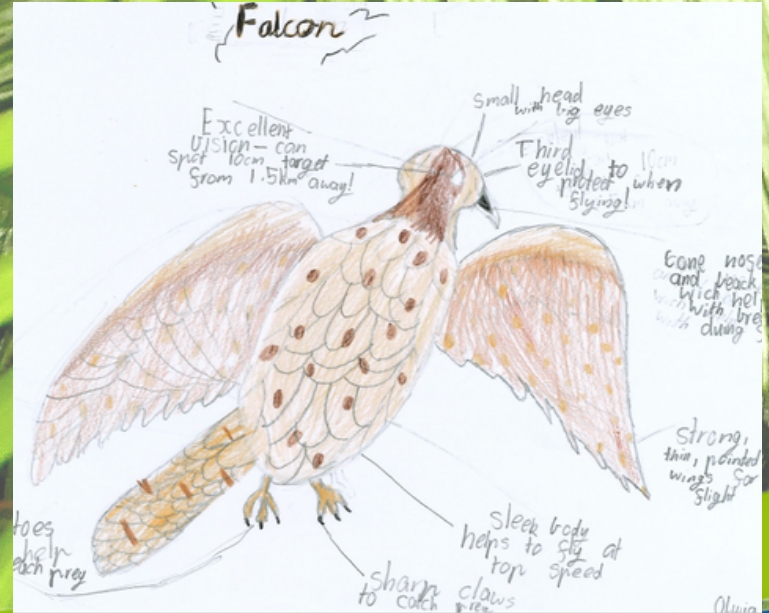
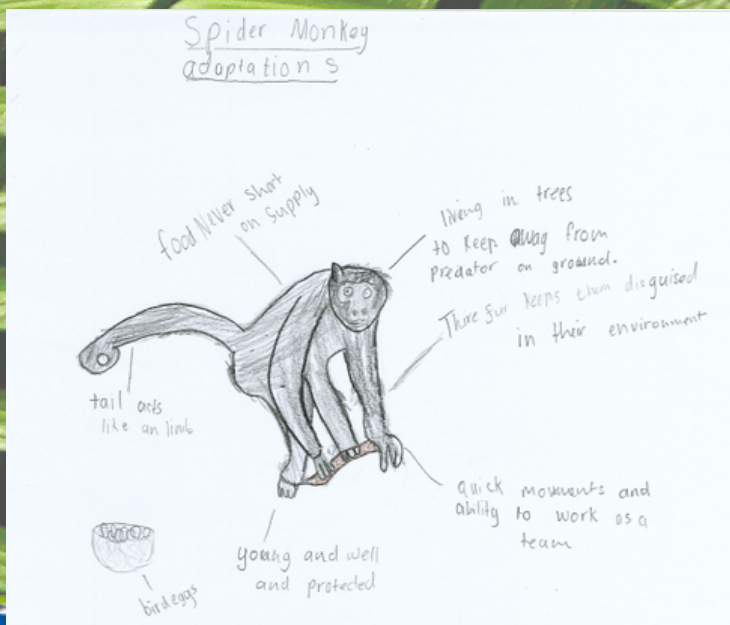
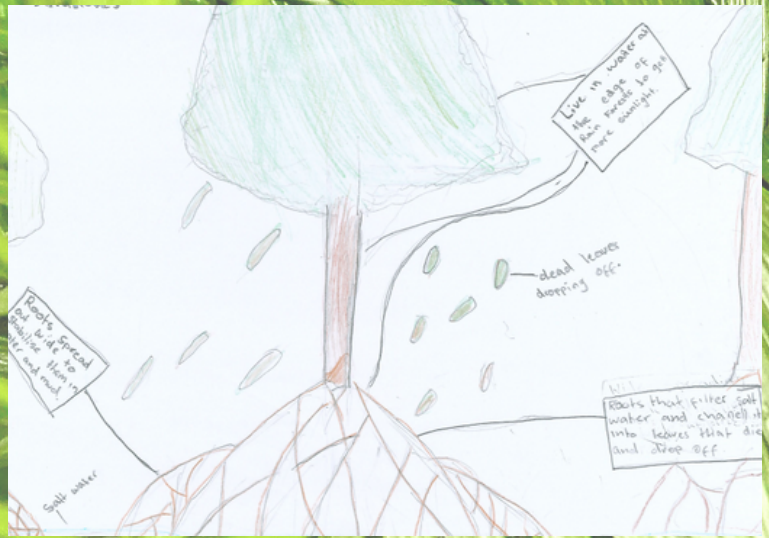
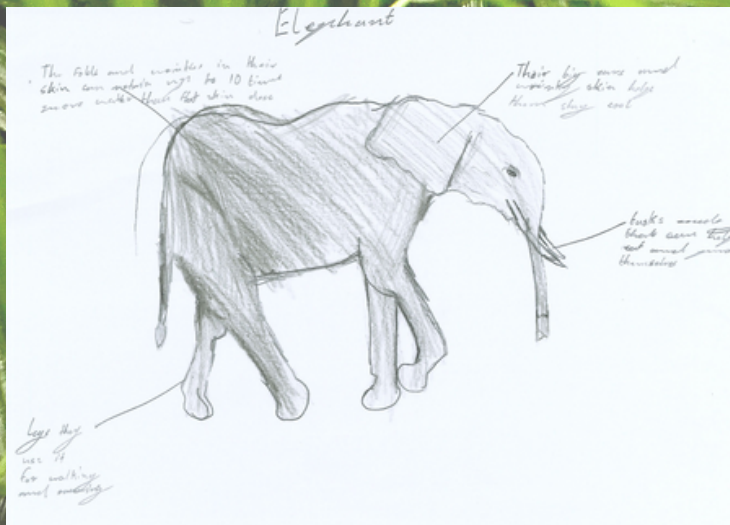
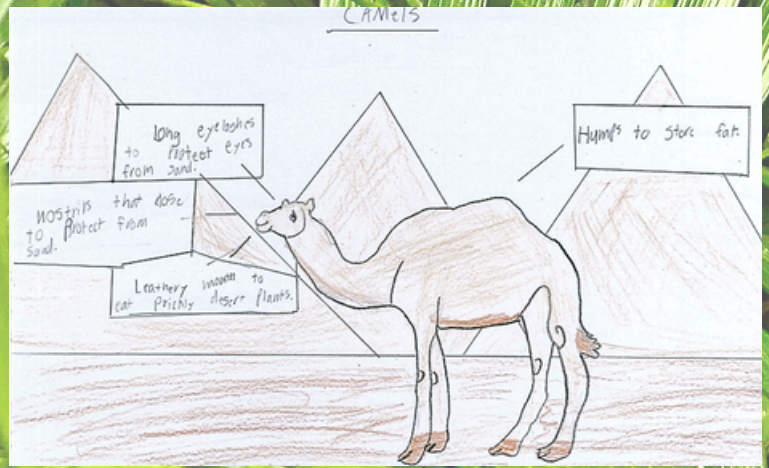
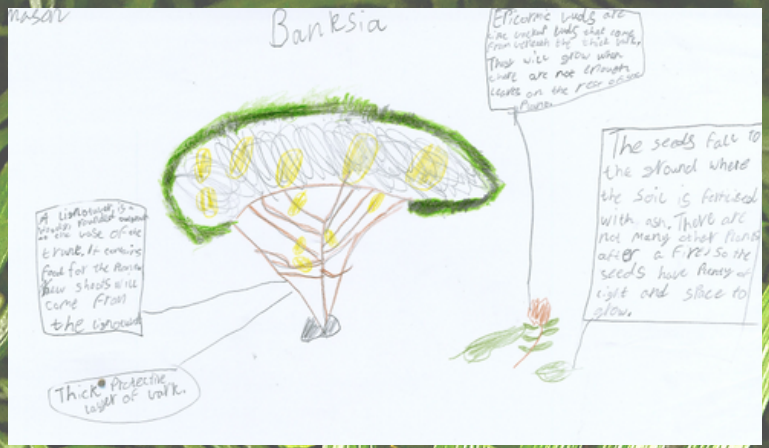
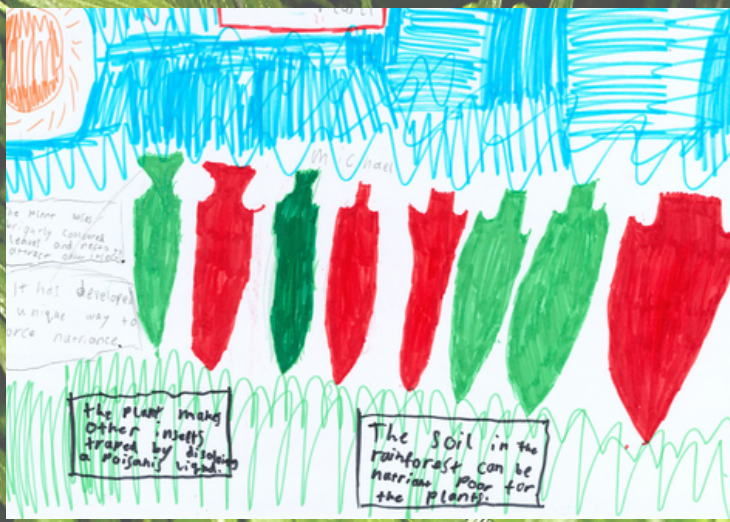
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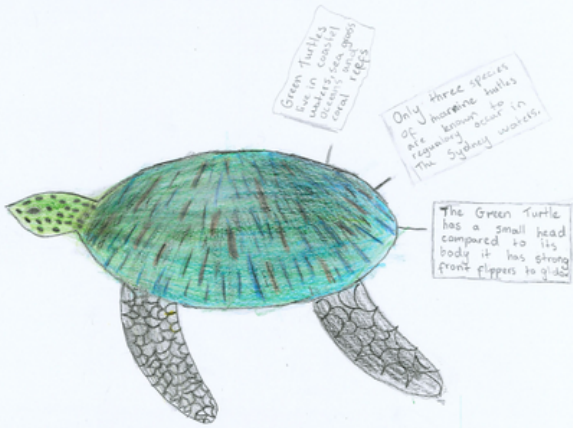
HOW DO LIVING THINGS ADAPT TO THEIR ENVIRONMENT?

Students in 5/6 Vavlas have truly embraced the roles of researchers and thinkers in their recent endeavours! They studied various plants and animals and pondered over their adaptive strategies. As budding scientists, they've sketched illustrations and annotated them with the unique features of each organism. They used their curiosity and critical thinking abilities.





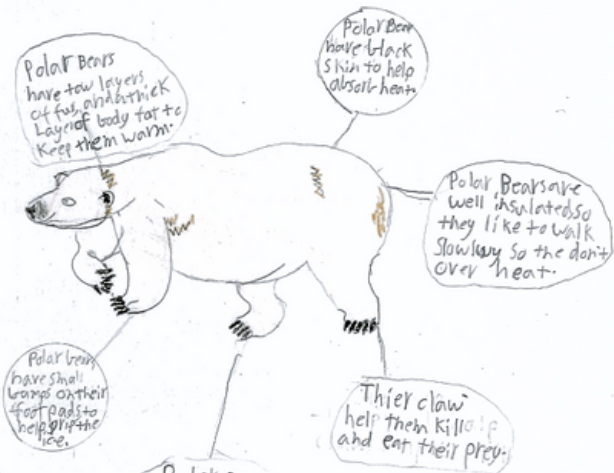
Green Turtle



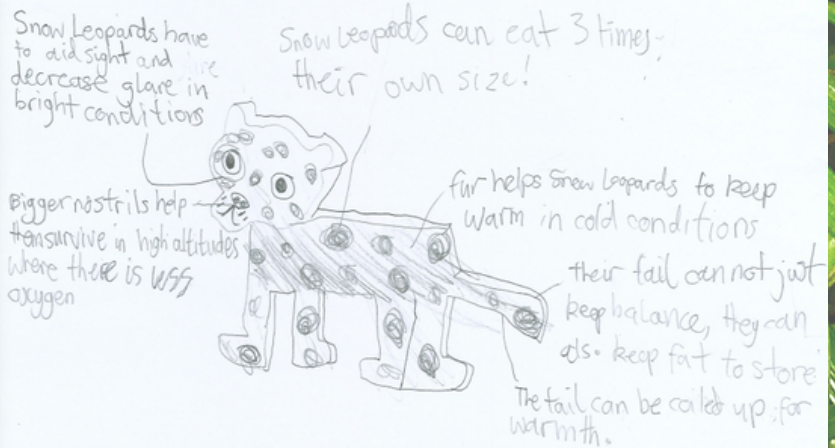
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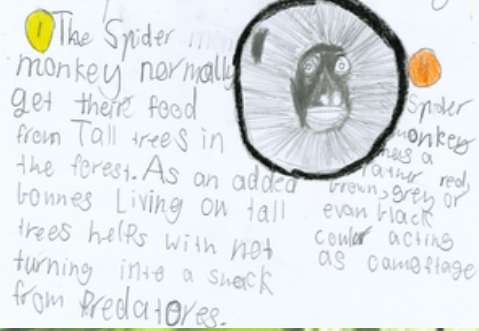
Polar Bear



Adaptations of a Snow Leopard



Adaptation of a Spider Monkey



As a last resort Spider Monkeys will use their sharp nails to rip or the bark for the tree sap.

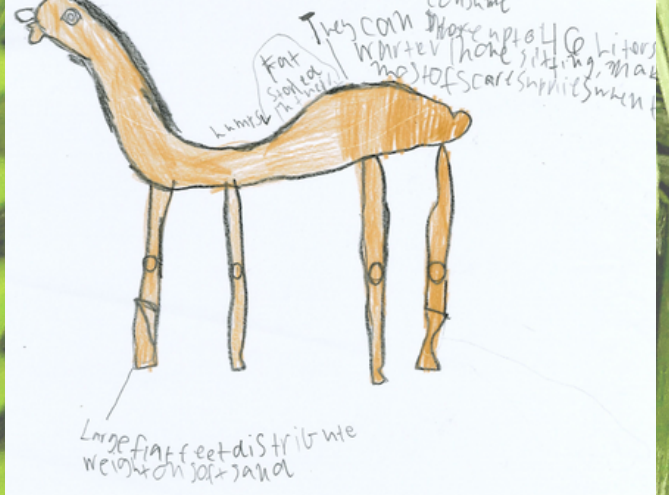
They can also climb and can reach the Spider monkey living between branches and to work as a team to eat that almost never will be eaten.



Cactus plant Adaptations



Camel



WHAT'S THE LEARNING IN LIBRARY / VISUAL ARTS

There's a Dragon in the Library!!!

恭喜发财 Gōngxǐ fācái

새해 복 많이 받으세요 saehae bock manhi batseyo

Chúc mừng năm mới

Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy & Prosperous Year of the Dragon 2024!!!

For the past two weeks, Transition and Year 1/2 students have been engaged in all things about Dragons! Students have been busy learning about Chinese Dragons through stories, art & craft.

Ms Wong



'Chinese Dragons make rain.' Maria (1/2 F)

'They follow a pearl.' Evangelia (1/2 F)

'Chinese Dragons fly but they don't have wings.' Patrick (1/2F)

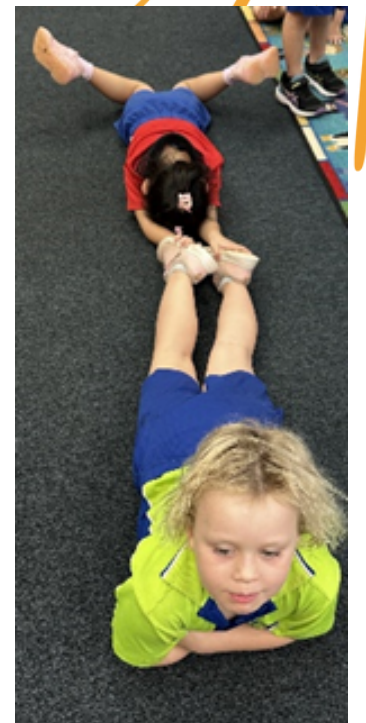
'They have a beard.' Zoe (TC)

'Chinese Dragons are very long.' Lincoln K. (TC)

'I want a Loong as my pet'. Indy (1/2F)



**WE'RE AS LONG
AS A DRAGON!**





WHAT'S THE LEARNING IN JAPANESE

Nihongo (Japanese) Corner – Term 1



Miki Back

Konnichiwa, watashi wa Miki sensei desu.

Hello, my name is Miki. Students call me Miki sensei. It has been great working in Wagaman school as a Japanese teacher since 2023. I am so excited to continue the Japanese program with students at Wagaman school in 2024.

Our language programs aim to build not only proficiency in language, but students with an open mind who have curiosity for different cultures and an understanding of how to communicate respectfully. Darwin Languages Centre is currently focusing on building a pathway of Japanese learning program between Primary school, Middle school, and High school. This will provide a pathway for Wagaman students to continue the journey of language learning at Dripstone and Casuarina Senior College.

I would like to say Arigato (thank you) to the families for supporting the

Japanese program.

I have heard that some Wagaman students went to Japan last year or are planning to go to Japan this year. It is wonderful and the best way for language learners to immerse themselves in the culture and to build confidence and enthusiasm in learning.

I believe a great way to encourage your child to be a great language learner is for parents to show interest in learning a language. Please ask your child/ren what they have learnt at school each week and use the words at home too. We also have a "Using Japanese at home" tip sheet for parents.

Nihongo (Japanese) speaking with family at home

I will introduce a few greeting words you can use at home.

こんにちは Konnichiwa = hello

ありがとう Arigato = thank you

おいしい Oishii = yummy, delicious

Are you planning a family trip to Japan?

I would like to give some tips about Japanese seasons.

March, April and May are Spring in Japan. It is the only season that you can see sakura (cherry blossoms) blooming in Japan. Japanese people admire sakura by having a picnic under the trees. The Japanese school year ends in March and new school year starts from April. Beautiful Cherry blossoms are always in the background of Japanese people's memories of farewells from good friends and meeting with new friends. Also, 3rd of March is Hinamatsuri (Dolls' day) and 5th of May is Kodomono-hi (Children's day).



3rd March Doll's day

**Arigato gozaimasu (Thank you very much),
Miki**



Darwin Languages Centre

Using JAPANESE at home

Tips for families

Every student attending DLC brings their own diverse language learning experience. Supporting your child's language journey can sometimes be difficult. Here are some simple tips to enhance their language learning and boost their motivation.

Show an interest in Language learning

Ask your child a simple question about what they are learning.

What's one new word or phrase you learnt today?
What was your favourite activity in Language class?

Compare and contrast languages.

What was something that was different to English?
What is something that is similar?



Labels around the home

Label rooms or items in your house in Language. See extra sheet for some labels to start you off. Ask your teacher for additional words or consult a dictionary available in our library.



Access online learning sites to supplement learning

DLC students each have login to LanguageNut, but there are also lots of other games out there!

Check out Quizlet, Quizziz or DuoLingo Kids, YouTube has many children's songs too.



Connect Languages to the world around you

Look out for local festivals by community groups or Harmony Day events where your children can connect with other cultures and language. Even a trip to the supermarket can uncover language on packaging of food from other countries.



Start using everyday words as a family

Try using these seven everyday words as a family. Tick them off when you can say them without looking at the paper.

Good Morning	ohayou おはよう	
Goodbye	sayonara さようなら	
Good Night	oyasumi nasai おやすみ なさい	
Thank you	arigatou ありがとう	
Sorry	gomen nasai ごめん なさい	
Great!	sugoi すごい	
Delicious	oishii おいしい	

Watch a show in Language

Try watching a film in language with English subtitles. This is great for listening practise. It also supports English literacy.

Streaming services often have multi-language options. A popular animated film, where children already know the story, could be a good place to start. Deckchair Cinema also sometimes has films in other languages.





SCHOOL NOTICES



MESSAGE



Remember to return
payment and
permission note!

LifeEd.

Every child deserves to thrive

March 4th - 8th



MESSAGE



You need a hat
and water bottle,
every day!



MESSAGE



Please let our office
staff know if your
address, phone or
email changes.

Have your
contact details
changed?





SCHOOL NOTICES



IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN LEARNING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

Enrolment applications are open for new students in the NT Music School's 2024 Instrumental Program. Instrumental lessons are offered during school hours for students in Year 4, 5, & 6. Spaces are still available for flute, clarinet, saxophone, trombone, trumpet, percussion & guitar. 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
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TRIALS INFORMATION 2024



AFL

12 YEARS & UNDER
BOYS AND GIRLS
6-8TH FEB
SANDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
3:30PM-5:00PM

TOUCH FOOTBALL

12 YEARS & UNDER
BOYS AND GIRLS
14-15TH FEB
SANDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
3:30PM-5:00PM

NETBALL

15 YEARS & UNDER
GIRLS ONLY
27-29TH FEB
CDU STADIUM, MARRARA
3:30PM-5:00PM

12 YEARS & UNDER

BOYS AND GIRLS
12-14TH MARCH
CDU STADIUM, MARRARA
3:30PM-5:00PM

TENNIS

12 YEARS & UNDER
BOYS AND GIRLS
NOMINATIONS CLOSE MARCH 28TH

SOCCER

12 YEARS & UNDER
BOYS AND GIRLS
2-4TH APRIL
BAGOT OVAL
3:30PM-5:00PM

TRACK & FIELD

10+ YEARS
BOYS AND GIRLS
NOMINATIONS CLOSE JUNE 14TH

CRICKET

12 YEARS & UNDER
BOYS AND GIRLS
14-16TH MAY
DXC ARENA
3:30PM-5:00PM



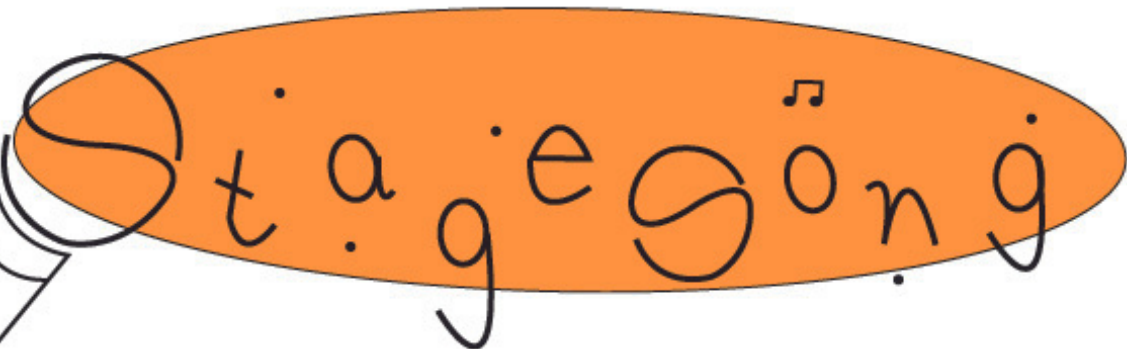
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Affinity Education Group Lifelong Learning Curriculum



Have you spent your whole life wishing we had a musical theatre group for kids in Darwin? Ta Daaaaa! 2024 will see that wish come true. Join Sian Edeson and a bunch of musical theatre enthusiasts for three terms of jazz hands and fun. No experience necessary, no auditions, all welcome between the ages of 8 to 18.

Find us at stagesongdarwin.com.au or on Facebook and Instagram!



COMMUNITY NOTICES



School Student Broadband Initiative

An Australian Government initiative powered by nbn

Are you eligible for free nbn broadband at home until December 2025?



Scan the QR for more information.

You might be eligible if you:

- have a school-aged child
- have no active nbn broadband connection or have not disconnected in the last 14 days. Having the internet on a mobile phone is ok
- live in a premises that is serviced by the nbn network

To check your eligibility, or to get help using your voucher:

- Contact the National Referral Centre 1800 954 610 (Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm AEDT)
- www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet
- Callback, webchat, translating and interpreting services are available.

2024

NIGHTCLIFF COMMUNITY BANK JETTY ARTSPACE COMPETITION

The prestigious Art Competition within the Sunbuild Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival is back with its 2 SCHOOL CATEGORIES:

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

MIDDLE/SENIOR SCHOOLS

with a fabulous **\$1500 FIRST PRIZE** each!

Register before 31 March 2024 and receive \$150 to assist with art supplies cost.

Ready to win? Visit

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Community Bank Nightcliff Bendigo Bank



WHAT'S NEW!

Wagaman OSHC NEWSLETTER



Term 4: Our Weeks of Learning

Celebrate Chinese New Year by crafting ikebana arrangements using playdough and paper cups.



The transition children are settling in well at OSHC.



The children are now taking turns preparing afternoon tea for us.





COMMUNITY NOTICES



ALL GIRLS

- FOUR WEEKS -

COME & TRY PROGRAM

FREE

AGE GROUP: 4-11

WED 21st FEB - 13th of MARCH
5-6pm at TRACY VILAGE (BACK OVAL)

28 TAMBLING TERRACE, LYONS

For more information on how to register
please contact us via email or direct message



MiniTillies, let's play!

Football NT
23 Abala Road
Marrara

5:00PM - 6:00PM

MONDAY
19th FEB - 25th MAR

\$100.00 - includes
participant pack

AGES 4-11

REGISTER NOW

minirooms.com.au/miniTillies



KICK OFF YOUR FOOTBALL JOURNEY

4-11 YEARS

- Monday; 19th Feb - 25th Mar
- 5:00pm - 6:00pm
- Football Northern Territory
- Darwin Football Stadium
23 Abala Road, Marrara
- \$100 - includes participant pack

Visit playfootball.com.au/minirooms-kickoff-finder
to register your child today!

