



wagaman
primary school

NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 6
Mar 7, 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fri 8 Mar

- 3/4 Xu Hosting Assembly

Tue 12 Mar - Thu 14 Mar

- Learning Conferences

Wed 13 - Fri 22 Mar

- NAPLAN Yr 3 and Yr 5

Fri 15 Mar

- Student Leadership Badge Presentation

Thu 21 Mar

- Harmony Day Breakfast
- 1/2 Ferteis Hosting Assembly

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Yesterday we were entertained by Sean Choolburra. Students enjoyed listening to his stories and learning a variety of dances inspired by his cultural heritage and travels. It was an uplifting and interactive experience for all.



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





Life Education have been running sessions for our classes this week. Topics covered with various classes have included Big Feelings, Friends and Feelings and Decisions. Life Education lessons are an important part of the health curriculum.



Last Tuesday evening, we held our school council Annual General Meeting (AGM). It was wonderful to welcome returning and new members to council. Our school council is made up of parent and teacher representatives. It meets on the third Monday of each month and all parents are welcome to attend the meetings.



Council executive members for 2024 are:

Chairperson – Jarryd Sullivan

Secretary – Teigan Cremona

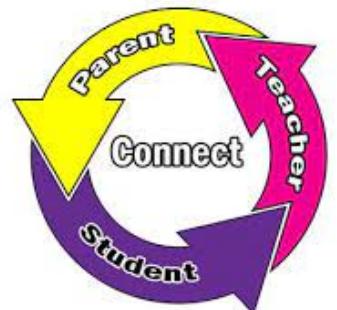
Treasurer – Alisha Roditis

General and invited members of council for 2024 are:

Hannah Schwartzkopff, Krystel Schey, Petroula Yiannakos, Rachael Pickering, Kylie Simmonds, Andrea Fulton, Helen Bevan and Kate Worden.

We appreciate the time these people give to support our school and its ongoing improvement agenda.

Our teachers are currently taking [bookings for learning conferences next week](#). This is a great opportunity for students, parents and teachers to connect to discuss learning. As owners of the learning, it is vital that students also participate in these conference discussions, and I strongly encourage families to ensure they bring students with them.



Student Learning Conferences



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.



On Thursday 21st March, we will hold our annual Harmony Day breakfast BBQ followed by an assembly and class activities. Breakfast will be available from 7:15 am, so come early to enjoy a bacon and egg sandwich and a coffee.

Mrs Rhiannon Horne has settled into Wagaman as our new music teacher. She has started preparations for our whole school concert. The concert will be earlier this year as Mrs Horne will be on leave towards the end of the term. Our [2024 school concert](#) will be held on the evening of [Thursday 2nd May](#) in our wonderful outdoor amphitheatre.

It was great to see parents attend the information evening held this week about the Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum which is a component of our health lessons this year. For further information about this worthwhile program, please stop in and see Mr Russell at school.



Looking forward to seeing everyone at learning conferences next week.

Kind Regards

Mandy McKinnon
Principal



Our attendance is has remained steady at 88% over the past fortnight. Every day counts and is vital to student engagement and achievement at school.

TCleanthous	88
T/1Colling	90
1/2Ferteis	88
1/2Vinu	86
2/3Chadbourne	85
3/4Xu	88
3/4Fulton	90
4/5Bevan	91
5/6Mairou	87
5/6Vavlas	90
Preschool Blue	82
Whole School	88

WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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



learn



develop life skills

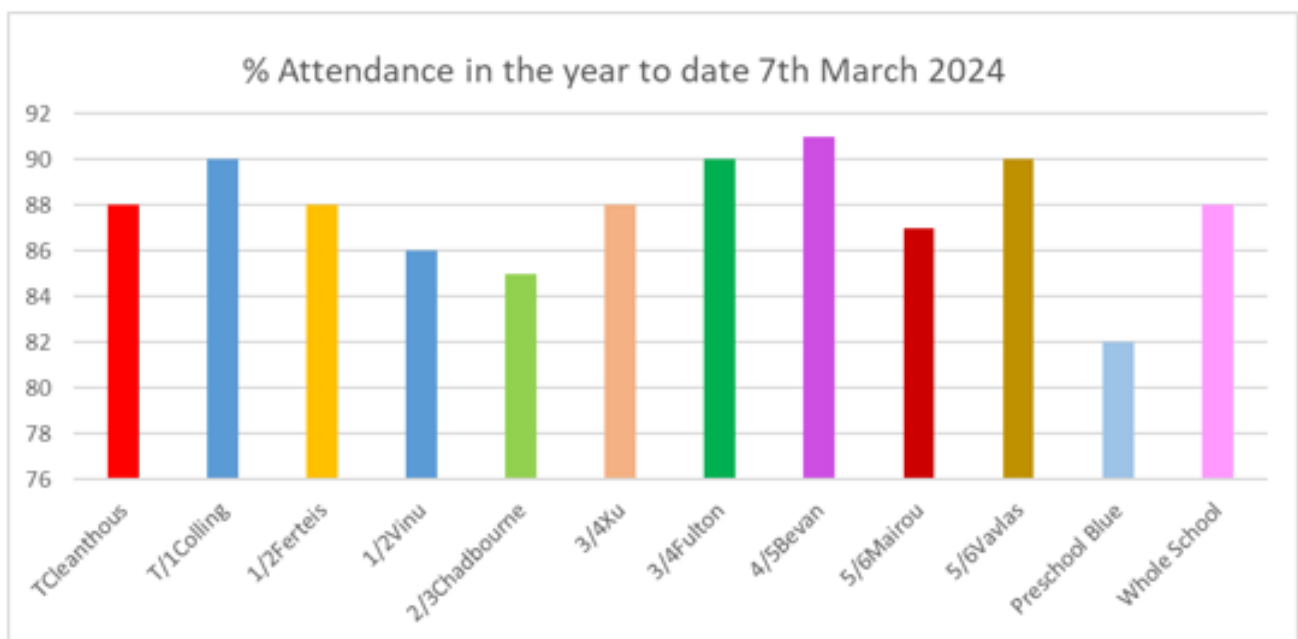


be active



build friendships

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WHAT'S THE LEARNING IN 3/4 XU

On Monday, March 26 we had a visit from a vegetation scientist, Dr Donna Lewis and specialist volunteers from the Northern Territory Herbarium and Landcare NT.

They showed us how to identify different plants and how important they are to our life. We discovered the features of the plants using a stereo microscope.





WHAT'S THE LEARNING IN T CLEANTHOUS

Hello from our Transition Class!

In the whirlwind of excitement and discovery, our Transition Class has been diving headfirst into the world of big school! With eager minds and open hearts, our students have been learning the rules and routines that pave the way for a successful academic journey.

From mastering the art of lining up at muster to honing their skills in self-regulation through social-emotional learning, our young learners have been embracing every opportunity to grow and thrive. They've been discovering our amazing network of support available within our school community, knowing exactly who to turn to when they need help.



It's been a busy time in our Transition Class, but our students have risen to the challenge with resilience and enthusiasm. As they continue their educational journey, we look forward to witnessing their growth and accomplishments in the weeks and months ahead.

We welcomed a
special visitor -
Healthy Harold!



Our students have also begun exploring our inquiry topic: 'What are the features of living things'.

Our Emergency Services clinic has been very busy!



Our students have also begun on their journey through the Read Write Inc program.



WHAT'S ON AT WAGAMAN

With Harold
and Janine



Nutrition and
cooking classes
with Ms Tina



Sean
Choolburra



THANK YOU!

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION?

We would like to remind families 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.

Last year, funds were spent on improving the security of our school. We now have a new fence at the front of our school that has helped to enhanced the safety of our students.

We thank our families, for your ongoing support of our school community.

\$8,000

\$6,000

\$4,000

\$2,000

1 child = \$60

2 children = \$50 each

3 children or more = \$40 each

Preschool = \$50 per term



at the Front Office

Account: Wagaman School Council

BSB: 035-306

Account: 930622

Ref: child/rens name



So far this year, our families have contributed **\$3,400**



SCHOOL NOTICES

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?





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Pay for lunch online!

The canteen has partnered with Spriggy Schools to make online ordering easy.

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Learning Conferences

Tue 12 - Thu 14 March

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

IDEAS IN NUTRITION

Find healthier Snacks



NT HEALTH

Over 25% of Australian children aged 5-17 years are above a healthy weight.

Without diet change, children who are above a healthy weight can suffer from life-long health issues. A family approach to eating food from the 5 food groups can make a big difference.

Eating healthier snack food is a good place to start.

Why not try swapping foods like:

- ✗ sweet biscuits **swap for** ✓ sandwiches
- ✗ muesli bars **swap for** ✓ pieces of fruit
- ✗ lollies **swap for** ✓ yoghurt
- ✗ potato chips **swap for** ✓ vegetable sticks and dip.

For more healthy snack ideas:

tinyurl.com/ye4p4cp7



Hockey Club Sign On Day

Marrara Indoor Stadium

Saturday 9th March

8:30am - 1:00pm

Come down to Marrara Indoor Stadium to sign up for your club for the 2024 season. From 8:30am there will be a Come & Try session for players 8 and under. All gear will be supplied, no need to register just arrive and join in the fun.

There will be drinks, a breakfast BBQ, as well as a cake stand to help fundraise for the upcoming Under 16 National Championships.



Is your home or classroom covered in your NFL club colours during the finals series?
...Maybe you're a painted mascot for your club?
...Or do you dress yourself from top to bottom in club merch?

AFLNT and TIO are calling on footy fanatics to show their support throughout the TIO NFL Finals Series. With a range of awesome prizes up for grabs including the opportunity to take your entire class to the AFL Game!

You don't want to miss this opportunity to be discovered as a TIO Footy Fanatic!



HEAD TO AFLNT.COM.AU FOR MORE INFORMATION

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TRIALS INFORMATION 2024

AFL

12 YEARS & UNDER
BOYS AND GIRLS
6-8TH 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

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

TOUCH FOOTBALL

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

TENNIS

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

CRICKET

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



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Stage Song

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.



THE BOOKSHOP DARWIN



Barry Jonsberg book launch!

Barry Jonsberg is one of the Territory's most beloved authors of young adult and middle grade fiction, with hits such as "My Life as an Alphabet" and "A Song Only I can Hear" - not to mention the hilarious movie, "H is for Happiness"

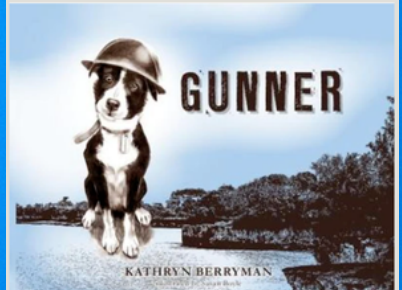
His new book "Smoke and Mirrors" is brilliant. The Bookshop team love it, and it's bound to make the Children's Book Council list this year!

We're thrilled to announce that we are hosting the Darwin launch here at the Bookshop Darwin, as well as a casual weekend book signing for those who can't make evening events. Why not come and say hi - see if he can visit your school?



The Bombing of Darwin

2024 marks the 82nd anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin - a hugely impactful event that many Territorians are still learning about. For a list of war history books that are suitable for students, please don't hesitate to email us! We recommend "Gunner", a picture book that only came out last year, and was a delight to read with primary aged students!



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The Bookshop Darwin

2024

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

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