



wagaman
primary school

NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 8
Mar 21, 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fri 22 Mar

- National Ride2School Day

Fri 29 Mar

- Public Holiday - Good Friday

Mon 1 Apr

- Public Holiday - Easter Monday

Fri 5th April

- Last school day of Term 1

Tuesday 16th April

- Students return to school for Term 2

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

It has been another busy fortnight at Wagaman Primary School. Last week we held Learning Conferences with students and their families. It was fabulous to see 65% of our students participate in conferences with their teachers. If you haven't connected with your child's teacher yet this year, I urge you to contact them to schedule a time to meet.



REMINDER

☎ 08 8922 6011

🌐 www.wagamanprimary.nt.edu.au

📘 @wagamanprimaryschool

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



Our school uses Seesaw as a means of sharing learning with families. We also use it for some communication. It is not suitable for lengthy ongoing communication. Should you wish to discuss learning with your child's teacher, it is best to connect with them by making an appointment to meet or phoning them after school. Generally, during school hours, our classroom teachers are teaching and are therefore unable to respond quickly to Seesaw messages. After school, teachers have meetings and professional learning. They are also busy planning and preparing for the following day before going home to their own families. Teachers are not usually able to respond to Seesaw messages after 4:00 pm. To notify your child's absence from school, please contact the front office.

We had a fabulous time this morning celebrating Harmony Day. A huge thank you to those families who braved the wet weather and joined us for a delicious breakfast. It was great to see everyone. The breakfast was also the first of our 2024 fundraising events. A special thank you to Kate Worden who made a generous donation to support us in purchasing our food for the BBQ breakfast. Congratulations to Ms Chelsea's class on running a wonderful assembly. Classes also enjoyed participating in their diverse hub activities. Our preschool students also celebrated Harmony Day with activities in the preschool on Monday.



Our second school council meeting of the year was held on Monday evening. Council meetings are held on the third Monday of every month and all families are welcome to attend. This week, council decided that money raised in 2024 will go towards upgrading our laptops and technology resources. In the past, between council fundraising and voluntary contributions made by families, we have been able to upgrade security features, purchase home reading books, shade sails, play equipment, our school bus, iPads and a variety of other learning resources. Voluntary contributions are an important component of our school finances. Voluntary contributions for students Transition to Year 6 are \$60 per child and we offer a reduced contribution rate for families with more than one child. A huge thank you to those families who have paid their contributions. We have collected \$3400 so far this year. Preschool contributions are \$50 per term and cover the cost of equipment and supplies specific to the preschool program. Contributions can be made at the front office or online at any time.



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.

Over the past week, our Year 3 and 5 students have been working through their NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) tests. Students are tested on their skills in writing, reading, numeracy, spelling, grammar and punctuation. The results of these tests will be available to schools in Term 3.

NAPLAN
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

Yesterday, we had a photographer working at Wagaman. He was taking photos for our school website. Our previous photos were taken several years ago. Keep an eye on our website to see the new photos.

Kind Regards

Mandy McKinnon
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS

Ms Ah Mat's family grew larger last week!

She had a baby girl, Cali Rae. Both mum and bub are doing well.



WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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



learn



develop life skills



be active



build friendships

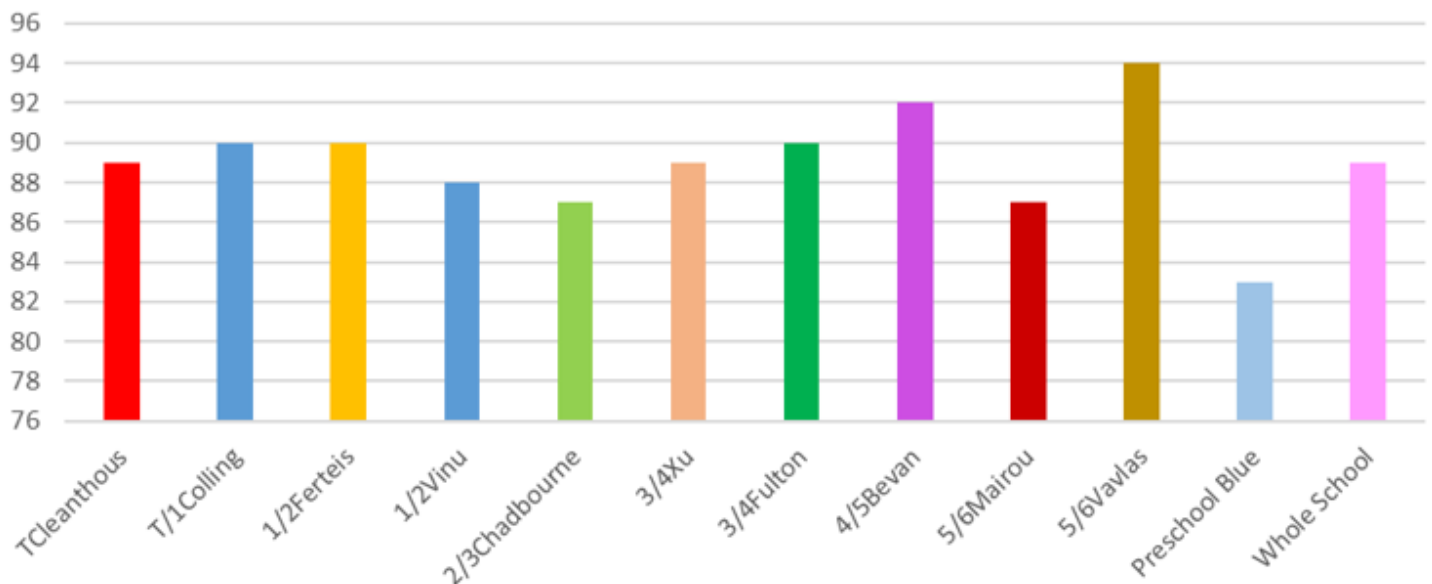


Our attendance has risen over the last two weeks and is currently sitting at 89% for the year so far.

Congratulations everyone and keep up the great attendance.

TCleanthous	89
T/1Colling	90
1/2Ferteis	90
1/2Vinu	88
2/3Chadbourne	87
3/4Xu	89
3/4Fulton	90
4/5Bevan	92
5/6Mairou	87
5/6Vavlas	94
Preschool Blue	83
Whole School	89

% Attendance in the year to date 18th March 2024



WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

1/2 COLLING

In T/1 Colling we are learning to be



Collaborators

through imaginative play



Communicators

by expressing our ideas.



Self Managers

learning about
Zones of Regulation.





Thinkers

when we create.



Researchers

identifying our features
and using our senses.



Heads, shoulders, knees and toes



WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

2/3 CHADBOURNE

We have been wondering about 'what natural cycles and systems keep our planet working?' We started our inquiry by sorting and coming up with a criteria as to what makes something 'living.' We then explored our school grounds and collected samples to make displays of cycles occurring in our own backyard. Our questioning led us to the mangrove ecosystem, so we tapped into an expert, Ranger Natasha, who was able to come and visit us and help us build our background knowledge on these local areas. We investigated the life cycle of mangroves and made connections between living organisms, how the mangroves support them and keep our planet working. We're also keeping a journal and watching life cycles occur in real time by growing beans. We have enjoyed learning about the seasons of Kakadu by reading the book 'Walking the Seasons of Kakadu' by Diane Lucas. We have been very curious and sharpened our skills in being collaborators throughout our investigating.



Tuning In

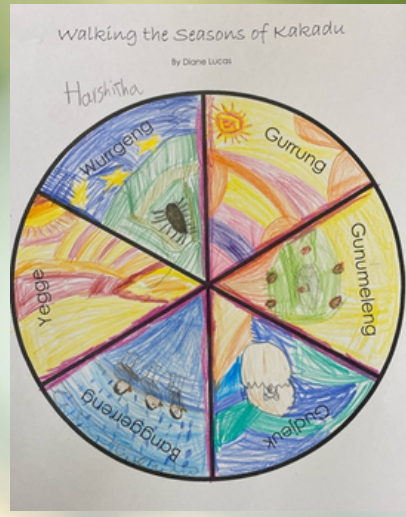


Sorting Out





Finding Out



Making Conclusions

WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING AT WAGAMAN?

2024 student leadership badge presentation



Sharks House Captains and Vice Captains



School Captains and Vice Captains



Crocs House Captains and Vice Captains



Learning Commissioners



Student Representative Council



Cooking and nutrition classes with Ms Tina



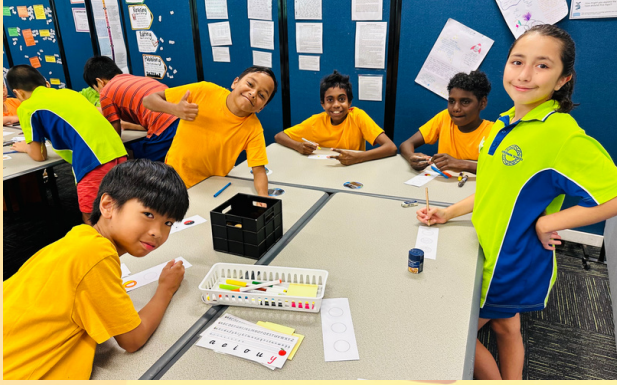
NAPLAN
Yr 3 and Yr 5



Harmony Day Celebrations







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 their ongoing support.

\$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

Download Now



Spriggy Schools

Spriggy Schools

Pay for lunch online!

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



PRESCHOOL EASTER RAFFLE

DRAWN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27



Please send donations of Easter eggs, soft toys, Easter art and craft materials or books by Monday, March 25.

IDEAS IN NUTRITION

Let's Build Strong Bodies

Here's a simple secret to ensure your child's lunch is both delicious and nourishing: include plenty of protein! Protein is the foundation for strong, healthy bodies.

Proteins are essential for growth and maintaining a strong immune system. So, how can you incorporate more protein into their lunch?

- Make a sandwich with lean meats or egg salad.
- Serve hummus, yoghurt-based, or bean dip with veggies for dipping.
- Yogurt and cheese also make fantastic protein-rich snacks.

Protein provides energy, supports muscle development, and keeps your child's immune system in top form. Offer protein-rich foods in their lunchbox everyday to ensure they get all the superhero strength they need.



MESSAGE



You need a hat and water bottle, every day!





COMMUNITY NOTICES

ENROL FOR
TERM 2

AFTER SCHOOL LANGUAGE CLASSES

TERM FEES
\$180

YEAR 1 TO YEAR 12 STUDENTS

Classes run Mon to Wed 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Sat 10.00am - 12.30pm (Mandarin Only)



We offer classes in the following languages:

Auslan - French - German - Greek - Italian - Indonesian
Japanese - Korean - Mandarin - Portuguese - Spanish

School pick up service available from many local Darwin primary schools
fees apply - ask for details



www.darwinlanguagescentre.nt.edu.au

Hi!

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Hola!

FREE LEARN TO SKATE



EVERY WEDNESDAY 4-6PM
4/111 COONAWARRA RD WINNELLIE

all equipment supplied & all welcome!

FIND US ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM FOR MORE

@buildupskateboarding



STUDENT AFTER SCHOOL BUS COLLECTION SERVICE



Why not leave it up to us to collect your children from school?

If your child is enrolled and learning a language at Darwin Languages Centre, we offer a school bus collection from many different local schools for just \$7.50 per pick up.

\$7.50
PER PICK UP

Let your child hop on board with our friendly Bus Supervisors. We will collect your child straight from school and bring them to DLC. Students can choose to take part in watching a movie, playing games and playing outside in our wonderful tropical playground, as well as grabbing something to eat and drink from our daily BBQ or fresh fruit platter. Students are under full supervision until classes start at 4:00pm. All you need to worry about is collecting them at 6:00pm when language classes finish.

What are you waiting for? Get in touch on 8997 7000 or email dlc.nt@education.nt.gov.au

MONDAY

Anula Primary
Jingili Primary
Larrakeyah Primary
Leanger Primary
Nakara Primary
Parap Primary
Stuart Park Primary

TUESDAY

Alawa Primary
Nighcliff Primary
Nightcliff Middle
Parap Primary
Stuart Park Primary

WEDNESDAY

Alawa Primary
Anula Primary
Jingili Primary
Nightcliff Primary
Parap Primary
Stuart Park Primary
The Essington School

Other local school collections will be considered if we can get enough students onboard

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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



MILESTONES WAGAMAN

Now Accepting Enrolments

- * Flexible and casual bookings
- * Free stay and play sessions
- * Quality childcare led by qualified educators
- * Inspiring children through our Lifelong Learning Curriculum

☎ 08 8945 0411 | wagaman@milestones.com.au

Affinity Education Group Lifelong Learning Curriculum

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!