



wagaman  
primary school

# NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 2  
Apr 24, 2024



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fri 26 Apr

- Assembly - 1/2 Vinu

Mon 29 Apr

- Middle Primary Inquiry Showcase  
8:30am - 9:00am

Tue 30 Apr

- Year 5 Dripstone Middle School Science  
Lessons

Thu 2 May

- Whole School Concert & BBQ  
5:15pm- 7:30pm

Mon 6 May

- May Day - Public Holiday

Tue 7 May & Wed 8 May

- School Photos

Wed 8 May

- Musica Viva Performance - Rhythm  
Works

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

It has been great to see everyone back at Wagaman after the April school holidays. Last Monday, our teachers spent the day learning about the Safe and Supportive De-Escalation of Behaviour. This is a two-day course which includes two modules. Teachers all completed module one last Monday and will complete module two on the professional learning day at the beginning of Term 3. Last Monday, our teachers also connected with teachers from Alawa and Jingili Primary Schools to share and discuss inquiry learning across the three schools. It is always powerful learning when teachers have the opportunity to share practice and programs.

REMINDER

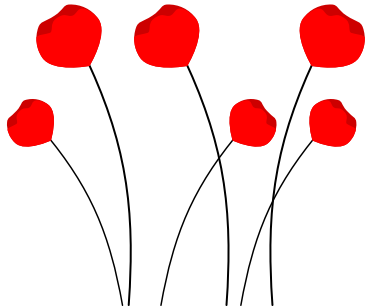
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Phone the school office  
if your child is absent.

Term 2 sees us welcome a new Physical Education (PE) teacher to Wagaman. Ms Ashlee Holmes commenced this role at the beginning of the term. She is currently enjoying getting to know our students. Ms Ash is looking forward to coordinating and teaching a variety of PE and sporting opportunities for students.



This morning, Mr Mairou's class presented a very moving ANZAC memorial service. Every year, the Department of Veteran Affairs lay a book at the Darwin ANZAC service to honour all those who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country and freedoms. This book is then donated to a Darwin school. This year Wagaman Primary School will be the proud recipient of the book. We look forward to receiving this book and adding it to our wonderful school library.

We have recently had some students and parents crossing the roads in our car park and on Wagaman Terrace in a variety of places. This is a safety concern. Everyone must use the marked crossings both in the car park and on Wagaman Terrace. Using these helps ensure we are modelling safe road-crossing practices for our students.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

This term we have a number of whole school events planned. Our dry season [concert will be held next Thursday evening](#). School Council will hold a fundraising sausage sizzle from 5:15 pm and the concert will begin at 6:30 pm. We look forward to seeing everyone there. On [Friday 7th of June, we will hold our annual athletics carnival](#). If you are available to help out on this day, please have a chat with your child's class teacher. In the last week of the term, [Tuesday 18th June, we will hold an Indigenous Cultural day to celebrate NAIDOC](#) which is held in the first week of July each year. The team coordinating this is just starting to formulate plans. If you would like to contribute or have some ideas to support us, please reach out to Mr Brod or Ms Melinda in the front office.

A big congratulations to Ms Annalee who has been successful in winning Ms Angie's position in our administration team. We are currently seeking applications for the position of Preschool Assistant to replace Ms Annalee in the preschool. If you know of anyone who has an Early Childhood Education and Care certificate and would like to join our fabulous team, please ask them to send an application letter and resume to me at school.

Kind Regards,  
Mandy McKinnon  
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.



BBQ from 5.15 pm  
Concert starts at 6.30 pm



wagaman  
primary school presents...

















# WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD!

Thursday, May 2nd



# DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much, but...

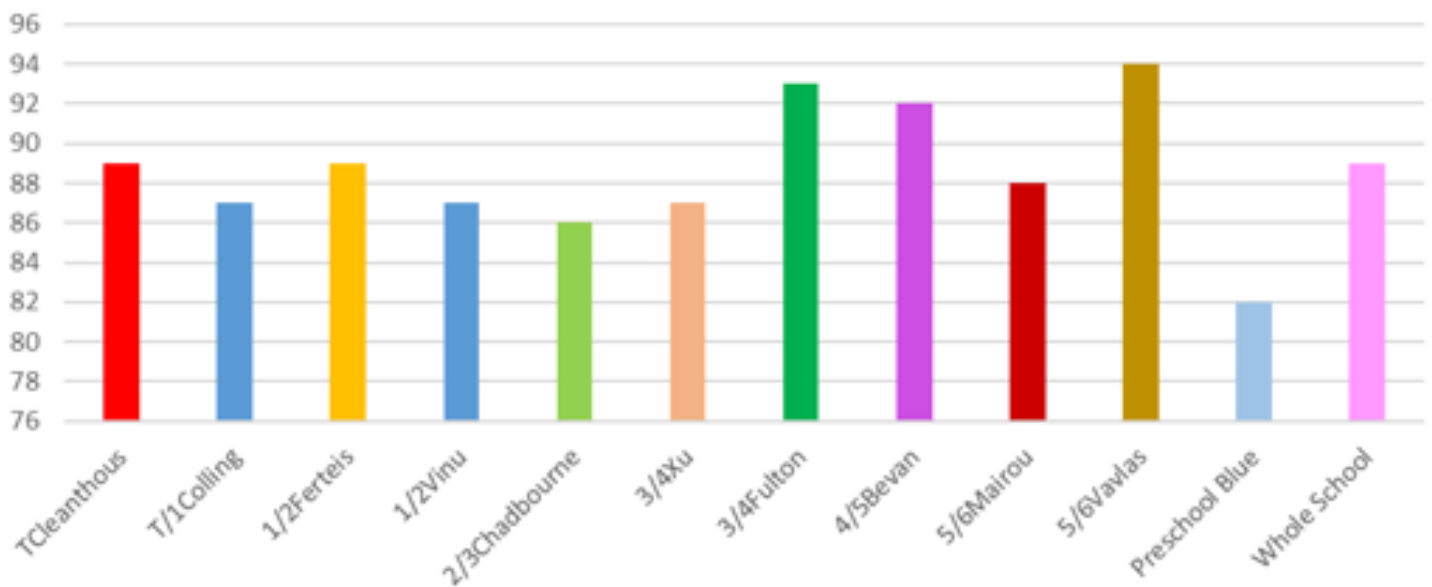
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 1/2 day per week	 20 days per year	 1 month per year	 1.5 years of school
 1 day per week	 40 days per year	 2 months per year	 2.5 years of school
 2 days per week	 80 days per year	 4 months per year	 5 years of school
 3 days per week	 120 days per year	 Over half a school year	 8 years of school

Every day counts!

Our attendance is tracking at 89% for the year to date.

Congratulations to 3/4 Fulton, 4/5 Bevan and 5/6 Vavlas who all have attendance which is tracking above 90%. Keep up the great efforts.

% Attendance in the year to date 22nd April 2024





# WHAT ARE WE LEARNING? PRESCHOOL

At Preschool, we have settled into the routines and are comfortable and familiar in our learning environment. We have been working on our fine motor control with activities such as drawing, painting, playdough and cutting. We have been developing our gross motor control by climbing, balancing, riding bikes and swinging. On Wednesdays we enjoy a range of water and messy play activities. This term's learning will focus on developing our communication skills and ability to participate and collaborate through play.









# WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

## JAPANESE

Konnichiwa, watashi wa Miki sensei desu.

Hello, my name is Miki. Students call me Miki sensei. I would like to introduce what students are learning in Term 2.

- Year 2 students will learn basic greeting words, numbers and how to say their name and age.
- Year 3 to Year 6 students will learn more greeting words, numbers 1-100, colours, fruit and vegetable names. They are learning how to read and write more Hiragana (Japanese characters) and how to introduce themselves, including their name, age and things they like and dislike.
- Year 5 and 6 students will also learn about adjectives, hobby words and family members. They will introduce their family members, pets and what they like, as well as about themselves. They may also will have the opportunity to communicate online with students in Japan later in Term 2. It will be a great chance for them to use their learning in a real communication situation.



I have created Quizizz online learning sets for Wagaman students. If students use below the link, they can review and practice the words they have learnt in previous lessons.

**Year 2/3**

**CLICK HERE**

**Year 3/4**

**CLICK HERE**

**Year 4/5**

**CLICK HERE**

**Year 5/6**

**CLICK HERE**

I believe a great way to encourage children to be a successful language learners is for parents to learn with their children. Please look at the website, review words by using flash cards and then challenge each other to a matching game after. You can compete with your children to see who can make the most matches.



## Are you planning a family trip to Nihon (Japan)?

I would like to give you some tips about Japanese seasons.

June, July and August are in summer in Japan. June is a one-month short rainy season. It's humid like Darwin. Japanese students will have a long summer holiday from the middle of July until the end of August for about 6 weeks. Many fun festivals are held in each local area. During festivals, you can often have yummy Japanese foods, play traditional games, see traditional dance and fireworks. July 7 is Star festival (Tanabata) and children write their wishes on a coloured strip of paper and hang it on a bamboo tree as a decoration. August 13 to 15 August is Obon. It is a time when we remember those who have passed away. It is thought that it is a time when spirits are able to return to family. Lanterns are hung outside and family members gather to visit graves and pray together.



**Aomori Nebuta festival**



**Obon festival**

## Nihongo (Japanese) speaking with family at home

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

おはよう Ohayou=Good morning

さよなら Sayonara = Good bye

じゃあまたね Jaa mata ne = See you again (later)

Arigato gozaimasu (Thank you very much),  
Miki



**Tako yaki(festival food)**



# WHAT EVENTS HAVE WE HAD AT WAGAMAN?



Flora, Fauna  
Biodiversity  
Science  
Education  
Program







ANZAC Day  
commemorations



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 enhance the safety of our students.

We thank our families, for their ongoing support.

PAY

at the Front Office



Account: Wagaman School Council

BSB: 035-306

Account: 930622

Ref: child/rens name

PAY ONLINE



\$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

So far this year, our families have contributed **\$3770.**



# SCHOOL NOTICES



## DONATIONS



Are you able to donate soft drink cans and bottled water for our concert evening?

You can leave your donations at the school's office by Tuesday, April 30.



PLEASE HELP



## REMINDER



Musica Viva performance, Wednesday 8th May.

Remember to return your money.



**VIVA**  
Musica Viva Australia



COMING SOON

JOIN US FOR OUR

## Mother's Day SPA

Come celebrate Mother's Day with us with an afternoon of pampering.

FRIDAY | MAY 10 | 2:00PM

IN OUR EARLY YEARS CLASSROOMS





# SCHOOL NOTICES



Tuesday, 7th May,  
Preschool Blue Group  
and Siblings.

Wednesday, 8th May,  
Whole School  
and Siblings.

Friday, 10th May,  
Catch-up day.

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<b>GREEN</b>	<b>\$50</b>	x	=
<b>Group Only</b>	<b>\$33</b>	x	=
<b>Portrait Only</b>	<b>\$34</b>	x	=

The products below may only be ordered with the purchase of one or more of the above options

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<b>Keyring</b>	<b>\$10</b>	x	=
<b>Magnet</b>	<b>\$11</b>	x	=
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$</b>

I am paying by:

Cash (Enclosed)
   
 Money Order (Enclosed)
   
 Online Payment by credit card - Use the purple code below to order online.

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**X5018EL50W** MY ONLINE RECEIPT NUMBER IS:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: **Wagaman Primary School**

Roll Class & Year: **/**

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

COMBINED PAYMENTS

(Each student MUST have their own envelope - please mark an X in the appropriate box)

This child's payment is in
   
 This envelope includes payment/s for

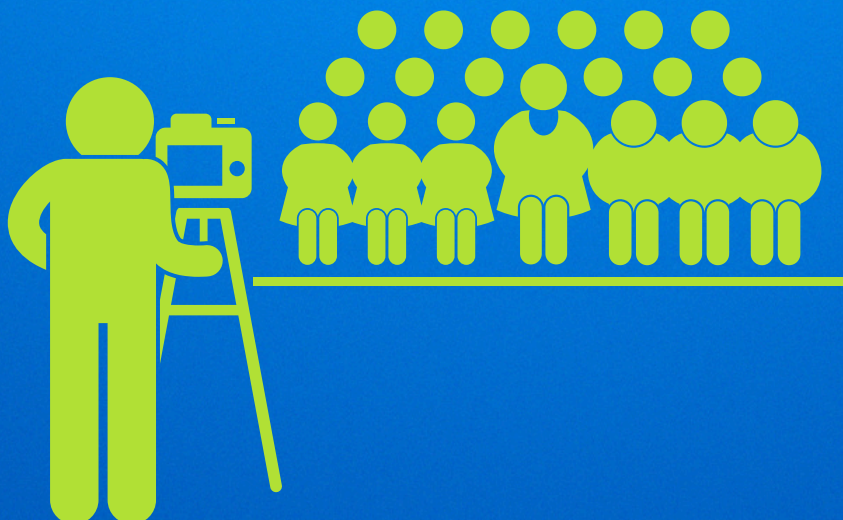
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_ Class/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child's name to be included underneath the class/year group photograph. If I DO NOT wish my child's name to appear I will notify the school IMMEDIATELY.

If you have any concerns upon receiving your photos, please email or call us directly at:  
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 1300 795 850

Return envelopes by Friday, 3rd May.







# SCHOOL NOTICES

## THE RADICAL WRITERS COMPETITION 2024



**CLOSING DATE:  
6TH JUNE 2024**



**PRIZES FOR EACH CATEGORY**  
FIRST PRIZE \$100  
ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS \$20

### ENTRIES

#### PAINT A POEM V2

An original poem and painting for display as one piece. The poem can be written or typed and stuck to the picture. Entries to include the student's name and school written on the back of the page. Maximum size of A3. Year 2 only.

#### WRITTEN ENTRIES V3-7

Original short story. Max 600 words. Original poem. Max 200 words. Word document only, font-Ariel, size 12. No illustrations/borders. Entries to include student name, year level and school typed at the top of the first page.

#### STUDENTS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS V3-7 AND V8-12

Original short story. Max 600 words. Original poem. Max 200 words. Word document only, font-Ariel, size 12. No illustrations/borders. Entries to include student name, year level and school typed at the top of the first page.

**ENTRIES DUE  
6TH JUNE**



Our Children  
Our Communities  
Our Future

The 2024 Australian Early Development Census

## Every school counts

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) is a national census that builds a picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school.

Every school has a vital role to play in helping our nation collect the information it needs to better understand and respond to the needs of children and their families.

Since 2009, communities, schools and governments across Australia have used AEDC results to help provide services, resources and supports that give our kids the best start in life.

From May 2024, teachers will complete the census for children in their first year of full-time school.

AEDC results for individual children are not reported and individual children cannot be identified.

With the support of parents/carers and schools, we can build a more complete picture of early childhood development in Australia. If parents/carers consent to the collection of their child's information they do not need to do anything. Parents/carers only need to contact the school if they do not consent to the collection of their child's information.

To find out more about the AEDC and how schools, communities and governments are using the data to help children and families, visit [www.aedc.gov.au](http://www.aedc.gov.au).



**IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION**





# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## YOUNG TERRITORY AUTHOR AWARDS



Write and create a book and you could be the 2024 Young Territory Author of the Year!

The competition is open to all Territorians 18 years and under residing in the Territory at the time of entering a submission.

First prize - \$500

School Entry prize - \$500

CBCA NT Wow Award - \$200

Enter online, by mail, at any City of Darwin Library or your local library.

To find out more, go to: [darwin.nt.gov.au/ytaw](http://darwin.nt.gov.au/ytaw) or scan the QR code.



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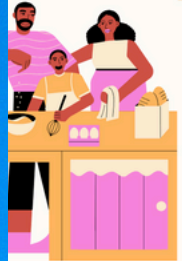
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IDEAS IN NUTRITION

### Healthy Eating and Mood: Fuelling Your Child's Happiness

Did you know that what your child eats can significantly impact their mood and well-being? A healthy diet is more than just nourishing the body; it's a recipe for a happy and emotionally balanced child. Here's some ideas for you;



- Balanced Diet:** Include fruits, veggies, whole grains, lean proteins, and dairy for essential mood-boosting nutrients.
- Stay Hydrated:** Water prevents irritability and fatigue.
- Protein for Stability:** Lean meats, fish, eggs, and legumes help regulate mood and provide sustained energy.
- Omega-3 Rich Foods:** Salmon, tuna, flaxseeds, and walnuts with omega-3 fatty acids improve mood and reduce anxiety.
- Avoid Sugary and Processed Foods:** Opt for whole, unprocessed foods to prevent energy swings that affect mood.
- Regular Meals:** stabilise blood sugar levels. Offer children regular meals and snacks.



**FREE EVENT!** City of Darwin Waters Ward Councillors  
**Mother's Day Walk**  
**SUNDAY MAY 12th - 4km Walk**  
Sponsored event supporting The Heart Foundation

Walk starts at 7.30am sharp at Yanyula Park, next to the playground and finishing back at Yanyula Park  
59 Yanyula Drive, Anula - Breakfast provided for walkers

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED VIA EVENTBRITE**

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