



wagaman
primary school

NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 4
May 9, 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fri 10 May

- Assembly - T Cleanthous
- Early Years Mother's Day Spa

Mon 13 May

- Preschool Blue Group - Mother's Day Breakfast 7:45 - 8:30am

Fri 17 May

- AFL Gala Day
- Redbull Tennis Gala Day
- Walk Safely to School Day

Mon 20 May

- School Council Meeting - 5:45pm

Wed 22 May

- National Simultaneous Reading Day - The Bowerbird Blues

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Our concert was fabulous last week. It was great to hear the feedback from families. Mrs Horne did a fabulous job in teaching all items and coordinating this wonderful whole school event. The students were very proud of their performances, and it is always great to connect with all our families.



REMINDER

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Phone the school office
if your child is absent.

Our Year 5 students attended the science fair at Dripstone Middle School last week. They were able to participate in a variety of learning experiences. Some students were even able to do some experiments with dry ice. This was part of our transition to middle school program. The Darwin region is working towards supporting families to ensure their children are enrolled at a middle school before the end of the year. Yesterday, I sent a survey link out through Seesaw for families to complete so that we are aware of where Year 6 students will be attending Year 7 in 2025.



This week, we have had our school photos taken. If you have not yet ordered photos but would like to, please contact our school front office. Yesterday, our students also enjoyed a performance by Musica Viva. This is an important component of our school music program. There were also a group of Year 3, 4 and 5 students who attended a Maths enrichment day at Dripstone Middle School this week. Students and Mrs Fulton joined students and teachers from about 15 other schools as part of this Meaningful Maths event. There were photos of this event posted on the Education NT Facebook page.

At Wagaman, we work very proactively with our students through the Australian Curriculum Health and the Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum to support students in building healthy relationships. We also work extensively to teach students our values and agreements which underpin the “Wagaman Way”. Recently we have been speaking with our upper primary students about respect and kindness particularly how teasing and the spreading of rumours relate to this. We have also spoken to them about the importance of getting adult help for ongoing issues in this area.



We are a diverse community, and we all work together. It is wonderful to celebrate our diversity as it enriches all our lives. We love working with families in positive ways to support our students. We do ask that all in our community ensure they are following the NT Department of Education Code of Conduct when in our school. This ensures we all feel safe, and our school remains a great place to be.

I will be on leave over the next two weeks and Mr Russell will be acting in the role of principal. I will return from leave on Monday 27th May.

Looking forward to seeing Early Years families at our Mather's Day Spa tomorrow afternoon.

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.

CODE OF CONDUCT



WE WELCOME YOU

Families, visitors, volunteers and service providers are valued and respected members of our learning community. You can expect to:

- be welcomed by school staff who are inclusive, supportive and professional
- experience a school culture that encourages two-way conversations and positive behaviours
- be welcomed to partner with us to support children's learning and the wellbeing of our school community.



WE WORK TOGETHER

To help us provide a safe, inclusive and supportive learning environment, we ask you to recognise that our school is also a workplace. You are expected to:

- follow instructions from the principal and school staff, and follow all regulations, policies and procedures
- be honest and fair, show respect for others and model positive behaviour
- follow the school's procedures for communicating using social media, email, phone and in-person.



WE ALL FEEL SAFE

Unacceptable and offensive behaviours are not accepted in Northern Territory education settings. These include:

- behaving in ways that are intimidating, humiliating, aggressive or abusive
- harassing, victimising or discriminating against others
- behaving in ways that endanger the health, safety or wellbeing of those around them
- engaging in behaviour that harms the reputation of the school, staff or students
- inappropriately using social media, phone or email
- inappropriately using recorded videos or audio, or photos of students, staff or school community members
- sharing any information about school staff or students gained through participating in school/learning activities
- entering school grounds while affected by, or to consume illicit drugs or alcohol, or to supply or attempt to supply them to staff or students.



















REPORT UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

If you experience or see unacceptable or offensive behaviour, contact the school principal or a staff member.

If your behaviour is unacceptable or offensive, you could be asked to leave the premises, or the Northern Territory police may be called.

DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

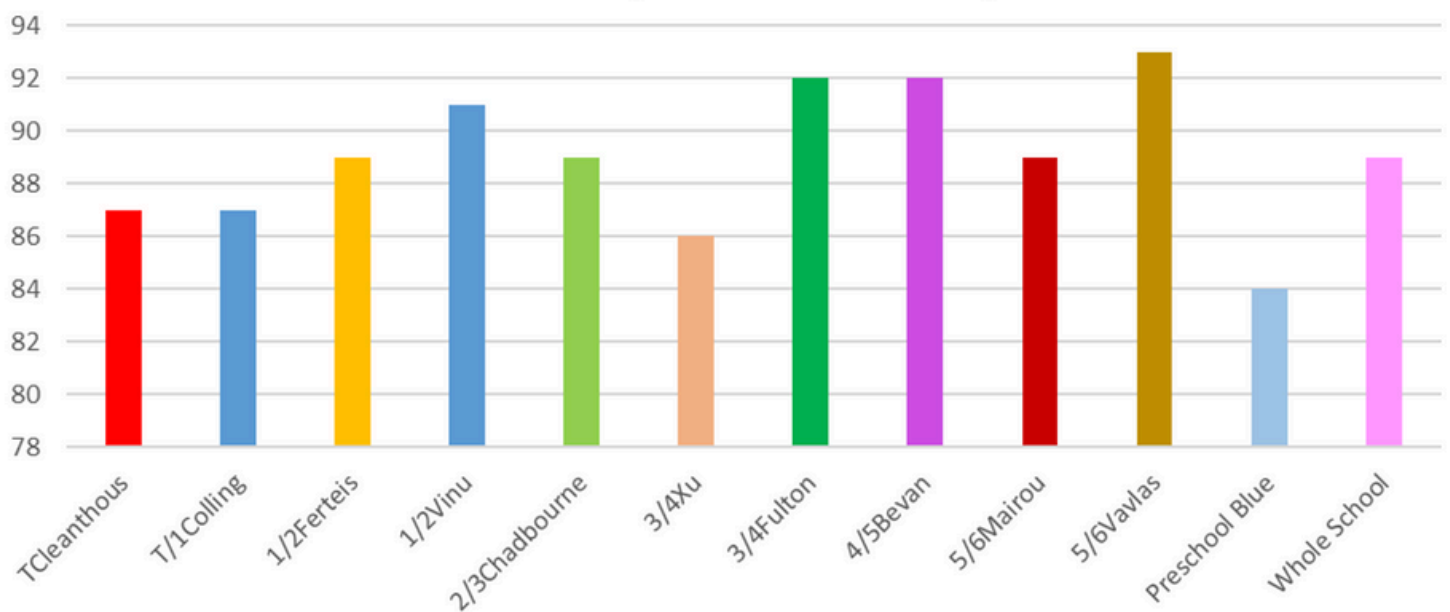
1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much, but...

If your child misses:	That equals:	Which is:	Over 13 years that's:
 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 1/2 Vinu, 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 9th May 2024





SCHOOL NOTICES

JOIN US FOR OUR

Mother's Day SPA

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

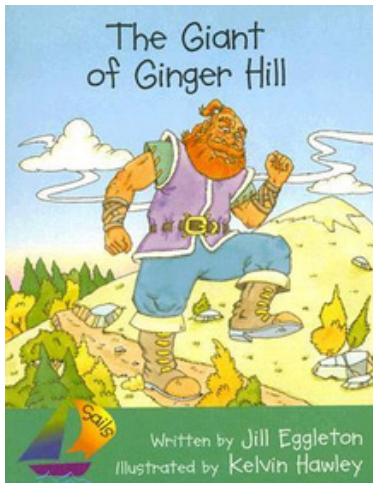
FRIDAY | MAY 10 | 2:00PM

**IN OUR EARLY YEARS
CLASSROOMS**

TOMORROW

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

1/2 VINU



As part of our writing program, we have been reading a variety of narratives and recreated our version of the story, "The Giant of Ginger Hill". Children worked in pairs and chose footwear that the giant would wear and explained how he would move in them. The words they chose had to rhyme or have a special sound.



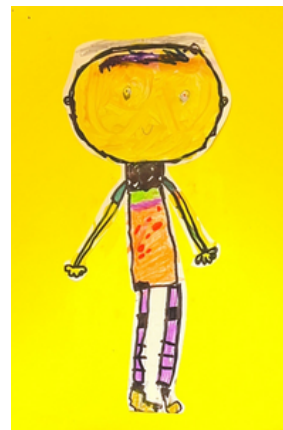
The giant loved his crocs.
He went jumping and
bumping all over Ginger
Hill.

Chanel
Date



The giant loved his soccer
boots. He went dribbling
and rippling all over
Ginger Hill.

Michael
Bhavjot



The giant loved his
gumboots. He went
splashing and dashing all
over Ginger Hill.

Charani
Alex



The giant loved her high
heels. She went clicking
and clacking all over
Ginger Hill.

Savvas
Parina



The giant loved her roller
skates. She went gliding
and sliding all over the
foot paths of Ginger Hill.

Elky
Thamara



The giant loved his work
boots. He went stomping
and plomping all over the
work sites of Ginger Hill.

Zai
Aishleen



The giant loved his
sneakers. He went
stomping and stumping
with his sneakers.

Daisy
Thomas



The giant loved his fancy
shoes. He went jumping
and jiggling all over
Ginger Hill.

Janiah
Sophia

As part of our health learning, we talked about healthy foods and the food groups. Students had to design a healthy plate of food. They used a variety of technologies to show their design skills.



WHAT EVENTS HAVE WE HAD AT WAGAMAN?

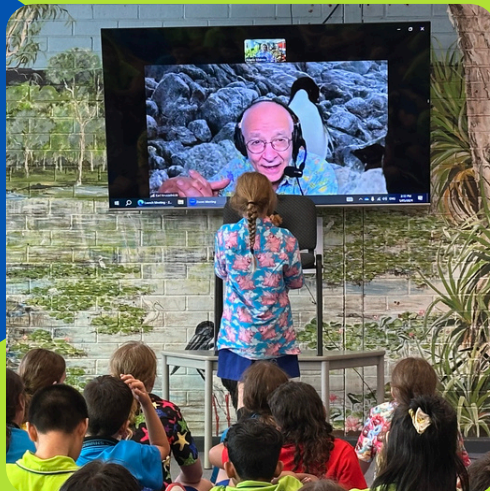
Year 2/3/4 Inquiry Showcase



Year 5 Science Day Dripstone Middle School



Dr Karl
Q&A



WHAT EVENTS HAVE WE HAD AT WAGAMAN?



School
Concert





- School Council for organising the BBQ.
- The Messina family for donating all the sausages and bread!
- Kate Worden MLA and
- Families who donated drinks for the evening.

THANK YOU 😊



WHAT EVENTS HAVE WE HAD AT WAGAMAN?

Meaningful Maths Enrichment Day



Musica Viva Rhythm Works



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



ENROLMENT PROCESS

CLICK HERE!



01 Register

Scan the QR Code to register

<https://www.qkenhanced.com.au/Account/Embeddable/?databaseId=11200>



02 Check your E-mail

You will be emailed a link to confirm and finish your registration.



03 Add your child's details

Sign back in and complete your own and your child's contact details!

At the end, choose:

- **Create Waitlist Application**, to fill out your preferred days

Save and finish



04 Wait for the Offer

Once this centre receives the application, they will send you an Offer per email.



05 Finish the Enrolment Process

- Click on the email link to log back in
- Click to accept the offer
- Fill out the rest of the enrolment form details



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**



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?





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.

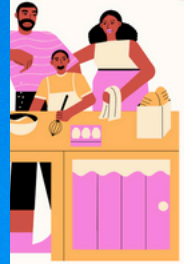
To find out more, go to: darwin.nt.gov.au/ytaw or scan the QR code.



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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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