



wagaman
primary school

NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 8
Jun 6, 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fri 7 June

- Sports Day

Mon 10 Jun

- Public Holiday

Wed 12 Jun

- Preschool Sports Morning 9am-10am
- Yr 1/2 Inquiry Showcase afternoon 2.20pm-2.40pm

Thu 13 Jun

- Stargazing Evening - Middle Primary 6.30pm-8.30pm

Wed 19 Jun

- Semester 1 Report Go Home

Thu 19 June

- Assembly - 4/5 Bevan

Fri 21 Jun

- Hockey Gala Day
- Last Day of Term 2

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

It's been another action packed two weeks at Wagaman. Last week we ran a very successful parent evening about Read Write Inc. This is a literacy program that we are implementing across our Early Years. We are seeing some great development of our student's reading skills through the implementation of this program. We had a large number of our early years families come to the evening. It was also wonderful to see our students teaching their parents what they do in their lessons. If you missed the evening and would like to know more, please have a chat with your child's class teacher.



Read Write Inc.
Phonics

REMINDER

☎ 08 8922 6011

🌐 www.wagamanprimary.nt.edu.au

📘 @wagamanprimaryschool

Phone the school office if your child is absent.



Last Wednesday, our Learning Commission hosted a Booknic. This was a key action from the work they have been doing about developing engagement in reading. The students in the Learning Commission planned a number of very engaging reading activities and classes were each able to participate in two. Activities included dramatisation, making key characters using mechanical components, visualising and drawing. It was a wonderful way to start the day and the feedback from students and staff was so positive that the Learning Commission are looking at the possibility of hosting another Booknic.



You may have seen us in the media over the last couple of days. We are all very excited that a team of students from our school won the NT Kids in Space challenge. Kids in Space is a program developed by Makers Empire, The Andy Thomas Space Foundation and The Australian Space Agency. Our upper primary classes have been working with this exciting program during the term.

As part of this program, our school received a 3D printer which students have been using to create their designs. All students were involved in the project and teams of 8 from each class attended the showcase day on Tuesday. Students who attended had to submit a short video to their teachers to outline the reasons they should be selected. All teams represented Wagaman well. The team from Mrs Vavlas' class were the NT winners. We are looking forward to sending representatives to Adelaide for the national finals in November.

The Children's University is an opportunity we have offered over the past two years to our middle and upper primary students. We work in collaboration with Charles Darwin University. The focus of this program is to develop lifelong learners. Students are rewarded for learning activities they complete beyond school. Last week, Mr Mairou held an information session about the Children's University. If you would like more information, contact him at school.



This morning, our Year 6 students headed off to Dripstone Middle School for their orientation day. This is a key event in our transitioning to middle school calendar. The Darwin region is working hard to track student movement into middle school. If you haven't already done so, please complete the survey using the link below. Ensuring students are enrolled early supports the school they are going to in important new year planning.



CLICK HERE

**Year 7 2025 Parent Expression of Interest
Wagaman Primary School**

This is a communication document to be shared with prospective schools for 2025 enrolment support and transitioning processes. This is not an enrolment form; this is to inform Darwin region schools early of your intention to enrol.

Please Note: A school's priority enrolment area is the residential area in a school's catchment. Students residing within a priority enrolment area will have priority placement within the school over children who reside outside of the enrolment area.

For further information, please see: <https://education.nt.gov.au/bodies/student-enrolment/enrolment/priority-enrolment-area>



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.

At the end of this year, Wagaman will again send a large number of students to middle school which will impact our numbers and staffing. We have excellent learning opportunities and fabulous staff at Wagaman. The feedback we regularly receive from parents, community members and visiting staff is extremely positive. We are currently taking enrolments for students who require an immediate start and also those who would like to attend Wagaman in 2025. Next year, we would like to be able to offer two Preschool groups. If you have a preschool-aged child, please drop into the front office and add their name to the 2025 waitlist. We also have some spaces in our 2024 Blue Group for students who turn 4 in July or August. If you know of any families who would like to enrol students in our preschool for 2025, please let them know that we are now taking names.

**NOW ACCEPTING
NEW ENROLMENTS**

Preschool - Yr 6

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**INFORMATION
FOR OUR FAMILIES**

WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR
SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Ms Vinu will be on leave for the remainder of the year. We thank her for all her work with her students this year. We are currently working on recruiting a teacher and will let families know as soon as we have found a replacement.

We are all looking forward to sports day tomorrow. The 800m last Friday was a great start. Tomorrow morning, we will begin with our 100m age races. The day will begin at 8:30am. The first races of the day will be the 12 year olds. Our House Captains have been preparing the teams and the cheering practice we held this week was very loud and enthusiastic.

See you at sports day tomorrow.

Kind Regards,

Mandy McKinnon
Principal

REMEMBER! →

MESSAGE

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You need a hat
and water bottle,
every day!

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**SPORTS
DAY
EVENTS**

TOMORROW

07 JUNE '24

CROCS V SHARKS

Running Races from 8.45 am
Field Events from 9.30 am

Sausage sizzle available,
organised by our canteen.

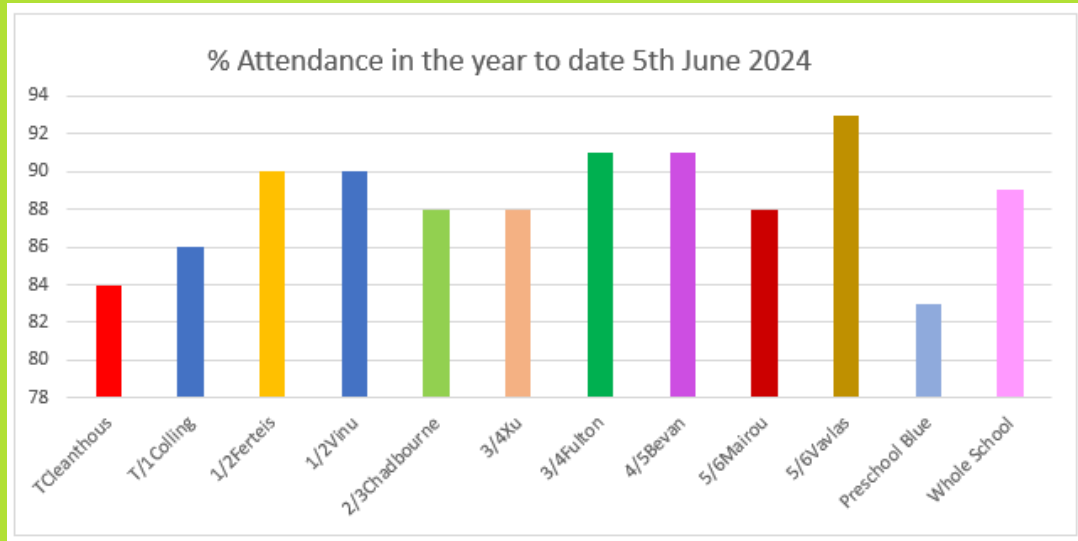
Our attendance is tracking at 89% for the year to date. Well done to 1/2 Vinu, 1/2 Ferteis, 3/4 Fulton, 4/5 Bevan and 5/6 Vavlas who have attendance of 90% or above. Keep up the great efforts.

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!



How do we talk to children about bullying?

Sometimes, people get confused about what is and isn't bullying.

People can think that someone saying something they don't like is bullying – but it's not. Bullying is different from conflict or unkindness.

Bullying is mean, but being mean doesn't always mean bullying.

Bullying behaviours:

- Are **aggressive, unkind or mean** behaviours
- Are **repeated behaviours** (it must happen multiple times, in an ongoing way to be defined as bullying)
- Happen on **purpose**
- Must have a **power imbalance** – which means that people bullying and the people being bullied aren't seen as being "equal", e.g. older, bigger people picking on smaller, younger people, or "popular" people targeting someone who they see as being "unpopular", or who is struggling to make friends.

Some other serious types of behaviours, like **discrimination, harassment and abuse**, can overlap with bullying and are actually against the law.

Bullying is not the same as

- Being rude** – saying or doing something hurtful that wasn't planned or meant to hurt someone, e.g. someone pushing in front of you in the canteen line
- Being mean** – doing something hurtful to someone on purpose once or twice, e.g. a friend refusing to play with you one day
- Conflict** – having a disagreement with a friend, e.g. two friends getting into an argument and saying mean things to each other
- Respectful feedback** on behaviours you're doing that aren't ok, e.g. "It's not ok roll your eyes every time they talk about sport."
- A friend putting in a 'boundary'** e.g. "I don't like it when you keep telling me what to do."
- Natural consequences** in socialising, e.g. a friend not trusting you because you shared their secret

MORE INFO

www.kidshelpline.com.au

Stand up to the bullying

A great way to respectfully challenge bullying is to say, "We don't do that here."

This is powerful as you're making it really clear that the behaviours that are happening are not ok - and you're doing it respectfully too (leading by example).



IS IT BULLYING?

When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they do it once,

that's RUDE!

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once,

that's MEAN!

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset,

that's BULLYING!

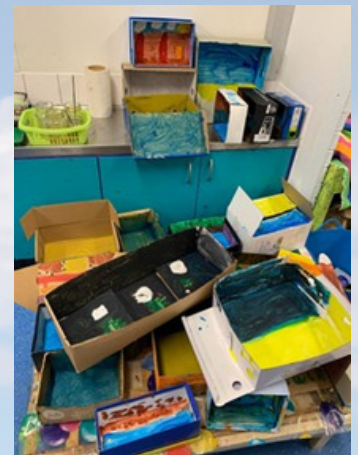
WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

YEAR 1/2 FERTEIS

As a part of our inquiry learning, we have been investigating the question, 'Why is a place important?'

Our class has been exploring different places around Australia and our local area. The students have found it very interesting using Google Earth to check out the different states and territories around our country and how they are so different from each other.

Our class is working on creating dioramas to design our special place. We have made our very own flip books, too.



During Investigations, lots of students collaborated to create a travel and airport space, where you can go to learn about the world and book your dream holiday!

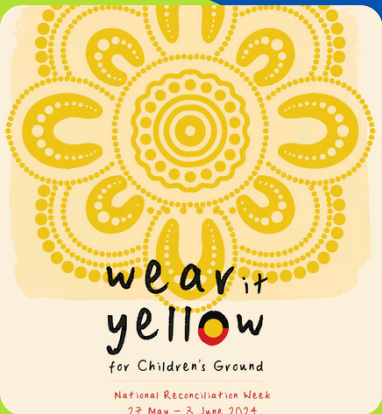
Our class have been researching the many languages found here. We have used an Indigenous Australia map and investigated why areas in Australia are special to different people.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

WHAT EVENTS HAVE WE HAD AT WAGAMAN?

National Reconciliation Week



Learning Commission Booknic





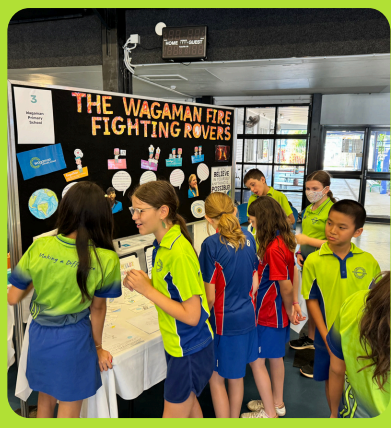
Read Write Inc Information Evening



800m Races



Kids In Space Showcase



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 **\$4800.**



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

YEAR 2
PAINT A
POEM

YEAR 5/6
POEM

YEAR 3/4
POEM

YEAR 7/8
POEM

CATEGORIES

YEAR 3/4
SHORT
STORY

YEAR 7 / 8
SHORT
STORY

YEAR 5/6
SHORT
STORY

SWAN
YEAR 3-7
POEM & SHORT
STORY

SWAN
YEAR 8-12
POEM & SHORT
STORY

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

LAST DAY

Get your entires in!



COMMUNITY NOTICES

MAKING WAVES

YOUTH SAILING SCHOLARSHIP



ARE YOU BETWEEN THE AGES OF 12 AND 16?
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MORE INFO

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ENROL NOW FOR TERM 3 AFTER SCHOOL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS



Call us on 8997 7000

Year 1 to Year 12 Students

Monday to Wednesday - 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Saturdays (Mandarin only) - 10:00am to 12:30pm

Choose from 11 different languages

Auslan - French - German - Greek - Japanese - Indonesian - Italian - Mandarin - Portuguese - Spanish and new for Term 3 - Russian

School pick up service available from some local Darwin schools (fees apply)

Term fees are \$180 for a term, based on 1 class per week, per child.

ENROL NOW

For more information visit:

www.darwinlanguagescentre.nt.edu.au

TERM FEES
\$180



Term 3 Enrolments now open!

Darwin Chorale and CDU Academy of the Arts present

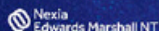


HEROES & VILLAINS

Matinee & Evening | 5, 6, 7 & 12, 13 July 2024

Charles Darwin University Theatre

Tickets available from www.darwinchorale.org.au



WHAT'S NEW!



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/ytaa or scan the QR code.



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MINECRAFT

July School Holidays
1st to 5th July



Do you enjoy playing Minecraft? Do you like learning in fun ways? If your answer is yes and you are in Grades 3, 4, 5 or 6 then come and join us in the school Holidays.

We have a 5 Day camp planned where you can choose how many days you want!

Venue: 27 Smith Street, Darwin City in the mall

8:30am - 2:00pm each day

Camps Are Designed to:

- Encourage collaboration
- Develop social and communication skills
- Engage Kids in problem solving environments
- Have enormous fun!

We have limited numbers available each day so please book your child's place as soon as you can to avoid disappointment. Books to be made via website

<https://www.wicksees.com.au/book-online>

Call Daniel 0412 144 404 for any questions



DARWIN REGION SPORT EDUCATION

TRACK & FIELD TEAM

Students aged between 10 and 19 in the year of competition, born from 1/1/2014 - 31/12/2005 can nominate to be a member of the Darwin Region T & F team in 2024.

To be eligible for selection students must be the correct age, meet benchmarks and be enrolled in a Darwin Region School.

Multi-class students can be selected for this team also.

darwinregion.sport.doeeducation.nt.gov.au
0460 037 976



SELF NOMINATE

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN COB 14 JUNE 2024

CONTACT DARWIN REGION SPORT EDUCATION OFFICE OR YOUR SCHOOL TO RECEIVE A NOMINATION FORM



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AGES 5-12



Tracy Village FC
Mondays



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Wednesdays



St Mary's FC
Saturdays



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Contact: Joshua.mccarthy@afl.com.au

