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# NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Week 6  
May 23, 2024



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fri 24 May

- Assembly - T/1 Colling

Mon 27 - 31 May

- National Reconciliation Week

Wed 29 May

- Read Write Inc Parent Information Evening Early Years Reading

Fri 31 May

- 800m races  
10yrs - 12yrs - 8:30 - 9:15am

Tue 4 June

- Kids in Space showcase day excursion

Thu 6 June

- Year 6 Orientation to Middle School Day

Fri 7 June

- Sports Day

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

The dry season has finally kicked in over the last week. The weather outside has been fresh, which has been great for our morning fitness activities. It also means that inside, it does get a little cooler in the air-conditioning this time of the year. It is important to ensure that children bring a jumper or jacket they can use in the classroom. The colder weather also brings an increase in colds and the flu. Please remember to notify the office if your child is away.

On Friday, May 10, our early years classes celebrated their mums at their annual Mother's Day Spa. The classrooms were abuzz with nail painting, massages, afternoon tea and crafts. There was even an opportunity for mums to relax with a face mask!

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Phone the school office  
if your child is absent.

Thank you, to everyone who came along. We hope our Wagaman mums enjoyed their pampering. A big thank you, to our wonderful early years teachers for organising this event. Our preschoolers also celebrated their mums by holding a special breakfast the following Monday.



May 10 was also Walk Safely to School Day. This annual event is in its 25th year and encourages children to walk and commute safely to school. It's important that we walk safely to school, every day! It has been great to hear from our community that our students are doing the right thing when walking near and crossing roads. This week, I acknowledged some of these students with Way to Go tickets for doing the right thing. If you have an appreciation to share, please come in and let us know.

Last Friday, we had groups of our primary students participate in an AFL Gala Day and the Redball Tennis event. It was great to hear our students showing the Wagaman Way! The NT School of Sport has provided us with some special certificates which recognise exceptional movement skills, enjoyment and motivation, knowledge of rules and safety, respect and leadership and having a positive mindset during sport. Teachers have nominated students and I will present these special certificates at tomorrow's assembly.



On Wednesday, classes stopped to join in National Simultaneous Storytime. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries and schools around the country. This year's book was Bowerbird Blues by Aura Parker. Mrs Wong organises a special reading in the library with our early years, with some familiar faces acting out the story.

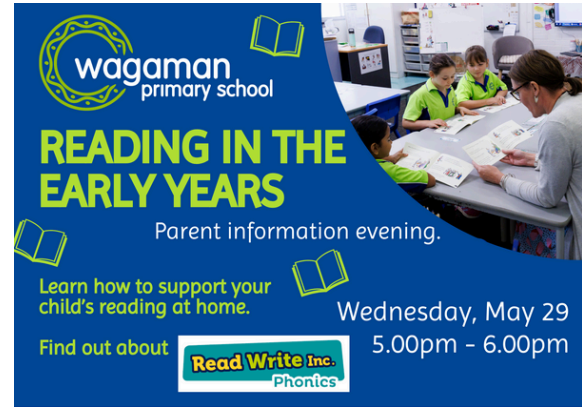
Next week is National Reconciliation Week. It is a time dedicated to building positive, respectful relationships and celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. The theme for 2024 is 'Now More Than Ever.' We will share our learning in our socials, next week.

On Thursday, May 30, wear yellow and bring a gold coin. Money raised will support Children's Ground. You can donate to our fundraising page by clicking the image.



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.

Next Wednesday, we are inviting families to an information evening to learn more about reading in the early years. The session hosted by Ms Colling and Ms Kate will share tips on reading at home with your child/ren and give more information about Read Write Inc Phonics, which is a systematic, synthetic phonics program we have introduced in our early years classes this year. We encourage parents to bring your child/ren with you, as they will have the opportunity to show you how and what they are learning to read.



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## READING IN THE EARLY YEARS

Parent information evening.

Learn how to support your child's reading at home.

Find out about **Read Write Inc. Phonics**

Wednesday, May 29  
5.00pm - 6.00pm



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**07 JUNE '24**

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Field Events from 9.30 am

Sausage sizzle available, organised by our canteen.

Our Sports Day is fast approaching. Next Friday, we will hold the 800m races for children aged 10, 11 and 12 years. In Week 8, on Friday, June 7, we will hold our main events. The canteen will be having a sausage sizzle on this day. The normal menu will not be on offer. Student order forms will go home this week. Please return order forms by the Wednesday of Week 8. There is an option for families to order using the Spriggy School app by clicking on 'Events' but this does have an additional fee. Keep an eye on Seesaw for updates about Sports Day.

I look forward to seeing families at our reading information evening next Wednesday.

Kind Regards,  
Dane Russell  
Acting Principal



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for National Reconciliation Week.

Bring a gold coin donation for  
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Our attendance is tracking at 89% for the year to date. Well done to 3/4 Fulton, 4/5 Bevan and 5/6 Vavlas who continue to have attendance above 90%. Keep up the great efforts.

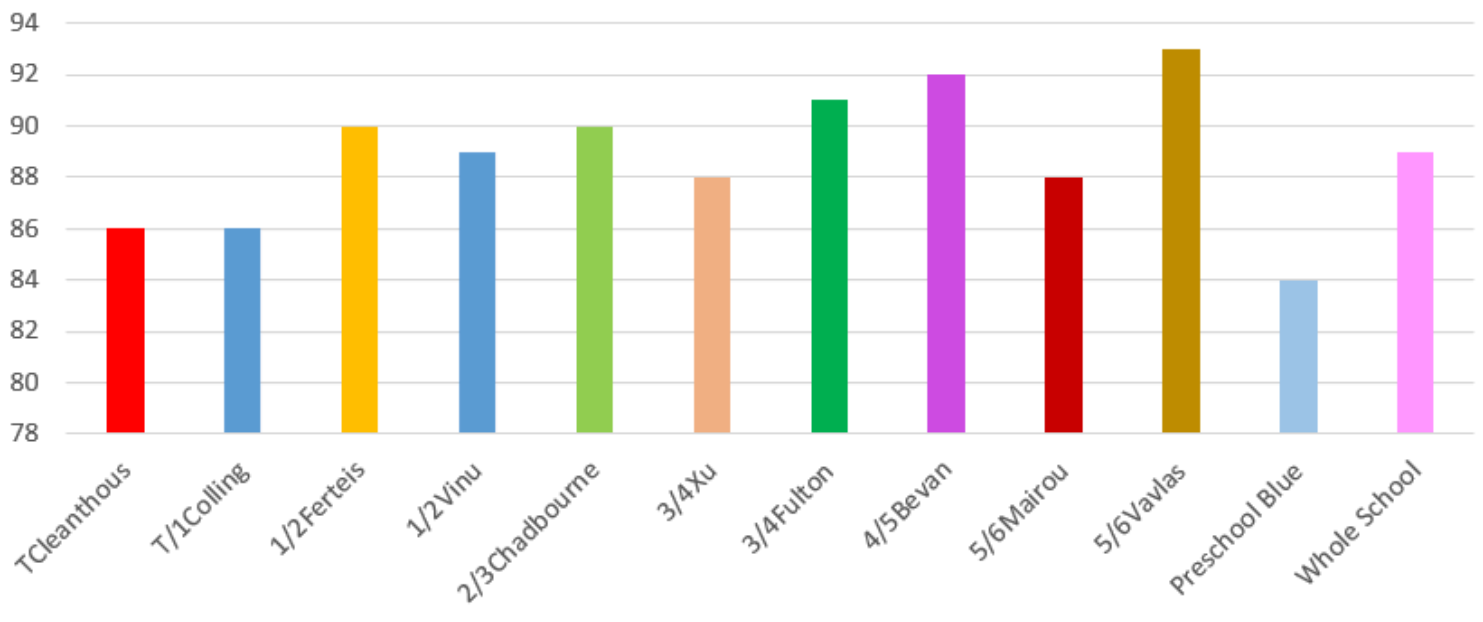
## DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

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!

% Attendance in the year to date 22nd May 2024



Last week, Mrs Horne had a baby girl, Liliya.

CONGRATULATIONS

IT'S A GIRL

# WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

## YEAR 4/5 BEVAN



We had the opportunity to ask Dr Karl some questions related to our learning about Space.



In Maths, we have been learning to match fractions and percentages using materials.



We have been making telescopes using paper.



Miss Kerry gives us extra support in literacy and mathematics.



We have been using Makers Empire to create 3D designs and models.



In maths groups, we have been learning to use decimals and percentages with Miss Julie-Anne.



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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

# WHAT EVENTS HAVE WE HAD AT WAGAMAN?

## Mother's Day Spa



# AFL Gala Day / Redball Tennis



# National Simultaneous Storytime





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-Arial, 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-Arial, size 12. No illustrations/borders. Entries to include student name, year level and school typed at the top of the first page.



**LAST!  
CHANCE!**

# Hurry!

## Get your entires in!



# 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](http://darwin.nt.gov.au/ytaa) or scan the QR code.



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## 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.

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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