



wagaman  
primary school

# NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 01  
Jul 25, 2024



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fri 26 Jul

- Public Holiday - Darwin Show Day

Wed 31 July

- Preschool Bike a Thon
- Children's University Excursion to CDU

Fri 2 Aug

- Zone Athletics

Mon 5 Aug

- Public Holiday - Picnic Day

Tue 6 Aug

- Young Writer's Festival

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Semester 2. The dry season weather has been beautiful, and it has been great to see all our students return to learning. A special welcome to our new families. This semester, we welcome two new staff members. Ms Cara Brown is teaching preschool. Cara comes to us from Nhulunbuy. Ms Elloida Kneller is teaching in Year 1/2, replacing Ms Vinu whilst she is on leave. Both these teachers bring varying experiences from previous roles to Wagaman. If you see them around the school, please don't hesitate to stop and say hello.

# WELCOME

REMINDER

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Phone the school office  
if your child is absent.

Over the holidays we had significant work carried out in both our playground and car park area. We now have new soft fall sand under some of our playgrounds in Area 2. Families will have noticed the new line marking that occurred in the car park. Our car park is a very busy place during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up times. It is vital for the safety of our students that families take care, to [use these areas safely](#) and [model safe behaviours](#) for their children. I do ask that families ensure they are [using the marked crossing zones](#) within the car park when collecting their children and taking them to the car.



Last Monday, our staff spent the day participating in Module 2 of Safe and Supportive De-escalation of Behaviours training. This training provided educators with skills, knowledge and practices to enable them to create an inclusive environment for students. It included positive behaviour supports, incident response and risk management. This followed on from Module 1 which staff completed at the beginning of Term 2. Module 1 focused on school-wide approaches, concepts of trauma and neurodevelopment, and putting theory into practice.

Last Friday, twelve of our Year 6 students attended a Japanese "Survivor" Day at the School of Languages. This was an interactive day where students were immersed in using the Japanese language to work through challenges.



Last Friday evening, Wagaman Primary School hosted a community movie evening. It was an enjoyable community event attended by many families. The night was made possible by many generous donations. Kate Worden, MLA for Sanderson generously donated the movie and screen. The popcorn machine was donated by Kim Farrar, Darwin City Council. Green Ant Gardeners, A & D Extreme Bright Cleaning Services, Big W and M & T Garces Cleaning Services, all helped to fund the BBQ and drinks to support our school fundraising. A huge thank you to all these groups and individuals for their support of our school. A special thank you also to our school council and staff who work on the night. We raised just over \$900.



**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.**

We are planning our Indigenous cultural activities for Friday 9th August to coincide with International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. If you have some connections or ideas you may be able to share, please reach out to Mr Brod at school. You can contact him via our school front office.



Looking forward to connecting with you at school during the term.

Kind Regards

Mandy McKinnon  
Principal



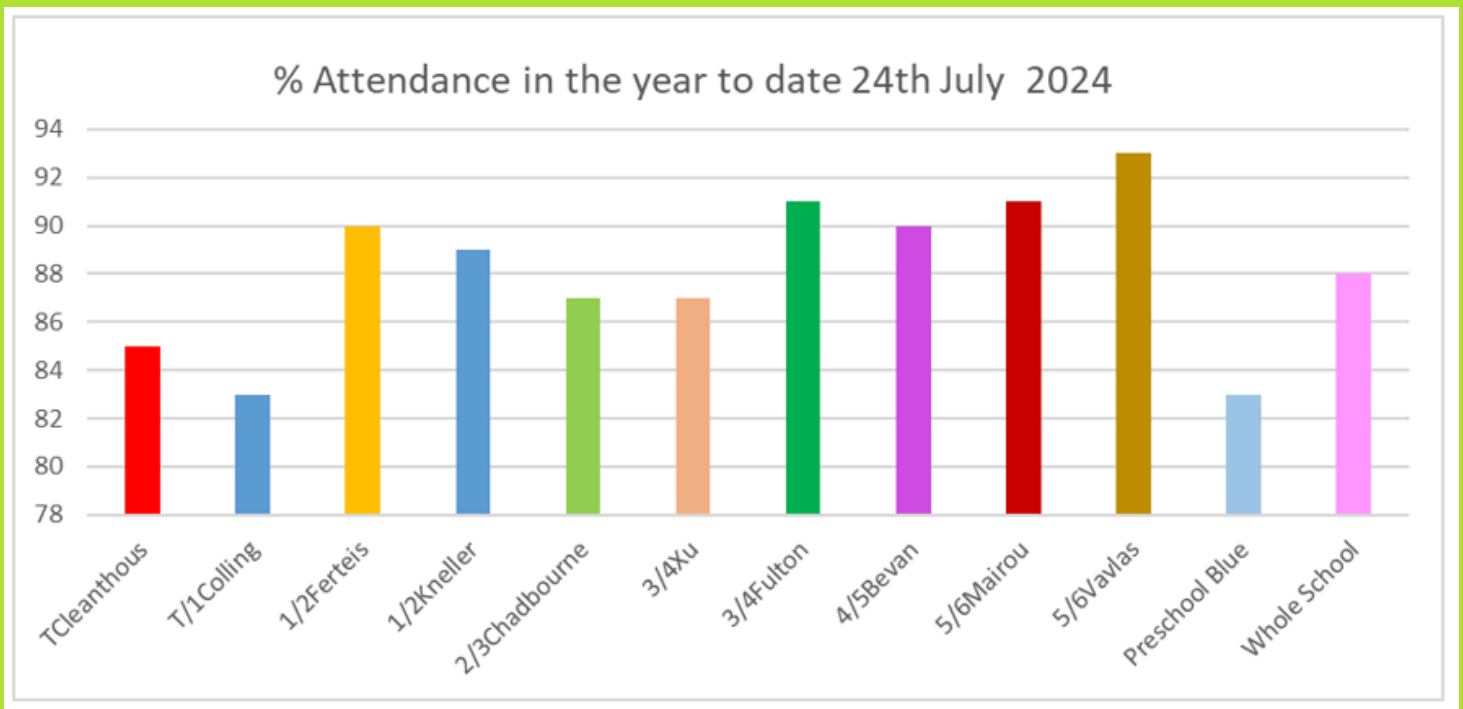
During the holidays, Rupa and Lindsay participated in the Stagesong 'Musical in a Week' with Mrs Edeson.

The musical was called 'Shakespeare Rocks,' all about the life of William Shakespeare.

Stagesong are having a performance of Cinderella on Friday, Aug 2. Lindsay in 4/5 Bevan is playing the role of Cinderella and Daisy in 3/4 Xu is Prince Charming.



Our attendance has dropped a little and is now tracking at 88% for the year to date. This is primarily due to illness in our community at the end of last term. We would love to increase this to at least 90% by the end of the year. Well done to 1/2 Ferteis, 3/4 Fulton, 4/5 Bevan, 5/6 Mairou and 5/6 Vavlas who have started the term with attendance of 90% or above. Keep coming to school everyday!



## 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!**

# WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

## YEAR 1/2 FERTEIS

This term, 1/2F will be exploring fractions! Over the past week, we have been focusing on whole, halves and quarters. We have used lots of shapes, objects, drawings and games to learn how we can make equal parts of a whole. It was super interesting to learn that each part needs to be exactly the same size, otherwise they wouldn't be able to be equally shared.

This week, 1/2F made our own pizzas and included lots of delicious toppings such as ham, pineapple, garlic and mozzarella. After we assembled and cooked our pizzas, we practised cutting them into halves, quarters and eighths which was a bit trickier! Finally, we could eat and enjoy our yummy lunch after lots of learning.

### How did students in 1/2F go?

"I cut my pizza in halves."  
Georgia



"I cut my pizza in quarters."  
Jack H

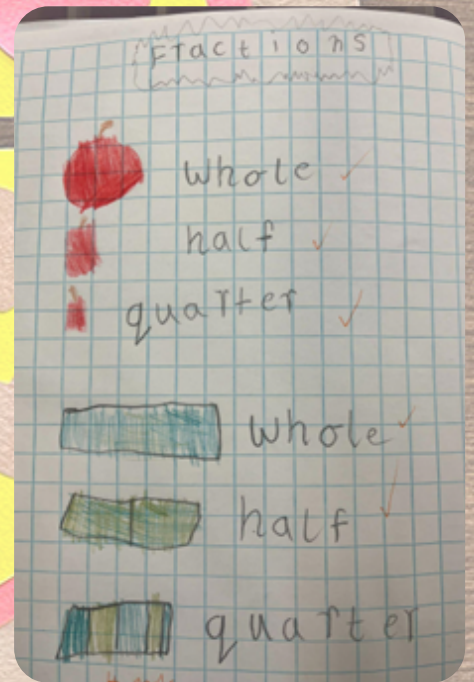
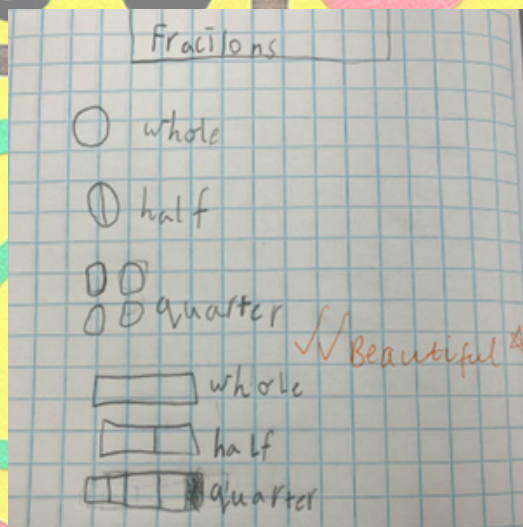
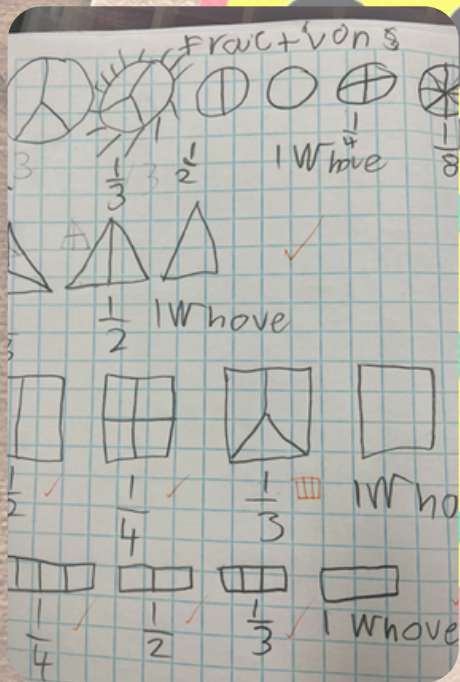
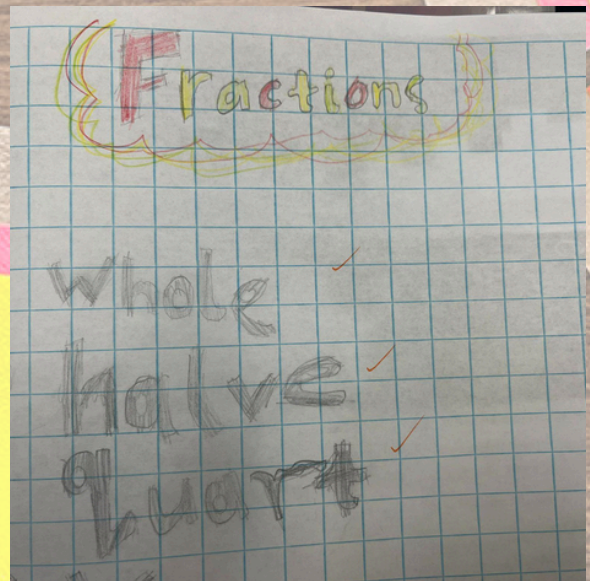


"I cut my pizza in quarters."  
Maria



"My pizza is not cut, so it is  
a whole pizza."  
Mason





IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

# WHAT EVENTS HAVE WE HAD AT WAGAMAN?

## Japanese 'Survivor' at the Darwin Languages Centre



# Movie Night WPS Oval



We appreciate the following people and businesses who generously donated to our movie night.

- Kate Worden MLA for Sanderson
- Kim Farrar Councillor for Waters Ward - City of Darwin
- Green Ant Gardeners
- A&D Extreme Bright Cleaning and Maintenance Services
- M & T Garces Cleaning Services
- All our families who donated drinks

**Kate Worden** MLA  
MEMBER FOR SANDERSON

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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 **\$4350.**

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## Opening Hours

### After School Care:

Monday to Friday  
2:30pm to 6pm

### Vacation Care:

Monday to Friday  
7:00am to 6:00pm

## Reminders

Please follow us on  
Facebook page by  
searching @Child  
Australia OSHC.

We will share photos of  
the children's learning.



## Message from the CD

My name is **Ihrefnejen Kiranou**, originally from the Philippines. I am thrilled to be part of this prestigious school community. Prior to this, I spent 9 years as a teacher in the Philippines and Thailand. During my time there, I developed a strong passion to mould young minds and foster a supportive and engaging learning environment. Thus, it solidified my passion for working with children.

In Darwin, I worked for 5 years and 7 months as a Coordinator in After School Care. I commenced my role as a supervisor on 11th of June 2024. I am committed to fostering an environment of collaboration, innovation and mutual respect. I strongly believe that by working together, we can achieve great things and continue to deliver exceptional results.

Outside of work, I am an avid volleyball player. It has taught me valuable lessons in teamwork, communication, and perseverance which I strive to bring into my professional life as well. Rest assured that I will be sharing my God-given talents to the children entrusted into my care.

Finally, I will create a nurturing and stimulating environment where the children feel safe, valued and discover their giftedness. My goals are to make a positive impact on every child's life that I touch and to shape their future by influencing them and helping them to develop skills, knowledge and values that will last a lifetime.



## Contact Info

## Term 3 Week 1: Our Week of Learning

### Soccer Game Rocks!



Tabletop soccer allowed children to build relationships with their peers.



Jenga Games improved hand-eye coordination and balance.

### Pokémon Fanatics



This activity allowed the boys to learn critical thinking skills.



Their sense of imagination and creativity were enhanced through Face Painting.



## Contact Info



# SCHOOL NOTICES



## YEAR 6 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING AND SCHOOL TOUR FOR ENROLMENT IN 2025



**NIGHT 1**  
WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024  
5.30pm to 6.30pm in the School Library

**NIGHT 2**  
TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2024  
5.30pm to 6.30pm in the School Library

Ph: 8983 7777 | E: [dripstone.middle@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:dripstone.middle@education.nt.gov.au) | 10 Delamere Street, Tiwi NT

**COMING  
SOON**

# Preschool Bike-a-thon



**Wednesday  
July 31**



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

# WHAT'S NEW!

## MINECRAFT

September School Holidays  
30<sup>th</sup> SEP to 4<sup>th</sup> OCT

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

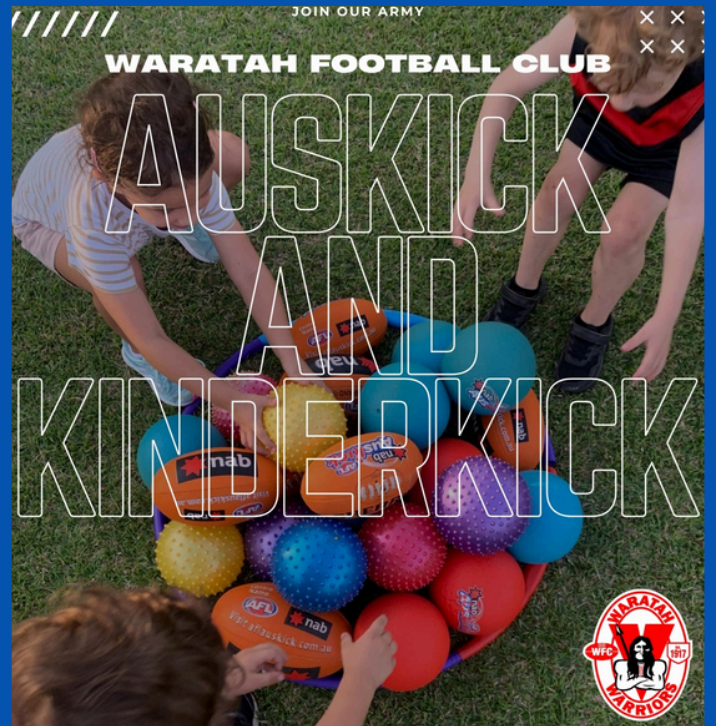
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AGES 5-12  
WEDNESDAY'S  
FROM 24 JULY  
5-6PM  
GARDENS OVAL  
\$100

BEST WAY TO  
INTRODUCE KIDS TO  
OUR GREAT GAME  
REGISTER  
ONLINE

**KINDERKICK**  
AGES 2-5  
SATURDAY'S  
FROM 27 JULY  
8:30 OR 9:15AM  
GARDENS OVAL 2  
\$40