



wagaman  
primary school

# NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 04  
Aug 08, 2024



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fri 9 Aug

- Assembly - 3/4 Fulton
- World Indigenous Peoples Day - Cultural Day Activities

Mon 10 Aug - 18 Aug

- National Science Week

Fri 16 Aug

- National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
- Touch Football Gala Day

Mon 19 Aug

- School Council Meeting - 5:45pm

Tue 20 Aug

- Bedtime Stories Early Years (5:30 - 6:30pm)

Fri 23 Aug

- Book Week Dress Up and Parade

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we are now in August. Last Wednesday, our Preschool held a very successful Bikeathon. The students enjoyed bringing in their bikes and scooters to ride. A special thank you to those families who came and supported the morning.



REMINDER

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Phone the school office  
if your child is absent.



Mr Mairou has been leading the Children's University. Students have been collecting points in their passport from extracurricular activities they have participated in. Last week the students involved in this program went to CDU and engaged in a variety of fabulous learning activities led by CDU staff.



A number of northern suburbs schools participated in the Radical Writers Festival this year. The festival comprises a writing competition and festival day where a group of students participate in writing workshops with published authors. Our very own Mrs Lesley Colling is the organiser of this event. The festival day was held this week at Dripstone Middle School. Over 100 students from Darwin schools attended. Some Wagaman students received prizes across a variety of categories in the writing competition. Congratulations to Elky Schey-Gerdes, Abby Dorahy, Amy Nheu, Anna Baiju, Rupankita Roy and Pippa Sutherland who all won prizes.



At Wagaman, we provide many sporting opportunities for our students. Wagaman Warriors AFL team had their first game at Manunda Terrace last Thursday. They were proud of their victory. This week we have a bye and our team is very much looking forward to next week's game against Karama Primary School. This week, a group of students participated in wheelchair basketball at Marrara Stadium. This was an opportunity to learn about a sport that students previously had limited exposure.



Tomorrow is World Indigenous People's Day. Mr Brod has been working hard to coordinate some indigenous focused cultural learning activities for our students. Classes will participate in these activities following assembly. Assembly will be led by Year 3/4 Fulton.

Our 2024 School Survey is now open. It is a great opportunity for families to provide feedback about our school and support us in our ongoing improvement journey. Please scan the QR codes available in the foyer or click the link in the newsletter to complete the survey.



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.



**BULLYING  
NO WAY**

What is  
belonging?

**▶ WATCH NOW**



**EVERYONE  
BELONGS**

Bullying No Way  
National week of action  
12-16 August 2024

**BULLYING  
NO WAY**

**H**  **OME**

The NT Music School presents  
**THE DARWIN BEAT FESTIVAL**  
4, 5, 6 SEPTEMBER 2024

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Beat Festival. Our Wagaman Choir will be performing on Wednesday 4th September.

Come along and support our children and enjoy an entertaining evening full of vibrant music.

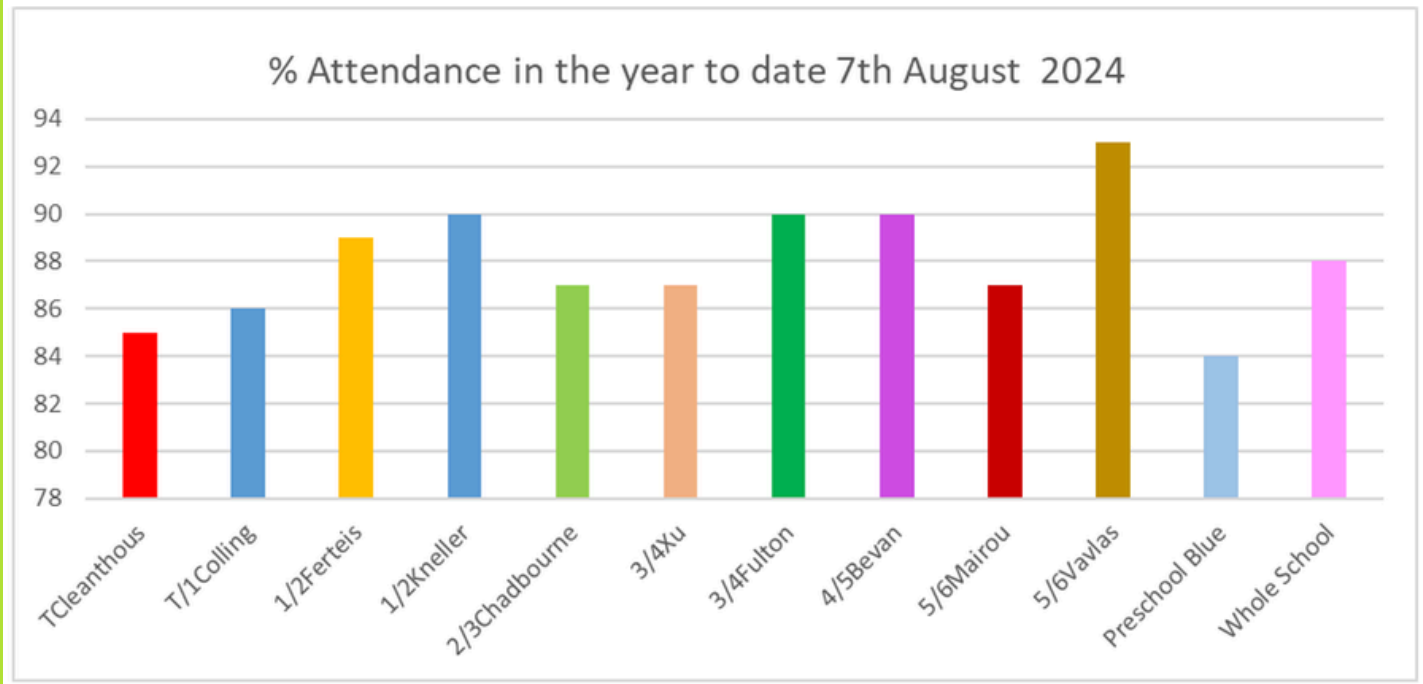
**TICKET**

**CLICK HERE**





Our attendance is continuing to track at 88% for the year to date. We would love to increase this to at least 90% by the end of the year. Well done, to 1/2 Kneller, 3/4 Fulton, 4/5 Bevan and 5/6 Vavlas who have 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!





# NT School Survey 2024

6–23 August

Parents, have you completed  
our school survey?  
Click the link below.



## YOUR VOICE MATTERS

The annual School Survey is an opportunity to share your experiences with your school and its education services. Responses are used to celebrate success and identify opportunities for improvement.

It's confidential, easy to access and takes around 10 minutes to complete. The Student Survey is intended for years 5-12.

Please contact your school to access the School Survey.



# BEDTIME STORIES

**Tuesday, August 20th**

**5:30 pm – 6:30 pm**

Preschool to Year 2 students are invited to come along with their family to celebrate book week.

- Wear your pyjamas, bring a soft toy, snuggle up and listen to some stories in our library.
- There will be Milo and biscuits served in our courtyard after story time.



Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.



# WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

## 3/4 FULTON

In Weeks 1-3, the three middle primary classes participated in the 2024 Potato Olympics. Students selected a country from either Europe, Africa or Asia and researched it. They created a 'spudlete', constructed a backstory for it and designed a uniform in the colours of their country's flag.



The best thing about the Potato Olympics was... designing Elly's custom shirt and seeing Elly participate in all activities even though she got hurt.

The worst thing about the potato olympics was... that I wasn't here for the closing ceremony.

By Evoloxia



THE WORST THING ABOUT THE POTATO OLYMPICS WAS I RAN OUT OF TIME TO FINISH THE LAST EVENT.

By Ulli



The best thing about the Potato Olympics was that I got a silver medal!

The worst thing about the Potato Olympics was that my potato was smashed!

By Jo



The Best thing about the Potato Olympics was playing.

The worst thing about the Potato Olympics was my potato disintegrated.

By Angela



Students participated in the torch relay and then attended the Opening Ceremony. The cauldron was ignited, and students recited their class-composed Olympic oaths.



		
Before competition	The hospital	After competition
		
Torch Relay	Lighting of the Olympic Flame	Gymnastics

Then the games began! Spudletes participated in High Jump, Long Jump, Gymnastics, Running Races, Mini-Golf and Egg and Spoon Races. Many spudletes put their bodies on the line in the pursuit of excellence and visits to the hospital were frequent!

		
Running Race	High Jump	Recording scores
		
Closing ceremony		

The Closing Ceremony featured the spudletes and coaches marching together, congratulating each other on their efforts and wonderful displays of sportsmanship.

The best thing about the Potato Olympics was that I got to see my Potee alive.  
 The worst thing about the Potato Olympics was my potato was in five pieces at the end.  
 By George //





# Potato Olympics



## Spudlete Dossier



Name: Timmy

Country: Spain

Coaches Name: David

Height: 7cm

Weight: 100.12 gm

Area: 30cm<sup>2</sup>

Excels in: Long jump and high jump

### Background:

he lived with his mum dad  
brothers and sisters and every day  
his mum and dad helped Timmy  
train

### Values and Assets:

persistence good sports man ship  
resilience personal best



# Potato Olympics



## Spudlete Dossier



Name: ~~Timmy~~ Anna

Country: Croatia

Coaches Name: Annie

Height: 5cm

Weight: 415 grams

Area: 32

Excels in: ~~Long jump~~ Running Races

### Background:

Anna has 6 people in her family.  
Dad, mom, sister, including ~~her~~ herself  
brother, and a little brother. She's very  
kind and confedense.

### Values and Assets:

persistence, sport man ship, relience,  
personal best, :)



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

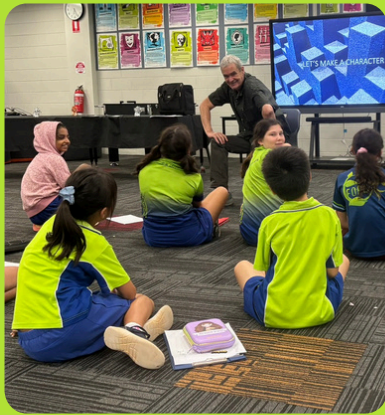
# WHAT EVENTS HAVE WE HAD AT WAGAMAN?

## Interschool Sports Track & Field





# Radical Writer's Festival



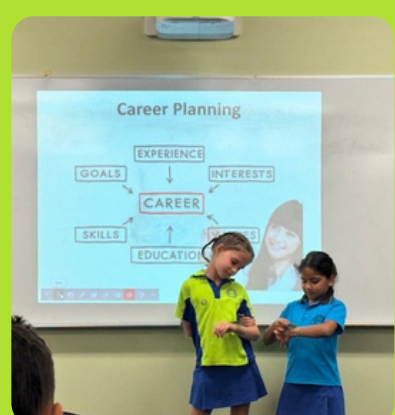
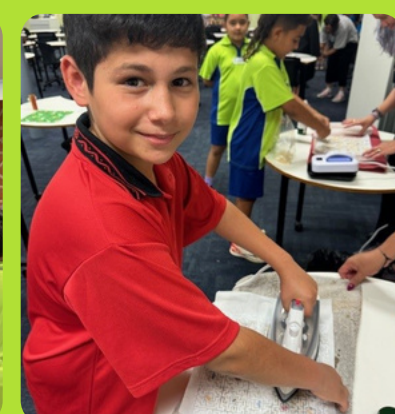
# Preschool Bike-A-Thon







# Children's University





# NTFRS Smart Sparx Program







# Wheelchair Basketball



# 100 Days of Transition

# Happy Principal's Day







**COMING  
SOON**

**FRIDAY  
SEPT 20**

**School**

**RUN 4 FUN**

**COLOUR EXPLOSION**





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 **\$4450.**





# SCHOOL NOTICES

## Did You Know?

Families, this year you can use your Sports Voucher for our early years Swimming Program.

### NOW ONLINE



### SPORT VOUCHER

Children living in an urban area are eligible to receive two \$100 sport vouchers each year. One in January and one in July, for sport, recreation and cultural activities. Redeeming your child's voucher is now even easier with a new online application form. Vouchers will not be issued through schools. Parents or carers need to apply for vouchers online each semester.

#### TO APPLY FOR YOUR VOUCHER

1. Visit [sportvoucher.nt.gov.au/apply](http://sportvoucher.nt.gov.au/apply)
2. Click apply online
3. Follow the prompts to complete the form



If your child's details are in the system, your voucher will be available to print or save immediately. If your child's details are not found in the system, a voucher will be sent to your nominated email address within 7 days.

Further information is available by calling 1800 817 860 or email [sport\\_voucher@nt.gov.au](mailto:sport_voucher@nt.gov.au)

[www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au](http://www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au)



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## Week 6 Assembly

## Book Week Character Parade

Friday, Aug 23





# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## 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

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

Call Daniel 0412 144 404 for any questions



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# SCIENCE



## SUSTAINABILITY FOR SURVIVAL

## FAIR

**THURSDAY**  
**15 AUG 2024**  
**4PM - 5.30PM**

**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT**  
STUDENT PROJECT SHOWCASE  
LIVE EXPERIMENTS  
FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

**D RIPSTONE MIDDLE SCHOOL MALL | 10 DELAMERE STREET, TIWI**



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