



wagaman  
primary school

# NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 06  
Aug 22, 2024



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fri 23 Aug

- Assembly - 1/2 Ferteis
- Book Week Dress Up and Parade

Mon 26 - Wed 28 Aug

- 3/4 Batchelor Outdoor Education Camp

Fri 30 Aug

- Early Years Father's Day Afternoon - 2pm

Mon 2 - Tue 3 Sep

- Dolly's Dream Workshops

Wed 4 Sep

- The Beat Performance Evening @ Darwin Entertainment Centre

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,



Our school council met on Monday night for their monthly meeting. There was some great discussion on a variety of topics. Council is a fabulous way for families to have input into the operation of our school. All parents are welcome to attend these meetings. The next meeting will be held on Monday 16th September.

NAPLAN averages were released last week, In Year 3 Wagaman school averages improved from last year in the areas of reading and numeracy. In Year 5 we saw an improvement in writing.

**NAPLAN**  
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM  
Literacy and Numeracy

**REMINDER**

08 8922 6011

[www.wagamanprimary.nt.edu.au](http://www.wagamanprimary.nt.edu.au)

@wagamanprimaryschool

Phone the school office  
if your child is absent.

# NT School Survey 2024

6–23 August

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

A white hand icon with a green outline, pointing to a green circular button with a white border and a blue shadow. The button has the text 'CLICK HERE!' in blue capital letters.

**CLICK  
HERE!**

A blue and white megaphone icon with a yellow band around its handle. A white rectangular sign with a yellow border is attached to the top of the megaphone. The sign has the text '1 DAY TO GO' in red capital letters.

**1 DAY  
TO GO**

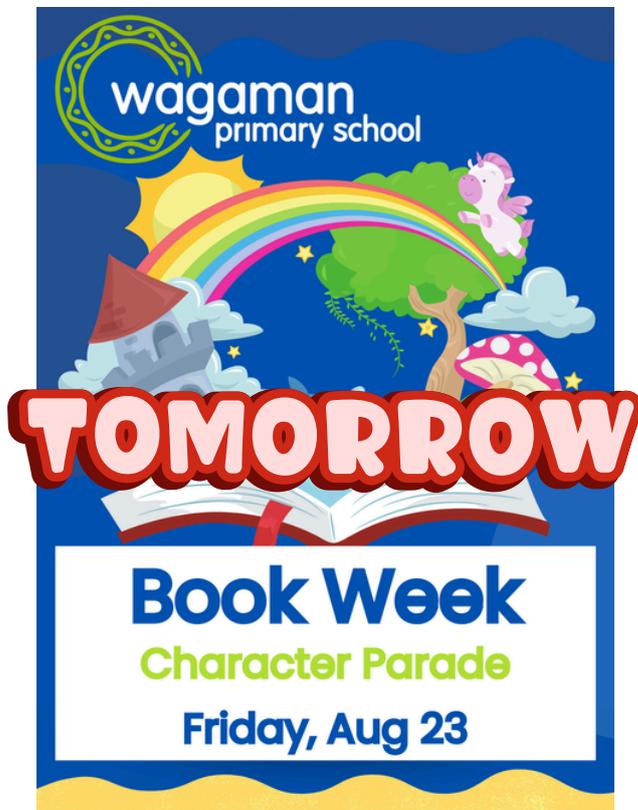
## YOUR VOICE MATTERS

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.

Over the past fortnight, our students have been involved in a many events. Our Beat Choir joined choirs from other schools for a rehearsal at Marrara. The Learning Commission went to Darwin Middle School to present their midway pitch to 5 other schools. Ms Vavlas' Year 5/6 attended a Science Fair at CDU and several students played touch football at a gala day. These were all wonderful learning experiences for our students.



This week is book week. Many of our early years students and their families enjoyed coming along to our Bedtime Stories, Tuesday evening. Tuesday and Wednesday, our middle and upper primary students participated in the awesome annual quiz event coordinated by Ms Wong. We are all looking forward to our book character parade on Friday.

Each Thursday afternoon, our Wagaman Warriors AFL team play against other Darwin primary schools. There are only a couple of games left this season. Today the team is playing at Ludmilla from 3:30pm – 4:30pm.



We have had a few students wearing crocs to school recently. These are **not suitable footwear for school**. It is important that students wear shoes like joggers that are practical for the activities they engage in as part of their learning.



Our school survey is now live. We would love your feedback. If you haven't already done so please scan the QR codes around the school or click on the link in the newsletter and complete the survey for us.

Our Year 3 and 4 students are all very excited as they head off to camp at Batchelor Outdoor Education Centre on Monday morning. We look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return.

It's that time of year again and we are now **confirming enrolments for 2025**. We have started our **preschool waitlist** and will be running enrolment interviews early next term. If you have a child who will be preschool age in 2025 or if you know of family or friends who do, please contact our school front office to ensure their name is on the list. Spaces are filling fast for our 2025 preschool groups.



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 Thursday, Ms Kate will start a regular playgroup in the preschool. Playgroup will be held each Thursday, 9am-11am during term time and is open to all families with children preschool age or younger. It will be free to attend. Please invite your family and friends with younger children to attend. It will be open to all.

Kind Regards,

Mandy McKinnon  
Principal



Starting August 29!

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**PLAYGROUP**

**THURSDAYS**  
**9 AM - 11 AM**  
**ALL WELCOME**

Bring a hat, lunchbox or a snack.  
Parents stay and play. Tea and coffee provided.

Located in our Preschool.

# H ME

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.

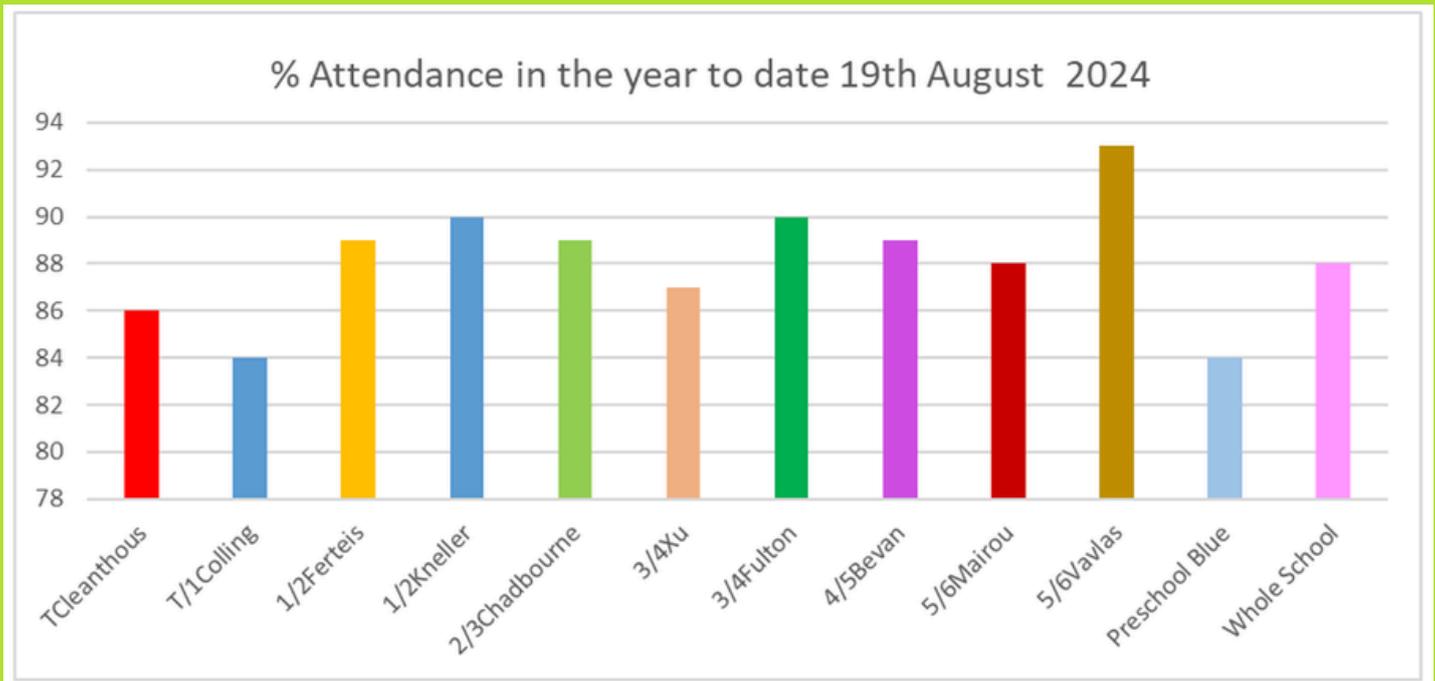
Come along and support our children and enjoy an entertaining evening full of vibrant music.



**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, and 5/6 Vavlas who have attendance of 90% or above.



## 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?

## LIBRARY



This term in the Library, classes have been reading and listening to a selection of Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) shortlisted books 2024.

To celebrate Book Week, there have been various activities across the school.

Classes have enjoyed listening to different staff members sharing and reading their 'favourite story'.



On Tuesday afternoon, early years students were invited to an hour of Bedtime Stories in the Library. Students listened to stories read and enacted by staff, and shared stories with their families.

During the week, middle and upper primary students were able to test their literary knowledge in lunchtime Book Quizzes. Our winning teams for 2024 were the Black Pythons and Nerdy & We Know It!!!



Black Pythons



Nerdy & We Know it

To conclude our Book Week celebrations, we have our [Book Character Parade](#) tomorrow morning. Come dressed as your favourite book character. There will be prizes for the most original and creative costumes!

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

# WHAT EVENTS HAVE WE HAD AT WAGAMAN?

## International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples





# Touch Football Gala Day



# Book Week Reading



# Bedtime Stories





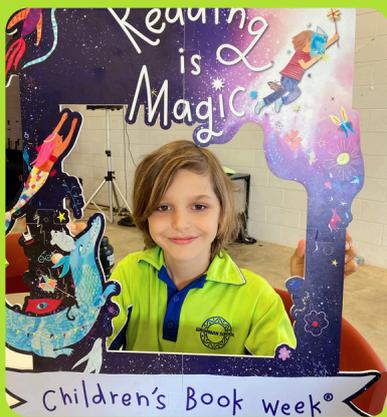
# Learning Commission Midway Pitch

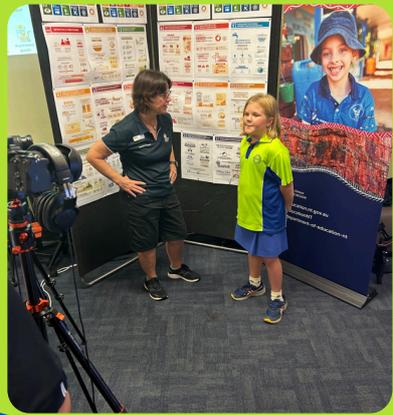


# Book Week Book Quiz

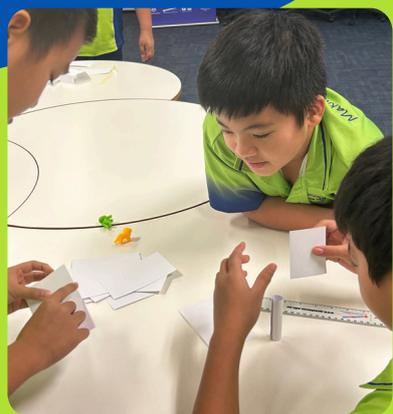


# Authors BookFeast





# DoE Science Fair





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# School

## RUN 4 FUN

# COLOUR EXPLOSION

1. Register online
2. Create a profile
3. Fundraise for our school

FRIDAY  
SEPT 20

Well Done

Jake in  
T Cleanthous  
\$580!



# Wagaman OSHC NEWSLETTER



## Opening Hours

### After School Care

Monday to Friday  
2:30pm to 6:00 pm

### Vacation Care

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

## Reminders

Please follow us on  
Facebook page by  
searching

**@Child Australia  
Wagaman OSHC.**

We will share photos of  
the children learning.

## Term 3 Week 4

### Note from Ms. Ihrene



One of the children's interests was building a cubby house at the garden and they need your help! If you have any recycled materials like crates, tyres, pallets, old blankets or curtains, please consider donating them in our centre. Your contributions would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you, for entrusting your children into our care and we will strive hard to cater to their Multiple Intelligences.



## Contact Info

# Wagaman OSHC NEWSLETTER

## Term 3 Week 4: Our Week of Learning

### Sensory development

Children explored their sense of touch by playing with sand.



Playing with slime deepened their creativity and imagination.



Making friendship bracelets improved their focus and concentration.



**Contact Info**

# Wagaman OSHC NEWSLETTER



## Wagaman OSHC Vacation Care Program

23<sup>rd</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

As a community-based not-for-profit Outside School Hours Care we provide a stimulating, caring

and fun environment for your school aged child (5-12 years).

For further inquiries, please send an email to: [wagaman@childaustralia.org.au](mailto:wagaman@childaustralia.org.au) or contact at 0481699262

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	24 <sup>th</sup> September	25 <sup>th</sup> September	26 <sup>th</sup> September	27 <sup>th</sup> September
30 <sup>th</sup> September	1 <sup>st</sup> October	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	3 <sup>rd</sup> October	4 <sup>th</sup> October

### Week One

<b>Monday</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	 <p><b>Mini Olympics</b> Tug of war Running Relays AND MORE!!</p> 	<p><b>What to bring</b> Lunch Hat Water Bottle Spare clothes</p>
<b>Tuesday</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> September	<p>Harold</p>  <p><b>Excursion</b> Cinemas @ Casuarina and the Purple Crayon Leaving OSHC at 9:30am</p> 	<p><b>What to bring</b> Lunch Hat Water Bottle Spare clothes</p>
<b>Wednesday</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> September	 <p><b>Lego Day Competition</b> Come along for a day full of play! Create and build amazing Lego creations and find other ways to play with Lego!</p> 	<p><b>What to bring</b> Lunch Hat Water Bottle Spare clothes</p>
<b>Thursday</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> September	<p><b>Let's Get MESSY!</b></p> <p><b>Slime and Messy Day</b> Make some slime to play with then get your old clothes on for messy games.</p> 	<p><b>What to bring</b> Lunch Hat Water Bottle Spare clothes</p>
<b>Friday</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> September	<p><b>Pajama Day</b></p>  <p><b>PJ, Pancake &amp; Movie Day</b> Come dressed in your best PJ's and make your own pancakes plus enjoy a popcorn while watching a movie.</p>	<p><b>What to bring</b> Lunch Hat Water Bottle Spare clothes</p>

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## Week Two

<p><b>Monday</b> 30<sup>th</sup> September</p>	 <p><b><u>Little Scientist Day</u></b> Engage in all things Science today! Observe, Predict, Modify &amp; Create different experiments.</p> 	<p><b><u>What to bring</u></b> Lunch Hat Water Bottle Spare clothes</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> 1<sup>st</sup> October</p>	 <p><b><u>Wheels Day</u></b> Bring along your bike, scooter plus helmet and join in on the obstacles and races.</p>	<p><b><u>What to bring</u></b> Lunch Hat Water Bottle Spare clothes</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> October</p>	 <p><b><u>Incursion with St. John Ambulance</u></b> Learn basic First Aid and have an opportunity to explore the ambulance</p>	<p><b><u>What to bring</u></b> Lunch Hat Water Bottle Spare clothes</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> October</p>	 <p><b><u>MasterChef Kids</u></b> "Whisking up big dreams—MasterChef Kids cooking with flair and flavour!" <b>Decorate your own cupcake</b></p>	<p><b><u>What to bring</u></b> Lunch Hat Water Bottle Spare clothes</p>
<p><b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup></b> October</p>	 <p><b><u>Child Australia Got Talent</u></b> Unleash the extraordinary—where every talent shines and every dream takes center stage! You can be our next STAR!</p>	<p><b><u>What to bring</u></b> Lunch Hat Water Bottle Spare clothes</p>

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?

### NOW ONLINE

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

**APPLY TODAY**

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)

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

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## Week 6 Assembly

## Book Week

Character Parade  
Friday, Aug 23



# COMMUNITY NOTICES



**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



Circus | Theatre | Aerial | Technical

## WORKSHOPS

For Children & Young People

**ENROL NOW!**  
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## FUN IN THE PARK SKATE JAM

Children aged 5 - 10 years

Challenge yourself in a safe environment, learn skatepark etiquette and safety skills. This is not a learn-to-skate event, participants should be comfortable riding, turning and stopping on their own.

Bring your own equipment, safety gear, water bottle and hat. Limited safety equipment and skateboards available.

No bookings required, snacks provided, completely FREE event!

Saturday Aug 31 2024 at 10:00 am to 11:30 am  
Jingili Skate Park., Darwin, NT, Australia



## JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

Clubs in your area



**Banka Bulldogs FC**  
0409 524 833  
bankabulldogs@gmail.com



**Tracy Village FC**  
0488 149 612  
tracyvillagefc@gmail.com



**Nightcliff FC**  
08 8985 6636  
nightcliff@bigpond.net.au



**Wanderers FC**  
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Register online here!

