



wagaman
primary school

NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 04
Oct 31, 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Fri 1 Nov
 - Assembly - 2/3 Chadbourne
- Thu 7 Nov
 - Playgroup in the Preschool
9:00-11:00am
- Fri 8 Nov
 - 1. Transition and T/1 Colling Inquiry
Showcase 8:30am
- Mon 11 Nov
 - Remembrance Day Commemoration
Hosted by 3/4 Xu
- Wed 12 Nov
 - 2025 Transition Parent information
evening for preschool families
5:00-6:00pm
- Wed 13 Nov
 - CDU Children's University Graduation

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Our Early Years students have enjoyed participating in the swimming program over the last 2 weeks. It has been wonderful to see them develop skills and grow in confidence as a result of their lessons. Today is the last day of swimming for 2024.



REMINDER

Supervision
starts from...

7:55

School
starts at...

8:15

📞 08 8922 6011

🌐 www.wagamanprimary.nt.edu.au

📘 @wagamanprimaryschool

REMEMBER

Phone the school office if your child is absent.

This term, we have welcomed two final year speech therapy students from Charles Darwin University to Wagaman. Bianca Brain and Lydia Hebb are completing their final placement and are working in our early years until the end of the term. They are working with a speech therapist from Early Start Australia, who is supporting their placement. This has been made possible by an Allied Health grant Wagaman received earlier in the year. Bianca and Lydia have set up a speech and language development information board at the front of the school on the noticeboard for your information.



This week we have welcomed Zach Sinnott to Wagaman. Zach is working at Wagaman three days a week and will be teaching Physical Education across the school this term. He is a keen AFL player who came to Darwin from Victoria.

Yesterday, we also welcomed Ms Hayley Doran. She is working two days per week and will be teaching Health to our early years classes. She will also be teaching some dance lessons.



A huge congratulations to Mr Mario Mairou who [won the Teach in the Territory Excellence award for Primary Teacher of the Year](#) at the World Teachers Day celebration last Friday evening. Mario won the award for not only the Darwin region but also the entire Northern Territory. We are very proud of him and he is indeed a very worthy recipient of the award.

Our school survey results were shared with school council at the October meeting. There was a lot to celebrate in our results. I thank all families who completed the survey. This data is important in formulating our ongoing school improvement journey. This year, we had 131 students, 52 parents and 25 staff complete the survey. [The most positive and least positive responses are summarised in the table below.](#) If you would like to discuss results further or have some ideas to support us in moving forward, please do not hesitate to contact me at school for a further discussion.



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.

Most positive and least positive responses

Students			
Most Positive items for 2024		Least Positive items for 2024	
I have good friends that I care about.	96%	I felt ready to start Primary/Middle/Senior School.	65%
My teachers expect me to do my best.	96%	I know how to manage my emotions when I am upset.	71%
I know where to get help at school if I need it.	93%	I can talk to my teachers about my concerns.	72%
Parents/carers			
Most Positive items for 2024		Least Positive items for 2024	
My child has good friends that they care about.	100%	My child knows how to communicate safely and respectfully online.	65%
My child likes being at this school.	100%	I have opportunities to have a say in the direction of the school and its education programs.	76%
My child feels safe at this school.	98%	This school takes students' opinions seriously.	81%
Staff			
Most Positive items for 2024		Least Positive items for 2024	
I feel safe at this school.	100%	The department supports our school to achieve its priorities.	64%
Students are taught how to manage their emotions.	100%	I have a performance development plan that is supported by the school.	68%
Students feel safe at this school.	100%	My school provides me with opportunities to develop my leadership capacity.	72%

Over the past twelve months, school council has been discussing our school voluntary contributions. These have not increased in over ten years. Contributions are vital in supporting our school to purchase a variety of resources including computers, iPads, books for our library, sports equipment and many other things. Over the years, these have also contributed to the upgrade of playground equipment and the purchase of our bus. As part of our process, we looked at the cost of voluntary contributions at a number of local schools to review our own. As a result of this discussion and research, school council voted to increase the contributions from \$60 per student to **\$80 per student from the beginning of 2025**. We will continue to offer a reduced rate for families with multiple children. The voluntary contribution rate for families with **two students at the school will be \$150** and for families who have **three or more children at Wagaman the voluntary contribution will be a total of \$200**. Families are always welcome to schedule regular payments through electronic funds transfer directly to the school bank account. Our Preschool voluntary contributions will remain unchanged.

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.

at the Front Office

Account: Wagaman School Council
 BSB: 035-306
 Account: 930622
 Ref: child/rens name

2025 Prices

1 child = \$80

2 children = \$150

3 children = \$200

A small group of our Year 6 students will hold a cake stall on [Monday, 4th Nov](#). These students are raising funds to donate to the “Koalas in Care” organisation. This is a great initiative being led by some passionate students.

We are looking forward to the [Halloween disco being held on Friday by our SRC](#). The disco will be held in the Blue Room and the SRC are asking for a gold coin donation. Early years will have their disco at recess, and primary students will have theirs at lunchtime. Students can wear their costume to school. We do ask that families are mindful of sun safety and comfort when selecting costumes. It is advisable that students bring their school uniform to get changed into after the disco (particularly the early years students). Students will also be asked to ensure masks and other props are kept in their bag until the disco.

Koala Bake Sale



Let's help our furry friends by donating to the foundation, **Koalas In Care Inc.**

Everything in the bake sale will be ranging **from 50c-\$2**. There will be gluten free options for the kids who need it.

To find out more, visit the **Koalas In Care Inc.** website.



The SRC are organising a...

TOMORROW

**HALLOWEEN
DISCO**



Prizes
for best
dressed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Recess: T-2

Lunch: 3-6

Entry:
Gold coin
donation

There are currently a lot of mosquitoes everywhere in Darwin. NT Health have advised that they will be around in higher numbers in October and November. Their advice is to use insect repellents. It is advised to [apply this to children in the morning prior to them coming to school](#). At school students are generally inside. The library is open on most days to give students an indoor option.



We are currently working to formulate our 2025 Annual School Improvement Plan (ASIP). We are required to include a goal about strengthening teaching instruction and also one about attendance and engagement. This year, we have worked extensively in the literacy space with a large focus on reading. This work will continue next year. One of the initiatives we will be working on to support engagement is through the implementation of the Be You framework. To learn more about Be You, go to their website. If you have any ideas on ways we can continue to improve our attendance please come and have a chat with me at school as we are always looking for new ways to improve this.



CLICK HERE



A reminder that school uniform is compulsory at Wagaman as at all NT Government schools. Wagaman school uniform consists of our bright green shirts, sports shirts and [blue shorts or skorts](#). Recently there have been a few students wearing black shorts to school. These are not part of our school uniform.

We are currently formulating classes for 2025. If you have any special requests or considerations, please schedule a time to meet with me so that we can discuss these.

Kind Regards,

Mandy McKinnon
Principal



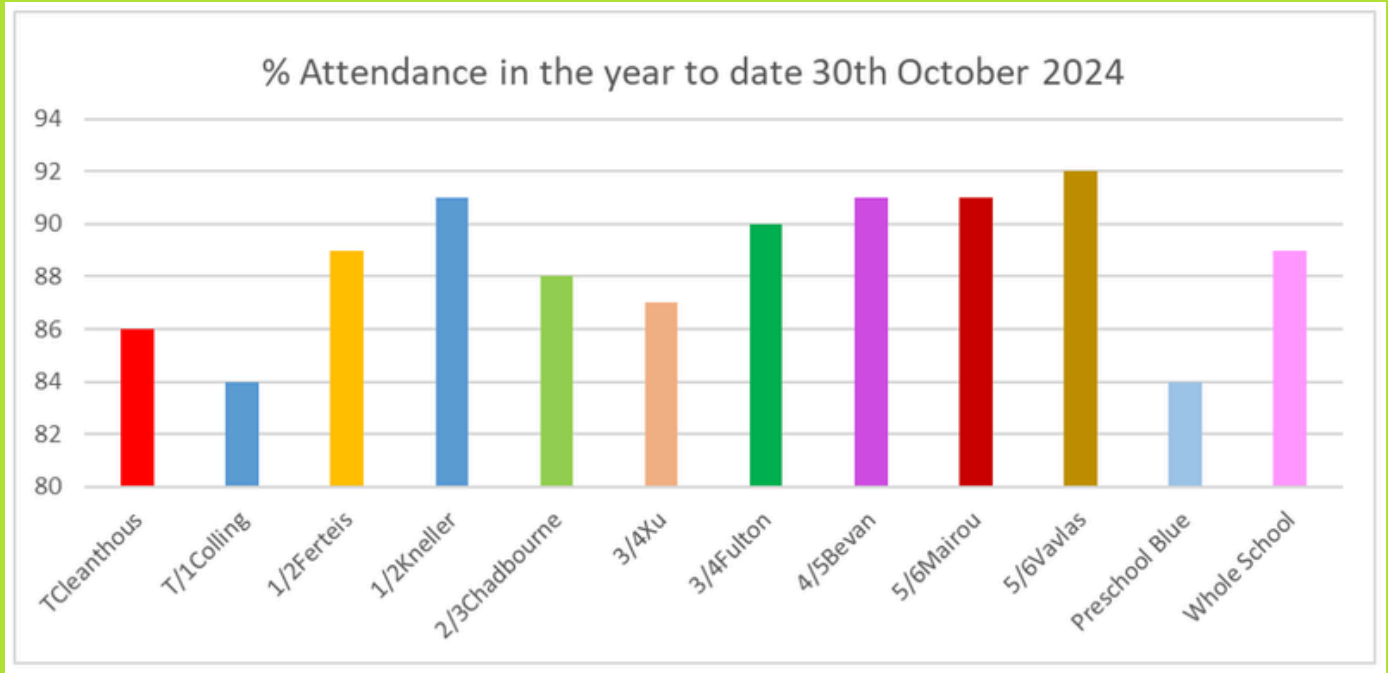
CONGRATULATIONS

Indi in 1/2 Ferteis, who competed in her first gymnastics competition. She represented Darwin Gymnastic Club at the Territory Gymnastics Academy 2024 Invitational and NT Gymnastics Championships. She won a 1st and 2nd place.





Our attendance has risen slightly and is now 89% 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, 5/6 Mairou and 5/6 Vavlas who have attendance of 90% or above.



2025 INTENTIONS

If your child/ren will **not be returning to Wagaman in 2025**, please let us know by phoning the school office 89226011 or sending an email to wagaman.school@education.nt.gov.au.

Please let us know what school your child/ren will attend.

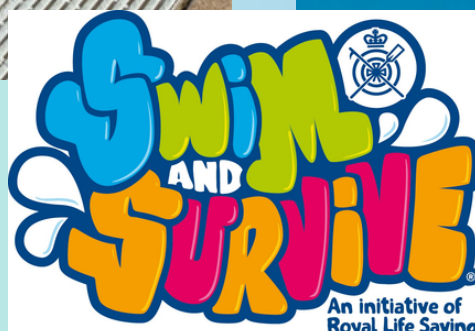
Classes for 2025 will be finalised in the final weeks of Term 4. If you wish us to give consideration to special requests for your child's placement, please email the Principal, mandy.mckinnon@education.nt.gov.au.

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING? TRANSITION CLEANTHOUS

Hello from our Transition Class!

As the end of the year approaches, our Transition students are showing incredible progress across all areas of their learning and are well on their way to Year 1! They've been working hard in reading, writing and maths, while continuing to grow in confidence and independence each day.

This term has been especially exciting, with swimming lessons adding to our busy schedule, and an exciting visit from the fire truck. These hands-on experiences, alongside our regular class activities, have made it a very memorable semester.





WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

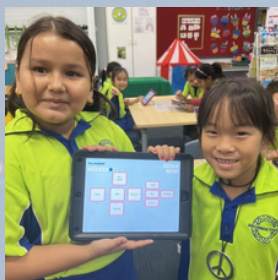
1/2 KNELLER

Term 4, 1/2 Kneller has been exploring the various types of weather and how this can influence everyday life. We utilised the BOM Darwin radar to observe temperatures, wind conditions and different rainfall rates during our inquiry lessons.

In weeks 1 and 2, the children created weather chart wheels to inform and help them identify the weather conditions they observed outside. We also integrated digital technology to gather new information and deepen their understanding of the Darwin weather.

During weeks 3 and 4, we conducted a science experiment to explore and investigate more about the weather and the water cycle by simulating rain in a jar. Additionally, we made a Cloud Finder, which serves as a fantastic tool for identifying different types of clouds.

Next week, we will examine the records we gathered to see which cloud type appeared the most frequently. The children had a great time in this lesson and definitely learnt a lot about the world around them.



IN CASE YOU
MISSED IT...

WHAT EVENTS HAVE WE HAD AT WAGAMAN?

After School Sport
Outback
Taekwondo



Early Years
Swimming with
Royal Life



IN CASE YOU
MISSED IT...

WHAT EVENTS HAVE WE HAD AT WAGAMAN?



Colour Explosion
Fun Run Slime the
Teacher



AFLW Players Visit
Richmond &
Essendon



IN CASE YOU
MISSED IT...

WHAT EVENTS HAVE WE HAD AT WAGAMAN?



School Netball Competition



WHAT EVENTS HAVE WE HAD AT WAGAMAN?

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT....

World Teacher's Day 2024



CONGRATULATIONS

Mr Mairou,
Darwin Region
and NT Primary
School Teacher of
the Year!

Wagaman OSHC NEWSLETTER



Opening Hours

After School Care:

Monday to Friday
2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Vacation Care:

Monday to Friday
7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Reminders

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

We will share photos of
the children's learning.

Term 4: Week 4

Note from Ms. Ihrene



On 16th of October 2024, staff from other services participated in professional learning on self regulation. This learning paved the way in dealing with challenging behaviours. It has also helped us to guide children to manage their emotions and foster positive wellbeing.



Contact Info

Our Learning Journey

Fishing Game

Children developed their fine motor skills by catching fish using a fishing rod. It also supported their skills in counting.



Can you rescue the spiders?

This was a perfect activity for preschoolers. They used tongs to rescue the spiders. It developed their small muscles, fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination.



Happy Halloween !



Contact Info



SCHOOL NOTICES

REMINDER



You need a bucket hat and water bottle, **EVERYDAY!**



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

We have had many children asking to borrow hats. Please check that your child has a hat with them, everyday!



EVERYONE CAN PLAY!

The Northern Territory Music School invites you to apply for your child's enrolment in our instrumental and choir programs for 2025.

Who are we?

The NT Music School is a division of the NT Department of Education that offers instrumental, ensemble and choir tuition in government schools.

What are the benefits?

Learning to play a musical instrument and singing in a choir can have both academic and social benefits, as well as being rewarding and enjoyable. We invite your child to begin their musical journey with us.

How does it work?

Application to enrol is offered to students from Year 4 in primary school and to students in middle school. Students come out of class once a week for a 30 minute instrumental lesson with an NT Music School teacher. Students play and practise at home to learn instrument technique, music reading and performance skills. Our choir program is offered by audition. Successful students attend weekly choir rehearsals after school.

What does the program offer?

Students can join a guitar ensemble or join our bass guitar, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and percussion lessons. They will also have the opportunity to participate in school performances and access events such as the BEAT Festival!

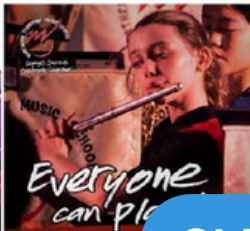
What will it cost?

Lessons are free. Once enrolment is confirmed, an annual contribution of \$100 is requested. Instruments can be hired for a semester from \$100. Sports Vouchers are accepted to assist with the cost of hiring instruments. Students are required to purchase a tutor book from \$25.

How can I apply?

Head to the NT Music School website www.ntms.net.au for more information, and complete the online Application Form for the Instrument Program or the Choir Program.

Applications close 1st December, 2024.



Everyone can play

[CLICK HERE](#)

Northern Territory Music School | 60 Matthews Rd | Darwin NT
nt.musicschool@educ.nt.gov.au

Hector the Road Safety Cat is coming to visit us

Date: **Nov 11**
Time: **8:30am**



CHILDREN CROSSING



To book a road safety session visit www.roadsafety.nt.gov.au



SCHOOL NOTICES



Bubs to preschool aged children are welcome!



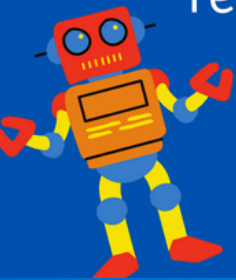
PLAYGROUP

THURSDAYS

9 AM - 11 AM

Parents stay and play.
Tea and coffee provided.

Located in
Wagaman Preschool.



EDUCATION IS EVERYTHING

Spriggy Schools

The canteen has
partnered with
Spriggy Schools for
online lunch orders!

Creating your account

- Download the app
- Register your details
- Create a profile for each child

Placing your first order

- View the canteen menu on the home screen
- Browse the menu and tap 'Add to Cart' on any item
- Go to cart and tap 'Place Order' to confirm
- You can edit or cancel your order before the cut-off time

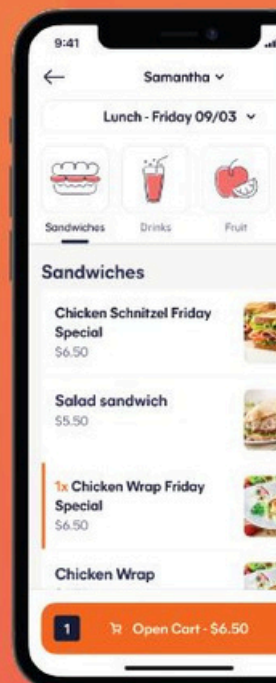
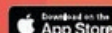
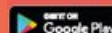


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AND LUNCH
ONLINE!

Download the app now!



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SCHOOL NOTICES

COMING SOON



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2025

TRANSITION

INFORMATION EVENING



Is your child starting Transition in 2025?



Find out how you can best support your child in their first year of big school.

Tuesday, Nov 12
5.00pm – 6.00pm

- Meet our teachers
- Learn more about Transition
- Visit our learning spaces



Classroom visits on the 11th, 12th, 18th and 19th of November.



☎ 08 8922 6011



🌐 wagamanprimary.nt.edu.au

AVAILABLE NOW

SILLY SOCKS



FUNDRAISING

Available for purchase from the Front Office.

- 1 pair \$8
- 2 pairs \$15
- 3 pairs \$20





SCHOOL NOTICES

COMING SOON



wagaman primary school



Preschool Come and Play

Tuesday, Nov 19, from 5pm - 6pm
Friday, Nov 22, from 8:30am - 9:30am

Children turning 4, between January 1 and June 30, can start preschool in Term 1. After June 30, children may start preschool on or after their 4th birthday, depending on availability.



New and prospective students for 2025 are invited.



MEET THE PRESCHOOL TEAM



EXPLORE OUR LEARNING SPACES



08 8922 6011

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



WHAT'S NEW!

HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE DISCO

WATERS WARD

Thursday 31 October 2024
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Malak Community Centre

Activities:

- Halloween haunted house disco
- Spooky fun with Fun in the Parks Team
 - Slime sensory lab
 - Spooky time stories
- Malak obstacle course
 - Face-painting
 - Free BBQ
 - Food trucks

For more information,
www.darwin.nt.gov.au/halloween-disco



HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE DISCO

Waters Ward

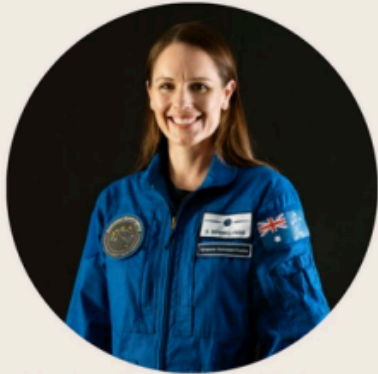
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MEET AN ASTRONAUT

TOP END TOUR '24



Katherine Bennell-Pegg
Australian astronaut,
Australian Space Agency

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|---------------|--|---|
| nov 10 | | DARWIN
CDU, Casuarina
Mal Nairn Auditorium
6PM |
| 11 | | BATCHELOR
Batchelor Institute
Purple 9, Room 5/6
6PM |
| 12 | | KATHERINE
Katherine High School
Gymnasium
6PM |

FREE EVENTS
Register here:



2024

variety nt

santa
fun

**run
& walk**



variety
the children's charity

New venue!



7am start

Lake Alexander

Sunday
24
November



Tickets at Variety NT - 8981 2544 or
[Humanitix/2024-variety-nt-santa-fun-run](https://www.humanitix.com.au/2024-variety-nt-santa-fun-run)

