

Term 2, Week 8 Jun 05, 2025





UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thu 5 Jun

 Whole School Concert and BBQ 5:15pm - 7:15pm

Fri 6 Jun

Assembly - 5.6 Mairou

Mon 9 Jun

• Public Holiday - no school

Wed 11 Jun

• Preschool Sports Morning 9am-10am

Thu 12 Jun

DMS Young Achievers Day

Mon 16 Jun

• School Council General Meeting from 5:45pm

Wed 18 Jun

- Indigenous Cultural Day
- Semester 1 Reports

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families.

What a fantastic Sports Day we had last week! Students participated with enthusiasm, showing great teamwork and spirit, and it was wonderful to see so many families join us. A crowd favourite was the teacher novelty race, complete with inflatable animal costumes, which brought lots of laughs. Congratulations to the Sharks, who took out the win for the first time since 2019, and to the Crocs for their outstanding sportsmanship. A big thank you to our house captains, who shone in their leadership and helped make the day such a success.



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Supervision starts from...

School starts at. 7:55

REMINDE

8:15

Last week, we welcomed a two-person school review team who spent three days at Wagaman. Schools in the Northern Territory are reviewed every four years. During the review, the team spoke with teachers, support staff, students, families, and visited every classroom to gain a full picture of our school in action. Thank you, to the families who took the time to speak with the team. Your input was truly valued. The review was a celebration of the great work happening at Wagaman, with our strong and positive school culture standing out as a highlight. Our expert teaching team and our ongoing commitment to working and growing together as a team were also commended. The review commended and affirmed many of our current practices and has provided valuable recommendations to guide our continued improvement over the next four years.



This week, Ms Colling has commenced 3 weeks of long service leave. Her class are being taught by Ms Mariana Cleanthous. It has been wonderful to welcome Ms Cleanthous back to Wagaman. Next semester from the beginning of September through to November, I will be taking leave. During this time, Mr Russell will act in the role of Principal and Ms Colling will be acting in the role of Assistant Principal. To ensure consistency for 1.2C, we have decided to employ Ms Cleanthous to teach 1.2C for all of Semester 2. Ms Colling will be working with Ms Cleanthous initially and on other whole school projects.



At the end of this term, Ms Fulton will also be taking leave for Semester 2. We have employed Ms Devyani Chanmugam to teach 3.4F for the remainder of the year. Ms Chanmugam has been completing her final placement at Wagaman this term and is excited to teach Year 3.4. Over the next couple of weeks, Ms Fulton and Ms Chanmugam will be meeting to ensure a smooth handover. Ms Chanmugam will also spend some time in the classroom to get to know the students.

We will also be saying farewell to both Ms Kenidee and Ms Cassie at the end of the semester. We wish all our departing staff well and thank them for their work at Wagaman.

A friendly reminder to follow our car park rules. We have them to ensure the safety of our students. At Wagaman, we are committed to living by our school values, agreements, and learner assets. To help us continue building our strong, supportive community, it is important that the Wagaman Way guides all interactions, whether in the car park, at school events or throughout the school day. Thank you, for helping us keep our school safe and respectful for everyone.





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.



I look forward to seeing everyone at our school concert this evening. A big thank you to Ms Horne for all her work to put this together. Thank you also to the parents and families who have donated drinks and their time for our concert BBQ. A very special thank you to Mr Matthew Messina who has donated the bread and sausages for the BBQ. This supports us in ensuring all funds raised go towards the purchase of laptops for students to use in their learning.

Kind Regards,

Mandy McKinnon Principal, Wagaman Primary School











In Week 10, Wednesday, 18 June, we will be holding our Indigenous Culture Day. Students will be participating in various cultural activities, including:

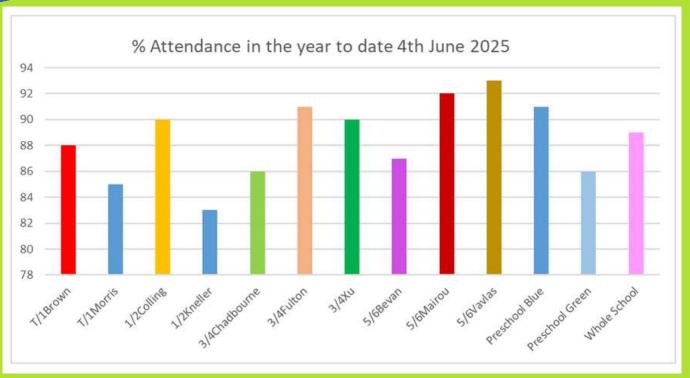
- bush tucker tasting
- weaving
- traditional dance
- Indigenous games
- art

Some activities will involve the STARS and Clontarf Foundation. We are all looking forward to the day, which will provide our students with a greater understanding of the rich culture of our First Nation peoples.





Our whole school attendance has dropped a little recently and is now tracking at 88.5% for the year to date. Well done to Preschool Blue, 1.2 Colling, 3.4 Fulton, 3.4 Xu, 5.6 Mairou and 5.6 Vavlas who currently have attendance of 90% or above



DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much, but...

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
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WHAT ARE WE LEARNING? YEAR T.1 BROWN

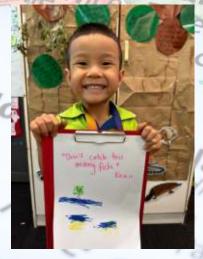
This term we have been thinking deeply about *place*. What makes a place special? Why are some places special to different people? How can we care for our special places?



















What did we notice?

We explored our school and identified natural, managed and constructed places. We noticed that most of the places that are special to us are natural places.











What did we wonder?

How can we care for our special places?

"Don't catch too many fish!" Kevin

"Rangers can make fires to care for country." Skevos



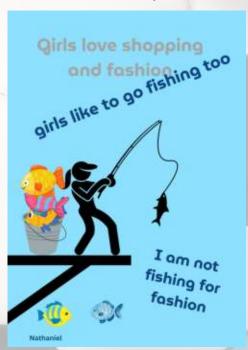
"Rangers tell stories about Country." Ivy

"When you listen to those stories, you know what is good for the land and what is not good for the land." Harriet

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING? YEAR 5.6 VAVLAS

Challenging Gender Stereotypes

This term, Year 5.6 students have been exploring the topic of gender stereotypes as part of the Keeping Kids Safe curriculum. Through thoughtful discussion and reflection, students have learnt to recognise how gender roles can limit choices and opportunities. They explored how stereotypes are reinforced in everyday life and practised ways to challenge them respectfully. To share their learning, students used Canva to design powerful and creative posters that promote fairness, equality and respect. Their work encourages everyone to think critically about the messages we see and hear and to stand up for a more inclusive world.











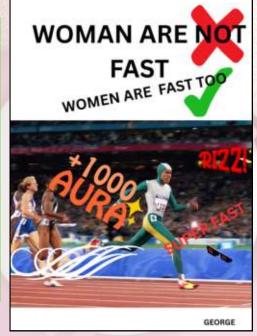


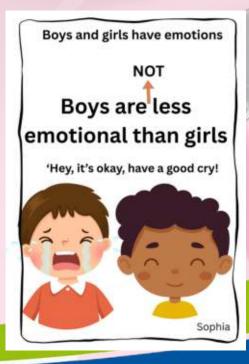














WHAT EVENTS HAVE WE HAD AT WAGAMAN?

Sports Day 2025































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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS?



\$10,000

\$8,000

Our school council would like to remind families of the importance of making the voluntary parent contribution to Wagaman Primary School.



\$6,000

Your contribution is essential in supporting the educational programs and initiatives that make our school a safe and positive learning environment for all students.



\$4,000

Last year, funds were spent on purchasing new laptops. We are continuing this goal for 2025.



\$2,000

We thank our families, for their ongoing support.

So far this year, our families have contributed...

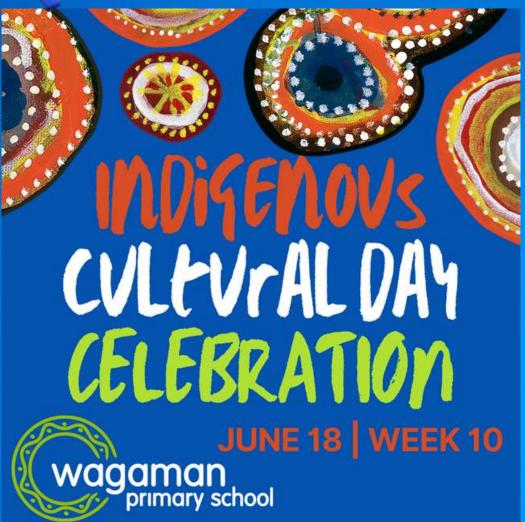








SCHOOL NOTICES



EVENTS

8:30am T.1B Assembly

9:15am Preschool Activities

10:45am Whole school activities

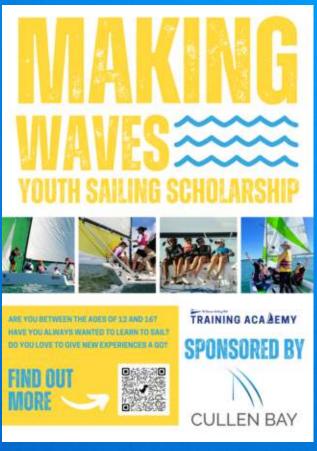






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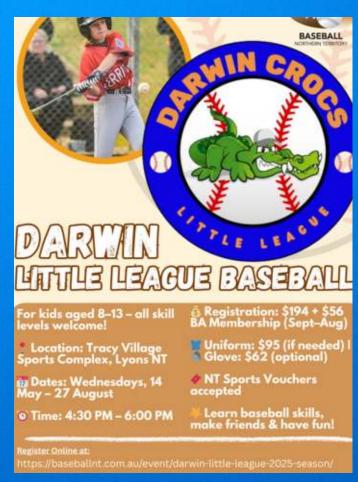
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