



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fri 21 Mar

- National Ride2School Day
- Harmony Day Breakfast 7:15am – 8:15am
- Assembly – Yr 3.4 Xu – 8:30am – 9:00am

Thu 27 Mar

- Yr 5.6 classes – excursion to Parliament House

Fri 4 Apr

- Assembly – Yr 3.4 Chadbourne
- League Tag Gala Day
- End of Term 1

Tue 15 Apr

- School resumes for students

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

I hope you're all doing well. It's been another busy fortnight at Wagaman Primary School, as we approach the end of our first school term in 2025.

Over the past two weeks, our Early Years students have been participating in swimming lessons at Casuarina Pool.



It's been wonderful to see them enjoying the water while learning important water safety skills. We are proud of how the students have been trying their best and having fun in the process.

REMINDER

**Supervision
starts from...**

7:55

**School
starts at...**

8:15

 08 8922 6011

 www.wagamanprimary.nt.edu.au

 @wagamanprimaryschool

All of our classes have also taken part in AFL clinics as part of their PE lessons. Students have thoroughly enjoyed this learning and it's been great to see them developing their teamwork, coordination and sportsmanship while learning about Australian Rules Football.



WANTED

**A PARENT
REPRESENTATIVE TO
JOIN OUR SCHOOL
COUNCIL**

- **Attend 2 meetings per term**
- **Assist with fundraising events**

Last Monday evening, we held our monthly school council meeting. We discussed school events, finances and council approved some of our excursion costs for 2025. It was a productive session, and we are always grateful for the ongoing support from our council members. Their dedication is key to helping make our school a vibrant and engaging place for all students. We do have a vacant parent position on our 2025 council. If you are interested in joining school council, please come and have a chat with me at school or give me a phone call. Alternatively, you can let our administration team know if you are interested and I will reach out to you.

It was fantastic to see such a large number of families attend our learning conferences last week. This was a great opportunity for parents, carers and students to meet with teachers and discuss learning. Parent involvement at school plays a significant role in supporting student achievement, and we truly appreciate your partnership. [If you couldn't attend, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher to schedule a meeting.](#) We want to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to discuss their child's progress.

This morning, I met with the Cancer Council NT to further develop our partnership and accreditation. They were happy to see the significant amount of shade in our playground. [It is important that all students bring a bucket hat to school every day.](#) Some families have ensured they attach specific pictures and name labels to hats to help reduce them getting misplaced or lost.



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.

Tomorrow morning, we are looking forward to our Harmony Day Breakfast. It's always such a special occasion where we celebrate the diverse cultures that make up our school community. We will have bacon and egg sandwiches and coffee for sale under the verandah at the back of the school. Whether it's sunny or rainy, the breakfast will go ahead as planned, and we can't wait to see everyone there to share in the celebrations.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you around the school.

Kind Regards,

Mandy McKinnon
Principal



The poster features a header with colorful paper cutouts of people in various colors (yellow, brown, orange, red) standing on a blue globe. Below this, the title "Harmony Day Celebration" is written in large, bold, blue letters, followed by "March 21" in the same style. Three green heart-shaped callouts are pinned to the background, each containing text: "BBQ Breakfast 7:15 - 8:15 am", "Assembly 8:30 - 9:00 am", and "Class Activities Throughout The Day". At the bottom left, the text "Wear orange or your cultural dress." is written in blue. At the bottom right is the "wagaman primary school" logo, which consists of a circular emblem with a tree and the school's name.

Harmony Day Celebration

March 21

BBQ Breakfast
7:15 - 8:15 am

Assembly
8:30 - 9:00 am

Class Activities
Throughout The Day

Wear orange or your cultural dress.

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the app**

**XUNO
Parent Portal**

URGENT

SIGN UP



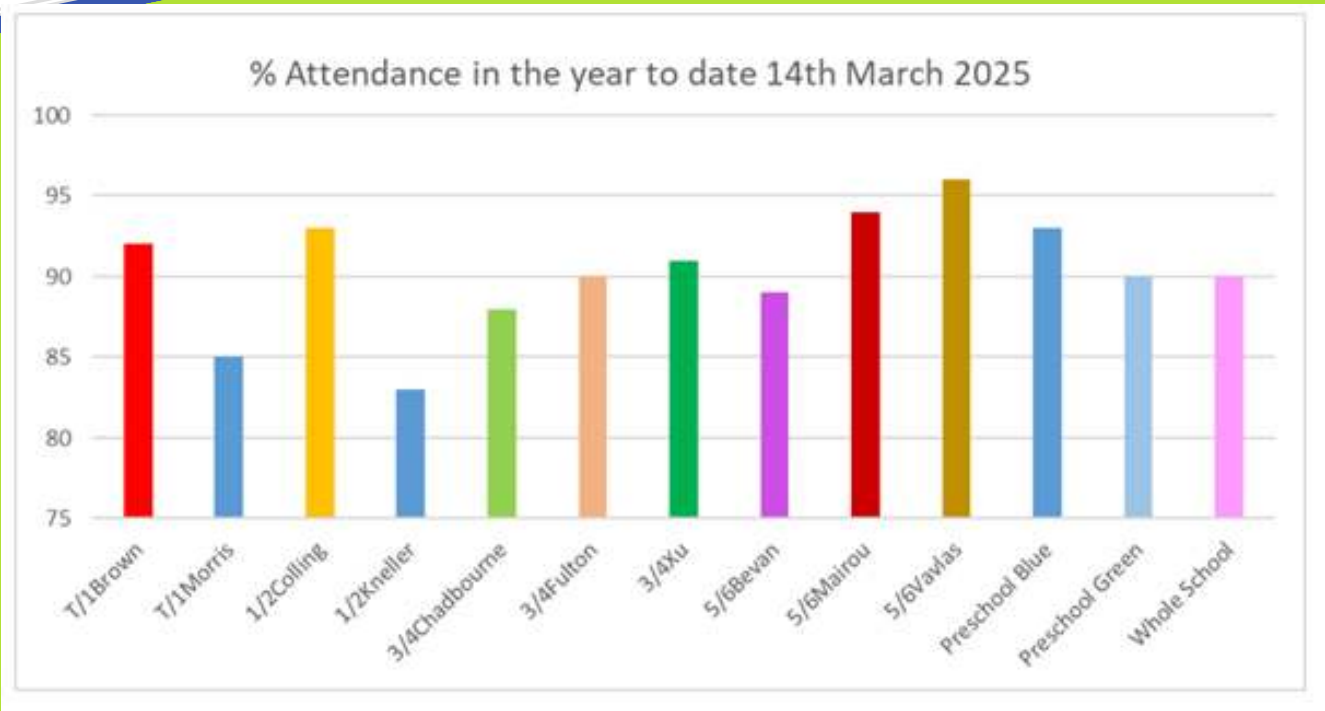
REMINDER

Phone the school office
if your child is absent.





















We are so excited to see that our whole school attendance is tracking at 90% for the year to date. Well done to Preschool, T.1 Brown, 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...

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 our goals to improve learning and student engagement at Wagaman in 2025?



ASIP 2025

Making a Difference 

INSTRUCTION

Literacy Blocks
Heggerty
Read Write Inc
Daily Review
Fluency Pairs
Mentoring and Coaching
Peer Observations
Meaningful Maths
Inquiry Approach

LITERACY

Implement & embed literacy blocks to ensure all students receive high quality instruction.

HEALTH

Increase student attendance & engagement by implementing Be You to foster a positive & inclusive learning community.

ENGAGEMENT

Be You
Keeping Safe Curriculum
Social and Emotional Learning
Inquiry Learning
School Wide Positive Behaviour
Zones of Regulation
Relationships and Partnerships

Instruction + Engagement = Growth and Achievement



WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

JAPANESE

Nihongo (Japanese) Corner (Term1)



こんにちは Konnichiwa, watashi wa Miki sensei desu.

Hello, my name is Miki. Students call me Miki sensei. It has been great working in Wagaman school as a Japanese teacher since 2023. I am so excited to continue the Japanese program with students at Wagaman school this year, 2025.

Our language programs aim to build not only proficiency in language, but students with an open mind who have curiosity for different cultures and an understanding of how to communicate respectfully.

I would like to say Arigato (thank you) to the families for supporting the Japanese program. I have heard that some Wagaman students went to Japan last year or are planning to go to Japan this year. It is wonderful and the best way for language learners to immerse themselves in the culture and to build confidence and enthusiasm in learning.

I believe a great way to encourage your child to be a great language learner is for parents to show interest in learning a language. Please ask your child/ren what they have learnt at school each week and use the words at home too. We also have a "Using Japanese at home" tip sheet for parents.

Nihongo (Japanese) speaking with family at home

I will introduce a few greeting words you can use at home.

こんにちは Konnichiwa = hello

おはよう ohayo = good morning

げんきです genki desu = I am well, I am fine



Are you planning a family trip to Japan?

I would like to give some tips about Japanese style hotels, 旅館 Ryokan.

You might want to experience a Japanese traditional style Ryokan at least once if you travel to Japan, for its serene atmosphere and chance for cultural immersion. In ryokan, you may have a room which has a tatami mat and a low table in the middle with cushions. You don't find a bed there, but later a lady called Nakai san will come to prepare a futon (Japanese style sleeping mattress) for each customer while out of the room. It's a comfortable and unique way to experience Japanese tradition. Meals at a ryokan feature delicious Japanese food, often served as part of a multi-course dinner, highlighting seasonal flavours and local ingredients. Guests can also enjoy a relaxing soak in an onsen, a natural hot spring bath, or the daiyokujo, a communal bathhouse. To complete the experience, guests are provided with a yukata, a lightweight cotton robe, perfect for walking around the ryokan or enjoying the evening. Staying at a ryokan is a memorable way to experience Japan's rich culture and hospitality.



ありがとうございます Arigato gozaimasu (Thank you very much),

Miki

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

1.2 KNELLER

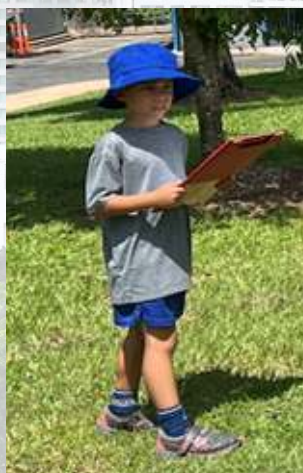
This term, in our Geography and Science inquiry lessons, Year 1.2 K have been exploring how places are identified and represented, and how they change over time.

Working in pairs, students investigated and compared two of our school's unique and well-loved spaces: Mayuma Garden (our vegetable garden) and Area 2 (playground). Their goal was to identify what makes each place different by classifying the features they observed as natural, managed or constructed.

Through this exploration, students quickly noticed key differences between the two areas. They observed that the vegetable garden is full of living and natural features, such as plants, soil and insects, whereas the playground contains mostly constructed features, like play equipment, rubber flooring and shade cloth. During our discussions, we also discovered that the Mayuma Garden can be classified as managed and reflected on how each space is used, how it has changed over time and the role people play in maintaining it.

This experience has encouraged students to think critically about their surroundings and deepened their understanding of how places and materials change with time. Overall, it has been a fulfilling learning journey throughout the term.





NThealth
Safe | Responsive | Kind
Great health for all Territorians

NT Health are bringing their Top End Preschool Vision Screening Program to Wagaman.

Week 10 – Monday 31/3 to Thursday 3/4.

All Preschool, Transition and Year 1 students will have the opportunity to have a free vision screening.

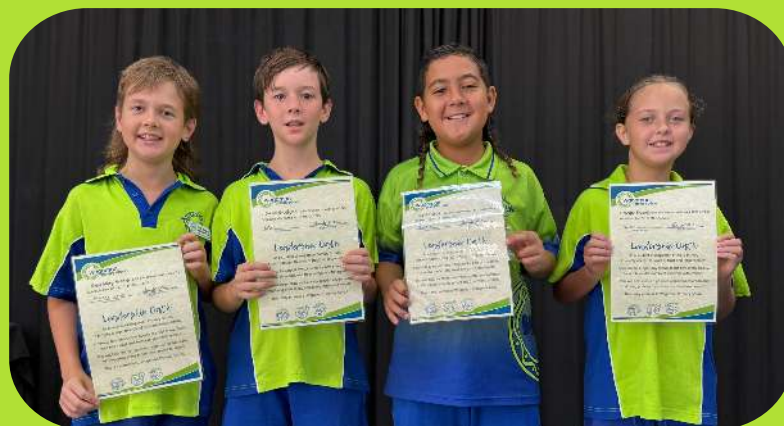
DON'T FORGET

Return your child's signed consent form ASAP.

IN CASE YOU
MISSED IT...

WHAT EVENTS HAVE WE HAD AT WAGAMAN?

Student Leaders Badge Presentation



IN CASE YOU
MISSED IT...

WHAT EVENTS HAVE WE HAD AT WAGAMAN?

After School Sport Marrara Judo Club



T-2 Swimming with Triple S Swim School

IN CASE YOU
MISSED IT...

WHAT EVENTS HAVE WE HAD AT WAGAMAN?



Netball Gala Day





SCHOOL NOTICES



SCHOOL CONCERT

Term 2, Thursday June 5.

Mrs Horne, our fabulous music teacher, is asking families if they have any witches' capes, broomsticks or wands to use in our school concert in June. The students will start rehearsals in Term 2. The items will be returned after the concert.



REMINDER



Have your contact details changed?



If YES, please update at the school office.



REMINDER



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



Download the app

Spriggy Schools

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Pay for lunch online!

The canteen has partnered with Spriggy Schools to make online ordering easy.



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**NATIONAL
RIDE2SCHOOL
DAY**
Friday 21 March 2025

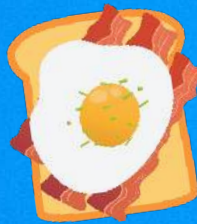
WALK, RIDE,
SCOOT OR
SKATE
WITH YOUR
MATE

 **RIDE2
SCHOOL**



**HARMONY
DAY 21
MARCH**

TOMORROW



Join us for a barbeque breakfast
from 7:15–8:15am.

A special assembly from 8:30am

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next week!**



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primary school

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Financial support by parents has always played a significant role in providing resources to support the learning experiences of our students.

Families are invited to make a voluntary contribution to our school.

2025 
**WE ARE
AIMING TO REACH
A TARGET OF
\$10,000
FOR 10 NEW
LAPTOPS**

- 1** child = \$80
- 2** children = \$150
- 3** or more children = \$200
-  Preschool = \$50 per term



In person at our school office.

PAY ONLINE



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

THANK
YOU!

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS?

10



\$10,000

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

8



\$8,000

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

6



\$6,000

4



\$4,000

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

2



\$2,000

We thank our families, for their ongoing support.








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

\$4,900



We'll keep the children entertained these Easter Holidays!

EGG – CITING VACATION CARE ACTIVITIES

Monday 7 th April	Easter Arts and Crafts "Getting creative with Easter arts and crafts! 🐰🎨🌟 From colourful eggs to bunny-themed fun, our little artists are bringing the Easter spirit to life! 🌸🐣 #EasterCrafts #CreativeKids #FestiveFun" 	What to bring Lunch Hat Water Bottle Spare clothes
Tuesday 8 th April	 Incursion: Indoor Bowling "Strike! 🎳🏆 Indoor bowling fun in full swing—cheers, laughter, and friendly competition all around! Who's ready for a perfect game? 😊🎳 #IndoorBowling #FunAndGames #StrikeTime"	What to bring Lunch Hat Water Bottle Spare clothes
Wednesday 9 th April	Master Chef: Easter Cookies "Sweet treats for a hoppy Easter! 🐰🍪 The kids will have an egg-citing time decorating their own Easter cookies with colourful icing, sprinkles, and lots of creativity! From bunnies to eggs, every cookie was a masterpiece (and delicious too!) 😊. A perfect way to celebrate the holiday with fun and flavours! 🌸🌟 #EasterCookies #BakingFun #SweetCreations #HolidayTreats" 	What to bring Lunch Hat Water Bottle Spare clothes
Thursday 10 th April	 Pyjama & Movie Day at OSHC "Cozy vibes and big smiles for Pyjama & Movie Day at OSHC! 🛏️🎬 The kids will have a blast lounging in their comfiest PJs, snuggling up with blankets, and enjoying some classic movies with their friends. Laughter, relaxation, and of course, some tasty snacks made the day extra special! Such a fun way to unwind and create great memories together. 🌙🌟 #PyjamaAndMovieDay #CozyVibes #FunAtOSHC #RelaxAndEnjoy"	What to bring Lunch Hat Water Bottle Spare clothes
Friday 11 th April	Easter Egg Hunting "Ready, set, hunt! 🐣🌸 The excitement was in the air as the children set off on their Easter Egg Hunt, searching high and low for hidden treasures! 🐰🥚 From colourful eggs to sweet surprises, it's a day filled with joy, laughter, and a little friendly competition. What a fantastic way to celebrate the Easter season! 🌟💖 #EasterEggHunt #SpringtimeFun #LittleExplorers #JoyfulMoments" 	What to bring Lunch Hat Water Bottle Spare clothes
Monday 14 th April	 PUPIL FREE DAY Easter Party Games and Disco "Hop into the Easter spirit with exciting party games and a fun-filled disco! 🎉🐰🎵 From egg-and-spoon races to dancing like a bunny, the kids will have an egg-cellent time celebrating together! 🐣👯 #EasterFun #PartyGames #DiscoVibes" 	What to bring Lunch Hat Water Bottle Spare clothes



COMMUNITY NOTICES



ALANNAH JOYCE
J-Girls Ambassador
& Aus team athlete

J G I R L S

NATIONAL MAT TAKEOVER
SUNDAY, 23 MARCH 2025
DARWIN, NORTHERN TERRITORY

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

Spend time on the mat with some of the country's best, learning new skills, enjoying judo related games and forming life long friendships!

WHO SHOULD COME?

J-Girls (or soon to be) aged 5 and up, from every corner of the country. Come by yourself, bring a whole bus - absolute beginners all the way up to Dan grades welcome!

TIME & LOCATION

10AM - 4PM
Marrara Judo Club (10 Abala Road, Marrara NT 0812)

COSTS

\$30 for registered Judo Northern Territory members
\$90 for non-Judo Northern Territory members

Includes t-shirt, training, BBQ/food & FUN!

REGISTER NOW!

www.revolutionise.com.au/judoaustralia/events



Scan me!



THE ARRAY []

MINECRAFT CAMP

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

April 7-11, 2025 | 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM
\$90 p/day or \$400 for the week

Learning Dojo at The Array []
The Vic Mall, Darwin CBD

TURN SCREEN TIME INTO SKILL TIME!

IS YOUR CHILD LOOKING TO KICK START THEIR NETBALL CAREER!!

PLACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE IN U10'S, U11'S, U13'S & U16'S NETBALL TEAMS

Training starts
Wednesday 26th Feb 5:30 - 6:30

Come down to the
Palmerston Netball Courts
Wednesday Evenings
to sign up

Contact us through our FaceBook site
Palmerston Crocs Netball
or email: crocsnetballclub@gmail.com

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS KIDS POTTERY COURSE

2 SESSIONS - 10AM TO 12PM
Thursday 10th, Friday 11th April

This 2 session mini course is a great introduction for kids to hand build with clay. They will learn to create, decorate and paint their very own piece of pottery!

Use your NT Sports Vouchers towards the course fee.

STRICTLY AGES 10+

Course Fee **\$200**

\$100 SPORT VOUCHER

www.adultshortcourses.com
m:0452 135 400



COMMUNITY NOTICES



JOIN THE DRAGONS!

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE
2025 RUGBY LEAGUE SEASON - SENIORS & JUNIORS

Nightcliff Dragons welcomes all players & volunteers to register at playrugbyleague.com

Training is held at Sanderson Middle School Oval. Boys and Girls grades from Mini's to Under 18's. Fun, safe and inclusive environment. School Sports vouchers accepted.

For further information email nightcliffdragons@hotmail.com
or call Selina on 0419 276 440

It's fun to run with a Dragon



JOIN HIPPY!

HIPPY (Home Interaction Program for Parents & Youngsters) is a **FREE** two-year family learning together program.

HIPPY helps guide families to be their child's first teacher by providing tools and mentorship support.

Families can start the program when their child is three (or turning three before 30 June 2025) or older.

To join HIPPY you must:

- ✓ Be caring for a child 3 years old or turning 3 before June 30 2025
- ✓ Live in the Darwin area

ENQUIRE NOW

 Gabby Hale, HIPPY Coordinator
08 8946 4800



Interested? Scan QR code to fill out an expression of interest.



AnglicareNT

The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services. The Brotherhood of St. Laurence holds the licence to operate HIPPY in Australia.

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