



wagaman
primary school

Making a Difference

Newsletter

Term 3, Week 6, Aug 24
2023



IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS:

Fri 25 Aug

- Assembly - 3 Xu
- Book Character Parade

Wed 30 Aug

- 5/6 Katherine Camp - Group 1

Fri 1 Sep

- Early Years Father's Day Afternoon starting 2pm

Wed 6 Sep

- 5/6 Katherine Camp - Group 2
- The Beat Performance evening @ DEC

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our major fundraising event, School Fun Read, finishes tomorrow. It has been wonderful watching our students take on the challenge to read as many books as they can over the last three weeks.

We have achieved our goal of raising \$5,000 to upgrade security around our school. Our total as of today is \$5857. Thank you, to all our students who collected sponsors and raised funds for our school. Next week, students who have fundraised will be able to go online and select their prizes.

SCHOOL FUN READ

Total Raised

\$5,857.00

Total Enrolment:

280

Children With a Profile:

95

Children Raising Money Online:

52

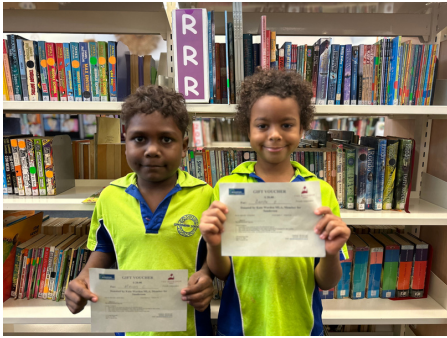
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REMINDER

Phone the school office if your child is absent from school.



Over the past weeks we have held special raffle draws of books and book vouchers for students who have completed their reading logs. Tomorrow, we will celebrate the end of our Fun Read as a school with a Book Character Parade. Make sure you come dressed as your favourite book character. We will have a judging panel to award prizes for the most creative outfits.

Other book week events this week included Bedtime Stories in our library. It was great to see so many of our early years families come and participate in this fabulous event. The highlights were dressing in pyjamas and having milo and tiny teddies. Thank you to the team of teachers who coordinated this event. Ms Wong also held lunchtime book quizzes for middle and upper primary students.



Last Wednesday, our senior choir attended a rehearsal for the upcoming Beat Festival. They were joined by choirs from other schools across Darwin and Palmerston, as well as musicians and dancers. Wagaman will be performing on Wednesday, September 6. Tickets are available from the Darwin Entertainment Centre.

Next week, our first group of 5/6 students will travel to Katherine for a school camp. The students have three days of exciting learning planned, including a tour of Nitmiluk Gorge, an Aboriginal culture experience at Top Didj and an outback experience to name a few. A second group of 5/6 students will travel down to Katherine during Week 8.

At Wagaman, we encourage and promote healthy lunchbox choices that help our students concentrate and play throughout the day. Over the past week we have been seeing an increased number of students bringing chocolates and lollies to school. These items are not appropriate foods for school and should be left at home. For more information on healthy lunchboxes, click on the Munch and Move Fact Sheet.

Fact Sheet

HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES

There are many foods that can be used to pack a healthy lunchbox.

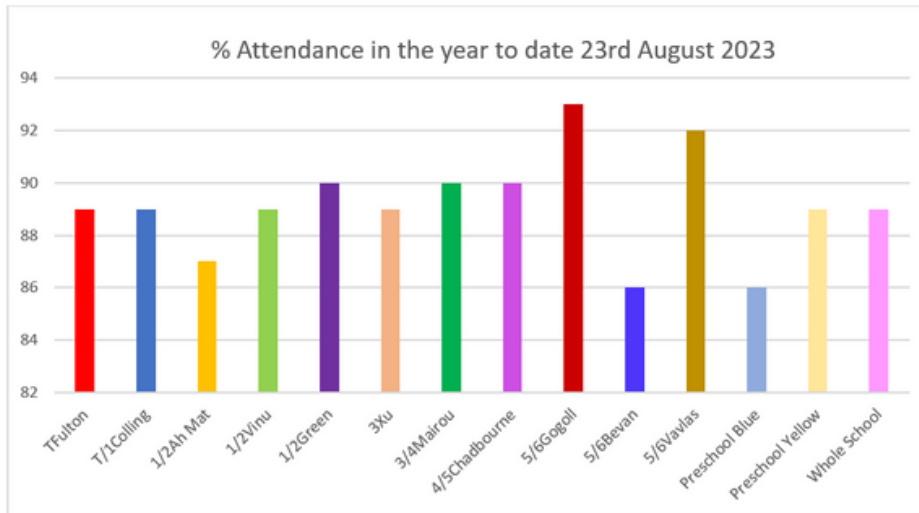
<p>Fruit & Vegetables</p> <p>Fruit and vegetables will provide a good daily source of vitamins, minerals and dietary fibre.</p> <p>All chopped fruit and vegetables can be easily</p>	<p>Meat & other protein foods</p> <p>Meat and other protein foods provide protein and iron. Limit the use of sausages and processed luncheon/deli meats (eg devon and salami) as they are high in saturated fat and salt.</p>
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CLICK HERE

Our whole school attendance is tracking at 89% for the year to date. We have 5 classes with attendance of 90% or more for the year so far.



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.



T/Fulton	89
T/1Colling	89
1/2Ah Mat	87
1/2Vinu	89
1/2Green	90
3Xu	89
3/4Mairou	90
4/5Chadbourne	90
5/6Gogoll	93
5/6Bevan	86
5/6Vavlas	92
Preschool Blue	86
Preschool Yellow	89
Whole School	89

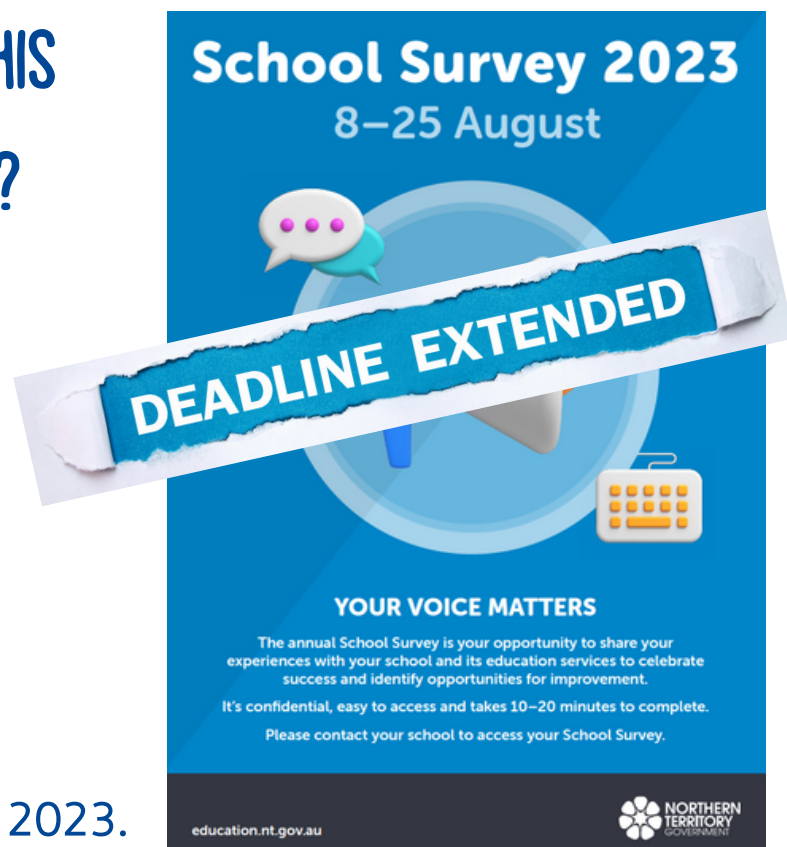
Don't forget to complete our annual school survey before it closes. Click the link is below to access the survey.

I look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow at our book parade.

Kind Regards

Dane Russell
Acting Principal

HAVE YOU COMPLETED THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL SURVEY?

School Survey 2023
8–25 August

DEADLINE EXTENDED


YOUR VOICE MATTERS

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

It's confidential, easy to access and takes 10–20 minutes to complete.

Please contact your school to access your School Survey.

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to access the parent survey for 2023.



Thank you all for your efforts so far.

Our Reading Phase is ending tomorrow, Friday August 25.

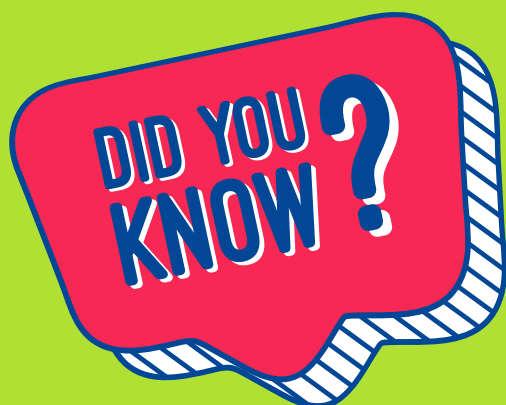
Please keep sharing your link and getting those donations through to your personal fundraising goal.

We have exceeded our fundraising goal of \$5,000, which will be going towards upgrading the security around our school.

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!

Total Raised

\$5,857.00



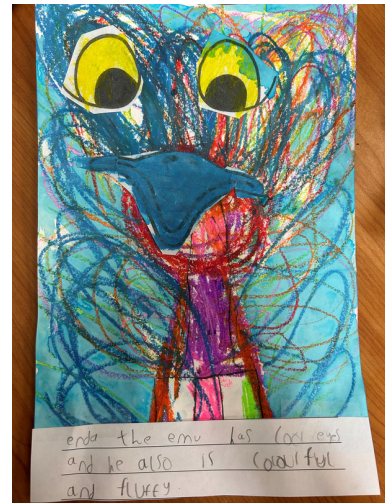
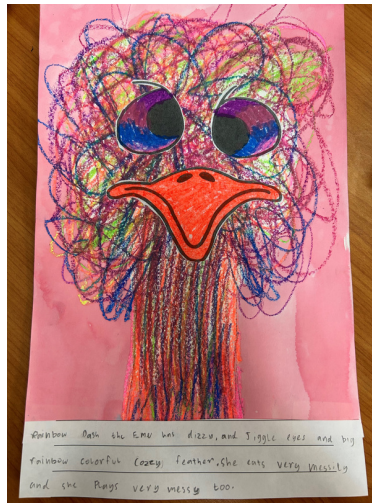
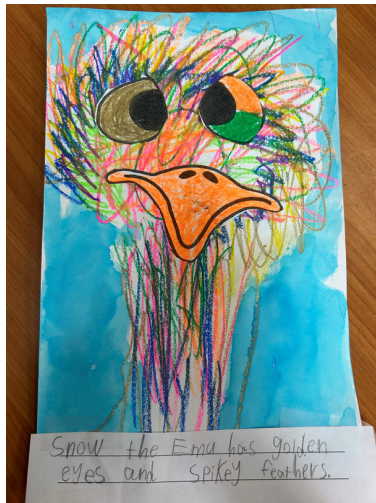
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LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

YEAR 1/2 AH MAT

All about adjectives! We have been learning about adjectives in 1/2 Ah Mat and how much they can enhance your writing. We read Edward the Emu and then created our own emus. We gave our emu a name and used adjectives to describe them.



We have been learning all about the Larrakia seasons this year. We have been researching our environment during each season and learning the some Larrakia words. Dinidjanggama (din-nudge-an-garma) is the season we are currently in, which represents heavy dew.

Check out our calendar wall that we are constantly updating to reflect the current season and what we can see in our school to reflect this. We have some fabulous artist in this class!



What better way to learn about fractions than to make pizzas! We made our very own pizzas this week and wrote up the recipe as part of our literacy unit. We then linked this learning to maths by having students decide if they should have their pizzas in halves or quarters. They were delicious!



LEARNING SPOTLIGHT

LIBRARY - MS WONG



This term in the Library, Early Years classes have been reading, listening and responding to a selection of Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Shortlisted books 2023. Winners of the CBCA awards were announced on the weekend but our students have their personal favourites!

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

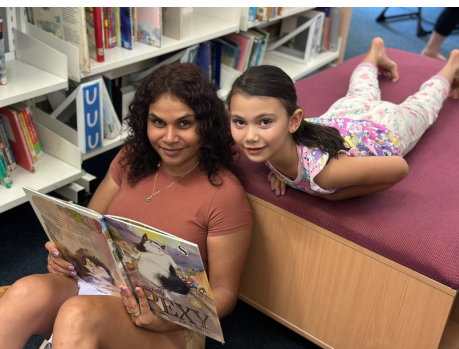
Classes have enjoyed listening to different staff members sharing and reading their 'favourite story'. photos



On Tuesday afternoon, Early Years students were invited to an hour of Bedtime Stories in the Library. Pyjamas and cuddly toys were the uniform of those who attended, with milo & tiny teddies rounding off the afternoon.



Thank you to all the families and staff for attending.



During the week, Middle and Upper Primary students were able to test their literary knowledge in lunchtime book quizzes. Our winning teams were the So Scepty Up and Bookworks.

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!



HAVE YOU PAID YOUR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION?

THANK YOU!

A message from Wagaman School Council

We would like to remind you 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.

This year, the school council has decided to allocate the funds towards enhancing the safety of our school during and outside of school hours. Our goal is to add additional security features that will provide an extra layer of protection for our students and staff. This investment will not only provide peace of mind but will also help us to deter and detect any potential threats to our school community.

We thank you for your ongoing support of our school community and for helping to ensure the safety and well-being of our students.

- 1 child = \$60
- 2 children = \$50 each
- 3 children or more = \$40 each
- Preschool = \$50 per term



at the school's Front Office

PAY ONLINE



Account: Wagaman School Council
BSB: 035-306
Account: 930622
Ref: child or children's name

So far this year, our families have contributed **\$7,085**

TOMORROW



Book Character

PRIZES FOR
THE MOST
CREATIVE
COSTUMES!



Simple sweet swaps



Have you already tried swapping?

Next week, why not challenge yourself to try one of these sweet swaps:

- Chocolate biscuits to fruit bread
- Muesli bar to pikelets
- Juice to water with fresh fruit



Making these sweet swaps can protect kids from tooth decay.



Good for kids
good for life

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Wagaman Senior Choir will perform
Wednesday 6th September



Tickets are now on sale
via the Darwin
Entertainment Centre!

Book early - shows do
sell out!

The NT Music School and the BEAT Foundation present

Courage

THE 2023 BEAT FESTIVAL

the NT Schools Annual Performing Arts Showcase

6-7-8 September

DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

NTMS Northern Territory Government www.ntms.net.au Darwin Entertainment Centre Darwin

COMMUNITY NOTICES

School Student Broadband (SSBI)

Information for families



SSBI - What is it?

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION WITH INTERNET AT HOME

The Australian Government has established the School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI) to provide free home internet for one year for up to 30 000 families unconnected families with school aged students.

This is a targeted affordability measure to boost education opportunities and narrow the digital divide. More information about SSBI can be found at www.infrastructure.gov.au/SSBI.

Is it for me?

To be eligible, a family must:

Have a child living at home

That is enrolled in an Australian school in 2023.

Not have an active NBN internet service at home

Having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility.

Live in a premises that can access the NBN via a standard connection.

This will be checked for you. The SSBI is unavailable on NT Island Communities.

How do I nominate?

The Department of Education is a nominating organisation for SSBI. Families can nominate in many ways. Choose one that suits you below.

1. Ask at your child's school for a SSBI family nomination form.
2. Access the SSBI family nomination form online at <https://forms.office.com/r/sLSrGb74BP> or scan the QR code with your phone's camera and click on the link that appears.
3. Request the SSBI family nomination form from digitalanddata.doe@education.nt.gov.au or by calling 8972 5344.



Nomination forms need to be returned to schools or completed online as soon as possible so that vouchers can be delivered and activated **before 30 April 2024**.

What's next?

You will get a letter

Via your child's school or by email. It will tell you if you are eligible for SSBI or not

If you are eligible

Choose an internet provider listed in your letter

Activate your voucher

Sign up with your preferred internet provider and give them your voucher code before 30 April 2024

The internet provider will have a step-by-step process to get you connected. You may need to provide identification.

The one-year internet connection will start from the day your service is activated. When the one year is finished, you will not be placed on a paid service without your consent.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Young Territory Author Awards



Write and create a book and you could be the 2023 Young Territory Author of the Year.

The competition is open to all Territorians 18 years and under residing in the Northern Territory at the time of entering the book.

First Prize of \$500
School Entry Prize of \$500
CBCA NT Wow Award of \$200

Enter online, by mail or drop into any City of Darwin Library.

Entries close Sunday 27 August 2023

To learn more, visit darwin.nt.gov.au/ytaa or scan QR code.



Thanks to our Sponsors!



2023 SHORT LIST



Vote now for your favourite Aussie kids books

- Lots of prizes to be won!
- Voting closes: **Monday 2nd October 2023**

Winning books announced at the KROC Party

- **Friday 6 October at 2.30pm, Casuarina Library**

Vote for your chance to win!



Pick up a voting form at your school or local library. Vote online →



IDEAS IN NUTRITION

Do Dairy

Next week is Healthy bones week and Accredited Practising Dietitians recommend sending dairy to school every day. Dairy foods have plenty of calcium to help develop strong bones.

Ideas for dairy in school lunch boxes

- 1 UHT milk poppas can be stored outside a fridge until they are opened.
- 2 Look for yoghurt that has less than 15 grams of sugar per 100g.
- 3 Create your own healthy yoghurt by adding fresh fruit to unflavoured/unsweetened yoghurt



FREE 2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Location: Darwin, NT

Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school



During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Understanding sensory processing
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



12th & 13th September 2023
9.00am - 2.15pm



Novotel Darwin Airport
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Marrara NT 0812

SCAN TO REGISTER



Interpreters available upon request

For more information or to register visit www.positivepartnerships.com.au or contact Grant Russell at grussell@positivepartnerships.com.au



For help, call: 1300 881 971