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NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 2
Feb 6, 2025



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fri 7 Feb

- Assembly - Yr 5.6 Vavlas

Thu 13 Feb

- Yr 3.4 X - Excursion to Casuarina Library

Mon 17 Feb

- Yr 3.4 C - Excursion to Casuarina Library
- School Council AGM

Tue 18 Feb

- Yr 3.4 F - Excursion to Casuarina Library

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2025 school year. It has been great to connect with both returning and new families over the past week.

It was wonderful to see many families at our Wagaman Welcome yesterday afternoon. Special thank you to the fabulous Ms Melinda and Ms Darnette for organising and running our sausage sizzle. Teachers enjoyed the opportunity to meet families. If you couldn't attend and would like to meet your child's teacher, you can either pop in after school one day for a quick chat, schedule a time to meet through our front office or connect via email. Classes are currently finalising their term newsletter which will give families important information about the term ahead. Your child's class teachers get to know them well throughout the year and should always be your first contact for questions, queries and concerns.

REMINDER

08 8922 6011

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@wagamanprimaryschool

Phone the school office
if your child is absent.

It has been great to see our students settle to their new classes over the past week. Classes have been focusing on establishing routines and expectations. We have started the process of selecting our student leaders for 2025. At Wagaman, we work to provide as many opportunities as possible. This includes School and House Captains, and Vice Captains, Learning Commissioners, Student Representative Council (SRC) members, library monitors, compost monitors and tech monitors. These groups are selected in a variety of ways. This Friday, our House Captains will be selected using a voting process. Over the next 3 – 4 weeks, we will finalise all student leadership teams.

Last week, we sent home our newly written parent information booklet. This provides very important information about our school. I urge all families to ensure that they read and review it. If you have any questions or queries regarding the information in the booklet, please don't hesitate to come and have a chat. If you did not receive a copy, you can either come in and see our administration team or access a copy on our website.

[CLICK HERE](#)



This year, we have welcomed some new and returning staff. Ms Kenidee McNamara is teaching PE and Year 5/6, Ms Zoe Morris is teaching T/1, Ms Rachel Kuhl is teaching Preschool Green Group and Ms Teneale Ah Mat is teaching Early Years PE, Year 1/2 and T/1Brown. We also welcome Ms Cassie, Gleglakos, who is our new Preschool Assistant.



Our School Council will hold their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday the 17th February. We meet in the meeting room at the front of the school from 5:30pm with the meeting starting at 5:45pm. We welcome all families to join the meeting. We do have two vacant council positions and would love to welcome new members. If you are interested in joining and want to know more, come and see me at school or attend the meeting. School council have a key role in governing the school and in recent years have been responsible for the upgrading of various school infrastructure. They also play a key role in the financial management of our school. There will be a general meeting of council following the AGM. Council meets monthly during the school term and there are 8 meetings held per year.



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.

JOIN US

MEETING

Monday, 17th February.

From 5:30pm for 5:45pm start.

We have two vacant parent member positions on our school council in 2025.

There will also be two executive positions to fill.

- Chair person
- Secretary

Looking forward to seeing you around school in 2025.

Kind Regards,

Mandy McKinnon
Principal



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SCHOOL COUNCIL

By becoming a member of our school council, you can be directly involved in making decisions and providing advice to ensure the best outcomes for our school.

Talk to our school principal if you want to become a member of our school council.

HOW TO JOIN?

Attend our annual general meeting (AGM)

Speak with our Principal or one of our council members



WHY JOIN?

- help make our school the best it can be for our students
- make sure your community's wishes are considered in school decisions

Making a Difference



It is great to start our year with whole school attendance of 90%. Well done, to 1/2 Colling, 1/2 Kneller, 3/4 Xu, 5/6 Mairou and 5/6 Vavlas who currently have an attendance of 90% or above.

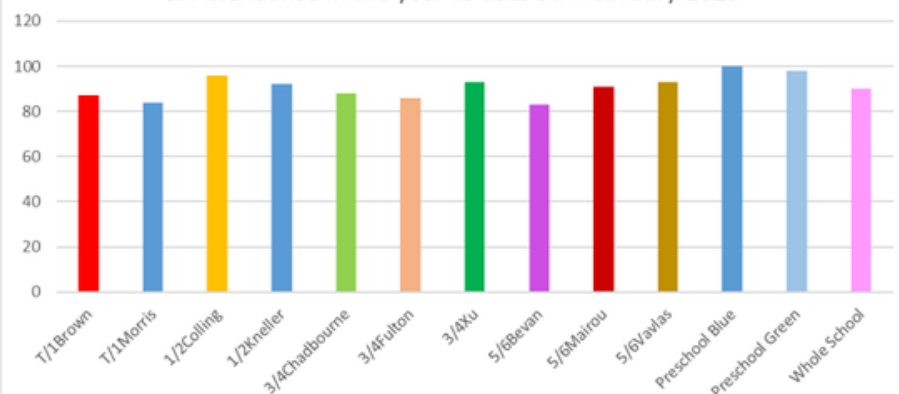
DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

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!

% Attendance in the year to date 5th February 2025



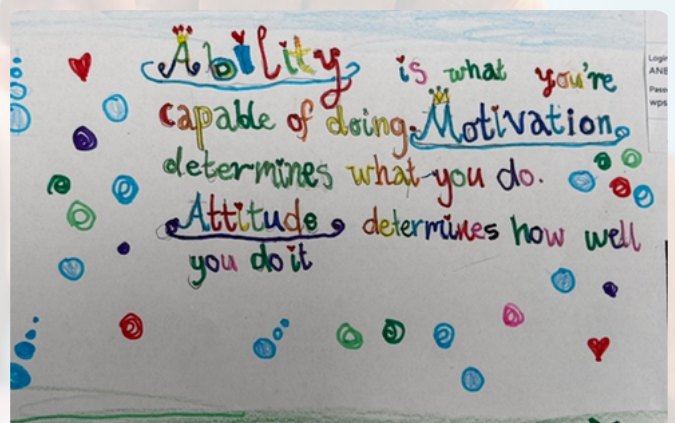
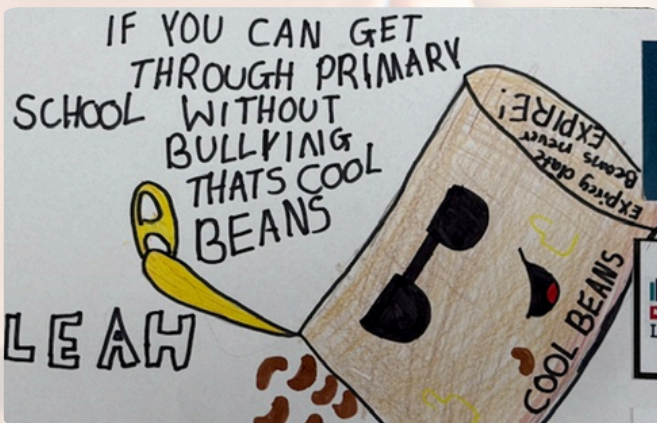
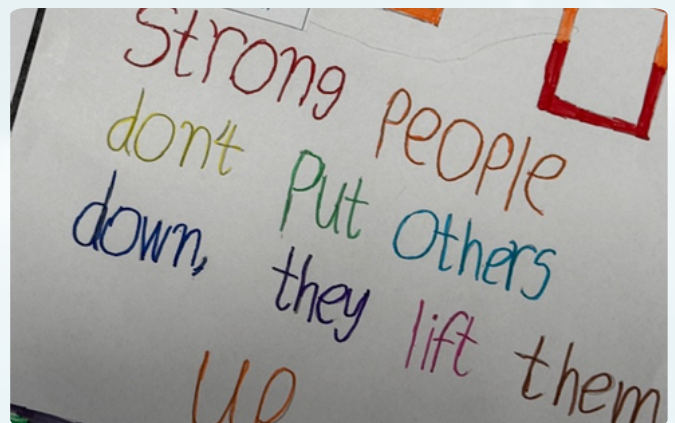
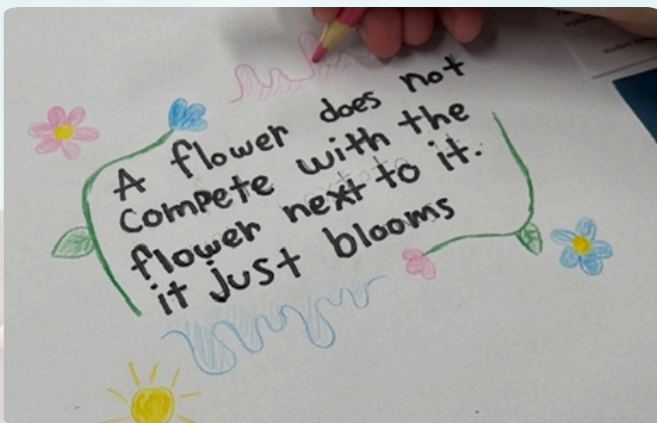
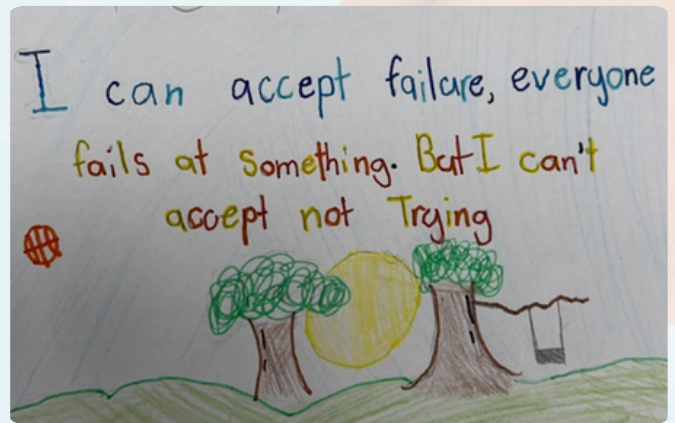
WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

YEAR 5.6 MAIROU

The first few weeks of school have been very busy in 5/6 Mairou. We've enjoyed a variety of activities, refreshing our knowledge of our school values, agreements and daily routines, ensuring everyone feels comfortable and confident in our school environment.

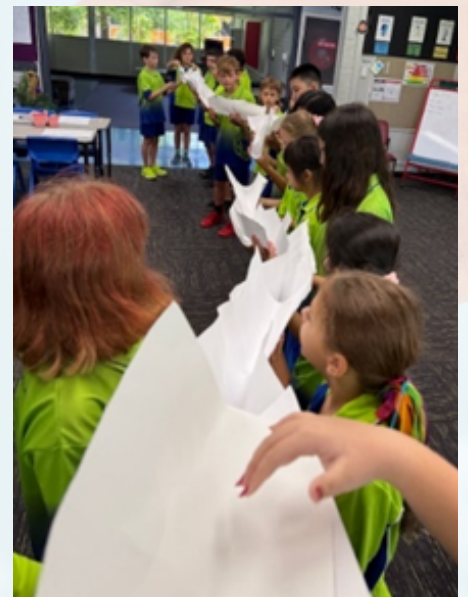
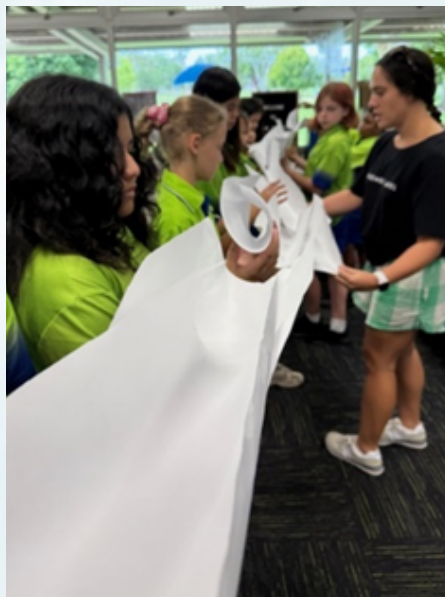
We've been learning a lot about each other and forming new friendships. We wrote letters, created identity portraits, and participated in collaborative challenges that encouraged teamwork and problem-solving. We even created posters with inspirational quotes to fill our room with positivity!

It's been a fantastic start to 2025, and we're looking forward to all the learning and fun ahead!





Teamwork makes the dream work! Working collaboratively with Ms Kenidee



Thanks, Library Monitor, Lindsay for helping us borrow some great books to read in class and at home!



Congratulations, Josef, who received a Student Citizenship Award on Australia Day.

The Student Citizenship Awards recognise a student who shows a sense of fair play, generosity of spirit, concern for others, cultural understanding, positive attitude and involvement within the school and the wider community.

The awards were hosted by Australia Day NT and the City of Darwin.

Have you redeemed your child's Back to School voucher?

Back to School payments have returned with every student eligible for \$200 to put towards educational items and services.

From books, stationary, uniforms and excursions, the \$200 covers a wide range of useful items and services that will set your child up for success in 2025.

Families, must redeem their child's voucher by the end of Term 1.





SCHOOL NOTICES

MESSAGE

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You need a hat and water bottle, every day!

MESSAGE

Please let our office staff know if your address, phone or email changes.

Have your contact details changed?

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WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

When your child misses school, they miss important opportunities to...

learn **develop life skills**

be active **build friendships**

education.nt.gov.au **NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT**

NOW ONLINE

SPORT VOUCHER

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
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 817 800 or email sport.voucher@nt.gov.au

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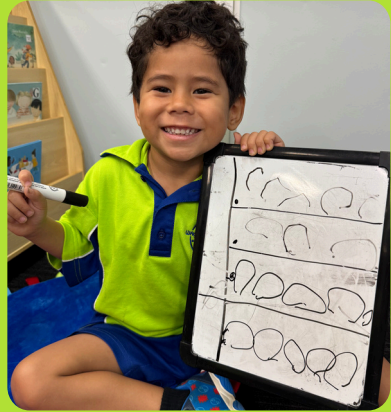
Pay for lunch online!

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

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

WHAT EVENTS HAVE WE HAD AT WAGAMAN?

First Week of 2025






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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.



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

THANK YOU!

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS?

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 purchasing new laptops.

We thank our families, for their ongoing support.

\$8,000

\$6,000

\$4,000

\$2,000

1 child = \$80

2 children = \$150

3 children or more = \$200

Preschool = \$50 per term



at the Front Office

Account: Wagaman School Council

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PAY ONLINE



So far, our families have contributed...

\$3,700



SCHOOL NOTICES



ENROLMENT PROCESS

CLICK HERE



01 Register

Scan the QR Code to register

<https://www.qkenhanced.com.au/Account/Embeddable/?databaseId=11200>



02 Check your E-mail

You will be emailed a link to confirm and finish your registration.



03 Add your child's details

Sign back in and complete your own and your child's contact details!

At the end, choose:

- **Create Waitlist Application**, to fill out your preferred days

Save and finish



04 Wait for the Offer

Once this centre receives the application, they will send you an Offer per email.



05 Finish the Enrolment Process

- Click on the email link to log back in
- Click to accept the offer
- Fill out the rest of the enrolment form details



COMMUNITY NOTICES



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.



Milestones Wagaman

Now Accepting Enrolments

- * Flexible and casual bookings
- * Free stay and play sessions
- * Quality childcare led by qualified educators
- * Inspiring children through our Lifelong Learning Curriculum

☎ 08 8945 8417 | wagamas@milestones.com.au

Affinity Education Group | **Lifelong Learning Curriculum**



DARWIN SCHOOL OF BALLET - ENROL NOW

TRAINING

- From 5 years old to Advanced 2 level
- Qualified teachers
- Students trained to high technical standard in internationally recognised Cecchetti Ballet syllabus
- Annual Cecchetti Ballet examinations

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

- Annual concert, showcasing classical ballet, national and contemporary dance
- Community events, including the Seabreeze Festival
- Senior students encouraged to develop choreographic skills

CONTACT

Lisa Heath (Principal):
heath.lisa@bigpond.com

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



FREE

ALL GIRLS COME & TRY

3 WEEK PROGRAM | AGES 4-11

WEDNESDAY 19/02 - WEDNESDAY 05/03

5.30PM - 6.30PM AT TRACY VILLAGE

28 TAMBLING TERRACE, LYONS

PLAYERS NEW AND RETURNING WELCOME

✉ HELLENICAC@GMAIL.COM 📷 @HELLENICATHLETICCLUB



SIGN ON DAY



WEDNESDAY
26TH OF FEBRUARY



5.30PM



TRACY VILLAGE OVAL
28 TAMBLING TERRACE, LYONS

BRING BOOTS/CLOSED SHOES
AND WATER BOTTLE

- SOCCER TRAINING & GAMES
- FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE



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