



# Wagaman News

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## Coming Events

<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Year 3-6 Sports: AFL & Touch Football
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Whole school assembly – Yr 3/4 Vavlas School Captain & Vice Captain Speeches
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Year 3-6 Sports: AFL & Touch Football Classroom Elections for Learning Commissioners
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	Student Leadership Badge Presentation Wagaman School Council AGM
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	5.45pm - Library
<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Crazy Hair Day & Shave for a Cure
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar</b>	Teacher Professional Learning Day

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been great to welcome all our students and families back to Wagaman over the past two weeks. Everyone has settled into their new classes well, and we are looking forward to an exciting and action packed 2021. This year we welcome some new staff to Wagaman. We congratulate Vicki Collister, who has successfully secured a promotion position working in Early Childhood Education and Care for Semester 1. In her absence, we welcome **Ms Rachel Kuhl** as our new Preschool teacher. Ms Rachel was working at Wagaman last year. We also welcome **Ms Annalee Slack** to our Preschool team. **Ms Amy Cannington** has come from NSW and is teaching Year 3/4, and **Ms Jess Harnett** is teaching in Year 5/6. We give these new staff members a warm Wagaman welcome. It has also been wonderful to welcome Ms Gemma Chadbourne back to full-time classroom teaching in our Year 3/4 area. Many of our student support team remain the same as last year. However, we do say **goodbye** to **Ms Danielle Toka** and thank her for all the work she has done to support Wagaman students. We welcome **Ms Kimberley Wasare** in her place. Tomorrow **Ms Teneale Ah Mat begins her parenting leave**. We wish Teneale well for her new adventure and look forward to seeing her back at Wagaman in Term 4.

**School Council** is a wonderful way to connect with other parents, support your child's education and have a say in the school's direction. I encourage all parents to **consider joining our small but dynamic council**. Council meets once a month during the school term on Monday evenings. Meetings begin at 5:45 and are usually finished by about 7:30 pm. If you

would **like to know more**, please don't hesitate to **come and have a chat with me**. Our **school council Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March beginning at 5:45 pm**. Should you be interested in attending and require babysitting, please let me know.

The new uniforms are looking very fresh and bright, and it has been great seeing our students wear them with pride. Just a reminder that our uniform consists of the Wagaman polo shirt with blue shorts or skorts. On Wednesdays, students are encouraged to wear their sports house shirt. We have noticed some students wearing coloured board shorts and/or black bottoms recently, which are not part of our school uniform. Please refer to our uniform policy on the next page.

We have begun working through our selection of student leaders for 2021. This week our Year 5 and 6 students nominated for House Captains and Vice House Captains gave their speeches. Students from Year 3 – 6 then voted for their leaders. Congratulations to all students who nominated. The quality of the speeches given were excellent. Our house leaders for 2021 are:

Crocs House Captains	Crocs House Vice Captains	Sharks House Captains	Sharks House Vice Captains
Jake Peterson	Kyla Seiboth	Daniel Berces	Maddison Lee
Amron Zeineddine	Olivia Armitage	Shakira Alley	Maclive Albert



I look forward to reviewing applications for **School Captains and Vice School Captains**. These **applications are due in on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb**.

One of the main focus areas for school improvement in 2021 is to build connected literacy. Previously our staff have worked with Victorian-based consultant Lisa Keskinen to develop our whole school writing program, and in 2021 we will work with Lisa to connect our reading program to our current writing program. It is a large body of work led by our school literacy team. On the 29<sup>th</sup> January, staff began this work with Lisa. On Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> March, we will be utilising one of our whole school professional learning days to work with her. This work is vital to our ongoing focus on improving student outcomes at Wagaman. It means that **students will not be able to attend school on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March**. Camp Australia is available and open for the day. If you do require care for your children, please make a booking through them.

At afternoon pick up time our car park area does become quite busy for a short time. To help this challenging time of the day run smoothly it is important that parents remember to utilise the drop-off/pick up zone correctly. **This area is not a parking zone**. Please do not get out of your car in this zone. We ask that all parents **show respect** and **exercise patience** at this time. Our staff are working hard to help keep our students safe. If you delay your arrival until about 5-10min after the bell, you will find that traffic has often eased slightly.

Our first assembly will be held next Friday morning. Ms Vavlas' class will run it. If you are free, please join us.

Looking forward to seeing you around Wagaman Primary

Warm Regards

Mandy McKinnon

## Latest COVID-19 Advice

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL NT FAMILIES

If you have travelled to

- the metropolitan Melbourne suburb of Sunbury or the Melbourne Holiday Inn Airport on or following the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021; OR
- the metropolitan Melbourne suburbs of Maidstone, Sunshine, or Taylor Lakes on or following 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021,

please follow the advice issued by the NT Chief Health Officer to:

- Arrange for a COVID-19 test
- Self- quarantine whilst waiting for the results
- Return to school only once a negative test has been returned and/or you have clearance from COVID-19 Hotline to do so (COVID-19 Hotline: 1800 008 002)

This advice changes regularly, with the potential for new hotspots to be announced without warning, you can access the latest advice here - <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au>

## School times

7.55 - 8.10	Staff on duty
8.10	Morning Bell
8.10 - 10.15	Morning Session
10.15 - 10.45	Recess (30 mins)
10.45 - 12.45	Middle Session
12.45 - 12.55	Lunch - Supervised eating
12.55 - 1.25	Lunch – Play (30 mins)
1.25 - 2.40	Afternoon Session
2.40	Afternoon Bell - Go Home

**Please note that Preschool and Transition finish at 2.30 pm**

### Voluntary Parent Contributions

1 student	\$60.00
2 Children	\$50.00 each
3 children or more	\$40.00 each
Preschool	\$50.00 per term

School contributions are voluntary and payment is a parental decision. All contributions are used to directly benefit students.

**Your support and contribution to Wagaman Primary School is greatly appreciated.**

**Account name:** Wagaman School Council

**BSB:** 035-306

**Account:** 93-0622

**Ref:** Child/children's name

## Duty of Care

**Staff are on duty at Wagaman School from 7:55 am each day.** Children are supervised in the playground from this time until our first bell goes at 8:10 am.

Please consider this prior to leaving your child at school at the beginning of the day for safety.

The few staff who are on-site early do so to prepare for their day's program. They are not deployed for supervision at this time. A further safety/care issue is having visitors on site.

**NO children should be dropped at school before 7:55 am.**

**If you need to leave your child at the gate before this, it is advisable to contact the Principal to discuss.**

## Late arrivals and early departures

**Early Departure:** If parents and carers need to collect their child before the end of the school day, they must report to the front office PRIOR to collect their child. Office staff will record the early departure and families will take an **EARLY** Pass to give to the teacher when collecting from the classroom.

**Late Arrivals:** Students are required to report to the front office when arriving after the morning bell. They will be given a **LATE** pass to give to their teacher, and arrival time will be recorded in the diary.

## Uniform Policy

**Basic uniform:** Green shirt and royal blue bottoms (shorts/skorts/skirt). **No denim or prints**

**Sports uniform** (Wednesdays) Red or Blue shirt (House colours) and royal blue bottoms

**Senior shirt (year 6):** Blue & green senior shirt

**Shoes:** enclosed shoes

**Hats:** Bucket (6cm brim), broad brim or legionnaire

**Note: Baseball or peaked caps do not meet Sunsafe policy and are not permitted to be worn**

If there is a reason your child cannot wear one of the uniform items, please see the Principal to discuss.

Schools in the NT have a mandatory uniform policy. This is seen as both cost effective and equitable practice. Children gain a positive sense of belonging in readily identifying with their school community.

## Lunch Boxes

To ensure that food stays fresh, we provide a fridge in each class to keep your child's lunch.

Please note that food is best kept in plastic lunch containers. Insulated (esky) type containers prevent the refrigerated air from getting to the food.

If your child brings lunch to school in an esky type container, it is best to leave it in the air-conditioned classroom OR with an ice brick or frozen popper



**Do not place insulated lunch bags in the fridge**

## Reminders

Please ensure your child has a water bottle and hat **EVERY** day. We ask that children in Early childhood have a spare set of clothes in their bag each day in case they are required.

Please contact the front office if your contact details have changed.



## Library News

Students in Early Childhood and Middle primary **MUST** have a library bag for borrowing. You might buy a bag or it could be as simple as a shopping bag with their name on it.

If your child has any overdue books from 2020 or you cannot find the book please contact the school to find out how much is owing.

Volunteers are always needed for book repairs and covering. See Miss Angie or myself if you have a little time to spare.



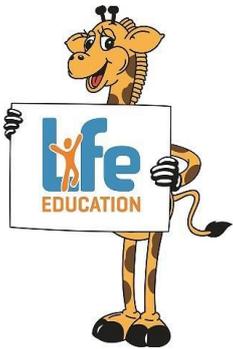
Mrs Wong  
Librarian

## Update contact information

Have your Contact details changed? Please phone the front office ASAP to update your details.



## Life Education

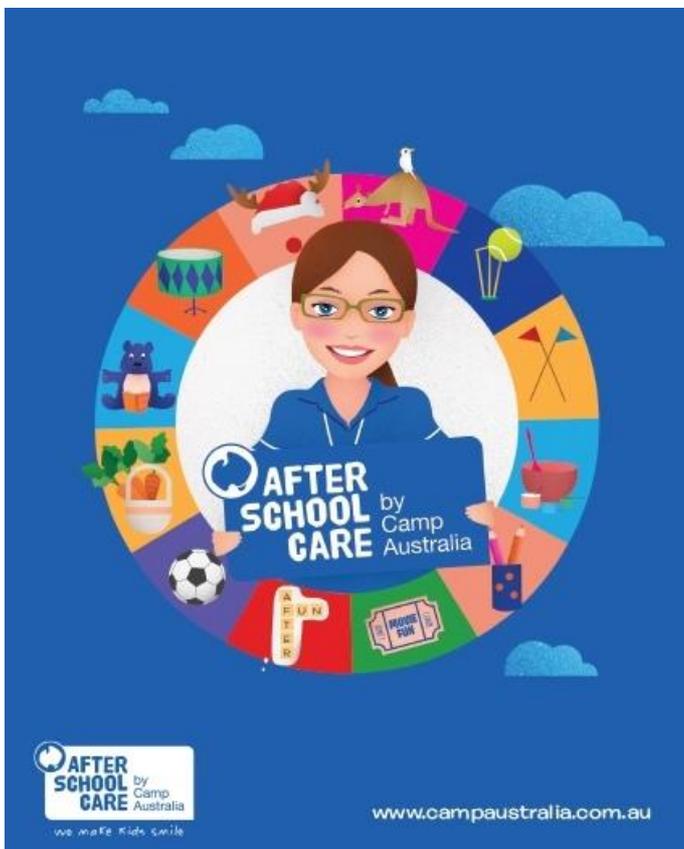


**Harold and Suzi are coming back to Wagaman!**

During **Week 6**, the Life Education van will return to our school. **All classes** will take part in a range of activities to support their learning of the Health curriculum.

Permission notes and money are due to the office by Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March.

## Camp Australia – 1300 105 343



This year Robert will again be participating in

## The World's Greatest Shave!

**Raising money for the Leukaemia foundation.**

He will be selling homemade cookies after school in the 4 weeks leading up to the shave, \$1 each. Every Tuesday and Wednesday from February 16<sup>th</sup>.

New this year, is a raffle for the chance to be the person to make the

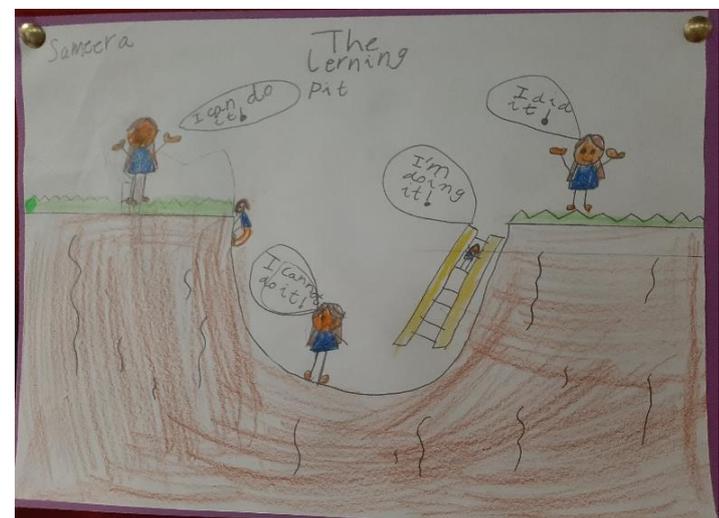
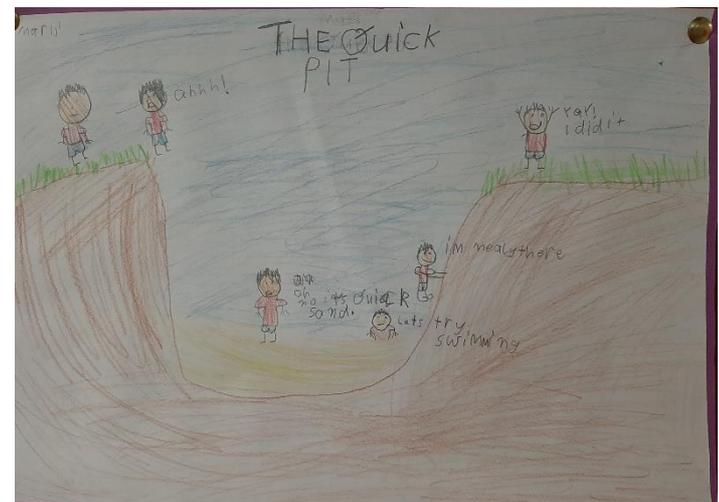
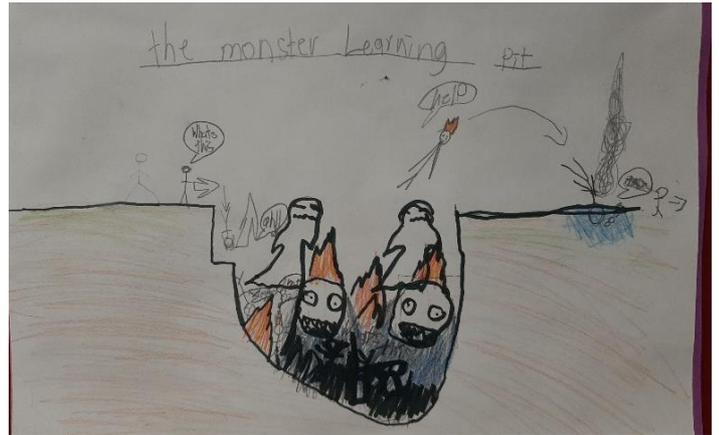
**FIRST SHAVE** for 50 cents a ticket!

[https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?\\_ga=2.10301106.660918718.1612755904-85420302.1604998935&RegistrationID=798531](https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?_ga=2.10301106.660918718.1612755904-85420302.1604998935&RegistrationID=798531)



## Year 3/4 Vavlas – The Learning Pit

The Learning Pit is an analogy to help students look at their learning as an opportunity for them to keep growing. The Learning Pit analogy helps students understand that they can control their own learning, even when it is hard and challenging. The learning pit metaphor is a great way to introduce the concept of growth through challenges to children. Year 3/4 Vavlas have been learning about the process of learning and had a go at designing their own learning pit.



## Back to school vouchers

You are entitled to receive \$150 of educational goods and services for each child enrolled in a government or non-government NT school or preschool.

If your child is in transition to year 12, you will receive the entitlement in term 1 each year. The entitlement must be used by the end of term 1.

If your child is in preschool, the entitlement is available throughout the year, but is only valid to the end of the first term in which they first enrol.

Further information can be accessed through the NT Department of Education website:

<https://nt.gov.au/learning/student-financial-help-and-scholarships/back-to-school-payment-scheme>



## For Catholic Students

Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will commence on 14 February. Each child needs to be baptised and in Year 3 or older. For details go to [www.holyspiritcasuarina.org/reconciliation](http://www.holyspiritcasuarina.org/reconciliation)



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Dear Parents & Carers,

We wish to advise that the Wagaman School Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at 5.45pm on the 8 March 2021, in the Library. This is the governing body of the school and aids in planning the improvement agenda of the school community.

School Council activities give parents the opportunity to participate in decision making for the benefit of child/children. Please consider nominating for a position on the school council. **Nomination forms can be submitted to the front office or handed to the chairperson on the night prior to the meeting starting.**

All parents are encouraged to express their interest in our school community and its activities by attending this meeting. The Annual Report will highlight our achievements in 2020.

Remember that you don't have to be a member to attend. So please consider giving us an hour of your time.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mandy McKinnon

Principal

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**NOTE: The Executive positions are voted in by parent reps on the night of AGM**

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**(Please cut along dotted line and return to either a school council member or the school front office)**

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the position/s of Parent Representative

on the **Wagaman School Council Inc.**

Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

I accept the above nomination Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_