



11th May 2012

## Differentiated LEARNING

'Differentiation means getting the best out of every pupil so that they are able to show what they know, understand and what they can do' (C A Tomlinson).

Some examples of differentiated learning at Wagaman are 'Investigations' in Early Childhood and 'Count Me in Too' in Middle Primary.

In 'Investigations' the students pursue areas of interest and teachers scaffold their learning around these areas ensuring that each child is able to learn in a way that best suits them and gives them every possible chance to reach their potential. Similarly, in 'Count Me in Too,' one of our Math Programs, the children learn through working with concrete materials, music, art and using problem solving to better understand mathematical concepts and operations.

So successful have these two programs become at Wagaman, that a film crew from the Education Department was here on Thursday to take footage, in preparation for making examples of best teaching practice that caters for and includes all learners.

Well Done Wagaman!



## Sleep and Television

### A Message from Early Childhood

Over the past few weeks we have noticed that some children are getting very tired during school. It is important that young children get a good night's sleep, preferably in bed no later than 8:00pm. For learning to occur it is essential that young children have a good routine and sufficient sleep.

It is also important when children are exposed to T.V programs and movies that they only view programs that are age appropriate (G, PG Rated). Children benefit by having structured routines; this enables them to learn and develop into happy children.

Kinds Regards: Becca Avery Transition Teacher

### Darwin Playgroups & Events

<http://www.playgroupaustralia.com.au/nt/>

<http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/> (Fun Bus locations and dates)

<http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/libraries/library-programs-and-events/babesbooks>



## NAPLAN At Wagaman

Just a reminder to all Year 3 and Year 5 students to have a healthy breakfast and go to bed early in preparation for the National Testing in Literacy and Numeracy on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Research has shown that children need a good night's sleep, a healthy nutritious breakfast and be well hydrated so that they are able to concentrate at school.



### Upper Primary - Student comments from Year 4 van den Elzen Playing together, working together

Playing the co-operative games showed me.....

"Teamwork is fun."

"When you co-operate it gets fun and easy."

"When you don't know people and you be on their team and co-operate you get along with each other more often."

"I learnt that when you are in a tight group it's hard to balance."

"I learnt that when you don't know someone it's good to co-operate with them and then you get to know them more."

"When you co-operate as a team you can accomplish anything and you can have fun while doing it."

"If you co-operate with each other you're going to get picked more for sport."



## WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 18 MAY 2012

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!  
You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

Walking with them the whole way to school

If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey! You can join us for our community walk around the school at 8.30am Friday 18 May - Everyone welcome

For more information, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)

