



17th August 2012

## Welcome to our New Wagaman Babies

Congratulations to all of our Wagaman Families that have welcomed a new baby to their family. Below are just some of the new babies that have joined our School Community.



A very special welcome to baby Ahmiah Judith Parnell-Connell Little sister to Beau, Antwone & Sabo



Jennifer and Daniel with their new baby sister Amelia



Gracie with her little brother Cassius



Jayla with her little baby sister Payson



Xavier with his new little brother Dominic



Amie Grace with her new baby sister Matilda



Brat pack's owner George Kalidonis welcomes Baby Peter little brother to Sofia & Ariana



Mrs Kim Howieson and Baby Jack



Mr Peter & family welcomed Baby Amelia



**Proven to work. Simple to use.**

The Triple P- Positive Parenting Program starts on Thursday 30 August 9.00 – 11.00am in the Parent Room & continues for 4 weeks. This internationally recognised course that supports families to build positive happy families is being offered free to all our Wagaman Families.

Wagaman Primary will be offering baby sitting at this time to assist families to take part in the Program. If you would like to find out more or register to take part please contact the front office or your child's teacher.

## Book Week and Literacy and Numeracy Week

Over the next 2 weeks there will be a variety of special activities held across the school to celebrate these events.

### Book Week, Champions Read

Week 5, August 20-24

- Teacher Swap  
During silent reading teachers will visit other classes and read their favourite stories

#### Library Activities

- Book Week Craft  
In the Library at lunch time
- Students vote for their favourite Children's Book Council shortlisted books
- Guest Reader during lunch time  
Come to the Library to see who the guest readers will be!

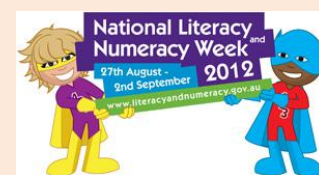
- Competitions
  - Book Reviews by students to be published in the KidsMatter Newsletter
  - Design a bookmark or poster based on the theme 'Champions Read'  
Entries due in on Friday 24 August. Prizes awarded at the next Assembly.



### Literacy and Numeracy Week

Week 6, August 27-31

- Read for Australia
  - Wednesday August 29<sup>th</sup> at 1.30 pm schools around Australia will read *Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley* by Aaron Blabey.
- Big Breakfast and Community Classroom - Thursday August 30<sup>th</sup>  
All invited to start the day with a shared Breakfast and Fitness session.  
After breakfast visit the classroom for a numeracy activity based on books!



## Brain Switch Ons

3/4C readied themselves for Semester 2 by spending the first week back at school learning about the brain. We looked at the parts of the brain, the function of neurons and then came up with some 'switch ons' to activate our brain for learning. Just like we need to keep our bodies healthy so they work at their optimum level, we also need to keep our brains healthy to make the most of our learning experiences. Here are some *switch ons* that are important for stimulating the brain:

- Eat brain food (ie the five food groups)
- Keep hydrated
- Exercise
- A good nights sleep
- Relaxation
- Natural lighting
- Fresh air
- Brain Gym



Did you know that the left side of your brain controls your right side of your body and the right side of your brain controls the left? If you are talented in areas of the arts (music, art, drama, literacy) you are most probably stronger in using the right hemisphere of the brain. If you prefer maths, science and analytical tasks, you are most probably stronger in your left side of the brain.

Brain Gym is specific exercises that have us crossing over parts of the body to stimulate both sides of the brain and finding pulse points on our body to stimulate blood flow to specific parts of the brain.

Neurons are responsible for passing messages from the brain around your body, forming 'pathways' for each action. The more you do an action, the more familiar this 'pathway' becomes so practice really does make perfect!

### 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>