

Parent and Community Engagement in School



everyone's family

The Smith Family has been working with parents and staff at Wagaman Primary School to increase the skills and knowledge of parents and carers to support their children's education.

This involves consulting with parents and carers about their support needs, designing workshops and activities to address the needs identified, and encouraging parents and carers to take part in these sessions.

The parent and community engagement project recognises the important role that parents and carers play in their children's education. The project also values schools as the centre of the community that thrives when they can link to wider community resources.



This year at Wagaman there has been three types of activities for parents and staff. Each activity has a different target audience.

Reading is as easy as 1, 2, 3 is an early years literacy program that covers all aspects of literacy including listening, speaking, reading and writing. This course targets parents and carers of children who are pre-preschool age. Practical ideas are provided to support parents to teach their children to read, write, listen and converse with adults.

A very popular course, *Keeping up with your kids: Computer Skills for Parents and Carers*, teaches parents and carers how to use computers and to ensure their family is cybersafe. The school provides IT equipment for participants to practice the skills as they learn. Sessions cover computer setup, online access (setting up email address, attaching documents to emails, security settings for IT equipment), searching the Internet, literacy and numeracy applications to improve their children's skills, children's use of IT at school including their username and password, and cybersafety.



In Term 3, parents and carers have been taking part in *Family Yarns About School* where they hear information about children in different age groups. The sessions cover brain development, factors that impact on learning, behaviour issues and school curriculum. In mid-November, the *Parents' and Students' Voices in Education forum* brings parents and carers, students and schools together to hear what each school has been doing, celebrate achievements, and give parents, students and schools the opportunity and support to plan how they will continue to make parent engagement an essential part of their school community.



Fathers Day Fun at Wagaman

Thank you to all our dads that attended our *Early Childhood Father's Day Barbeque Breakfast* on Friday 5th of September. The children and dads had a great time working with construction, sand play, cars and trucks. In the Preschool on Tuesday and Thursday the children cooked muffins and pikelets for their dads, demonstrating their cooking skills. After a shared breakfast the children enjoyed showing their dads around the Preschool.



Harry was very excited to have his dad come in for breakfast and showed him around Preschool.

River made toast for his dad and enjoyed eating it with him!



Venice's dad enjoyed the cheese & herb muffins the children made for breakfast and showing him around Preschool.

Healthy Dads Healthy Kids Dads & Kids Physical Fitness Program

Starting 15 September



The Healthy Dads program runs for 5 weeks and includes team building and fitness activities for the Dads and their kids. The program runs for 1 hr with the 1st 30mins being activities that the dads and kids do together in a group setting and the 2nd 30mins, the dads separate into a group and talk with a different specialist each week about health living while the kids do their own activity. Specialists include dieticians, chiropractors and physiotherapists.

Any dads who are interested in the program can call **Alex Billeter** the **Program Coordinator – Parent and Community Engagement (PaCE)** with The Smith Family on 08 89856841 or mob 0466 153 576 for more information

Friday Morning Friends

Are you concerned about the safety of young people online?

Would you like to learn how to help kids stay in control whilst using technology?

Dear parents/Carers

Join us for a casual Morning Tea, meet a new network of friends within the Wagaman Community and Alex Billeter from the Smith Family to discuss these issues and concerns

When Friday 12 September (after assembly) 9am-10am.

Where Library