



Wagaman News

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Dear Parents

We had a transition of staff and students at the beginning of 2015. However, enrolment is stable. We have several new staff (see attached Staff List). Please make yourself known to the team at Wagaman and circle **Tuesday 10 February** on your calendar as the evening to come into the school to view the classroom and discuss your child's program for the year with the teacher.

Teachers will be forwarding notes this week to inform you of the class routines and some of those required practices which keep your child healthy and safe at school; i.e. nutrition, rehydration and sun protection. Your class newsletter will inform you of the specialist programs that your child is exposed to, such as the Art, Music, Physical Education, Library, Indonesian, Chinese and Indigenous Culture.

Children are exposed to many adults in life and schooling is a positive place to develop confidence in children in being able to relate to different role models in their working week.

You can prepare children for the changes that occur as they come to school by discussing the routines. Creating a schedule or routine at home can reduce stress by helping to get things done.

- Set times for bedtime, breakfast, homework.
- Create a checklist or chart of things to complete at beginning or end of the day. This aids organizational skills.
- Keep a visible calendar of important dates circled i.e. excursions, Term dates.

Decrease anxiety in your child by speaking excitedly about the schooling experience. Relate some of your positive memories of school. Ask open questions about the best things that happened at school that day. Be there for them!

Wagaman is proud of its positive culture and we use Tribes and KidsMatter as two approaches at our school to develop a collaborative environment and build resiliency in children.

Michele Cody
Principal

Coming Events

30 January	Whole school Assembly 8.25am
	Meet the Teacher evening
10 February	5:00 -6:30pm
13 February	Early Childhood Assembly
2 March	School Council AGM

Australia Day Citizenship Awards



**Congratulations Felicia Wilson
Wagaman Primary Student Citizen of 2015**

Term dates for Semester 1 2015

Term 1

Friday 23 January – Thursday 2 April

Students commence Tuesday 27 January

Easter break Friday 3 April – Monday 6 April

Term break Monday 6 April – Friday 10 April

Term 2

Monday 13 April – Friday 19 June

Semester break Mon 22 June – Friday 17 July

School times

8.00 - 8.15	Staff on duty
8.10	Morning Bell
8.15 - 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 finishes at 2.30pm



Duty of Care

Staff are on duty at Wagaman School from 8:00am each day. Children are supervised in the playground from this time until our first bell goes at 8:10a.m.

For safety, please consider this prior to leaving your child at school at the beginning of the day..

NO children should be dropped at school prior to 7:30am.

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

The few staff who are on site early do so in order to make preparation for their day's program. They are not deployed for supervision at this time.

Library News

All students in Early Childhood and Middle Primary **MUST** have a library bag to borrow books. You might buy a bag or it could be as simple as a plastic bag with their name on it.



If your child has any overdue books from 2014 they must be returned or your child will **NOT** be able to borrow books from the library this year. If you cannot find the book please contact the school to find out how much is owing.

Mrs Wong
Librarian

Sunglasses

Wagaman Primary is a Sun Safe School and we now sell sunglasses in small, medium and large sizes for our students.

All sizes are \$10.00 each.



Reminders

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

Please contact the front office if your contact details change.



Every Child, Every Day - improving student enrolment, attendance and participation is everybody's responsibility and everyone's business.

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.

The NT Govt \$150.00 Back to School voucher aids the purchase of uniforms. Please ensure that you come in to claim your 2015 voucher before the end of Term 1. The \$100.00 sports vouchers are also available from the front office. For more information visit www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au

