



Wagaman News

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Dear Parents

Our national assessment in literacy and numeracy was completed last week by our Year 3 and 5 students. The children responded well to the rigour of the testing schedule and in the main felt that they could respond to the questions asked. The numeracy proved a challenge for a number of children who find it is easier to work with numbers in algorithm form rather than reading a problem in text form. Comprehension of the text is a necessary skill.

For example: try this **Year 3** question at home

Tennis balls are packed into tubes. Each tube holds 3 balls. A school needs 17 tennis balls. What is the least number of tubes the school needs?
Circle the correct answer 5 6 14 20

Reports of NAPLAN do not arrive until the latter part of Term 3. It is important to note that the tests provide one snapshot of your child's ability during Week 5 of Term 2. Teachers use many forms of ongoing assessment to inform you of your child's development.

Wagaman families will receive a comprehensive report in week 10 of this term (18 June) to comment on the achievement and effort of your child in the various learning areas for Semester 1.

Our SRC are forging links with the wider community

The students have raised \$314.00 to date for the Nepal disaster appeal. The disco tomorrow should see them raise more funds in the hope of reaching the \$1000.00 target. Please send coins to school for this worthwhile cause.

Yesterday our closest Asian neighbour, **Timor Leste**, celebrated Independence Day.

Our Student Council acknowledge the importance of building a relationship with our Asian neighbours and have raised several hundred dollars to pass on to a school in need. Timor Leste has severe poverty and schooling is a much respected but hard to get resource.

With the help of the Consulate General of the Democratic Republic of Timor Leste we are developing a partnership with a school in Maubara (a village west of Dili). Please see the display in our foyer featuring photos of several schools in Timor Leste. As they do not have computers, we will communicate with photos and letter writing. We will provide updates in coming months!

Michele Cody - Principal

Coming Events

22 May	Walk Safely to School Day
22 May	Whole School Assembly
22 May	Parent Workshop No 3 Reading 123
25 May	School Council Meeting 5.30pm
26 May	Musica Viva Performance

Well Being Officer's Tip of the week



Quality time with family is an essential part to a child's development both socially and emotionally.

In our fast pace society it can be hard to set aside time for this to happen with our child/ren.

Over the next week I ask that you try to spend between 5-15minutes a day with your child/ren doing something that they wish to do (e.g. kicking the ball, jumping on the trampoline together, or going for an afternoon walk).

You might find that you enjoy this just as much as they will!

Thanks, Jaz :)

Walk Safely to School Friday 22 May 2015

Walk Safely to School Day (WSTD)

is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. Come along and join us for our community walk around the school after our whole school assembly. Our local MLA Mr Styles will be joining us for the walk.



SRC Pyjama Party Discos

When: Friday 22 May 2015
When: Transition to Year 3 at Recess
Year 4 to Year 6 at Lunch
Cost: .50c entry



Assorted glow sticks on sale .50c to \$2.00

All money raised will go to the SRC Nepal fundraising fund. Watch our progress barometer in the front foyer as our SRC aim to raise \$1000.00 for the earthquake appeal.

Students are to wear their school uniform and may change into their pyjamas before each disco.

Parent workshop No 3 Reading 123...

Reading is as Easy as 123...

Learn about fun ways to improve your child's reading.

When: Friday 22 May 2015
When: 9am to 10.30am
Where: The Parent Room

Guest speaker: Marg Riedl

A great way to meet other parents and find out what support is available to you and your family. Morning Tea is provided.

Moon Watch Astronomy Evening



When: Friday 29 May 2015
Where: Wagaman Primary Playground & Oval area
Time: 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Join us for a BYO (bring your own) picnic dinner or purchase BBQ from the Classroom Canberra fundraising team. Astronomer enthusiast Dr Geoff Carr's will be giving children the opportunity to gaze into outer space. He will have several telescopes set up on our oval. All students attending must be supervised by their parent/carer.

Lost Keys

Have you lost a set of car keys?
Come and see us at the front office.



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

Recycled Materials Needed for the Art Room

This is an **urgent** call out for any cardboard rolls that you may wish to recycle. We also need any polystyrene packing, takeaway containers, shoe boxes or plastic trays and containers that you may have hanging around. Please ensure all items are clean and deliver them to the lovely office ladies. Many thanks,

Miss Rains
Art Teacher

Musica Viva Performance Tuesday 26 May

Musica Viva are bringing Teranga to Wagaman Primary and we will enjoy the traditions of West Africa. Have you returned your note with payment?

Every Child Every Day

Attendance at school for a child of compulsory school age is a legislative requirement under the Northern Territory *Education Act* and consistent procedures are to be followed by all schools in addressing absenteeism to enhance the effectiveness of the department's endeavour to promote increased enrolment and improved attendance rates in schools.

It is a parent's **legal** responsibility to ensure that their child of compulsory school age attends school and to notify the school and provide a reason that is acceptable to the department and the principal for their child's absence(s) from school.

Principals have a key role in implementing the department's policies on attendance by:

- developing and implementing a School attendance Plan for their school.
- monitoring student absenteeism and following up on unexplained absences.
- implementing school initiated strategies addressing individual student absenteeism.
- ensure the quality and accuracy of attendance records in SAMS and school rolls (refer *Recording Student Attendance Policy*).
- ensuring the proper filing of all documentation relevant to student absenteeism as per the *Student Absenteeism Guidelines*.

If your child is away sick you **must** contact the front office. When a student is absent for 3 or more days due to sickness we require a medical certificate. We also urge families to take holidays during the 12 weeks of school break per year. Attendance impacts on school funding and our staffing numbers.

Congratulations this month – we achieved 93% attendance. Great improvement!