



Dear Parents

Learning about Science should never be boring!

It should be fascinating and FUN!

This week is national SCIENCE WEEK, and Tuesday night we opened our eyes and minds to the wonders of what lies beyond our planet earth!

Dr Geoff Carr and two elders from the Yunupingu family shared stargazing stories with our families on the oval at nightfall. Children were amazed to see planet Saturn magnified before their eyes using one of Dr Carr's telescopes. The significance of the Morning Star and the Milky Way in traditional indigenous culture was told by the elders as the families sat around our bunggul (fire pit) and enjoyed the campfire. Not to mention the delicious damper Mr Brod baked!! The community appreciated the event and hoped for a repeat next year!

Science Week at Wagaman also sees our younger classes focusing on living things and Water. Several exciting activities are planned including a petting zoo with *Wildthingz* and their reptile collection!!

Classes will focus on celebrating literacy and numeracy next week. See below mentioned events. Students have personal invitations for parents / carers to attend our celebratory activities next week. This years Book Week theme is 'Connect to Reading Reading to Connect.'



- **Monday 25th August**
Reading rotations
- **Tuesday 26th August** (After Morning Fitness)
Reach for the Stars
- **Wednesday 27th August**
Bedtime Stories – Early Childhood ONLY
5.30pm – 7pm
Students will be asked to wear their Pjs and bring their favourite soft cuddly toy
- **Thursday 28th August**
Book Quiz – Middle and Upper primary students only
- **Friday 29th August**
Book Character Parade - Assembly
Students to dress as their favourite book character.



Read for Australia

Please join us at 1:30 pm on Friday 29 August. Schools across Australia will participate in this event and will be reading *Sunday Chutney* at the same time.



Coming Events

22 August	Early Childhood Assembly – Tran Chisholm & Tran Morton
25 August	Book Week and Numeracy & Literacy Week Commences
25 August	Council Meeting
29 August	Family Yarn Workshop

Starry Starry Night



Family Yarns Workshop

Learn about what's going on in your child's brain at their age and what they do at school.

Friday 29 August

Early foundations (Pre, Trans, Year 1)
9:00am - 10.30am in **Parents Room**

Wednesday 3 September

Keeping them motivated (Years 2, 3, 4)
Food from 4.30pm Session starts at 5.30pm

Wednesday 10 September

Preparing for teenage years (Years 5, 6)
Food from 4.30pm Session starts at 5.30pm

Children's activities and refreshments provided

Transport available

RSVP

Brod Church AIEW or Miss Melinda

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everyone's family

\$100 gift card to be won!

Free tickets at each session

Writing3/4 McLean

CHOMP!

Written by Forster Highland

One morning Fishy went for a swim. He saw a shark and shark asked, "Could you please help me find my hat?" Shark and Fishy went looking in a cave. When Fishy was looking in the cave, shark went CHOMP! Fishy swam away still looking for shark's hat. Next shark snuck up on Fishy when he was looking under some coral. CHOMP! Fishy swam away happily. Shark asked "Do you want to play hide and seek?" Shark swam into the sea forest to hide. Fishy came looking for him. Shark jumped out at Fishy. CHOMP! Fishy swam away happily.

Thank You Whale

Written by Ben Stark

One day Turtle was swimming and he hit his flipper on a rock. Turtle asked fish for help. Fish was too fast and he didn't hear Turtle. Turtle asked Seahorse for help. Seahorse was in the middle of a race. Turtle cried. Whale asked Turtle what was wrong. Turtle told Whale what had happened. Turtle asked Whale if he could take him home. Whale helped Turtle. Thank you so much said Turtle.

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Working with families and communities
to deliver quality education services
to young Territorians.

School Council Meeting

When: Monday 25th August

Time: 5.30pm

Where: Wagaman Library

Everyone welcome



COGSO News



**ALL PARENTS AND STAFF WELCOME.
ALL SCHOOLS.**

COGSO

(Council of Government School Organisations)
regional forum

'School Budgets Q&A'

**Ken Davies, Chief Executive,
Department of Education
and**

**Susan Bowden, Deputy Chief Executive,
School Education**

Department of Education

Wednesday 27th August 6.00pm – 8.30pm
at Staff Room,

1st floor A Block Darwin High School,
Bullocky Point (look for the COGSO banner)

Contact: COGSO

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What will
autonomy
mean for my
school?

Playgroup

Come along and join our playgroup held each Friday mornings 9am – 11am.

Bring a piece of fruit to share & a hat for outdoor playtime.



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MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE