



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to be welcomed back to Wagaman last week by so many smiling faces after my extended leave. What a delightful school community we have!

On behalf of Ms Cody and all the teaching staff, I'd like to thank parents and carers for reorganising their week to accommodate the Maths Professional Development Day last Wednesday. Our teaching staff joined with Wulagi teachers to participate in a very worthwhile learning experience with Professor Peter Sullivan from Monash University. Professor Sullivan shared his experience and passion regarding the teaching of numeracy using the Seven Fundamental Expectations.

Quote: "Learning will be more robust if students connect ideas together for themselves, rather than following instructions given. We need strategies to encourage children to persist." "When teachers use cognitive-activation strategies, such as problem solving and help students to learn from their mistakes, we are better preparing their drive and capacity."

On Thursday teachers had the opportunity to watch Professor Sullivan in action here at Wagaman where he taught demonstration lessons in Early Childhood, Middle Primary and Upper Primary. The feedback from students and teachers was very positive.

Students: It made us think; It was real life stuff; there was more than one answer; The questions were really challenging; There were different ways to work it out; It was OK to be in the 'Zone of Confusion'.

Teachers: It was engaging and informative; I liked the way the children worked with each other to discover the answers; All children found success; The students were thinking and seeking alternative answers.

Overall, a great learning experience for all.

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Coming Events

17 October	Whole School Assembly
24 October	Early Childhood Assembly
25 October	Preschool Open Day - 2015 enrolments
27 October	Peter Combe Concert
27 October	School Council Meeting
31 October	World Teachers Day

Peter Combe Concert

When: Monday 27th October
Venue: Wagaman Primary School
Blue Room
Time: 1:30 – 2:30 pm
Cost: \$10.00 per child



For over 30 years Peter Combe has been capturing the imagination of young Australians with his funny, inspirational and irresistibly catchy songs for children. Peter's passion for performing, writing and recording quality new music for children is as strong as ever. Peter has released over 22 albums/CDs, including seven gold albums, two platinum, three ARIA awards and one ARIA final nomination. Peter is touring Darwin in October and Wagaman Primary is pleased to be hosting one of his concerts.

Term Planner

Today our Term 4 Planner is going home with this Newsletter, it has lot's of important event/dates for this term.

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be held in
**Week 7, Monday 17th to Friday 21st
November.**

At lunchtime & after school in the library. Funds raised enable us to purchase resources for our library. As always books are great gift ideas with Christmas fast approaching.



End of Year Hampers

It's that time of year again and we are asking for help from our great parents/guardians, friends and students.



Donations are required for our End of Year Raffle. Bring in products (BIG or small) to add to the hamper. If you have a business you may like to donate a voucher or sponsor a gift voucher to give as a prize. We promise to give you publicity in our newsletter and on our website.

The Hamper draw will take place at our End of Year Concert on Tuesday 4 December 2014. Thank you once again for your continued support.

Early Childhood Swimming



Monday 3rd November
to
Thursday 13th November

8 day program: Monday to Thursday 1 weeks 5 and 6

Venue: Casuarina Swimming Pool
Duration of lesson: 45 minute swimming lesson
Classes: Transition to Year 2
Cost per child: \$60.00
Program Delivery: Royal Life Saving Society
Have you returned your note? If not please do so as soon as possible so we can book our swimming instructors.



Payment must be made by 31 October

Wet Season Reminders

With the Wet season here and the weather heating up **ALL** children **MUST** have a water bottle and a hat **EVERY** day.



Preschool Open Day



When: Saturday 25th October

Time: 9am – 11 am

Where: Wagaman Preschool

Invites **potential 2015** Preschool students and families to our Open Day.

Come along and participate in fun activities, meet the staff, other children and become familiar with the Preschool environment.

Find out more about our program and our relationship with Wagaman Early Care who provide quality care, as well as pick up and drop off to Preschool

Sunglasses For Sale

Wagaman Primary is a SunSmart School and we are now selling Cancer Council Sunglasses.

\$10.00 each Small, Medium & Large



Active After School Activities

Basketball - Thursday's after school
Commences: Saturday 25th October
Notes will be sent home next week - limited positions.



Please cut off and return to school

If your child is NOT returning to Wagaman Primary in 2015 please return this note to the Front Office

Student names: _____

School they will be attending: _____



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



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