



# Wagaman News

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Dear Parents

Four weeks remain of the school year and there is a sense of urgency to reflect upon what has occurred in 2016, report on development and plan for the future year/s ahead.

Teachers are finalising their reports to parents as they analyse evidence of student achievement over previous months. Children are still engaged in their key learning areas of literacy and numeracy until the final week of school. We encourage families to wait until after 15 December to take their vacations.

Digital learning continues to be integrated into the weekly program. Children in our indigenous culture program and our upper primary Art classes have created some interesting eBooks. We hope to share these with families in coming weeks.

14 of our Yr 5/6 children went across to Ludmilla School this morning to share their robotics skills as peer tutors. This is a great capacity building opportunity.

Celebration of student talent was on show at CDU last week when Ms Vavlas' Yr 2/3 performed the re-enactment of the Wave Hill Walk Off to commemorate the Land Rights Act. They performed at the Indigenous Leaders conference and they received a standing ovation at the end. There was not a dry eye in the house. It was very moving. Well done!

Community talent will be on show in two weeks' time when Footsteps come to Wagaman and teach our children some hip hop moves. We then invite the families to dine and have a whole school dance-off on Thursday 1 December in the assembly area. This will take the place of our end year concert in 2016.

Book Awards and Honour Board announcements are made at a presentation assembly on Tuesday 13 December in the morning.

Hope you have this marked in your calendar.

Michele Codv. Principal

## After School Care at Wagaman in 2017

We are excited to be partnering with Camp Australia to deliver Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) from Monday 30th January 2017. Every day is an adventure led by enthusiastic Camp Australia educators who are on a mission to make kids smile. Register for an account and manage your bookings at [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au) or call the Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343.

## Coming Events

<b>18 November</b>	Whole School Assembly
<b>21 November</b>	Book Fair commences
<b>21 November</b>	School Council Meeting 5.30pm Early Childhood Assembly
<b>25 November</b>	Wet 'n Wild activities – SRC

## Swim and Survive



## Final School Council meeting for 2016

**Monday, 21 November at 5:30pm in the staffroom**

Childcare provided.

**Agenda:** School improvement planning for 2017  
Parents are invited to review what is working well at the school and reflect on why that is. Council will also look at areas of need and actions for improvement.

**Key areas:**

*Great start for children* – looking at early years, growing and sustaining our enrolment

*Successful learners* – literacy, numeracy, wellbeing

*Working together* – parent engagement, partnering with our sister school in Timor Leste.

## Encouraging the Enjoyment of Home Reading?

### Staying on one level for a long time

Parents voice concerns about their child staying on a level for a long time. Teachers need a child to be secure (very competent) at a level before moving on. Being secure means that their reading voice is smooth and fluent, they can read a variety of texts at that level, have a variety of reading strategies they use to work out unknown words independently and they have great comprehension of the text. Children need to be exposed to both fiction and non-fiction books at each level. Non-fiction books tend to be harder for children as the vocabulary is more demanding. Lots of exposure to non-fiction texts will help your child increase their vocabulary.

## SRC Wet 'n' Wild Day

**Our date has changed from the advertised date on our term planner**

**Next Friday the 25th of November** is the SRC's final event for 2016. The SRC requested another Wet 'n' Wild Day due to memories of much fun being had in the past! Students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation to contribute to the costs of some watery (messy) fun and fundraise. Students are to come to school dressed in their water play clothes. They will need to bring a towel and a plastic bag to place wet clothes in. As we are a Sun Smart school, a t-shirt or rashie is compulsory. Please apply sunscreen at home before coming to school.



## Book Fair

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25 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.



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

## NT Music School

### IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN LEARNING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

Online Enrolment applications are now open for all students interested in the NT Music School's Instrumental and vocal Program for 2017 via our website: [www.ntms.net.au](http://www.ntms.net.au)

Please note: Only online enrolments will be accepted. Our friendly reception staff are available should you require assistance;

**Ph:** 89635550 or **Email:** [nt.musicschool@ntschoools.net](mailto:nt.musicschool@ntschoools.net)

Tuition may be offered to students from year 5 upwards on flute, clarinet, saxophone, guitar, trumpet, trombone and percussion. Vocal tuition is available for middle and senior students by audition. Please visit [www.ntms.net.au](http://www.ntms.net.au) for further information

## Hamper Donations

Donations are required for our End of Year hampers. Items may include; Toys, nonperishable foods, and Christmas items. Larger donations can be donated for a separate draw e.g. vouchers & special items. The hampers will be drawn at our End of Year Award Presentation Assembly on the 13 December. Don't forget to return your raffle tickets and contact the front office if you are able to sell more tickets.



## Updating contact details

Please contact the school immediately if any of your contact details change. We have had several instances lately where we could not contact parents due to phone numbers changing.



## Special dates for the Calendar

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>1 December</b></li><li>• 7 December</li><li>• <b>8 December</b></li><li>• 13 December</li><li>• <b>14 December</b></li><li>• 14 December</li><li>• 15 December</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>End of Year Performance</b><br/>Preschool Concert</li><li>• <b>Year 6 Graduation Ceremony</b><br/>Awards Presentation Ceremony</li><li>• <b>Class Parties</b><br/>Preschool Blue &amp; Yellow Parties<br/>Last Day of school (Thursday)</li></ul> |
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## 2016 intentions

Please contact the office if you are moving out of the school. Classes for the coming year are planned in the final weeks of the school term and we will post the lists for 2017 in the final week of school.