



# Wagaman News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we enter the 4<sup>th</sup> week into the new school year, our school community have 'hit the ground running'. Many of our routines and structures across the school and in the classroom are being established, with students' settling in well into their new classes.

Teachers have been working with students to find out who they are as individuals; their interests and passions. They are discovering who they are as learners; what their preferred learning styles are and who they are as readers, writers and mathematicians. It is imperative for schools to address the importance of building relationship. Like all of us, if we have positive relationships, we feel a sense of belonging, a purpose and self-worth.

We wish for our students, staff and families to feel connected to our school. So far, this term we are aiming to provide our community the opportunity to build those relationships.

## Parent/Teacher meet Greet Information Night

Last week our students and teachers opened their classrooms up to families to meet their child's teacher. This enabled parents and carers to learn about what and why their children will be learning over the course of the term and the routines and expectations of the class. We hope families came away with some key information from the evening. At the end of this term we will be hosting parent/teacher interviews where parents and carers will have the opportunity to discuss the academic and social progress of their child's progress.

## Parents as Classroom Helpers Program

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of February I will be facilitating a workshop for any parent/carer/family member who would like to volunteer in their child's classroom. The purpose of this workshop is to provide volunteers with tools and strategies to use with students when working with individuals and small groups. You may find many of these ideas useful for home as well. It is great to see so many parents/carers already enrolled to take part. Please see front office if you would like more information about how you can volunteer at Wagaman Primary.

## Harmony Week Community Breakfast

Save the date! March 24 we will be hosting a community breakfast and coffee van on the lawns of our school. A great way to meet new families. More information will follow.

We hope to see many of you in and around our school over the coming weeks. Whether it is volunteering in classrooms, interschool sports or parent/teacher interviews we value your support and commitment in our students' education.

Ghiran Byrne

## Coming Events

<b>Fri 24 Feb</b>	Early Childhood Assembly - Yr 1 Maglasang
<b>Tues 28 Feb</b>	Parents as classroom helpers program
<b>Wed 1 Mar</b>	Playgroup 9-11 in Parent Room
<b>Fri 3 Mar</b>	Whole School Assembly – Yr 3/4 McLean
<b>Mon 6 Mar</b>	School Council AGM – 6pm

## SRC/School Captains

A huge thank you to Ms Bevan and her helpers for organising such a rigorous and well organised election period. Votes have been counted and our new year six leaders have been announced. Congratulations to our new SRC and House Captains leaders as well as all those who were nominated. It has been terrific to see so many students put their hand up and say "I feel passionately about my school and wish to take an active role in making a difference" As a student leader, you are in a unique position. This is the moment to think big and to exert your voice from a position of influence. Think about it, right now you can put into action changes that will impact the school community.

### SRC Executive Committee

<b>President</b>	Emma Stark
<b>Vice President</b>	Keszia Fernandez
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mikayla Groves
<b>Secretary</b>	Jorja Rautoka - Smith

### SRC House Captains

<b>Crocs Captains</b>	Tayah Hartog & Tim Burton
<b>Crocs Vice Captains</b>	Jayde Stiffold

### Sharks Captains

<b>Sharks Captains</b>	Deontae Greenoff & Ben Stark
<b>Sharks Vice Captains</b>	Rahni Tiller & Harvey Wiltshire

### Class Representatives

<b>3/4 Hetherington</b>	Hannah Rautoka Smith
<b>3/4 Ramsay &amp; Chadbourne</b>	Caitlin Sutherland & Denham Crocker
<b>3/4 Mclean</b>	Ashaina Dela Cruz & Jonas Higglett
<b>Yr5 Stephens</b>	Imogen Foxchaffer & Zac Kingdon
<b>Yr5 Vavlas</b>	Puti Armstrong & Stephen Bush
<b>Yr6 Bevan</b>	Angellani Manu & Eden Trans-Anderson
<b>Yr6 Renner</b>	Katina Kostas & Damien Sutherland

## Sport in Schools

Our Year 5/6 students commenced their interschool sport on Friday playing netball and AFL at school and at neighbouring schools. I have heard that it was a great success and the students truly showed the 'Wagaman Way'. The purpose of this pilot is to see a greater focus on participation in sport and providing students the opportunity to network with other schools. Our Year 3/4 students also took part in intra-school sports, partaking in a collection of games, skills and drills. If you would be interested in umpiring and supporting our teams, please see your child's class teacher.

## Art

### Wool donations

As Harmony Day is approaching, the art students are going to be making some paper plate and wire weaving looms to mark the event. We will be using many different colours and types of yarn for our weaving activity, and would really appreciate any donations from families, should you have any old balls of wool/yarn lying around.



### Parent/Grandparent/Carer Helpers

For the next 2 - 3 weeks (week 5, 6 and 7) the Early Childhood art students will be commencing a paper plate weaving activity for Harmony Day. Miss Rains is looking for some parent helpers for the following classes to assist students to get their wonderful weaving plates underway:

Class	Day	Time
1 Maglasang	Wednesdays, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> March	10.45-11.45
2 Mairou	Wednesdays 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> March	11.45-12.45
1/2 Vinu	Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> March, then Thursdays 9 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> March	1.40 -2.40

Any time you could offer would be greatly appreciated. Miss Rains – Art Specialist

## Encouraging the enjoyment of home reading?

One of the biggest issues that is often brought to the teacher by a parent of a child is the concern about what reading level their child is at. Many parents worry that their child is significantly below another child in their class or not moving up levels as fast as they should, but parents, please don't worry about reading levels!"

A reading level (whether it be a number, colour or letter, depending on the book) indicates to the teacher what type of reader the child is. A child could be a beginner reader, emergent (developing) reader or an independent reader. The level is usually displayed at the

front or back of the book. A reading level is given by a teacher who has conducted a "running record", which is a reading assessment tool.

### Do not compare children

Everyone has their own strengths and weaknesses, children are no different. Each child develops their reading skills at their own pace. A parent's concern about a child's reading level can be due to the fact that another child in their class is at a reading level much higher than their own child. Most children when they are learning to read have times where they move up levels quickly and other times when they plateau for a while. As long as they are making progress and their teacher is happy with this progress there is nothing to worry about.



## Mayuma Garden Update 21/2/17

The Garden has had a good start with a great wet season.

If you haven't walked past the garden lately here is an update.

The Mayuma Garden's future supply of fruit will be very healthy!

The Bananas are growing strongly with them already producing pups. The Sweet potato vine also spreads through the circle.

Pineapples are happy in the corner of the garden and have a lovely burst of colour with flowers bordering them. Two Passionfruit and broad bean vines also climb the fencelike alongside a row of Paw Paw trees.

Rosellas are getting close to flowering and a few of the pumpkin and rockmelon vines are starting to take off. Children have a lot to look forward to when it's time to harvest.

The school has entered two competitions in the Darwin show. It's a great way to involve the children and a great fundraiser. The giant Tomato and The Giant Pumpkin is well worth entering as there is a prize of \$500 to be won!

We have another opportunity to raise funds for the garden and have been lucky to be granted a day to fundraise at a Bunnings sausage sizzle. The date of this sausage sizzle is Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March. Please volunteer to help at this BBQ day as Bunnings is always quite busy on weekends and we are hoping to make the most of this. A volunteer roster will be displayed in the foyer of the school or alternatively you can email Michele Armstrong on: michellearmstrongtl@gmail.com. If you have any queries or ideas/visions please share with us as we are always looking for more garden committee members!

Wagaman School Garden Committee,  
Suvi Higlett and Michele Armstrong



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

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We wish to advise that the Wagaman School Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at 6.00pm on the 6 March 2017, in the Library. This is the governing body of the school and aids in planning the improvement agenda of the school. Parents support the principal in budgeting and program decisions. School council are also responsible for employing officers to maintain the facility and support learning.

School Council activities give parents the opportunity to participate in decision making for the benefit of your child/children. Please consider nominating for a position on the school council. ***Nomination forms can be submitted to the front office or handed to the chairperson on the night prior to the meeting starting.***

All parents are encouraged to express their interest in our community school and its activities by attending this meeting. The Annual Report will highlight our achievements in 2016.

Childcare will be available during the meeting and refreshments provided following the AGM.

Remember that you don't have to be a member to attend. So please consider giving us an hour of your time.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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Michele Cody  
Principal  
23 February 2017

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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:

Parent representatives: (5 positions need to be filled)  
Preschool representative: (1 position needs to be filled)  
Teacher representatives: (2 positions nominated by staff)

**NOTE: The Executive positions are voted in by parent reps on the night of AGM**

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**(Please cut along dotted line and return to either a school council member or the school front office)**

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the position/s of Parent Representative

on the **Wagaman School Council Inc.**

Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

I accept the above nomination Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

