



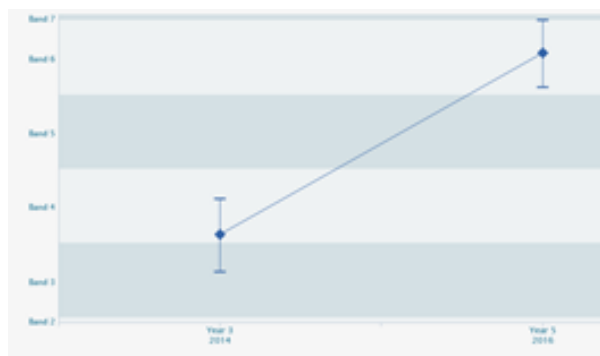
Dear Parents/Carers,

Achievement

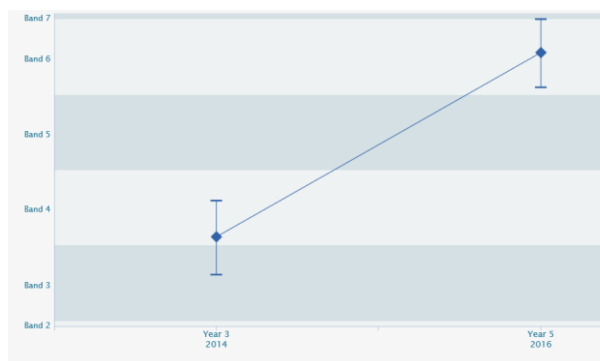
Personal best is one of our Tribes agreements at Wagaman and persistence is a characteristic of learning that student's practice each day as they meet the challenges of learning. In recent years we have used open ended learning tasks to engage the children in their exposure to new skills and concepts. Students and teachers set targets of expectation and use a common approach in how we teach and learn numeracy and literacy at Wagaman.

Our NAPLAN results released on MySchool national website (www.myschool.edu.au) this week indicate that our Wagaman efforts are 'hitting the mark'.

Our Year 3 and 5 students showed above average achievement in reading and numeracy for 2016. We were one of 19 schools in the NT to show this improvement and 1 in 400 across the whole of Australia! A great effort. Our growth in achievement in the past three years tells us that we are on the right track! Now we have the task ahead to maintain that record of achievement!



Reading



Numeracy

Michele Cody

Coming Events

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| Fri 10 Mar | Early Childhood Assembly - Yr 1/2 Vinu |
| Fri 10 Mar | AFL & Netball Gala Day |
| Wed 15 Mar | Playgroup 9-11 in Parent Room |
| Fri 17 Mar | Whole School Assembly – Yr 3/4 Ramsay |
| Sun 19 Mar | Bunnings BBQ – Mayuma Garden Fundraiser |

School Council Notice

Mid semester break occurs in in four week's time (10-17 April)

Camp Australia are running their first vacation care program at Wagaman.

To promote their holiday program they are offering the **four days of holiday care FREE** to new families who register with Camp Australia.

It is a great opportunity to get to know the team at Camp Australia under the co-ordination of Tammy Gavalas who has worked as a classroom support officer in the school for 8 years. The children know and respect Miss Tammy and her calm and inclusive manner is a settling feature of the quality after school care program.

Parent Satisfaction is evident in the comments provided to date:

"It has such a lovely positive feel to it. My children do not want to leave at the end of the day."

"The kids like the choice of activities on offer."

"I love the fact that my children have completed their homework before we pick them up now. It means that we have less stress at the end of the day and can focus on spending some quality time with the kids."

If you need help with the enrolment process please contact: **Tammy Gavalas** on 0418 137 241 or 1300 105 343



Wagaman School Council Members 2017



Ghiran Byrne & Michaele Armstrong

Michaele Armstrong - **Chairperson**

Suvi Higlett - **Secretary**

Meghan Hall - **Treasurer / Preschool rep**

Parent Rep:

Keogh Conboy

Emma Darby

Carmen Rautoka

Jacqueline Cavanagh

Dannielle Toka - **Invited member**
(ATSI parent engagement)

Kate Worden MLA - **Invited member**

Teacher Rep:

Donna Stephens

Dane Russell

Michele Cody – Principal

Maree Mappas – Admin Manager

Donations Required – Bunnings BBQ



Bunnings BBQ fundraiser

Sunday 19 March

Donations required



Please contact the front office if you can donate any of the following items;

- Garbage bags (large heavy duty)
- Onions (will require 25kg in total)
- Gloves
- Paper towel
- Foil trays
- Soft drinks

We still have several places on the roster (located in the front foyer) or ring the front office if you have time to spare. Unfortunately it is Bunnings policy that children are not permitted at the Bunnings BBQ site.



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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 15 March | 10.45-11.45 |
| 2 Mairou | Wednesdays 15 March | 11.45-12.45 |
| 1/2 Vinu | Thursdays 16 March | 1.40 -2.40 |

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

Encouraging the enjoyment of home reading?

Don't look at back cover:

When children are given new reading books, they flip their books to the back to see what level they are on. The children say comments like "yes, I am on level 3" or "My mum said I should be on a higher level than this" or "Level 3 again!" It is these comments that change the idea of what reading is about. It moves from reading for enjoyment and a chance to practise reading skills to a tool for parents to compare their child against other children. As a parent, it is important not to show your child your interest in the number, colour or letter but focus on the reading skills and behaviours that your child is developing.

Wanted x2 Fence Posts for our school garden



Friday 24th March

Dear Wagaman School Families,

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. Read more at <http://www.harmony.gov.au/>

Wagaman Primary School invite families to join in with our celebrations on **Friday 24th March**. Each class will be hosting a range of culturally diverse activities between **8:45am-10:15am**, so come along and have some fun! We are also appealing for any family/friend who are able to share with students a culturally significant gift. This may be a story, a dance, song, art, game or cuisine, just to name a few. Our community values our diversity and we wish to showcase this. If you are able to volunteer, please complete the below slip and return to school by **Friday 17th**.

Students are encouraged to wear orange or traditional dress and bring in a gold coin donation.

Events

7:30-8:10 - Harmony Day Community Breakfast

8:15-8:30 - Harmony Day Assembly. Students will sing a Harmony Day song

8:45-10:15 - Rotational cultural activities.

Families are invited to join in with the activities with their child/ren

We hope to see you there!!

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Harmony Day Volunteers

Please return ONLY if you would like to teach/share students a culturally significant activity.



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Name: _____

Child/ren's names/Class: _____

Activity you would like to teach/share with students: _____

