



Wagaman News

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Dear Parents

“Governance” is defined as the process of interaction and decision making among key people involved in creating, or regulating the rules and actions of an organization.

Schools have several layers of governance and seek support in the running of our organisation.

Our SRC and our School Council work with the leadership team of the school in suggesting areas of improvement for the school.

Our School Council requires parent representation to work with the Principal in reviewing school operations and planning future directions. The School Council has financial responsibility for the school budget and is an employer of our casual staff such as the tutors, contractors, cleaners and gardeners and the like. Whilst the Principal and Administration Manager have delegation to manage these areas, it is in consultation with our Council. Our Council has recently approved the expenditure of some of their accumulated funds to upgrade the play area for our early childhood students. We are thankful that we have an enterprising Council who work with the community to raise funds to improve the learning environment for our students. They also oversee the global budget provided by our government to operate the school.

Our AGM occurs in two weeks (2 March) and our Council Chair, **Cathy Malla**, invites parents/carers to attend the one hour meeting. Come along to hear of some of our projects and discuss potential areas for improvement in the coming year. We have four vacancies on Council and welcome your interest in nominating.

This week we called for nominations from Year 5 / 6 to represent students on the SRC (Student Representative Council) executive. We also seek to have the House captaincy roles filled. The SRC has been responsible for many positive actions in past years. Last year they raised approximately \$1500 to go towards

Coming Events

20 February	Whole School Assembly - 3/4 McLean
20 February	Friday Friends
27 February	Early Childhood Assembly - Tran Russell
02 March	School Council AGM 6pm

Wagaman School Council News



Cathy Malla School Council Chair Person

aiding several charities such as Cancer Council, World Vision, Red Cross, and school aid in Timor -Leste. Elections occur next week and announcements will be made at Assembly.

Assembly this week is a celebration of Chinese New Year and Year 3 / 4 McLean will dazzle us with a ‘Dance of the Dragon’ and share some of the rituals and beliefs of the Chinese culture that they have learnt in class and with Ms Wong. Engaging with Asia is a part of our history, language and geography focus in the school. It builds our appreciation and understanding of our neighbouring cultures.

Michele Cody - Principal

School Council AGM

Monday 2nd March 2015

6pm in the Library

Chilcare & refreshments will be provided.

We need your support

Everyone welcome



Making a Difference



Library News



Gong Xi Fa Cai! Kung Hei Fatt Choy!

This year we have two events that fall on the 19th February:

- The Bombing of Darwin Commemoration
- Chinese New Year

In Library, classes have been learning about one or both of these events.

As part of the Chinese New Year celebrations, lion and dragon dancing have been a feature of the lessons.

For interested families, the Chung Wah Society Lion Dance Troupe will be blessing shops at:

- Casuarina Square on Friday 20th February at 5:30pm (starting at Woolworths end)
- Darwin City Centre on Saturday 21st February in the morning.

Reminders

- Students in Early Childhood and Middle primary MUST have a library bag for borrowing.
- Volunteers are always needed for book covering see Miss Angie or myself if you have a little time to spare.

Verna Wong
Librarian

SSNT Netball Gala Day



Students had a great day and displayed excellent skills and behavior. Everyone had fun.



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

Lunch Boxes

To ensure that food stays fresh we provide a fridge in each class to keep your child's lunch.

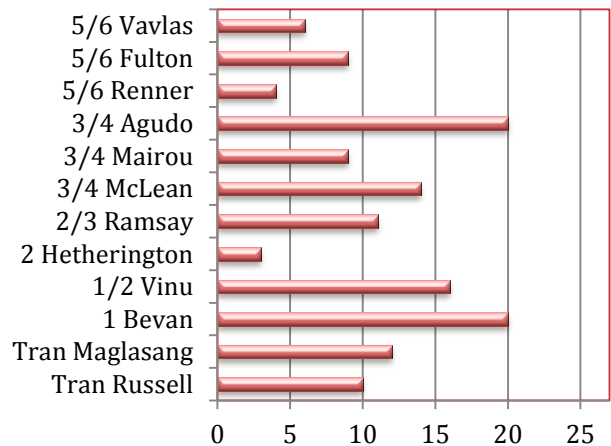
Please note that food is best kept in plastic lunch containers. Insulated (esky) type containers prevent the refrigerated air getting to the food.

If your child brings lunch to school in an esky type container, it is best to leave it in the airconditioned classroom OR unpack the lunch into the fridge to keep it cool.



Do not place insulated lunch bags in the fridge

Term 1 Lates Arrivals in Week 3



Friday Friends Parent Workshop

When: 9.00 - 10.00am Friday 20 February 2015

Where: Wagaman Family Room

Guest speaker: Sue Hyde

Why do your children behave like they do?

- Does your child have a new teacher?
- Do you have questions about your child's behaviour?
- Is your family new to Wagaman School?

A great way to meet other parents and find out what support is available to you and your family.

Learn about what's going on in your child's brain and how that affects their behaviour at home and school.

Morning tea provided and transport available



everyone's family



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