



Wagaman News

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Health and Harmony is the theme of the week at Wagaman as we acknowledge Harmony Day.

Tonight the community will come together to connect with one another through an evening of fun and creativity. Food and dance are universal social connectors in any part of the world. This week we have been delighted to participate in daily workshops with 'Dance Nation'. The dance steps may not be typical of the national dances of one of the many nationalities that we have represented at Wagaman, but Heidi has engaged the children in sequenced learning of some innovative moves!

The children look forward to showcasing their dance steps in the Assembly area tonight. The music is infectious and we know that you will want to join in.

It is energetic and most importantly it is FUN! Having FUN equates to being HAPPY and this leads to a sense of Wellbeing and living in harmony.

Friday 20 March we continue on our theme of Wellbeing by acknowledging the national day of *Taking a Stand Against Bullying*. Our SRC will conduct a special Assembly at 8:25a.m. And there will be a parent workshop following Assembly at 9:15 a.m. The Smith Family have organised for Sue Hyde to conduct a discussion on anxiety and building resilience. The first workshop in February was very popular with families and many commented on the useful strategies they learned.

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Coming Events

19 March	Health & Harmony Community picnic
20 March	Special Assembly - Bullying NO Way
20 March	National Day of Action against Bullying
27 March	E/C Assembly Tran Maglasang
31 March & 1 April	Parent Teacher Interviews

Dance Nation STOMP workshops



Free dress day - Friday 20 March

Students are invited to wear either **orange** or their national dress clothing this Friday. Prizes will be given at our special assembly tomorrow to a boy & girl from each hub - Early Childhood, Middle & Upper Primary.

\$ Bring a Gold coin donation \$

To be uniform free

\$ Help Support Vanuatu \$



Making a Difference



Health & Harmony Event



TODAY from 5.30pm

We look forward to seeing you this evening at our Harmony Event. Bring your own picnic or buy dinner. A sausage sizzle, fried rice, lasagna, drinks and a global dessert stall will be available for you to tempt your taste buds. After dinner from 6.30pm students will perform dance routines they have had FUN learning this week in the Dance Nation STOMP workshops

Fundraising will aid our Timor Leste partner school. Support our community spirit by wearing **orange** or clothes that represent your culture. See you there!



Friday Friends - Family Yarn

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?

When: 9.00 - 10.00am Friday 20 February 2015

Where: Wagaman Family Room

Guest speaker: Sue Hyde

A great way to meet other parents and find out what support is available to you and your family. Learn about strategies to help your child deal with anxiety and how you can help at home.

Morning tea provided and transport available



everyone's family



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

Wagaman School Council Engages Counsellor



We have finally achieved one of our long term improvement agenda goals of providing onsite support for our students at risk.

We have negotiated an agreement with CatholicCare to provide a counselling service to our students and families. **Jasmin Booth** will be deployed to our school each Thursday for the remainder of the year. Jasmin has been recruited from Victoria and has recently worked as a school counsellor in Melbourne.

CatholicCare is an agency that we have worked with over recent years to run parenting programs and build family relationships. We are fortunate to have access to their team of qualified child psychologists and counsellors.

Access is through a referral process. Anxiety, depression, trauma, isolation, anger and aggression are some of the triggers for poor mental health. We wish to *nip this in the bud* through using early intervention. Our School Council values this Wellbeing initiative and is funding the service for 2015.

Please see me if you wish to know more.

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