



Wagaman News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The week in review:

Our students in Yr 3 & 5 took part in the national testing of literacy and numeracy. There was mixed reaction from the children as they finished the separate assessment pieces. Some commented on the 'tricky' wording presented in some of the questions whilst others felt at ease with the tasks.

Results of their effort on the day will not be known until Term 3. Parents will be sent a report mapping their child's achievement against the national benchmark.

Reports on your child's ongoing development during semester 1 of 2017 are currently being written by our teaching team. These reports show evidence of skills and effort that your child has demonstrated across key learning areas of the curriculum. Reports may also include statements of future need.

Much has been reported in the media of the new migration and citizenship policies.

This Friday our assembly plays host to one of Darwin's citizenship ceremonies. The Lord Mayor, Ms Fong Lim approached us with a request to show the children first hand what the ceremony entails.

Wagaman has approximately 48% of its families who have migrated to Australia. We have families who have attained permanent residency and sought citizenship of their adopted nation.

Our assembly commences with our indigenous students doing "Welcome to country" which acknowledges the importance of the land and the rich heritage of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. As our national anthem states:

'For those who've come across the seas

We've boundless plains to share'

Please feel welcome to attend tomorrow's assembly at 8:30a.m and share in the ceremony with the six individuals who will take their Oath of Citizenship.

Michele Cody - Principal

Coming Events

12 May	Citizenship Ceremony on site at assembly
12 May	E/C Mother's Day Spa – 2pm
15 May	School Council Meeting
15-17 May	Sister school visit Timor Leste
18 May	Musica Viva Whole School Performance
19 May	E/C Assembly – YR 1 Vinu
19 May	Friday Morning Friends – Brain development
24 May	National Simultaneous Story time 11 – 11.30am
26 May	Whole School Assembly – YR 6 Bevan
15/16 June	Sports Carnival

NT MUSIC SCHOOL



The NT Music School would like to invite students and their families to the Mindil Beach Markets on Thursday 11th May. Meet the NT Music School teachers and listen to ensemble students featuring choir, guitar, concert band, percussion and rock bands.

Performances run from 5.15pm – 8.00pm.

Please join us for this free family event.

Mayuma School Garden Working Bee

Thank you to the families who volunteered their time to help in our school garden.



Seabreeze Festival Performance

Congratulations to our students who performed an interpretation of the Wave Hill walk off to Pauls Kelly's "From Little Things Big Things Grow". The Performance was well received by the audience.



Musica Viva

Our annual Musica Viva performance is coming up on **Thursday 18th May**. All classes have started learning about the group.

Cost: \$8.00
Where: Blue Room
Time: MP/UP – 11:45am
E/C – 1:30pm



Celebrate the marvel of motherhood

A Parenting Ideas excerpt by Michael Grose

As Mother's Day approaches it's worth remembering that it's mothers and fathers, real women and men, who raise kids.

We speak of the need to raise independent children. The main message of raising children to be self-sufficient, rather than to overprotect and spoil them, has been in some ways at odds with what is seen as good mothering. That's because the notion of protectiveness aligns more with mothering than fathering.

However you can be a protective mum and raise really self-sufficient independent kids - you just need to know when kids need protecting and when they need to work things out for themselves. Mothers attuned to their kids and who are confident in their own abilities and instincts generally get the balance right. In a way, they know when to be a mum and when to be a parent.

Mothering is emotional and instinctive

Being a mother is not always rational, as parenting is often made out to be. The emotion attached to motherhood drives you to fight hard to protect your children, work assiduously to right any wrongs on their behalf, and exhaust yourself looking after their physical and psychological well-being.

As I've been reminded watching my daughters raise their own children - mothering is relational rather than rational. You may grow out of parenting by making yourself redundant, but mothering is something you never grow out of. You are a mum for life.

Enjoy being pampered this Mother's Day



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