



Dear Parents

Teachers last week sent home a letter outlining their focus for Term 2. Term 2 is a time in which we see students making real gains in their learning. Students and teachers set improvement targets which they hope can be achieved within the Term. You may have heard of some of the goal setting at the recent Parent / Teacher interviews last term.

This year schools across Darwin are working on improving their practice using a research based approach called Visible Learning. We are engaging students more in discussions about 'what they are learning and why'. Classrooms display the learning intentions of the day and note the success criteria for the learning. It may be of interest for you to ask your child at the end of a school day if they have any learning goals and how do they know if they are achieving these. The reflection may be enlightening.

### Area 1 early childhood playground

The photos opposite indicate how popular the 'long awaited' renovated courtyard has been. We still have the area fenced for now whilst some additional landscaping occurs, however, as a reward to the Year 2 / 3 Ramsay students we let them be the first to experience the new equipment. Their class had achieved three consecutive days of 100% attendance. It is sad but true to report that this occurs very rarely in our school. They were delighted with their reward for positive attendance!

We need to make everyone aware that **it is an early year's playspace**. Children aged 4-7 years ONLY are the recommended users. We may allow teachers of the older classes to take the students for a one-off supervised visit to the playspace, but it has been purpose built for our early childhood to suit their needs.

Our appreciation to our School Council for the \$100,000 enhancement of our school facility.

Reminder that School Council meets on Monday at 5:30pm. If you wish to hear of future projects for the school, please attend and share your views. Parents are also urged to attend our commemorative ANZAC assembly tomorrow on the front lawn at 8:30am.

*Michele Cody - Principal*

### Coming Events

24 April	ANZAC Day Assembly
	Circus Kathmandu 10:45am
27 April	School Council meeting 5:30pm
4 May	May Day - Public Holiday
8 May	Whole School Assembly
	Parent Workshop Reading 123
8 May	9:00 -10:30am
8 May	E/C Mother's Day Spa - 2pm

### Area 1 - Play Equipment Ready For Play



## ANZAC Day Assembly

You are invited to attend our special ANZAC Day Ceremony on the front lawns. Everyone is welcome to attend and our defence force families are invited to wear their uniforms.

When: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015  
Time: 8.30am



## Circus Kathmandu



Circus Kathmandu comes to Wagaman Primary, on Monday 27 April.

Drawing upon the richness, colour and diversity of Nepali culture with a contemporary Western influence. Circus Kathmandu comprises of 14 professional artists who also undertake teacher training and outreach in local communities.

Darwin's Corrugated Iron Youth Art Organisation has partnered with Circus Kathmandu to bring the circus troupe to Darwin.

As part of their tour of the Top End, Circus Kathmandu will be performing at Wagaman Primary on Monday 27 April at 10.45 am in our Assembly area. We are declaring this a *uniform free day* and asking for a gold coin donation that will be passed onto to Circus Kathmandu. All parents and carers are also invited to come along and watch the performance.



## NT Thunder Junior Dockers Training

**Where:** Jingili Oval (Next to the shops)

**When:** Every Thursday @ 5pm

**Cost of registration:** \$100 (School vouchers accepted)

Includes: Dockers bag, singlet, shorts, socks & football.

**Age Groups:** Under 9's & Under 11's

Call Cheley Watson 0439 386 832 for information.



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

## Acting Up at Wagaman

Join **Corrugated Iron** in a mixture of imaginative story telling and theatre games.

Create your own character while you learn improvisation, basic stage skills and create short performance pieces.

**Six week course on Tuesdays after school, 3-4pm in the Blue Room**

**5,12,19 & 26 May and 2 & 9 June**

**Cost: \$100**

(or use your sport voucher. Please remember sports vouchers expire at the end of May)

Limited places for students in Transition to Year 6 for more info;

See Ms Putica at school or ring Corrugated Iron Ph: 89 483 200

Permission note available from your teacher or the front office.



## Parent Workshop

### Reading is as Easy as 123 Reading is a Family Affair

Learn about fun ways to improve your child's reading.

Learn all about reading, writing, listening and speaking.

**Guest Speaker: Marg Riedl**



**Wed 8 May 2015**

**9.00—10.30am**

**Wagaman Primary**

**Family Room**

Morning Tea provided

#### Upcoming Reading Sessions

Friday 15 May 9.00—10.30am

Friday 22 May 9.00—10.30am

*'Reading aloud from birth will give your child the best start at school'*

-Mem Fox

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

RSVP to Melinda, Brod or Carmen



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