



# Wallaby Whisper



The newsletter for Wallabadah Public  
School & its community

“Excellence in Learning”

Term 1 Week 7 - 14th March, 2025

Welcome to week 7!

Firstly I would like to begin with a sincere thank you from the Teague family for all the thoughts and well wishes for our family over the last month. Nathan and I truly appreciate the support of our school community educational community and wider Wallabadah community. Nathan is home and recovering well with a very ‘bossy’ wife who is always watching his every move.



Thank you must also be extended to Mrs Saunders for her role as Relieving Principal over the 9 days and to the staff of Wallabadah Public School for taking the reigns and allowing me time to focus on family. A truly heartfelt thank you!

NAPLAN– The annual National Assessment Program– Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an assessment for students in years 3,4,7 and 9. NAPLAN is a nationwide measure through which parents/carers, teachers and governments can determine whether young people are developing the literacy and numeracy skills that provide critical foundation for other learning. It allows parents to see how their children perform progressively over time as part of a school community and against national standards. The results assist teachers and support their professional judgement about students’ levels of attainment. This week the students in years three and five have completed the Writing assessment with the Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy to be held on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

Whilst NAPLAN does these things there are many things that NAPLAN does not do. NAPLAN does NOT assess the kindness, empathy, and gratitude a student has. It does not assess their creativity, teamwork, honest or fairness. It does not assess a students’ personality, strength, courage or determination, nor their ability to show respect, compassion, patience or a sense of humour. All of these wonderful traits we see each and every day in our students and we acknowledge and appreciate our students for them. So if you have a child participating in NAPLAN this year, please remind them that it is one assessment on one particular day and does not assess or recognise all the other amazing qualities they possess.

Wallabadah P & C Association– Congratulations to the new 2025 P & C executive committee. I was thrilled to see so many families participate in our AGM and general meeting on Tuesday. The new committee has been voted in and a sincere thank you to the outgoing executive committee . We look forward to a continued partnership with the P & C and working together to achieve the best outcomes for our students.

Johanna Teague

Principal

**Congratulations to our 2025 P&C Committee:**

President - Erica Walters

Vice President - Claudia Muller

Secretary - Jess Philip

Treasurer - Jo Ingall

Canteen - Vanessa Skelly

Social Media - Georja Rumbel

Uniforms - Minna Rees

Fundraising - Amy Lay, Joshua Ferris. Claire Musty

## Merit Award System

At Friday assemblies, students are awarded Merit Certificates, School Captains' Award and Library Awards. Children retain their awards at home and once they have **four**, they bring them back to school for a Wallaby Award.

When they have **three** Wallaby Awards they bring them in and receive a Merit Badge. All awards are stamped and returned.

**Four Merit Awards=One Wallaby Award**

**Three Wallaby Awards=One Merit Badge**

**Please note birthday awards and sport ribbons are not included.**

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# AWARDS

## Mrs Saunders

### Week 5:

**Lane Jones**– improved confidence in reading lessons.

**Scarlett Primmer**– a big effort in counting activities to 10.

**Lucas Walters**– improved skills in running, kicking games and gymnastics.

### Week 6:

**Mitchell Pitkin**– trying very hard to learn initial sounds of the alphabet.

**Timothy Lay**– an improvement in recognising the sounds of the alphabet.

**Ted Ingall**– a BIG effort in reading groups.

## Mrs Cudmore

### Week 5:

**Darcy Street**– being a kind and considerate student.

**Eli Phillip**– approaching all tasks with maturity and enthusiasm.

## Mrs Teague

### Week 6:

**Darcy Street**– excellent contributions during class discussions.

**Sean Musty**– always trying his very best in class.

## Mrs Roseby

### Week 5:

**Mackenzie Payne**– excellent knowledge of “Australia”.

**Dominic Ferris**– excellent work with his diorama in Science.

**William Bagshaw**– making a big effort with the map of Australia

### Week 6:

**Cheyenne Fardell**– enthusiasm towards learning.

**Henry Rees**– a positive attitude in class.

## School Captains' Award

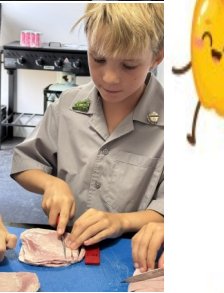


**Week 5: Charlie Ingall**– being kind and friendly to everyone.

**Week 6: Reva Liddle**– caring for all and being a nice friend.

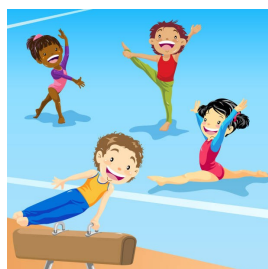
# Plot to Plate

For our first Plot to Plate for the year we mad Quiche. All of the children really enjoyed helping in the kitchen.



# Gymnastics

Thank you to Bec and Piper form McGinnitys Gymnastics in Tamworth for teaching our students lots of new skills, they all really enjoyed the last 4 weeks.



## Coming up events in Wallabadah.

**Wallabadah Community Trivia Night – ONLY 5 MORE DAYS – BOOK YOUR PLACE AT A TABLE NOW OR MISS OUT** - tickets now available through <https://www.eventbrite.sg/e/wallabadah-trivia-night-2025-tickets-1236764920169?aff=oddtcreator> or by contacting Jill BATTY - 0437 237 969 - [jmbatty@bigpond.com](mailto:jmbatty@bigpond.com) or Vanessa Skelly - 0410100787

- \*March, 2025 Wallabadah Hotel – NRL tipping competition starting.
- \*1<sup>st</sup> March, 2025 – Wallabadah Branch of Red Cross meeting at 10am in the Wallabadah Hall, Martyn Street, Wallabadah.
- \*15<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 – Wallabadah Community Association “Trivia Night” at the Wallabadah Community Hall – Tickets - \$100 per table of ten or \$10 per person. Tickets on sale now – see above information.
- \*18<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 - Ooranga Wallabadah Playgroup, 10.00am to 12.00pm, Wallabadah Hall, Martyn Street, Wallabadah.
- \*22<sup>nd</sup> TO 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 – Workshop with Lyn Diefenbach at the Art Shack, Wilgabah, Baldock Road, Wallabadah.
- \*1<sup>st</sup> April, 2025 - Ooranga Wallabadah Playgroup, 10.00am to 12.00pm, Wallabadah Hall, Martyn Street, Wallabadah.
- \*1<sup>st</sup> April, 2025 - [Wallabadah Hotel – Trivia Tuesdays.](#)
- \*6<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 – End of daylight saving in New South Wales.
- \*8<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 – Wallabadah Community Association meeting, 6.30pm at Wallabadah Hall, Martyn Street. (See separate postings for agenda.)
- \*24<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 – Red Cross Mother’s Day Raffle at IGA, Quirindi.
- \*29<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 - Ooranga Wallabadah Playgroup, 10.00am to 12.00pm, Wallabadah Hall, Martyn Street, Wallabadah.
- \*6<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 - Wallabadah Hotel – Trivia Tuesdays.
- \*9<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 - Red Cross Mother’s Day Raffle at IGA, Quirindi.
- \*13<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 - Ooranga Wallabadah Playgroup, 10.00am to 12.00pm, Wallabadah Hall, Martyn Street, Wallabadah.
- \*17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 – Wallabadah “How It Was” at the Wallabadah Racecourse.
- \*23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 Wallabadah Branch Red Cross catering at the Currabubula Art Show.
- \*27<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 - Ooranga Wallabadah Playgroup, 10.00am to 12.00pm, Wallabadah Hall, Martyn Street, Wallabadah.
- \*31<sup>st</sup> May & 1 June, 2025 – Yuga-Li Gathering Festival, live concert, stalls, etc., at the Art Shack, Wilgabah, Baldock Road, Wallabadah.
- \*1<sup>st</sup> June, 2025 – Didgeridoo Making workshop with Mark Atkins – Wilgabah, 107 Baldocks Road, Wallabadah.

**If there is something important that you would like to be included in the Wallabadah Events just email me - [glynis.wheeler@bigpond.com](mailto:glynis.wheeler@bigpond.com) so it can be posted.** Thanks, Glynis

FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2025



**HARMONY DAY** – Students to wear sports uniform. The school will provide a touch of orange to show our support.

*Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.*

### NSW GOLD BLOODED TOUR

**Rugby Visit** – Bringing Rugby to regional towns across Australia. Thank you to the classic wallabies and Wallaroos for supporting country rugby.



**NETBALL**– Students will participate in Netball NSW Schools Program for sport. Thank you to sporting schools.

General Assembly at 3pm – Parents and carers welcome.

## Reminders/Save the Date

- 18th March –NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 – Reading and Language Conventions.
- 19th March–NAPLAN Years 3 & 5–Numeracy.
- 19th March–Quirindi High School–Year 6 Taster Day.
- 21st March–Harmony day–Rugby Visit– Netball.
- 25th March–Halogen Young Leaders Conference, Sydney –Year 6 School Captains.
- **SAVE THE DATE** –Friday 11th April–Cross Country and easter Celebrations–Further information to be provided.



# Wallabadah Public School 2025—Term 1

WEEK:	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
TERM 1 Week 8	17	18 NAPLAN	19 NAPLAN QHS Yr 6 taster day	20	21 Netball Rugby Visit Harmony Day General assembly	22/23
Week 9	24	25 Young Leaders	26	27	28 Netball 3-6 assembly	29/30