



# Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

## “Excellence in Learning”

*Term 3 Week 10 ~ 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2012*

### *Principal's Message*

This week we had a visit from our Home School Liason team from Tamworth Mrs Venessa Penburthy and Megan Rowlings. Regular monitoring of school attendance records are carried out ensuring children are attending school and schools are recording their attendance.

At Wallabadah Public School we believe that regular school attendance is an important part of giving your child the best possible start in life.

It is important to your child's future. For example, children who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work and do less well in exams. Good attendance shows potential employers that your child is reliable.

The Education Act 1990 requires that children above the age of 6 years and below the minimum leaving age must attend school regularly.

Most of our parents are aware of this and ensure that their child comes to school each and every day. What they may not be aware of are the justified reasons for their child being absent from school.

- Having unavoidable medical or dental appointments
- Attending urgent family circumstances (such as attending a funeral)
- Being sick or having an infectious disease
- Attending a recognised religious event

I am responsible for keeping accurate records of student attendance so it is very important that parents notify the school if their child is away. This can be done by filling in a form, writing a note or phoning the school. I am accountable for my decision to record student absences as justified as I can also decline an explanation as unsatisfactory.

Absences for reasons that may be considered unsatisfactory would be

- Sleeping in
- Shopping
- Working around the house
- Haircuts
- Minding younger siblings
- Minor family events (such as birthdays)

Our school believes that regular attendance is essential. Apart from the academic skills taught, it enables your child to develop a sense of belonging to a peer group and assists in building important coping and friendship skills. Confident children are less likely to engage in anti-social behaviour.

*“All children have the right to an education. Only by regular school attendance can children make the most of educational opportunities, leading to greater social economic outcomes”.*

*DET “Regular School Attendance” June 2008*

### Welcome Lucy Jane Ramage.

On Wednesday Mr and Mrs Ramage had a baby girl at Scone hospital. She weighed 3 kg (6lb12oz) and measured 48.5 cm long. It was a big week for the Ramages as Dan also secured a permanent job at Aberdeen Public School on the Monday. Congratulations!!

**Christopher Jackson**  
Principal

**Small school “BIG” opportunities!**

# Coming Events

## TERM 3

### **October**

Children & Staff Return  
Wallabadah Playgroup  
P&C Meeting  
Life Education Van  
Musica Viva (Willow Tree)  
Wallabadah Playgroup

8<sup>th</sup> October  
9<sup>th</sup> October  
15<sup>th</sup> October  
22<sup>nd</sup> October  
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### **Lunch Orders**

Lunches will on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October, ????????????? is rostered on for canteen duty. Thank you to Helen for coming in on Monday to do lunches. Students please remember to come to the teacher on duty first thing in the morning and order your lunch.



### **Birthdays**

There were no birthdays celebrated this week.

### **P&C News**

#### THANK YOU

The P&C would like to say a huge thank you to Chris, Brian, Jeff & Delores, Cheryl, Mandy, Helen, Vicki and Gail Upperton for their fantastic support in supplying lovely slices and or helping out on Sunday night. A BIG BIG thank you to Kenny from the Marshall McMahon Inn for the bain marie and his never ending bigheartedness in helping the P&C. We would like to thank Doug McGilchrist for his generosity donating a variety of ingredients for the cooking. To Sandy and Alice Macdonald for making us feel comfortable and letting us work in a charming setting. A huge thank you to Bill Greer, Royal Far West and the sukly ride team for letting us cater for such a wonderful cause.

Cheers Nikki.



### **School Captain**

Next term it will be busy and exciting for staff and students. We would like to let Year 5 children know if they are going to stand for school captain, that speeches will need to be prepared and will be presented the 28<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Strike Action**

We would like to advise parents that school will be fully operational on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> October and school hours will be as normal.

Assembly was held in the 2-4M classroom. Thank you **Jason Pendlebury** and **Wyatt Smith** for being such wonderful hosts.

# AWARDS



## K-1 Class

**Alanamae Abbott-Blundell** for improvement in all writing skills.

**Zack Sweeney** for presentation of all work – Well Done!!

## 2-4 Class

**Jayde Smith** for excellent results in Number.

## 5-6 Class

**Andrea Makeham** for excellent presentation of Stinson newspaper report.

**Zaibiane Effer** for great contribution to class discussion ~ spelling.

## Mrs Roseby

**Naketta Cameron** for fantastic effort in Science this term.

## Mediator Awards

Mediators awards this week go to:

**Nancye Hutchinson** for getting along well with classmates.

**Zac Sweeney** for always being a happy student.

**Abbey Lobsey** for always showing a willingness to help others.

## Rule of the Week

Stay around the back at **ALL** times.



## Wallaby Week Ahead Term 4, 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b><u>WEEK 1</u></b>				
Staff & Students Return				

# Community News

## SEPTEMBER

Please Note change in Saturday screenings from 7.30pm to 5.30pm

## Movies

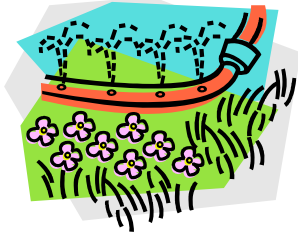
Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th

3.00pm

The Three Stooges PG

5.30pm

The Bourne Legacy M



## Open Gardens

Saturday & Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> October 10am to 4:30pm Cost:  
\$7 per Garden

"Willow Pine" - Pine Ridge = In the village of Pine Ridge

"River View" - Pine Ridge = In the village of Pine Ridge

"Connamara" - Pine Ridge = 487 Cattle Lane, Pine Ridge

"Rockgedgiel" - Bundella = 132 Pandora Pass Road, Bundella

"Telargra" - Bundella = 297 Telegara Road, Bundella

For more information please contact Carol Lord 67473918 or 0427 473 918

## Currabubula P&C Association Presents

### Outdoor Movie Night - Under the Stars

The greatest love story ever told, starring...garden gnomes? In Gnomeo & Juliet, Shakespeare's revered tale gets a comical, off-the-wall makeover. Directed by Kelly Asbury (co-director of Shrek 2) and showcasing both classic and original songs by Elton John, the film features the voices of James McAvoy and Emily Blunt as Gnomeo and Juliet, who have as many obstacles to overcome as their quasi namesakes when they are caught up in a feud between neighbours. But with plastic pink flamingos and thrilling lawnmower races in the mix, can this young couple find a happy ending?



**Friday 21st September 6:30pm**

**Currabubula Public School**

**\$5 per entry per family**

Gates open from 5:30pm

Bring along your chair, blanket or bean bag,

Enjoy some popcorn, treats and refreshments on sale from Currabubula P&C snack bar

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