



# Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

## “Excellence in Learning”

*Term 4 Week 2 ~ 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2012*

### *Principal's Message*

#### *Anti Poverty*

This week was International Anti-Poverty week which focuses on poverty around the world. My Principal's message this week is based on a speech my mother delivered on Wednesday at an Anti Poverty service in Murrurundi and I have included extracts in my message this week.

The main aim of Anti-Poverty week is to strengthen public understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardships around the world and within Australia. It is also to encourage research, discussion and most importantly action by individuals, communities, organisations and governments.

Unfortunately poverty is on the increase and the statistics are frightening. I was particularly horrified to learn that one in eight children in Australia go to bed hungry each night.

So what are the factors that contribute to the disturbing rise in poverty statistics? There are many, and tragically some are avoidable. Consider these; war - we only have to look at what is happening in Syria to be aware of this. Famine – the distended tummies of undernourished infants in Africa are testament to this. The lack of education – particularly in girls leads to illiteracy and a generational cycle of chronic unemployment. Infectious diseases – continue to spread across the poorer countries, and an estimated 40 million people are living with HIV Aids. Poor water and sanitation - close to half the world's population suffers from a health problem associated with this deficit. Military expansion - consider North Korea which boasts a huge military force and a huge population of people who are starving. I've only scratched the surface as I've neglected to mention refugees who are a significant proportion of the world's poor. Twenty-five million in Jordan alone live in tent camps and half are children under five.

There are over five billion people living in the world with distinctive cultures, colours and creeds. But if we were to reduce the world's population into a global village of 100 people and look at the makeup of our world, it would look like this.

There would be 57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 North and South Americans and 8 Africans. 52 would be female with 48 males. 70 Non white and 30 white. 70 Non Christians and 30 Christians. 89 Heterosexuals and 11 Homosexuals. In the village 6 people would have 59% of all wealth and they would be from the USA. 80 would live in sub-standard housing. 70 would not be able to read and 50 would be suffering from malnutrition. One would be about to die and one about to be born. One would have a college education. If you woke up this morning with more health than illness then you are more blessed than the million that will not survive the week. It's a small world that we live in, so what does this mean for us ? How can we do our bit to alleviate world poverty and make a difference?

You can donate to a reputable charity organisation like Oxfam, Red Cross, UNICEF and church mission funds. Maybe donate the cost of a cup of coffee or a treat you might deny yourself once a week. The cost of a meal out, the proceeds of a “scratchie” or lotto, a portion of your tax refund or loose change in your pockets. I'm sure there are many other ways you could come up with to put money aside for the poor.

I'd like to leave you with Mother Theresa's words.  
“The worst disease in the world today is the feeling of being unwanted and the greatest evil is lack of love. What the poor need even more than food, clothes and shelter is to be wanted” and we can give them this blessing by our loving generosity.

**Christopher Jackson**  
Principal

**Small school “BIG” opportunities!**

# Coming Events

## TERM 3

### **October**

Life Education Van  
Musica Viva (Willow Tree)  
Wallabadah Playgroup  
Yr 6 visit Quirindi High School

22<sup>nd</sup> October

23<sup>rd</sup> October

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31<sup>st</sup> October

### **November**

QSSAF  
Kindy Orientation Day  
Catholic Christmas Scripture

21<sup>st</sup> November

28<sup>th</sup> November

29<sup>th</sup> November

### **December**

Intensive Swimming  
P&C Meeting  
Presentation Night  
Movie Day

3<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> December

10<sup>th</sup> December

18<sup>th</sup> December

19<sup>th</sup> December

## Lunch Orders

Lunches will on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, Eileen and Felicity are rostered on for canteen duty. Thank you to Mandy 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 this week.

## P&C News

We are going to publish a Wallabadah Cookbook next year and are asking all the families to send me your favourite recipes. If there is a special story attached to your recipe or a saying, please attach it! Any great tips and handy hints are welcome! We are also including the Wallabadah community in this project, so if you know anyone who has a great recipe, ask them to share it with us please! If your recipe is from a cookbook that's fine as long as you mention that. I'm looking forward to being bombarded with recipes! Hard copies can be brought to the school or you can email it to [nikkirobertson64@bigpond.com](mailto:nikkirobertson64@bigpond.com). Also, if you can come up with a catchy title for our cook book, don't keep it to yourself; we are going to have a competition to find a good name for our book.

Thanks everyone!

A BIG thank you to Kerralea Effer for organising the Show Gate roster for this year's Spring Show and everyone who did some time at the gate. We made a whopping \$1297.80!!! Much needed funds, thank you!

## Year 6 Fundraiser



Next Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October come dressed up for Halloween. Gold coin donation. Patty cakes for sale at morning tea time, 50cents each.



Remember sensible clothing and footwear to be worn.

Assembly was held in the K-1S classroom. Thank you **Kallee Lobsey** and **Brayden Smith** for being such wonderful hosts.

# AWARDS



## K-1 Class

**Dempsey Smith** for always presenting work neatly!!

**Troy Pendlebury** for improvement in reading attitudes towards reading.

## 2-4 Class

**Jason Pendlebury** for fantastic work with decimals.

## 5-6 Class

**James Sherwood** for being a great thinker in fractions this week.

**Jay-Dee Craft** for working well in mathematic tasks.

## Mrs Roseby

**James Sherwood** for effort during science research.

## Mediator Awards

Mediators awards this week go to:

**Patrick Penick** for enjoying great games in the playground.

**Jay-Dee Craft** for being a pleasant member of our school.

**Jasmin Philp** for always being a caring Mediator.

## Rule of the Week

Always play around the back of the school.



## Wallaby Week Ahead Term 4, 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b><u>WEEK 3</u></b>				
Healthy Harold	Musica Viva			Assembly 2-4

\*\*There will be no reading groups on Tuesday due to leaving at 11am to go to Willow Tree because of a time change with Musica Viva. Thank you

# Community News



**Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive starting soon**

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent can forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe. Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs give wonderful results, and are great fun as well! Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW, including somewhere near you.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are \$63 for school-aged children and \$46 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).

For more information or to make a booking, phone 13 13 02 or visit [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au)



## QUIRINDI SWIMMING CLUB

**Quirindi Swimming Club will be holding an information and registration day this Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October outside the Quirindi Newsagency from 9am.**

### QUIRINDI JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION

### Registrations and Start of Cricket Season SATURDAY 20th OCTOBER 2012

NO 2 OVAL, QUIRINDI

9.00AM TO 11.00AM

#### 5 to 8 Years Old:

- Cost \$50.00, Children receive an in2Cricket Backpack with bat, ball, shirt, cap and water bottle.
- Cricket starts at 9.00am and finishes at 10.00am

#### 8 to 16 Years Old:

- Cost \$65.00 (reduction for 3 or more children). New players receive a shirt and hat, continuing players receive a hat.
- Cricket starts 9.00am and finishes at 11.00am

**Girls Welcome!!**

For more information contact:

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Narda McCrae: 02 67 462 454

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Donna Rea: 02 65 466 153



### **There is more to Australia than Vegemite and Barbecues!**

Bring a piece of the world into your home by becoming a volunteer host family to an exchange student from Italy, Canada, Finland or Brazil in January.

#### **Visit New Places – Revisit Old Favourites!**

Hosting a student encourages families to see Australia through the eyes of an exchange student. Invite a motivated teenage student into your home for a term, semester or year and gain a new family member and friend for life.

#### **Become a WEP Host Family – It's Easy!**

Simply submit your host family application and choose your student. Before you know it you'll be communicating with your new family member while everything else is organised by WEP!

#### **FIND OUT MORE!**

Contact Sylvia Kelly at WEP today for a FREE information pack.

**Phone:** 1300 884 733 **Web:** [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au) **Email:** [info@wep.org.au](mailto:info@wep.org.au)

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is an Australian, not-for-profit student exchange organisation, determined to make a difference by helping young people of different cultures gain insight and understanding about other ways of life and world views.