



# Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

## “Excellence in Learning”

*Term 4 Week 6 ~ 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2012*

### ***Principal’s Message***

Yesterday I was watching a group of Kindergarten children playing and noticed the dynamics involved. There were some children playing actively with others, some seemed to play more on their own, others were very nurturing towards each other. I was reminded of our current Year 5 students preparing for Captain elections and thought to myself which one of these Kindies will be preparing themselves for a leader in our school in five years time.

While every child is given the opportunity to become a future leader at our school some relish the challenge and exhibit leadership qualities from an early age. It's not necessarily just the bossy ones that become leaders either. Think about the real leaders in our daily life, and what qualities they exhibit. Some lead by example, by encouraging others to do better, bringing others together to work towards a common goal. These are qualities we can even find in small children if you look closely. You will see some that do exhibit those very qualities.

Leadership is not just about telling others what to do. It's only a small part of what leaders do, and only works successfully after they have earned the trust and respect of others. Trust in others ensures that others trust you, and respect in others, ensures others respect you. We all need to teach our children to learn to trust and respect others and that will go a long way in making them leaders.

While gaining the trust of others being essential in leadership, it is not always easy for some to do. Those who can do it well, will be successful leaders in the future. As a parent, probably the easiest way to teach a child these qualities is through your own example when interacting with your children.

We may want our child to be a leader, but it's not necessarily the right thing for our child. How can you tell? Do they seem comfortable in large groups of children? Do others respond well to their suggestions? If yes, then maybe they have some natural leadership qualities within them. These can of course be nurtured.

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November our senior children will be presenting their Captain speeches in front of the school. Elections will be held straight after the speeches.

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has. —Margaret Mead*

**Christopher Jackson**  
Principal

**Small school “BIG” opportunities!**

# Coming Events

## TERM 3

### **November**

Wallabadah Playgroup  
QSSAF  
Kindy Orientation Day  
Captain Speeches  
Catholic Christmas Scripture

20<sup>th</sup> November  
21<sup>st</sup> November  
26<sup>th</sup> November  
27<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 19<sup>th</sup> November, Vicki Hawthorne is rostered on for canteen duty. Thank you to Mandy Smith 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.



### **Thank You**

The staff and students would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Dawn Cronin for the lovely water ice blocks on Thursday. It was very refreshing and a lovely treat. Thank you.

### **Trophies**

To all students who have been presented with championship trophies this year could you please return them?



### **P&C News**

**Christmas Hamper** – At the end of Term 4 each year the P&C run a Christmas Hamper that is put together with donations from families at Wallabadah Public School. Could you please bring an item that is non perishable for the hamper to the office? Raffle tickets will be sent home next week and the hamper drawn on Presentation Night 18<sup>th</sup> December.

## Kindy Orientation Day 26<sup>th</sup> November 2012

We would like to invite new prospective kindergarten students to our orientation day on the Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November. If you know of anyone who would like to see our great small school environment, please contact the school on 67 465 512.



Assembly was held in the K-1 classroom. Thank you **Alanamae Abbott-Blundell** and **Sophie Hawthorne** for being such wonderful hosts.

# AWARDS



## K-1 Class

**Sienna Cronin** for beautiful manners in the classroom.

**Nancye Hutchinson** for excellent recall of number facts.

## 2-4 Class

**Jayde Smith** for getting on with her work and finishing Art on time.

## 5-6 Class

**Elizabeth Pendlebury** for being kind towards others in her class. Well Done!

**Jake Boon** for working well in all areas of Literacy. Well Done!

## Mrs Roseby

**Ashton Sweeney** for always enjoying Library.

## Mediator Awards

Mediators awards this week go to:

**Joey Reedy** for knowing school rules.

**Jay-Dee Craft** for having a mature attitude in handball.

**Phoebe Smith** for making mature decisions.

## Rule of the Week

No bad language at school.



## Wallaby Week Ahead Term 4, 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>WEEK 7</u>	QSSAF Rehearsal	QSSAF Performance		Assembly 2-4M

QSSAF

# QUIRINDI SMALL SCHOOLS ARTS FESTIVAL

*Please join  
Willow Tree, Blackville, Currabubula, Walhallow, Spring Ridge and Wallabadah  
Public Schools*



**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

**Quirindi High School**

**BBQ from 6-7pm**

**Glow Wear items for sale**

**Donation for entry on the night**

**Christmas Performance starting at 7pm.**

All parents and community members welcomed to join our small schools in our area  
for an evening of Christmas entertainment.

Please bring a picnic rug or chair.



No Smoking or Alcohol to be on school grounds.