



Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

“Excellence in Learning”

Term 4 Week 8 ~ 16th November, 2012

Principal's Message

On Monday we had our Kinder Orientation Day. We had seven bright faced Pre-schoolers in Mrs Saunders classroom excited with the prospect of starting school. Starting Kindergarten is the beginning of your child's educational journey where they learn important early numeracy, literacy and social skills. Our Orientation Day was an opportunity for the new students and parents to familiarise themselves with our school and prepare for the 2013 school year. Buddies were assigned to the new students and they made sure they were comfortable in their new surroundings.

Do you remember the feeling when your kids started school? Do you remember your first day of school? My mother tells me of the many times she had to prise my fingers from the wire fence outside Quirindi Infants School as it was then. I was not at all interested in school, much rather spending time with my Mum at home. Starting school can be a very daunting experience for many Pre schoolers. Sometimes its Mum and Dad who find it difficult to let their precious ones go to school. The transition from home to school is not always easy.

Starting school is our child's first step into the public world. They are no longer considered so little that they require shelter and gentle handling. We stop using words like “care” and “love” quite so much when kids go to school. “Numeracy” and “literacy” become more important terms.

To make this transition easier for you and your child here are a few simple tips.

Be prepared. Ensure clothes, lunch and books are organised for the following day. Label clothes, hats drink bottles and lunch boxes, and explain not all lunch and snacks need to be eaten at once. Keep communication links open with the school. Read Newsletters and check notes when they come home. Children get stressed when they miss out on events and activities. Ask your child what their day was like. “What they learnt, what they liked and what made them smile or laugh?” Be realistic and supportive. I heard once of a child who went home very disappointed because he couldn't read after one day at school. You need to help them to understand that these things take time. They may decide that's they're over school and would like to do something else. As parents we need to be patient and understanding.

On Monday Mrs Saunders and I met all the parents of the 2013 Kindergarten children. At Wallabadah Public we believe it is important that staff know all parents. It is then easier to talk to parents about any issues about students and vice versa. Your child will be aware if you have a good rapport with their teacher and it will help build confidence.

Lastly children need to be able to do things for themselves at school and a child who has not had much experience of being independent may find being on her own overwhelming. By planning for the practical things you can help. If your child doesn't already have a few responsibilities start now by asking them to help, giving them choices and letting them decide what they will and won't do at times.

The 2013 school year will commence with the teachers returning on Tuesday 29th of January, Year 1 to 6 on Wednesday 30th of January and Kindergarten children starting on Thursday 31st of January.

Christopher Jackson
Principal

Small school “BIG” opportunities!

Coming Events

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December

Intensive Swimming
P&C Meeting
P&C Christmas Tree
Presentation Night
Movie Day
Last of Term for students

3rd – 14th December
10th December
13th December
18th December
19th December
19th December



Lunch Orders

Lunches will on Monday 3rd December, Kat Miller is rostered on for canteen duty. Students please remember to come to the teacher on duty first thing in the morning and order your lunch.

Birthdays

Many happy returns to Jasmin Philp who celebrated her birthday this week. Congratulations.

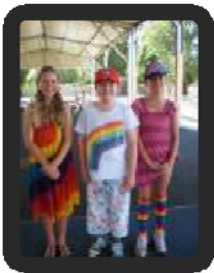


Intensive Swimming

We still have a lot of notes that need to be returned for children to participate in the intensive swimming program. Please bring your note in on Monday as this is a WHOLE school activity and there will be no supervision for students at school as teachers will be supervising at the pool. Please remember for children to bring a towel, swimmers, goggles and sunscreen and for all these items to be labelled please.

Thank You

The staff and students would like to say a huge thank you to Mr & Mrs Franks for the lovely water ice blocks. It was very refreshing and a lovely treat. Thank you.



Year 6 Fundraiser

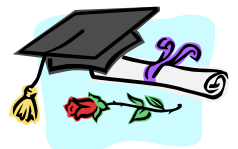
Thank you to all the children and staff for participating in the rainbow day for the year 6. The children raised \$64.00. Thank to Mrs Roseby for buying us the water ice blocks.

Talent Quest

Children are getting much organised for the end of year talent quest for next Friday. Parents and family are most welcome to come and watch the performance that the children have either choreographed or prepared themselves. It will start at 1:45pm.

Presentation Night

The school would like to invite all parents, family and community members to our Presentation Night at Wallabadah Public School on Tuesday 18th December at 7pm.



Assembly was held in the 5-6Jclassroom. Thank you **Phoebe Smith** and **Abbey Lobsey** for being such wonderful hosts.

AWARDS



K-1 Class

Patrick Penick for making an effort in reading groups.

Joey Reedy for excellent writing skills.

2-4 Class

Jason Pendlebury for writing a heart-warming story about a dragon, a dwarf and a school sports shed.

5-6 Class

Zaibiane Effer for working well on problem solving activities.

Elizabeth Pendlebury for working well in Transformations. Well Done!

Mrs Roseby

Emily Cronin for clever computer work using "Publisher".

Mediator Awards

Mediators awards this week go to:

Joshua Hall for including others in his games.

Zack Sweeney for always enjoying school.



Zaibiane Effer for enjoying playing handball.

Rule of the Week

Remember not to kick handballs.



Wallaby Week Ahead Term 4, 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 9		Intensive Swimming		Talent Quest

Catholic Christmas Scripture Service

The staff and students would like to thank our scripture ladies Mrs Kathy Redgrove and Mrs Dawn Cronin and all the helpers throughout the year.

