



Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

“Excellence in Learning”

Term 4 Week 9 ~ 7th December, 2012

Principal's Message

SWIMMING

Do you know how to swim? Do your loved ones know how to swim? It seems like a simple enough question but the simple truth is that being able to swim could save your life. Learning to swim is a vital skill for all ages, especially children.

Swimming should not be thought of as a sport, it is a life skill and is the entitlement of all children, in the same way they are taught to read or write. If a child does not learn football or netball at school, they miss an experience. If they do not learn to swim, they can lose their lives. Our Swimming School commenced this week and continues into next week. Teaching swimming at Wallabadah P.S. is an important aspect of our curriculum and is given a high priority in education. A BIG thank you to Mrs Saunders for organising our swimming School and to our instructors Sue Boyle, Andrew Jackson, Annah O'Neil-Shaw, Katie Quirk and Tess Howard. We would also like to thank the Wallabadah P&C who donated money to pay for the bus over the two weeks of Swimming School.

Keep Swimming

Two frogs fell into a deep cream bowl.
One was an optimistic soul.
But the other took the gloomy view.
"We'll drown," he lamented without much ado,
and with a last despairing cry,
he flung up his legs and said "Goodbye".
Quote the other frog with a steadfast grin,
"I can't get out but I won't give in,
I'll just swim around till my strength is spent,
then I'll die the more content,"
Bravely he swam to work his scheme,
and his struggles began to churn the cream.
The more he swam, his legs a flutter,
the more the cream turned into butter.
On top of the butter at last he stopped,
and out of the bowl he gaily hopped.
What is the moral? It's easily found ...
If you can't hop out, keep swimming around!

Christopher Jackson
Principal

Small school “BIG” opportunities!

Coming Events

TERM 4

December

Intensive Swimming
P&C Meeting
P&C Christmas Tree
Thank You (volunteers)
Presentation Night
Movie Day
Last of Term for students

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

Lunch Orders

Lunches will on Monday 10th December, Ann Margery is rostered on for canteen duty. Thank you to Kat Miller for coming in for lunches on Monday. Students please remember to come to the teacher on duty first thing in the morning and order your lunch.



Birthdays

Many happy returns to Andrea Makeham, Joey Reedy and Zaibiane Effer who celebrated their birthdays this week. Congratulations.

P&C News

CHRISTMAS TIME IS HERE

Only 1 week to go! Just a reminder to all that the P&C are asking all families to kindly help donate non-perishable food items towards our school Christmas hamper for 2012 and that all sold and unsold tickets to be returned to the school by Friday the 14th.

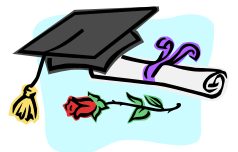
Thank you, Kind Regards, Kerralea Effer, Secretary.

Volunteers

We would to invite all our volunteers who have assisted the school for reading groups and scripture to a morning tea on Tuesday 18th December at 11:20am.

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.



Talent Quest

What talent our students have, they were fantastic today. We got to enjoy piano, roping, poetry, dancing, puppeteers and singing.



There was no assembly today.

Awards



K-1 Class

Troy Pendlebury for being a wonderful helper in the K/1 classroom.

Dempsey Smith for terrific work in Mathematics.

2-4 Class

Brodie Nankivell for taking pride in his presentation of work.

5-6 Class

Ben Hawthorne for great discussion during HSIE.

Jake Boon for wonderful work during Transformations.

Mediator Awards

Mediators awards this week go to:

Kalle Lobsey for blowing lots of bubbles in the pool.

Emily Cronin for being polite and well at all times.

Elizabeth Pendlebury for trying hard at swim school.

Rule of the Week

Remember to apply plenty of sunscreen before swim school.



Wallaby Week Ahead Term 4, 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 10 P&C Meeting 7pm	 Year 6 Dinner	Intensive Swimming	 P&C Christmas Tree	

Prac Student

For the past 4 weeks Mr Jackson has had Miss Osland, a prac student in his class. Miss Osland comes from Sydney and has enjoyed her stay with us. She was very excited and amazed that we have echidnas walking through our playground and with the excellent talent of seeing 5 schools come together and produce a wonderful production at QSSAF. We would like to thank Miss Osland for her help with swimming school and in the classroom. We wish her all the very best for the future ahead.



Community News

CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT

Please join us at the Heritage Village 9th December
Starts at 6:30 with Carols starting at 7:30pm.
Sausage Sizzle and Train Rides available.



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## **Quirindi Poultry Club**

### **Monster Christmas Raffle**

14<sup>th</sup> December at Marshall McMahon Inn  
Peter Denovan will be entertaining 7-12pm  
Free Sausage Sizzle and Raffle Night