



Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

“Excellence in Learning”

Term 1 Week 8 ~ 16th March, 2012

Principal's Message

Having the confidence to speak in front of a group

Speaking is an important method for communicating knowledge and expressing ideas. It is a primary medium for presenting and selling products and ideas. Being able to verbally communicate effectively to other individuals or to groups is essential in school, business, as well as your personal life.

Being a champion public speaker doesn't necessarily mean that you are the best there is. Rather, it is following the philosophy of appreciating what you have, living your life as a champion, and enjoying the adventure of life by helping others enjoy theirs.

At Wallabadah Public School we believe this to be an essential aspect of your child's education and there are many events where your child can enter public speaking activities. Each year the DSC runs “The Multicultural Perspectives” where students nominate to represent their school in a Zone trial. Entrants deliver a prepared and an impromptu speech selected from a list of multicultural topics provided by the competition organisers. This year Henry Saunders and Lia Roberston will be representing Wallabadah Public and we wish them the best of luck next term in Tamworth.

Our school also runs a special Public Speaking program called ASCA. (Australian Speech Communication Association). It offers a series of finely graded oral and written examinations which encourage and challenge students of all ages and levels. Throughout Terms two and three, children work with qualified staff at school in preparation for the examination which is held at Quirindi High School in mid August. The exam is not in the least threatening for the children, as the adjudicator goes to great lengths to put the children at ease.

If your child is interested in being involved in ASCA this year please contact the school.

“People generally quarrel because they cannot argue”.

G. K. Chesterton

Christopher Jackson
Principal

Small school “BIG” opportunities!

Coming Events

TERM 1

March	Cross Country / Easter Parade	30 th March
April	P&C Meeting (AGM)	2 nd April
	Church Service/Last Day of Term	5 th April
	Staff Development	23 rd April
	Students Return	24 th April

Lunch Orders

On Monday 19th March, Betty Cameron is rostered on for canteen lunches. Thank you Ann & Betty for coming in and helping with 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

For our new families, each year we ask all parents to donate something (chocolates) small towards the Easter raffle. Tickets for the Easter Raffle were handed out today. Please sell as many as you can. If you'd like more tickets they will be issued on the return of the sold tickets.



IGA have made a very generous donation that will be all our profit if we can run the BBQ next Saturday. **So far I have no helpers.** Please contact the office if you can spare some time to help with the BBQ at lunch the 24th March.

P&C still have a few Cookie Dough buckets for sale. If you would like purchase this delicious biscuit dough for \$16.00 please contact Nikki.

Year 6 Students & Parents

Every year the students in Year 6 raise funds to give a gift to the school at presentation night. This is with the help of parents. Get your thinking caps on and have some ideas to present at the next mediators meeting.

Walkway Finished

On Thursday morning Frank came to finish putting up the walkway that is now attached to the library. We would like to thank the parents who came in to help Frank move this walkway.

A BIG thank you to Frank Cantrill and his team for building the new BER building. But most of all his jobs that he has helped out staff and all his many little extras he has given to the school, they are very much appreciated.



Assembly was held in the 3-4classroom. Thank you **Emily Cronin** and **Henry Saunders** for being such wonderful hosts

AWARDS



K-1 Class

Kallee Lobsey for terrific sentence writing.

Troy Pendlebury for improvement in recognising numbers to 20.

2-4 Class

Jayde Smith for improvement in listening skills.

5-6 Class

Jasmin Philp for “being there” for a friend.

Jamie Upperton for working well in Problem Solving activities.

Mrs Roseby

Lia Robertson for an excellent report on the Tasmanian Devil.

Mediator Awards

This week the awards go to:

Jamie Upperton for being considerate.

Sienna Cronin for playing happily with her friends.

Abbey Lobsey for taking the Mediator duties seriously.

Rule of the Week

Always play around the back in our playground.



Wallaby Week Ahead Term 1, 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>WEEK 9</u>		Harmony Day	Soccer Gunnedah	5-6 Assembly

Home Readers

Could parents make sure that their children return the school home reader at the end of each week please. We are finding that we are in short supply and if you could have a look at home for old readers especially in the older group we would much appreciate it.



Community News

Registration Days

Quirindi Minor League

WHEN - Thursday 8th March 3.30pm — 5.30pm
Saturday 10th March 10am - 12 noon

WHERE - NO 1 OVAL HENRY ST, Quirindi

COST — \$85 Inc. Insurance, shorts & socks

Quirindi Junior Soccer

WHEN - Saturday 17th March 10am - 12 noon

WHERE - NO 1 OVAL HENRY ST, Quirindi (Golland Fields if wet)

COST — Registration Fees for all age groups have been reduced to:

5-7yrs - \$60

8-11yrs - \$70

12-18yrs - \$80

This year each child's registration must be completed online at www.myfootballclub.com.au, however payment needs to be made to Quirindi & District Soccer Association at the Registration Days.

Quirindi Royal Theatre

March

Saturday 17th 3.00 pm Hugo PG 7.30pm Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy MA

Sunday 18th 3.00pm Hugo PG 5.30pm Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy MA

Saturday 31st 3.00pm The Artist PG 7.30pm Any Questions For Ben M

Sunday 1st April 3.00pm The Artist PG 5.30pm Any Questions For Ben M

Loyalty Card go to 4 movies and see the 5th one for free

Live Shows in March

Thursday 8th Aladdin & His Magic iPod \$10.00

10.30am Sold Out 12.30pm Tickets still available

Saturday 23rd 8.00pm Abbasession: A tribute to ABBA \$25.00

The Quirindi Hospital Auxiliary Autumn Fair

Fair with Flair

Saturday 21st March

10am – 3pm The Anglican Church Hall Quirindi

Handmade craft items for sale:

Quilting

Knitting

Art

Photography

Embroidery

Beads

Lavender items

Woodwork

Native Plants

Morning Tea and Lunch available

Come & Join us and support our local hospital.

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