



Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

“Excellence in Learning”

Term 1 Week 9 ~ 23rd March, 2012

Principal's Message

Making Friends

"You have been my friend. That in itself is a tremendous thing. I wove my webs for you because I liked you. After all, what's a life, anyway? We're born, we live a little while, we die. A spider's life can't help being something of a mess, with all this trapping and eating flies. By helping you, perhaps I was trying to lift up my life a trifle. Heaven knows anyone's life can stand a little of that."

Charlotte, "Charlotte's Web"

Til the end of the term we will be looking at friendships, how to make them and keep them.

Some people find it difficult to make friends. They might be shy, or feel they lack the social skills to start a conversation. So maybe you could join groups that share your common interests. Talk about some of the things you like doing, such as gardening or writing short stories. This will build your confidence to talk about other things with potential new friends. A great way I have found useful when making friends is to practise looking people in the eye when you talk to them, and listen to what others are saying, rather than focusing on your own self-consciousness. Don't forget to Smile. When you talk to someone new, ask them questions about themselves or what they like to do; it's a good way to get started. People love talking about themselves.

Friendship is very much like planting a seed. You are not sure what sort of flower is going to come up so you have to watch it carefully and look after it. Maybe it won't grow, in spite of your best efforts. Maybe it will only grow into a weak and sickly plant, or it could grow into a horrible weed and you would have to pull it out.

If all the conditions are right and you've really look after it well then you could end up with a strong, flourishing oak tree that will continue to grow bigger and better as time passes.

Next week: So what about friendships? How can you make them grow?

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 26th March, Helen Smith is rostered on for canteen lunches. Thank you 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

Could parents please donate something (chocolates) small towards the P&C Easter raffle. Please sell as many as you can. If you'd like more tickets they will be issued on the return of the sold tickets.

The P&C will be selling raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle at IGA, as well as selling sausages, which kindly have been donated by IGA. Please support this fundraiser, come and have a snag and a chat and bring your friends along! See you there this Saturday between 10am and 2pm!

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.



Cross Country Easter Hat Parade



Friday 30th April 9:30am

Please join us starting at Wallabadah Race Course for the Cross Country running events. Parents are asked to take their children straight to this event starting at 9:30am. Following this, we all come back here at school for morning tea and presentation of the Cross Country.

Easter Hat Parade will then follow with a BBQ lunch of Kebabs raising funds for the Year 6 children. Kebabs \$2.00 each



Assembly was held in the 5-6J classroom. Thank you **Sasha Mackay** and **Jay-Dee Craft** for being such wonderful hosts

AWARDS



K-1 Class

Brayden Smith for making a great start at Wallabadah Public School.
Sienna Cronin for being a wonderful independent worker.

2-4 Class

Henry Saunders for having a positive attitude to all his school work.

5-6 Class

Stuart Davies for working like a calculator in Mental all week.
Zaibiane Effer for working well in spelling activities all week.

Mrs Roseby

Alex Smith for working independently in Science.

Mediator Awards

This is no awards this week.

Rule of the Week

School uniform has been worn **with pride** this week. Keep it up!!

Remember sports shirts are available in P & C shed.



Wallaby Week Ahead Term 1, 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>WEEK 10</u>				Cross Country Easter Hat Parade

Mr Jackson Class

Children in 4-6 have been doing Child Protection every Thursday afternoon for 20 minutes. Child Protection is a sensitive and challenging area for school communities. It aims to assist students to develop skills in recognising and responding to unsafe situations and seek assistance effectively. If you would like to know more about our child protection program, please feel free to speak to the school.

Harmony Day – Walhallow

The staff and students would like to thank Mr Ben Delanty and staff for an enjoyable afternoon yesterday.



Invitation

Easter Scripture Service

Wallabadah School would like to invite ALL community members, parents and families to join staff and students at Wallabadah Anglican Church.

Friday 30th March 12pm



Community News

The Quirindi Hospital Auxiliary Autumn Fair

Fair with Flair

Saturday 31st March 10am – 3pm The Anglican Church Hall Quirindi

Handmade craft items for sale: **Art Photography**
Embroidery Quilting Knitting Beads Lavender items
Woodwork Native Plants

Morning Tea and Lunch available

Come & Join us and support our local hospital.

**FACE
PAINTING**



Wallabadah Play Group

This Tuesday 27th March 10am – 12pm

Wallabadah Hall

For more information please contact Ooranga 67 420 603

