



Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

“Excellence in Learning”

Term 1 Week 10 ~30th March, 2012

Principal's Message

Nurturing friendship

Keeping friends is just as important as finding new ones. Maintaining your friends requires effort, as even a strong friendship will not withstand prolonged neglect.

In our final message on friendships this term, we will look at ways to nurture and keep friendships we have made throughout our lives.

As I mentioned last week, friendships is very much like planting a seed. You need to water and nurture the plant so it grows into a strong oak. Friends are the same.

We shouldn't take our friends for granted. At school we encourage our students to take time to thank friends for being their friends. That's why they have fun together.

As adults we often mix in different circles of friends so we need to be aware that we spend time with friends. While our children don't often have such a diverse range of friends yet we need to remind them that if we are consistently too busy to give time to our friends, they will one day move on without us. At school we encourage children actively listen to our friends, and show your interest and enthusiasm in their lives.

We all make mistakes throughout our lives and sometimes at school we are dealing with situations where children have been let down by a friend. Teachers often say to a student, "Put yourself in their shoes - would you want blame or forgiveness from those who are supposed to love and care for you?"

The last two aspects relate particularly to situations we deal with at school.

Don't abuse trust. If a friend tells a secret, we should keep it to ourselves. We might think about building relationships with others by sharing gossip, but we're actually ensuring that others won't trust us enough to tell us anything.

The last point is controlling jealousy. We have to accept that our friends will do things with others, and sometimes it may be done without us. A true friend will be sensitive to our needs when we may feel vulnerable, so learning to accept others into the mix is important to nurture our relationship with our friends.

"A friendship can weather most things and thrive in thin soil; but it needs a little mulch of letters and phone calls and small, silly presents every so often - just to save it from drying out completely."

[Pam Brown](#)

Christopher Jackson
Principal

Small school "BIG" opportunities!

Coming Events

TERM 1

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 2nd April, Kat Miller is rostered on for canteen lunches. Thank you Helen 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

Many happy returns to Joshua Hall who celebrated his birthday this week. Congratulations

P&C News

Our Easter Raffle is going great guns thanks to the efforts of Kerralea Effer who is selling raffle tickets with a vengeance! A big thank you to IGA for donating the ingredients for the delicious sausage sandwiches which sold really well last Saturday and Delores Nankivell and Nikki Robertson for cooking and selling the sangas. Also thanks to everyone for donating to the Easter raffle. If you want to have a say on how this P&C money is spent, join the P&C and have your say. P&C AGM on Monday, 2. April at 7pm at the Marshall McMahon. See you there!

You may have heard about the Young Care Fun Canter taking place in Quirindi this Sunday. It is a charity run donating money to Young Care. Go on www.quirindicanter.org for more information. The Wallabadah P&C will have a stall there on Sunday, selling cookies. If anyone would like to help selling the cookies on Sunday, please call Nikki on 6746 5744. I am also trying to get a Wallabadah Team together for the Team event, in which every child runs 1km. Can we get a team of 5 together, entry to be sponsored by the P&C? Again, call me on before-mentioned number and get behind two great causes! Thank you!

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.

Thursday 5th April 12pm

Please join us



P&C AGM

Monday 2nd April

Marshall McMahon Inn Wallabadah

7pm

Please show your support and have your say!!

There was no formal assembly held today.

AWARDS



K-1 Class

Nancye Hutchinson for terrific sightword knowledge.

Sophie Hawthorne for a fantastic improvement in handwriting.

2-4 Class

Wyatt Smith for excellent results in Number and brilliant problem solving skills.

Joshua Hall for excellent work in H.S.I.E.

5-6 Class

Jay-Dee Craft for working well in creative writing.

Elizabeth Pendlebury for contributions to class discussions

Mrs Roseby

Zaibiane Effer for an excellent information report.

Mediator Awards

This is no awards this week.

Rule of the Week



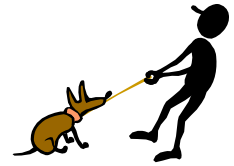
Wallaby Week Ahead Term 1, 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>WEEK 11</u>				
P&C AGM			Easter Scripture Service	GOOD FRIDAY

Community News



The Great Nundle Dog Race



Sunday, 6th May 2012

Nundle Recreation Grounds

Great fun for all the family.

BBQ's, cold drinks, Hot Dog Stall, Kids Tent and lots more.

www.nundle.info/nundle/dograce

Quirindi Netball Association Inc Registration Days

When: 31st March 2012
Time: 10.00am until 1pm both days
Where: Rose Street Netball courts, Quirindi NSW 2343 (next to the caravan park)
Fees: Nettas (5 to 10yrs) \$ 55.00 Juniors (11 to 17 yrs) \$ 60.00
Seniors (18 +) \$ 75.00 Players with a disability \$ 25.00

It is the age the player will be turning before 31/12/12.

Uniforms: Net set go – any school sports skirt/shorts and a white top (5-7 years), 8 years and up, black sports skirt/shorts and a white top. See you all there!!!

Quirindi Junior Basketball

Registration Day's

Friday 30th March 5:30pm to 8:30pm Saturday 31st March 9:00am to 11:00am

The Quirindi High School Hall

\$70 High School Students \$55 Primary Students

(No additional court fees charged)

4 Divisions:

Years 1 & 2 Years 3, 4 & 5 Years 6 & 7 Years 8, 9 & 10

Competition is played on Friday Nights and run during Terms 2 and 3.

Don't miss out at being a part of this great sport. "We never get washed out"

Enquiries: Terry Beresford 0412787680

www.quirindibasketball.com.au

Come & Join us and support our local hospital.



Australian Speech and Communication

Last year Emily, Henry and Lia participated in ASCA. This is a very good program in helping the children to have the confidence preparing and presenting speeches in front of audience.

On the weekend Emily and Henry received an award in Sydney for their achievements.



School Leaders

Attend

Young Leaders Day

On Monday our school captains Phoebe Smith and Abbey Lobsey attended the Halogen Foundation, Young Leaders Day in Sydney at the Entertainment Centre. They said it was a fantastic experience. They really enjoyed listening to Ahn Do and how he told us his story of his family courage and making it here to Australia.

Phoebe and Abbey have been doing a great job in representing our school in many ways. Well done girls!

Cross Country



Well done to all our champions

Easter Hat Parade

