



# Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

## “Excellence in Learning”

*Term 2 Week 2 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2012*

### *Principal's Message*

When I return home from school each day I often sit quietly, with no distractions, close my eyes, and think about what I'm grateful for and who I'm grateful for. I don't do it every day, but let me tell you, on the days I do it, it makes me very happy.

These last holidays I went on a family holiday to Fiji where this daily session became more of a ritual. Walking down the main street of Nadi seeing the after effects of the recent floods, and visiting a school on remote Waya Island in the Yasaywas, made me think just how lucky we are.

I didn't realise the level of devastation and what impact the floods had on the Nadi residents.

People are still homeless with one family of 8 living in a tent on the side of a busy road. The thing I was most amazed about was many of the locals just picked themselves up and got on with their lives. Still huge smiles on their faces and lending a hand to others in need, even though they had suffered the same catastrophe.



The same can be said for the children at Ratu Naivalu Memorial School that we visited. There were no computers, CD players, or Smartboards in the classrooms that we see in our modern classrooms. They hardly had any books in the Library. Despite the lack of technology, every child had the widest grin on their face, eager to learn and show me what they could do. They were enthusiastic, when performing a traditional Meke, and keen to show us around their school afterwards. These were children of 5 and 6, (the total enrolment was 150 students aged between 5 and 15 from all over the island) who were weekly boarders. Their village was over a mountain range which was a 4 hour walk, so the village boat dropped them off at school early Monday morning and picked them up Friday afternoons. Education is of high importance and every effort is made so that their children get to school regularly.

With this in mind I am asking any families that have good picture books, jigsaws or other early learning games they no longer need, could they send them to school so we can package them up and send them to this school.

“If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, ‘thank you,’ that would suffice.” – [Meister Eckhart](#)

**Christopher Jackson**  
Principal

**Small school “BIG” opportunities!**

# Coming Events

## TERM 2

### May

P&C Meeting	7 <sup>th</sup> May
Wallabadah Playgroup	8 <sup>th</sup> May
Zone Cross Country	11 <sup>th</sup> May
NAPLAN Testing	15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> May
Wallabadah Playgroup	22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Biggest Morning Tea	23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Musica Viva	29 <sup>th</sup> May

### June

Music Concert	12 <sup>th</sup> June
Regional Cross Country (Coolah)	15 <sup>th</sup> June
Athletics Carnival	29 <sup>th</sup> June

### Lunch Orders

Lunches will on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May, Kat Miller is rostered on for canteen duty. Thank you to Helen for coming in and doing the lunch orders on Monday. Students please remember to come to the teacher on duty first thing in the morning and order your lunch.

### Birthdays

There were no birthdays celebrated this week.

### P&C News

#### Wallabadah P&C Meeting

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

7pm

Marshall McMahon

Please Join Us



The Farwest Bus goes to small communities in rural and outback Australia to assess and support children with special needs. Wallabadah is one of the towns on the list for the bus to visit. The Quirindi Farwest Charity Sulky Ride is taking place in September, raising money for this great cause. The ride will start in Nundle with their first stop being Wallabadah. The P&C was asked to cater for their dinner, giving us a fundraising opportunity as well, which we accepted. So please note the date: Sunday, 16 September 2012; To help with the catering please call Nikki on 6746 5744. If anyone is interested in volunteering to drive along with the sulky ride in a support car (be it for one day or for the whole ride) please contact Bill Greer on 6747 1773 - he'd love to hear from you!

### Mothers Day

Mothers Day is just around the corner so we are asking each child to contribute \$3.00 towards the craft items so they can take them home.



Assembly was held in the K-1S classroom. Thank you **Sienna Cronin** and **Nancye Hutchinson** for being such wonderful hosts

# AWARDS



## K-1 Class

**Sophie Hawthorne** for making an excellent effort in Guided Reading.

**Dempsey Smith** for improvement in Number work.

## 2-4 Class

**Jayde Smith** for clever sentence work containing spelling words.

## 5-6 Class

**Jasmin Philp** for assisting the group with transformation text. Great ideas.

**Abbey Lobsey** for applying knowledge successfully solve maths problems.

## Mrs Roseby

**Jason Pendlebury** for beautiful handwriting when joining letters.

## Mediator Awards

This week award goes to:

**Nathan Smith** for taking Mediator duty seriously.

**Joey Reedy** for listening to the Mediators.

**Jacinta Cameron** for playing cheerfully with friends.

## Rule of the Week

Don't play around the front of the buildings.



## Wallaby Week Ahead Term 2, 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>WEEK 3</b>  P&C Meeting 7pm				Zone Cross Country  No Assembly

## Community News

### The Great Nundle Dog Race



Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.nundle.info/nundle/dograce)

### Currabubula Art Show

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> May

The Currabubula Red Cross Art Show is more than just great art, it's a day out for the whole family to enjoy with handmade silver jewellery, handmade treasures and beautiful woodwork all set in a lovely rural environment.

Bring the family for a great day out and help us support the Australian Red Cross.



### It's on Again

**Wallabadah Public School**  
**Participating in Woolworths Earn and Learn**

**It's simple to participate:** from the 9th May, when your staff and parents shop at Woolworths they can collect stickers from the checkout operator and place them on sticker cards. There'll be 1 sticker for every \$10 spent\*. Once completed, they can place their sticker cards in the collection box, either at your school or at your local Woolworths. \*excludes liquor, cigarettes, and gift cards.

**Plus, there are extra reasons to participate:** returning schools will receive 500 bonus points if you confirm your registration by 9th May. Plus there's a chance for your school to win a \$1000 Woolworths Gift Card just for telling us why you think Earn & Learn is a programme worth supporting. Just login to [teaching.com.au](http://teaching.com.au) to enter.

**Same great partnership with MTA:** we're proud to say we're partnering once again with Modern Teaching Aids – Australia's biggest supplier of resources for schools. Which means you can choose your resources based on your unique needs, across every category possible including mathematics & english resources, science equipment, arts & crafts materials, sports gear, etc.

We can't wait to help your school earn valuable learning resources, just by shopping at Woolworths.

Last year we received from points earned with Woolworths a fun way to learn about fractions with a pizza as a resource to make it been taught easier.

**Woolworths The Fresh Food People**

