



Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

“Excellence in Learning”

Term 2 Week 3 ~11th May, 2012

Principal's Message

Reading

“A capacity and taste for reading gives access to whatever has already been discovered by others.”

Abraham Lincoln

When our children were small, as parents, we would read to them each night. As they got older we tended to listen to them read, and as they became more and more independent readers, we slipped into a routine of not listening to them at all. Children learn by example, and if we place an importance of good reading habits they too will follow suit.

Sharing stories, talking and reading every day helps your child's development. You're helping your child become familiar with words, language and the value of books. This all builds your child's literacy skills, helping them to go on to read successfully later in life.

Mrs Roseby encourages children to borrow books from the library every week, but unfortunately there have been instances where children haven't even taken the book out of the library bag when they have gone home. Reading stories sparks your child's imagination. It stimulates their curiosity and aids in brain development. By exploring stories helps them learn the difference between 'real' and 'make-believe'.

At Wallabadah Public every child (except Group 7, who are independent readers), has a reader that they read every day to a parent helper or a teacher. They also can take their reader home to read to their family. This is a wonderful opportunity to read with children and has great benefits. This special time together promotes bonding and helps to build your relationship, laying the groundwork for your child's later social, communication and interpersonal skills. We are very fortunate to have a vast selection of readers available for every reading level, for every week of the school year, and with support from the P&C we will be supplementing our readers throughout year.

Both these aspects of reading are conditions of our “Ten point plan” as children can gain points for being regular Library borrowers or Reader users. All staff place a high priority on Reading and encourage this at home as well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and community members who have donated books, games and jigsaws for the Fijian school I mentioned last week in my Principals message. We already have a large box of resources. I am so grateful for your generosity.

“To read is to fly: it is to soar to a point of vantage which gives a view over wide terrains of history, human variety, ideas, shared experience and the fruits of many inquiries.”

A.C. Grayling

Christopher Jackson
Principal

Small school “BIG” opportunities!

Coming Events

TERM 2

May	NAPLAN Testing (Years 3 & 5)	15 th -17 th May
	Wallabadah Playgroup	22 nd May
	Information/Technology Night	22 nd May
	Biggest Morning Tea	23 rd May
	Musica Viva	29 th May
June	Music Concert	12 th June
	Regional Cross Country (Coolah)	15 th June
	Athletics Carnival	29 th June

Lunch Orders

Lunches will on Monday 14th May, ????? is rostered on for canteen duty. Thank you to Kat 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

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!

Canberra Excursion

3rd to 6th September 2012

We would like to advise children in Year 3-6 class and parents that the Canberra excursion plans are on the way.

We estimate the cost to be around \$250.00 to \$300.00 per student.

You can now make payments towards the cost of this wonderful experience the children will get to enjoy. More information will follow.



ASCA

Australian Speech & Communication Ass.

This term we will be starting ASCA which will continue into Term 3 with the examinations being held in Term 3 Week 3. Cost per student will be \$75 which includes a couple of sessions with Mrs Jackson and the fees for the exam. Anyone interested in participating in this valuable program could you please contact Mr Jackson for further details. We need to know your interest in doing ASCA please.

10 Point Plan

Last term the 10 Point Plan ran very successfully with excellent participation and the children enjoying a reward of hot chips, fizzy drink and a play at the park. It is already in action again this term with children's participation in ANZAC day, school uniform and behaviour, Musica Viva, Library, homework, readers, Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. With all these programs totalling to 13 points towards the children's reward this term.

There was no assembly held this week.

AWARDS



K-1 Class

Zack Sweeney for trying hard and achieving good results in all writing activities.

Ashton Sweeney for great spelling results this week.

2-4 Class

Joshua Hall for improvement in Handwriting.

5-6 Class

Maryjane Abbott-Blundell for working well on this weeks transformation.

James Sherwood for working well on this weeks transformation.

Mrs Roseby

Zack Sweeney for being thoughtful to others.

Mediator Awards

This week award goes to:

Maryjane Abbott-Blundell for being a caring person towards fellow students.

James Sherwood for following school rules.

Kallee Lobsey for wearing her school uniform with pride.

Rule of the Week

Take care of sports shed equipment please! Make sure all these items are returned after playing with them.



Wallaby Week Ahead Term 2, 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>WEEK 4</u>		NAPLAN Testing		Assembly 2-4

Information & Technology Night

When: 22nd May, 2012 starting at 6:30pm till 8pm

Mrs Davidson would like to invite any interested parents, Wallabadah Community or Year 6 students to an informal technology night on emailing and sizing of photos. This will hopefully be one of many sessions. If you would like to attend please contact the school.



Community News



THAI BUFFET

At the

Marshall McMahon Inn, Wallabadah

Saturday, 19 May 2012 5.30pm–9.30pm

Adults \$20.00 5-10yrs \$10 Pai & Ben are your cooks for the night

To book please call 67 465 508

Movies in MAY at Quirindi Royal Theatre

Saturday 12th

3.00 pm

The Lorax G

7.30 pm

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel PG

Sunday 13th

3.00 pm

The Lorax G

5.30 pm

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel PG

Saturday 26th

3.00 pm

Mirror Mirror PG

7.30pm

My Week with Marilyn M

Sunday 27th

3.00pm

Mirror Mirror PG

5.30pm

My Week with Marilyn M

Coming in June — Titanic 3D

Rotary Club Joan Carpenter Music Award



The Rotary Club Joan Carpenter Awards are being held for any students who sing or play a musical instrument, that this competition is available to you. Entries close for this competition close Friday 15th June. Entry forms and more information are available from the school or you can contact David Wallis.