



# Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

## “Excellence in Learning”

*Term 2 Week 10 ~28<sup>th</sup> June, 2012*

### *Principal’s Message*

#### **Having the confidence to speak in front of a group**

This week we had two students represent our school at the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition in Tamworth. I am always amazed at good public speakers. It is a skill to be developed and most people can become great at public speaking over time. The best public speakers are confident, have a loud clear voice and excellent grammar. When speaking, they avoid words like “umm” and “uhhh” and watch for any distracting hand gestures. They manage to make eye contact throughout the room and their speech is prepared well enough that they are not forced to read from note cards. These aspects are skills Henry Saunders in Year 4 and Lia Robertson Yr 5 undoubtedly have. These two students of Wallabadah P.S. spent Tuesday at Tamworth Public School, with Henry taking out the Year 3-4 division and Lia coming in the top seven. They had to present a prepared speech on a chosen multicultural topic and afterwards give an impromptu speech in front of an audience. Congratulations to Lia and Henry for representing Wallabadah Public School with pride.

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. This week children worked with qualified staff at Wallabadah School to prepare 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. A further two sessions will be held early next term before they sit for the exam.

*“People generally quarrel because they cannot argue”.*

G. K. Chesterton

Christopher Jackson  
Principal

Small school “BIG” opportunities!

# Coming Events

## TERM 2

### July

Students Return Term 3  
Wallabadah Playgroup  
State Cross Country  
Spring Ridge Sports Carnival

17<sup>th</sup> July

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20<sup>th</sup> July

27<sup>th</sup> July

### August

Education Week  
Zone Athletics

30<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August

10<sup>th</sup> August

### Lunch Orders

There will be no lunch's first day back next term.

### Birthdays

There were no birthdays celebrated this week.

## Atheltics Carnival

**Tomorrow  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June**



**Golland Fields**

**9:30am**

### **P&C Selling**



**Tea / Coffee and Slices**

**Chicken & Gravy Rolls**

**Pies & Sausage Rolls**

**Chicken Rolls**

*Parents and family welcome to come along.*



The children are all fired up ready for tomorrow. They have been practicing their marching, ball games and war cries if you haven't heard them in Quirindi!!

See You There  
Rug up warm



## Wallaby Week Ahead Term 3, 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>WEEK 1</b> Staff Development Day	Students Return			State Cross Country

### Canberra Excursion

Thank you to all who have returned their note. We are just waiting on a couple more to come in. We really need to know this information to confirm numbers for accommodation booking.

The school does have an amount of money set aside each year for families who may find it difficult to fund major excursion fees. This Student Assistance is available. Please see Mr Jackson at school to arrange payment. This is strictly confidential.



Reminder you can start paying off for the Canberra excursion at any time. Invoices will be sent home next term.

### Achievement

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Jay-Dee Craft a student in Year 5 succeeded in becoming the Junior Champion in team roping. This was held at Gunnedah for the Australian Team Roping Association for the 2012 Northern NSW Region. For Jay-Dee's achievements he won this amazing buckle which he proudly wore to school today for mufti day.





## Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking

Henry and Lia participated in the Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking Competition on Tuesday and had a great time. Lia spoke really well coming in the top 7. Henry spoke with confidence and was the winner in his division. Well done! Henry now goes on to compete in Coffs Harbour in August.

## Community News

## Quirindi Library

Having a **Board Game Bonanza** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> July starting at 2:30pm for Primary aged children.

- Guess Who • Yahtzee • Scrabble • UNO
- Chess & Checkers • Sea Battle • Connect 4



### Edwina Howard Author talk

Quirindi Library is excited to announce that local first time author, **Edwina Howard**, is visiting the library on **Thursday 5th July 2012 at 3.00pm**

Edwina will explain the background to her book "**The Ice-Cream War**"

Published by Omnibus Books for Scholastic Australia.

Admission is free and is suitable for children nine years and over

Enquiries and bookings 67462350 \* Door prizes \* Nibbles available thanks to FOQL.

## Spring Ridge Red Wine Classic Tennis and Golf Day



Attention all local tennis players and keen golfers. Sunday 1st July is the Annual Red Wine Classic at the Spring Ridge Country Club.

This is the 10th year of the event, and we hope to have as many enthusiastic sport people, young or old, male or female, to come for a lovely day of tennis or golf.

Anyone and everyone is welcome, lunch is included, and there will be many prizes on the day.

For more information please call Dave Brownhill on 0427 473725 (golf) or James Wippell on 0428 969 623 or 67476222 (tennis)

