



Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

“Excellence in Learning”

Term 3 Week 4 10th August, 2012

Principal's Message

Friends

Last week we were looking at friendships and how to make friends. This week we are looking at how we make our friendships grow. One really important point I have discussed with children this week is that even if you have a disagreement with your friend doesn't mean you're no longer friends. Best friends argue. It sometimes makes the friendship stronger, particularly when you make up and realise it may have been a disagreement that wasn't really worth it.

So what do we do?

What you need to do is hang out where others that you would like to be friends with do and join in with their plans unless you really disagree. If you don't agree with their plans say so in a positive way. “I like this bit but maybe we could....”

You need to accept people as they are. You can like other people even if they don't agree with everything they say or do, and you don't have to know about or have an opinion about everything either. In fact it is often better if you don't.

You need to be a good listener so that others can tell that you are really interested in what they are saying. Get to know people well by sharing “safe” thoughts with them first. It might be about school or TV or even your favourite footy team. It isn't always safe to tell someone you don't know very well personal things about you, like things you might be worried about or afraid of.

Be a positive person, and talk about the good things in your life. No one wants to be hassled by problems all the time. Expect things to work out the way you would like in your friendship, and it is important that you aren't a cruel gossip or tell tales.

[Do not protect yourself by a fence, but rather by your friends.](#)

Next week: “Best friends”

Christopher Jackson
Principal

Small school “BIG” opportunities!

Coming Events

TERM 3

August

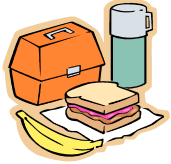
Piano Trio
Fathers Day Craft
Chess Tournament
Regional Athletics

17th August
24th August
28th August
31st August

September

Canberra Excursion
P&C Meeting

3rd September - 6th September
10th September



Lunch Orders

Lunches will on Monday 13th August, ?????? is rostered on for canteen duty. Thank you to Kat Miller for coming to do 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 Eve Porter who celebrated her birthday this week. Congratulations.



Piano Trio

In following with the schools music program we will be have a piano trio visit our school. This is arranged and supported through the New England Conservatorium of Music and will be performed 17th August at 11:45am. There will be a small cost of \$3.00 per student.

P&C News

P&C WORKING BEE
SUNDAY - 19TH AUGUST
PLEASE KEEP THIS DATE FREE

Small Schools Soccer Knockout

Congratulations Wallabadah Soccer Team. The students won their game against Gladstone Public School this week 3-1. All children put up a great game with Brodie Nankivell kicking our first goal.

Spring Ridge Small Schools Sports Carnival

Congratulations to all the children who competed at the carnival. Many children ran, jump and threw personal bests on the day. A special thank you to Mandy Smith and Louise Cronin who timed kept the whole day. It was much appreciated. Whilst we did not pick up any individual champion trophies, the school came away with the champion ball game trophy. The day was all about team effort and we certainly did that. Well done to all children from Wallabadah.

There was no assembly today.

AWARDS



K-1 Class

Kallee Lobsey for improvement in finishing her work on time.

Sophie Hawthorne for lovely behaviour at the Rugby League clinic

2-4 Class

Jason Pendlebury for preparing and presenting a recount on Kim Crow.

5-6 Class

Jasmin Philp for being very helpful in class.

Stuart Davies for excellent story writing. .

Mediator Awards

This week award goes to:

Rule of the Week



Wallaby Week Ahead Term 3, 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>WEEK 5</u>	Rugby League Clinic			UNE Trio Assembly 5-6J



Rewards

It is all ending this weekend to the Coles Sports for School vouchers and the Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers. Could you please bring them as soon as you can?



Community News

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, Canada and the U.S.A. will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on **1800 500 501**, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

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## EDUCATION WEEK

### WERRIS CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

### OLYMPIC DAY

The children had a great day last Friday at Werris Creek Public School. There were some great sporting moments in the children's participations coming home with plenty of medals. They even had sailing (blowing paper boats across a table), table tennis (totem tennis), equestrian, archery (elastic bands), hammer throwing (ball in a sock) and many more. Thank you for the hospitality Werris Creek, the children and staff had a fantastic day.



Jay-Dee Craft



Olympic Competitors



Andrea Makeham & Phoebe Smith



Patrick Penick