



Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

"Excellence in Learning"

Term 4, Week 2 ~ 18th October, 2013

Come and Try Day

Our *Come and Try Day* on Tuesday was a great success. We welcomed Lexi, Bree, Kyiah and Dylan into the K-2 class for the morning where they read stories, made balloons and cards and even did some counting. Before long, it was time to go home with their arms full of goodies and a huge smile on their face. Lexi, Bree, Kyiah and Dylan will be back at school soon for our Kindergarten Orientation Day.



In order to assist us in planning for 2014, if you know of any Kindergarten students for next year who have not already notified the school of their intended enrolment, please contact us on 67465512 **as soon as possible**.

Selective High School Exams

Applications for students seeking selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2015 are now available.

Parents are encouraged to apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement however, there are copies of the application form available from Mrs York. Applications will close on **Friday, 18 November, 2013**.

All students seeking placement in a selective high school will be required to sit the **Selective High School Placement Test** on **Thursday, 13 March, 2014**.

Active Kids are Healthy Kids

Kids love to be active. Making physical activity a part of their daily routine is not only fun but healthy. Physical activity is important for healthy growth and development. It is also a great way for kids to make friends and learn physical and social skills.

Remember:

- Children need at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day.
- Children should not spend more than two hours a day using electronic media for entertainment (e.g. computer games, TV, Internet), particularly during daylight hours.



What can I do?

- ✚ Be a role model – be active when you're with children.
- ✚ Include physical activity in family outings.
- ✚ Support active play, recreation and sports.
- ✚ Encourage and support walking and cycling to school.
- ✚ Think of an active alternative when you hear "I'm bored".
- ✚ Negotiate a limit on time spent watching TV, playing computer games & on the internet.
- ✚ Walk and talk – practise spelling or other homework with your child when walking.

Vicki York
Relieving Principal

Small school "BIG" opportunities!

Coming Events

TERM 4

October	P & C Meeting	28 th
	CAPERS Rehearsals	30 th and 31 st
November	CAPERS Performances	1 st & 2 nd



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Caitlin Davies who turned 6 on Wednesday.

Lunch Orders

Thank you to Cheryl Bray for making lunches on Monday. Helen Smith is rostered on for 21st October. A big thank you to the parents who have volunteered to make lunches. Without your help, our children would not have the privilege of ordering lunches on a Monday.

Week 2 - 14/10/13 - Cheryl Bray
Week 3 - 21/10/13 - Helen Smith
Week 4 - 28/10/13 - Vicki Hawthorne
Week 5 - 4/11/13 - Meagan Hall
Week 6 - 11/11/13 - Amanda Young
Week 7 - 18/11/13 - Cheryl Bray
Week 8 - 25/11/13 - Helen Smith
Week 9 - 2/12/13 - Vicki Hawthorne
Week 10 - 9/12/13 - Meagan Hall
Week 11 - 16/12/13 - Amanda Young

Choosing the right shoes



School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about \$30 to \$120 and beyond.

Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more:
<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

A K-2 assembly was held this week. Hosts were Natalie Payne and Zane Smith.



AWARDS

K-1-2 Class

Lochlan Cronin for terrific independent writing skills!

Quaydan Effer for continuing to improve his presentation of work.

Dempsey Smith for developing excellent art/craft skills.

Mrs Roseby

Zane Smith for being a good thinker when doing library.

3-5-6 Class


Emily Cronin for her imaginative character descriptions.

Lia Robertson for always questioning and challenging new information.

Zaibiane Effer for being a considerate class member.



Wallaby Week Ahead Term 4, 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>WEEK 3</u>			Quirindi High School staff visiting 3-6Y	3-6 Assembly
<u>WEEK 4</u> P & C Meeting 7pm at the Marshall MacMahon		CAPERS Rehearsal	CAPERS Rehearsal	CAPERS Matinee and Evening Performance K-2 Celebrations Day



Magpies swooping

Magpies are characteristic of the Australian urban environment and their social behaviour and distinctive song provide enjoyment for many people.

Magpie pairs breed in Spring (August – October) and with this comes the magpies' natural behaviour to defend the territory around their nesting site. This may result in magpies swooping either people or pets who they perceive as a threat to their nest.

Swooping generally takes place for less than an 8 week period in spring (August to October) commencing when the adult pair is nesting and concluding when the young fledge (leave the nest).

Magpies and the law

Magpies are protected throughout NSW, and it is against the law to kill the birds, collect their eggs, or harm their young. If you feel a magpie is a serious menace, it should be reported to the local council or nearest National Parks and Wildlife Service office.



Reduce your chances of being swooped!

People can take the following precautions during the period when birds are actively protecting their territory.

- Do not deliberately provoke or harass the birds as this may make them more aggressive
- Take care as injuries can occur as a result of the birds striking
- Walk out of the birds territory immediately
- Avoid the swooping area by taking an alternative route.
- Wear a large, wide brim hat and sunglasses or carry an open umbrella; you can place eyes on the back of hats and umbrellas which may reduce the likelihood of the birds swooping
- Keep an eye on the bird as this may discourage attack
- Make a temporary sign to warn others

Bike riders

- If possible take an alternative route
- Get off your bike and walk through the birds territory
- Wear a helmet and sunglasses
- Fit a bike flag to your bike



Quirindi Junior Cricket Association Inc

Weet-Bix MyCricket REGISTRATION DAY

Boys and Girls from 5 to 16 years are invited to register for our 2013-14 Cricket Season

10AM - SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER
CRICKET SHED, NO 1 OVAL,
HENRY STREET QUIRINDI



\$50 PER PLAYER, SPECIAL FAMILY DEALS (3 OR MORE CHILDREN)
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DAVE BROWNHILL ON 0427 473 725

Change of Date

A P & C Meeting
will be held at the
Marshal
MacMahon at 7pm
28th October

