



Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

“Excellence in Learning”

Term 4, Week 3 ~ 25th October, 2013



KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

On Wednesday, 20th November, we will be holding our Kindergarten Orientation Day. If you are aware of any families in our district who may be planning on enrolling their child at Wallabadah in 2014, please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible. We are looking forward to spending time with our new Kindies and their families on the 20th November.

SCHOOL BANKING

The Commonwealth Bank is running a competition in Term 4 for all school bankers. All you have to do is make 2 or more deposits between 21st October and 30th November and you will automatically go in the draw to win one of the following prizes:

- 16GB Apple iPod Touch (60 available);
- DVD packs which include Despicable Me (1 and 2) and Hop (100 available).



The Commonwealth Bank will be introducing new reward items next year. As a consequence, the Dollarmite moneyboxes won't be available in 2014. If you wish to collect a moneybox, you will need to do so before the end of this term. Keep up the great work in saving your money!

KEY LEARNING AREAS – KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6 CURRICULUM

The School's curriculum requirements are set by the NSW Board of Studies and the NSW Department of Education and Training. There are six key learning areas (KLAs) for primary education. They are English; Mathematics; Science and Technology; Human Society and Its Environment; Personal Development, Health and Physical Education; and Creative and Practical Arts.

Recent research reveals exciting links between the arts and literacy development. Through arts integrated literacy instruction:

- Students find reading and writing more meaningful and become better able to tell their own stories.
- English language learners find a powerful way to express their ideas.
- Adolescents become more committed and competent in comprehending and interpreting complex texts.

The impact of these improvements is beginning to be evident in standardised test results. Congratulations to all our students participating in CAPERS over the next week. You are outstanding ambassadors for your school, your families and yourselves.

Vicki York
Relieving Principal

Small school “BIG” opportunities!

Coming Events

TERM 4

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| October | P & C Meeting | 28 th |
| November | K-2 Celebrations Day | 1 st |
| | CAPERS Performances | 1 st & 2 nd |
| | Kindergarten Orientation Day | 20 th |
| December | Swim School | 2 nd - 13 th |
| | Presentation Night (Tuesday) | 10 th |

Lunch Orders

Thank you to Helen Smith for making lunches this week. Vicki Hawthorne is rostered on for Monday, 28th. 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.



CAPERS

Not long to go now until CAPERS 2013 *Out There*. Well done to thirteen of the 3-6 class who have been practising tirelessly in preparation for the 3 public performances. A note was sent home today with final costing and information regarding the event. Don't forget to order your tickets for the Saturday night performance from **Tamworth Visitors Centre** or online at www.visittamworth.com. Tickets are \$35 adults, \$30 aged pensioners, children under 2 free (no allocated seat), \$30 school age children, \$100 family (2 adults 2 children).

K-2 Celebrations Day

On Friday, 1st November, K-2 will be having a Celebrations Day as part of their units of work in English and HSIE. Students may come dressed in any cultural costume e.g. Halloween, Christmas, Australia Day, etc.

Children are to bring a plate of food to share. There will be lots of fun activities held on the day. For further information, please refer to the information note sent home earlier this week.



Sun Safety

As the weather warms up, please ensure that you send your children to school with their hat, sunscreen and plenty of water. We do have sunscreen available for students throughout the day but please make sure they arrive to school with some sunscreen on.

Quirindi High School Visit

Yesterday morning we had some visitors from Quirindi High come to our school to talk to the year 6 students about what it is like at Quirindi High. Miss Chad, the Deputy Principal, told us not to be scared of high school and that the Principal, Mrs Clark, wants us to make at least 1 new friend from a different school on the Orientation Day. Mr Packer, our New Year Advisor, showed us a slide show about the buildings, breaks, subjects and talked about the cool excursions. Oliver and Kate from Year 10 spoke about

what a normal day of high school is like and not to be scared. Oliver was from a small school like us and gave us a few tips, like how to make friends and what to expect. It was great having our visitors who showed us how fun high school will be.



By Lia Robertson and James Sherwood

An Awards assembly was held this week. Hosts were Henry Saunders and Maryjane Abbott-Blundell.

AWARDS



K-1-2 Class

Caitlin Davies for great dictation results this week!

Joey Reedy for improvement in neatness.

Eve Porter for terrific recall of facts in discussion.

Mrs Roseby

Dempsey Smith for writing fantastic sentences using adjectives.

3-5-6 Class

Brodie Nankivell for improvement in the presentation of homework. Keep it up!

Jamie Upperton for progress in descriptive writing.



Wallaby Week Ahead Term 4, 2013

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| <u>WEEK 4</u> P & C Meeting 7pm at the Marshall MacMahon | | CAPERS Rehearsal | CAPERS Rehearsal | No Assembly CAPERS Matinee and Evening Performance K-2 Celebrations Day |

JARGON EXPLAINED

If your child's teacher mentions G&T in the COLA, she's actually talking about gifted and talented classes being held in the covered outdoor learning area.

More school jargon explained:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/home-work-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters>



K-2 Prize winners from the Wallabadah Anglican Guild Flower Show
"Daffodil People"

P & C News

A P & C Meeting will be held at the Marshall MacMahon at 7pm **Monday, 28th October**



Quirindi Swimming Club registrations are [on this Saturday 26th October 2013](#) at the Quirindi Pool from 12 until 2pm.

Beginners and Learn to Swim also most welcome.