



# Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

## “Excellence in Learning”

*Term 4, Week 4 ~ 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2013*

### **CAPERS**

We've made it! Considerable work over the past term by thirteen of the students in 3-6Y will result in a magical performance tonight and Saturday night. I am very proud of their efforts over the many hours spent rehearsing to ensure the audience enjoys the result. Keep an eye out for more reports next week.



### **Resource Allocation Model (RAM)**

Over the past two weeks, there has been information circulation throughout the media about the new method of funding schools. The Resource Allocation Model (RAM) has been developed to provide a fair, efficient and transparent allocation of the education budget for every school.

In the coming weeks, I will provide information in relation to the RAM through the Wallaby Whisper. I have included Information Sheet 1 about RAM in this newsletter.

### **Sun safety**

This spring has seen temperatures soar. A new information pack with the latest advice on sun safety is available for schools and parents.

Find out more: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/sun-safety/index.php>

**Vicki York**  
**Relieving Principal**

**Small school “BIG” opportunities!**

# Coming Events

## TERM 4

<b>November</b>	CAPERS Performances	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Milo in2CRICKET starts:	4 <sup>th</sup>
	Rainbow Day	8 <sup>th</sup>
	Kindergarten Orientation Day	20 <sup>th</sup>
<b>December</b>	Swim School	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup>
	Presentation Night (Tuesday)	10 <sup>th</sup>
	Christmas Tree	17 <sup>th</sup>
	School finishes for students	18 <sup>th</sup>

## Birthdays

Happy birthday to Logan Hall who turned 6 on Sunday.



## Lunch Orders

Thank you to Vicki Hawthorne and her Mum, Anne for making lunches this week. Meagan Hall is rostered on for Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November. 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.

## Monitoring Absences at Wallabadah

1. Attendance is monitored on a regular basis by the Administrative Officer and Principal.
2. Initial unexplained absences - level one letter sent home reminding parents and carers of the need to explain absences. Teachers send home notes asking for explanation and/or make a phone call to parents.
3. Absences must be explained within seven days.
4. Ongoing unexplained absences - level two letter sent home. This is an official Department of Education and Communities letter signed by the Principal. Phone calls to parents may also be made.
5. Continuing unexplained absences – Referral to Home School Liaison Officer. This will lead to an attendance plan meeting. If the issue of attendance is not resolved then prosecution may take place.
6. Large numbers of sick days may lead to the school requesting a medical certificate for further sick days. This is a requirement advised by the Home School Liaison Office.
7. The above may also refer to partial absences, particularly late arrival to school on a continuing basis.



If you have any issues regarding attendance please do not hesitate to contact Mrs York at school.

## CAPERS

Years 3-6 have had a very busy few days at CAPERS. Well done everyone!



## Wallaby Week Ahead Term 4, 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>WEEK 5</b> Shake a Leg Program K-2  Milo in2CRICKET	Small Schools' Principal Professional Learning Meeting at Wallabadah			Assembly  <b>Rainbow Day</b> (Year 6 Fundraiser)

### P&C Report

The time has come again for our Christmas raffle. We are asking parents to donate a non-perishable item for our raffle. Tickets will be sent home in the next few weeks.





# K-2 Celebrations Day



Save the Date

P & C Christmas Tree Night

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

