



Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

“Excellence in Learning”

Term 4, Week 9 ~ 6th December, 2013

Presentation Day

On behalf of the staff and students at Wallabadah Public School, I would like to invite you to our annual Presentation Night Awards Ceremony.

The ceremony will be held at Wallabadah Public School on Tuesday, 10th December commencing at 7.00 pm. We expect the ceremony to last approximately two hours.

We look forward to your company as we celebrate 2013.



As all students are expected to wear full summer school uniform on Tuesday evening, they should wear sports uniform to school on Tuesday. This will ensure everyone has a clean and tidy uniform ready to wear to Presentation Night.

I am very aware of the amount of exciting events happening at Wallabadah at the moment. We have something different on every day of the week!! During swimming, our students tend to become very tired, very quickly. An early bedtime can mean the difference between a happy, cooperative child and a frustrated, cranky one. To assist you with this, we have decided not to have supper following Presentation Night. This will mean everyone can get home at a reasonable hour and (hopefully) avoid those late night meltdowns.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday night.

Vicki York
Relieving Principal

Small school “BIG” opportunities!

Coming Events

TERM 4

December

Swim School

Helpers Morning Tea

Presentation Night (Tuesday)

Year 6 Farewell (**Note: change of date**)

Movie Day

Wallabadah P & C Christmas Tree

Last day of school for students

2nd - 13th

9th

10th

16th

17th

17th

18th

Lunch Orders

Thank you to Vicky Hawthorne for making lunches this week. Amanda Young is rostered on for Monday, 9th December.



Birthdays

Happy birthday to Andrea Makeham, Zaibiane Effer and Joey Reedy who have all celebrated their birthdays this week.

P&C Christmas Hamper / Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Christmas hamper. Further donations would be greatly appreciated. Please leave the items in the front office with Jaime.

Raffle tickets were sent home with each family last week along with a list of prizes for our fantastic Christmas raffle which will be drawn on Presentation Night. Please make sure all tickets (sold or unsold) are returned to school no later than next Tuesday morning.

School Uniform

A reminder to all parents, when purchasing school shoes for next year, Wallabadah Public School Uniform Policy requires **black leather school shoes** or **black leather joggers**. This does not include any black canvas "slip on" shoes or ballet flats. This is required for safety reasons.



2013 School Magazine

School Magazines are arriving next week!!! Thank you to those people who preordered a copy. Don't forget to send in your payment of \$15.00 so you can collect this fabulous keepsake. Magazines will be available to pick up at Presentation Night.

Student Medical Forms - **FINAL WEEK TO RETURN**

During Term 3, we began updating our medical records to ensure we have the most up-to-date information relating to your child's health. **This information is a mandatory requirement of the Department of Education and Communities.** Each family is required to return this form regardless of what year they are in at school or if there has not been any change in their previous medical condition/s.

If you require additional forms, please let Jaime know. We appreciate your support as we finalise this information.

School Swimming Scheme


Over the past week, all of our students have participated in the Learn to Swim Program at the Quirindi pool. I would like to congratulate everybody on their efforts and for their outstanding behaviour so far. It is so satisfying to see the growth in confidence and skill after such a short time. Many thanks also to our amazing P&C who have subsidised the cost of the bus to ensure all students can be involved.

I would also like to thank all of the teachers and instructors involved this week: Mrs Saunders, Mrs Kemble, Mrs Godden, Mrs Sue Boyle, Emma Cudmore and Olivia Chapman.





Wallaby Week Ahead Term 4, 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 10 RFS Visit for K-6 9.30am Morning tea for helpers	Presentation Night 7pm 			'Wallabadah's Got Talent'
Swim School				

HEALTHY LIVING, HEALTHY LIFE

Does your kitchen need an overhaul?

Are the first foods you see in your kitchen nutritious choices? If not, make a list and stock up on ingredients needed for a healthy kitchen. Make sure fruit and vegetables are easily accessible for your children to eat as a healthy snack. Raw veggies like snow peas, mushrooms, raw beans, carrots and celery sticks are great foods to munch on. Tempt hungry children with healthy food choices. What they see is what they will eat. Some ideas include:

- salad
- pikelets
- cheese scones
- cheese on toast
- vegetable soup
- low fat instant noodles
- yoghurt and canned fruit
- wholegrain cereal and milk
- baked beans or tinned spaghetti
- ½ toasted English muffin with tomato, cheese and pineapple
- warm air popped popcorn (children will enjoy this just as much as chips!)
- toasted cheese and tomato sandwich.



School Holiday Camp Competition

School holiday camp is great. Free school holiday camp is even better! Enter the competition to win a Kids' Holiday Camp for your child and a friend. The prize is valid for summer and Easter holiday camps.

Enter the competition: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/win/>

The world's oldest living creature

Care to guess what is oops WAS ... the world's oldest living creature? Here's a quick fact to get you guessing first, then impress your kids.

Science fact: <http://www.news.com.au/technology/science/yearold-clam-ming-worlds-oldest-creature/storyfnjwktob-1226759556979V>