



Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

“Excellence in Learning”

Term 1 Week 5 ~ 1st March, 2013

Principal's Message

Today our school participated in the annual “Clean up Australia” day campaign. Each year the children walk about the streets of Wallabadah collecting rubbish that has blown out of bins or that people have dropped out of their car, and each year they find there is less rubbish.

In 1989 an 'average Australian bloke' had a simple idea to make a difference in his own backyard - Clean Up Sydney Harbour. The event received an enormous public response with more than 40,000 Sydneysiders donating their time and energy to clean up the harbour. The next year Clean Up Australia Day was born.

It's this simple idea that has now become our country's largest community environmental event, and our students are proud to be a part of it every year.

Last year's Clean Up Australia Day over 588,000 volunteers across Australia picked up 15,560 tonnes of rubbish.

"For 200 years we've been conquering nature. Now we're beating it to death."

— **Tom McMillan**

Christopher Jackson
Principal

Small school “BIG” opportunities!

Coming Events

TERM 1

March 2013

Regional Swimming Carnival
Harmony Day- An African Experience

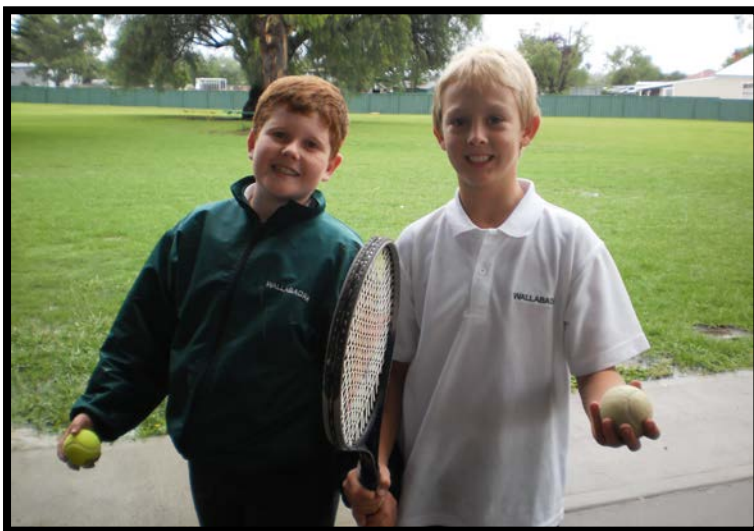
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Lunch Orders

Lunches will be on Monday 4th March, Mandy Smith is rostered on for canteen duty. Thank you to Amanda Young and Natasha Payne for making lunches on Monday. If you are interested in volunteering for school lunches on a Monday please contact Cheryl Bray on 67465521 or Jaime at the school on 67465512.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Ashton Sweeney and Brodie Nankivell who both celebrated birthdays this week.



Zone Tennis- By James Sherwood

On Monday the 25th James Sherwood and Henry Saunders went to Zone Tennis to represent the school at Werris Creek. James won two out of twelve games and Henry won five out of twelve games. We had a great day and a wonderful experience.

Canteen

Children need to quickly select their orders. The captains are spending all their recess serving canteen.



Clean Up Australia Day

Due to wet weather Clean up Australia Day was cancelled.

Thank you

Thank you to Amanda Young for her kind donation of exercise books.

A Visit from Mike Gemmell



On Thursday Mr Jackson's Class had the privilege of meeting Mike Gemmell, a previous principal of Wallabadah Public School from 1986-1993.

Some of you may have been taught by Mr Gemell. He was able to provide insight into aspects of Wallabadah history which we are studying in HSIE.

There was no Assembly this week.

Awards



K-1-2 Class

Logan Hall for working hard in all subjects this week.

Dempsey Smith for Great reading and stories this week.

Zack Sweeney for completing all work with care.

Mrs Roseby

Cloe Hancock for beautiful presentation of Science work.

3-4-5-6 Class

Joshua Hall for considerable effort in completing tasks.

Sasha Mackay for great thinking in Human Society and its Environment.



Wallaby Week Ahead Term 1, 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>WEEK 5</u>	Regional Swimming			Poetry Assembly

New Smoking Laws

Each week we will be including important changes made on 7th January by the NSW government about new requirements in NSW making smoke free outdoor areas.



At public transport stops and stations, including platforms of passenger railways and light-rail stations, ferry wharves, light-rail stops, bus stops, taxi ranks and the area where people gather or queue to wait for the bus, taxi or light rail.

P&C News

Easter is lurking just around the corner! We are running our annual Easter Raffle again and asking for all families to please donate something “eastery” to go with the wonderful Easter Egg Marie Blundell is making for us like every year. Please bring it to the school in the next two weeks. The tickets will be coming home soon. Thank you for your Contribution and don’t forget the P&C AGM coming up on 18th of March. All positions will be vacant and we allocate the funds raised during the year. A meeting not to be missed! Thank you!



Cheryl will be reordering new pavers for those who missed out last year and wish to have their family/child’s name included in the school beautification project. If anyone is interested in ordering please contact Cheryl by Friday 8th March.

COMMUNITY NEWS

QUIRINDI & DISTRICT SOCCER

ASSOCIATION INC

(Quirindi Junior Soccer 0-18yrs)

Annual General Meeting

7.30pm Thursday 7 March 2013

Tony Caine Room, Quirindi RSL Club

All interested parents are invited to attend.

For further information contact:

Richard Stinson (President) – 67471791

Michelle Gallagher (Secretary) –

67463505

Quirindi Junior Minor League

Registration Day

Saturday 2nd March

No 1 Oval

5 years and up.

\$90.00- Includes shorts, training shirt and socks.