



# Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

## “Excellence in Learning”

*Term 1 Week 7 ~ 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2013*

### *Principal's Message*

#### Ten Point Plan

Our Ten Point Plan is a program that has been operating effectively at Wallabadah Public School for two years. It rewards our students at the end of each term once they have earned more than 10 points in that term.

Children gain points for activities that are normal expectations of school life in behaviour, respect and co-operation . Points can be attained the following ways:

- completion of Homework at the end of each term, ( 2 points),
- Reader journals completed at the end of each term, (2 points),
- Library borrowing on a regular basis (2 points)
- school events Eg: carnivals (NOT PSSA), Musica Viva excursions, Dress up days, QSSAF, P.E. clinics (possible 2 points each)

As I said these points are gained by doing normal school activities throughout the term.

The staff and I have noticed that a number of children in Mrs Saunders class have not managed to hand their homework in or been regular Library book borrowers. It is also essential that they regularly read their reader each night, particularly in the first years of schooling.

Parents can help kids succeed at homework. Setting aside a specific time every day can make homework part of a child's daily routine. Find a quiet and distraction-free area that your child can use when doing his or her homework. Most importantly, parents should provide constant support and encouragement and by demonstrating to children how important homework is, by taking an interest and guiding them.

I have included an article by Australian Childrens author Mem Fox titled “If I were the queen of the world” which illustrates that teachers alone, shouldn't have to teach children how to read. Rather, children in her ideal kingdom would learn to read easily, long before they came to school. I'm not suggesting that children should be taught to read by their parents since that's a frightening prospect for many: 'Teach reading? How are we supposed to do that?' No formal teaching is required! Children can learn to read easily without being taught, by being read to, by playing games with words, and by falling head over heels in love with books. We need from an early age to develop a love of reading. Our Ten Point Plan Rewards Day will be at the end of this term so please work with your child to ensure that they are involved.

*“Many activities and team play participation will give you a training that will prove invaluable later on in life.”*

~ Walter Annenberg

**Christopher Jackson**  
**Principal**

**Small school “BIG” opportunities!**

# Coming Events

## TERM 1

### **March 2013**

P & C AGM-7pm Marshal McMahon  
John Heffernan Visit  
Willow Tree Horse Sports  
Blandford Horse Sports  
Cross Country/Easter Hat Parade

18<sup>th</sup> March  
20<sup>th</sup> March  
22<sup>nd</sup> March  
23<sup>rd</sup> March  
28<sup>th</sup> March

### **Lunch Orders**

Lunch orders on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> will be made by Tennille Kelly.

### **Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to Jay Dee Craft who turned 11 this week.



### **Thank you**

Thank you to Sophie Tacon and her family for donating such fantastic prizes to go toward the P & C Easter Raffle.

### **Thank You**

Thank you to Mandy Smith for volunteering her time and removing the fallen branch in the playground.

### **Harmony Day-By Andrea Makeham**

On Monday this week we had Harmony Day. Everyone dressed up in colourful clothes, because Teri from African Experience came. The K/1/2 went to her first then 3/4/5/6 went in. We all dressed up in African clothes and danced, cup songs, a story, plays and heaps more. After lunch K-6 all joined together and we made a huge collage of Africa. I did Mali with my partner. There are 55 countries in

Africa and Teri comes from Zimbabwe. I had the best day ever! It was a great experience. I would love to go to Africa.



Assembly was held by 3-6. Hosts were Josh Hall and Zaibiane Effer

## Awards



### K-1-2 Class

**Natalie Payne** for writing letters correctly in language (L3) activities.

**Kallee Lobsey** for improvement in dictation.

**Soppie Hawthorne** for being focussed and completing work with thought!

### Mrs Roseby

**Zaibiane Effer** for excellent work about snails.

### 3-4-5-6 Class

**Brodie Nankivell** for working well in handwriting. Very neat!

**Zaibiane Effer** for working well in mathematics groups.

### New Smoking Laws

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



Spectator areas of sports grounds or other recreational areas during organised sporting events.

### P&C News

Don't forget to please donate something "eastery" for the annual Easter Raffle. Keep an eye out for Kerralea selling raffle tickets at IGA on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Your Contribution helps raise funds for the students.

*Don't forget- The P&C AGM is on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March at 7pm Marshal McMahon. All positions will be vacant.*

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 or collect a form from Jaime at the office.



Year 6 Selling Cupcakes for St Patricks Day Fundraiser



Practice before Zone Soccer Trials



## Wallaby Week Ahead Term 1, 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>WEEK 5</b> P & C Meeting		John Heffernan Visit		K-2 Assembly

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### **Quirindi Junior Soccer Registration Is Open!**

This year each child's registration must be completed online at [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au), which will also include online payment. As a result there will be no face-to-face Registration Days. Registrations with payment need to be completed online by Wednesday 27 March 2013 to enable preliminary teams to be organised prior to our Grading Day 6 April. Enquiries or difficulties regarding registration may be directed to Derek Blomfield Ph: 0429 674724



2013 Registration Fees are:

- 5-7yrs - \$65
- 8-11yrs - \$75
- 12-18yrs - \$85

Players must be turning 5yrs in 2013 to take to the field and may register up to 18yrs (boys) or 19yrs (girls). Age ranges are based on the age your child turns in 2013. All 5-7yr old children will receive a free "small side" soccer ball and shin pads. Team shirts are provided for games. This year we also need parent volunteers for the positions of team coaches, the canteen roster and we particularly need an assistant for our Canteen Coordinator. Further information including details for the Grading Day will be in the Quirindi Advocate.

#### **Cross Country Training**

Cross Country training will be starting next week-Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> march.

Tuesdays- 3.45 at the Quirindi Golf Course

Thursdays- 3.45 at Quirindi No 1 Oval

All sessions will be for 1 hour. Please bring plenty of water.

Any queries ring Abs on 0427 473 816