



Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

“Excellence in Learning”

Term 1 Week 11 ~ 12th April, 2013

Principal's Message

The holidays are upon us and everyone is anxious for the break after a very busy beginning to the school year. Our students and teachers have worked extremely hard and deserve a well-earned break. I would like to take this opportunity to remind the children and their families about being careful while they are away during the holiday break.

If your family is going away on a visit, make it a rule that you must always be able to see them and they must always be able to see you. It may sound simple, but keep reminding them periodically, especially if you think they're getting restless. Something I found helpful with my own children was the "two giant steps" rule – My kids could never be more than two giant steps away from me. It's a fun and easy way for young children to remember not to wander away.

Before every holiday at our Friday assemblies I remind the children that if they ever become separated from their parents, they should look for a "safe stranger" for help. Some examples I've given are shop assistants, and with older children, agreeing on a "meeting place" ahead of time, in case you become separated is a great idea.

Once again with my boys I established the "check first" rule particularly with older children. They must always check first with you before going anywhere in a public place, including another store, play area, or even the toilets. On that point always bring young children into the toilets with you.

Some of these safety issues may be obvious but it's important to remind our children of the possible issues that they may face with regard to "stranger danger". I always let my children know that it isn't what people look like that makes them unsafe; it's what they ask a child to do that makes someone "thumbs down."

Keeping all these points in mind I hope you have a safe and happy holiday, and wishing all your children stay KIDSAFE!!

Christopher Jackson
Principal

Small school “BIG” opportunities!

Coming Events

TERM 2

April 2013
May 2013

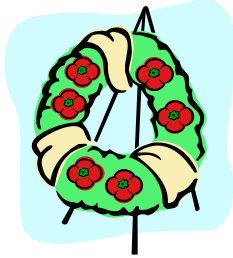
Anzac Day
Students return

25th
1st



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Jamie Upperton who turned 12 this week.



Anzac Day-Reminder

On the Thursday 25th April students are invited to participate in the Anzac Day March and Service. Students are to meet a staff member at 10.45am in front of the Quirindi Post Office. The Anzac Day March will start at 10.55am. Students are to wear full winter school uniform.

Thank you Mr Findlay

For the last month Mr Findlay has been working in 3-6 classroom. It has been wonderful having him in our school and look forward to his next visit.



Thank you Mrs Freeman

The Wallabadah Public School has appreciated the time and effort that Mrs Freeman has dedicated to the school this year. We would like to wish her the very best. She has assisted Mrs Saunders in the junior room and Mrs Barnett in the office.



Woolworths Earn & Learn

Woolworths Earn & Learn has returned for 2013. If you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn points from the checkout operator and place them on a points sheet. Once completed they can be placed in the box in the office foyer. Points go towards the purchase of resources for the school.

No Assembly this week.

Awards



K-1-2 Class

Caitlin Davies for a great improvement in sightword knowledge.

Dempsey Smith for excellent results in Mathematics.

Patrick Penick for trying very hard in all work throughout the term.

Mrs Roseby

Sophie Hawthorne for taking a lot of care with neatness.

3-4-5-6 Class

Brodie Nankivell for polite and courteous behaviour.

Jock Barnett for consistent effort in class.

P&C News

The prize winners for the 2013 Easter Raffle were:

Prize 1-Amanda Young, Prize 2-Brad Craft, Prize 3-Annah O'neil Shaw, Prize 4-Gary Stinson, Prize 5-Emily Cronin, Prize 6-Delores Nankivell, Prize 7-Sienna Cronin, Prize 8-Andrew Makeham, Prize 9-Sophie Tacon, Prize 10-J Sullivan, Prize 11-R Hatch.

Raffle Tickets will be sent home today for a Mother's day Raffle, which has some fantastic prizes.

We hope you have a Happy Holiday.



Wallaby Week Ahead Term 2, 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>WEEK 1</u>		Students Return		

Sip & Crunch

Each week we will be including a spot about Sip & Crunch. The first ones are:

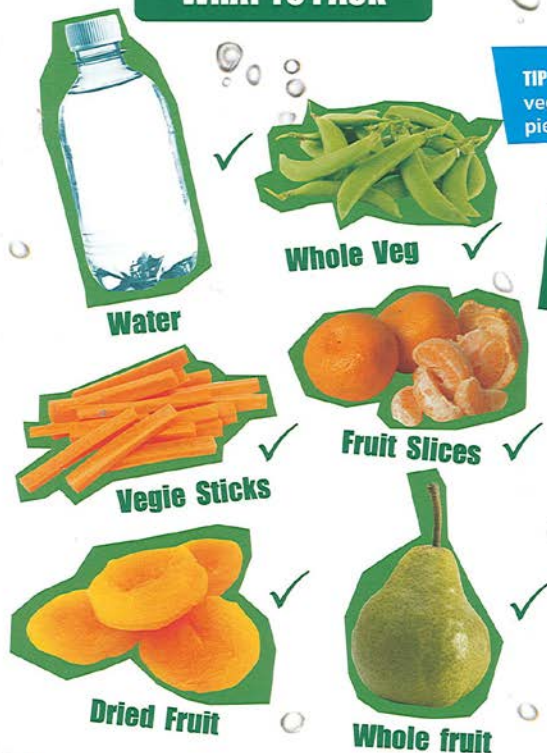
Quaydan Effer "Grapes, they taste juicy."

Alanamae Abbott Blundell "I like grapes, I love carrots"



Please always pack plain water and some vegetables or fruit. Some ideas are:

WHAT TO PACK



TIP: For younger children, chop vegetables and fruit into bite size pieces

TIP: On weekends, get the whole family involved with Crunch&Sip® at home

TIP: Vegetables and fruit taste best and are cheaper when you buy what's in season

TIP: If you can't buy fresh, try canned fruit in natural juice

PLEASE DO NOT PACK



COMMUNITY NEWS

Quirindi Junior Basketball

With several enquires regarding late registrations for our Term 2/3 Friday Night Competition Quirindi Basketball has decided to hold one FINAL registration day this Saturday April 13th at the Quirindi High School Hall from 9:00am to 11:00am. Numbers have already exceed 2012 and due to the structure of our competition we will be unable to accept further registrations after this date .

Our Junior competition is a mixed gender competition with four Divisions, Mini Ball years 1 & 2, years 3, 4 & 5 Division, years 6 & 7 Division and years 8, 9 & 10 Division. Enquiries please contact Terry Beresford on 0412787680.

Players are reminded that they must wear black shorts with no external pockets for our Friday night competition. A detailed list of our local rules is available on our website www.quirindibasketball.com.au under the competitions tab.