



# Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

## “Excellence in Learning”

*Term 1 Week 9 ~ 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2013*

### *Principal's Message*



Christopher Jackson  
Principal  
Small school “BIG” opportunities!

**Happy  
Easter**

# Coming Events

## TERM 1

**April 2013**

Last Day of Term 1  
Anzac Day Service

12th  
25<sup>th</sup>

### Lunch Orders

Thank you to Amanda Young and Natasha Payne for making lunches this week. There will be no lunches next week.

### Free to Good Home

The school fish tank. If anyone is interested please see Jaime at the front office. Please see us before the holidays as it will be getting removed. First in best dressed.

### Young Leaders By Lia Robertson and Jamie Upperton

On Monday the 25<sup>th</sup>, Jamie Upperton and I went to Sydney for the National Young Leaders Day. All 7000 kids arrived at the Sydney Entertainment Centre to listen to 5 speakers. Mike Martin was the first speaker, the second had 20 businesses before he had even finished school and was a billionaire before he was 30 his name was Creel Price. He taught us to look forward to our future. Bret Lee was the third speaker. He is a former investigator and police officer which taught us valuable lessons on how to use the internet properly. He also trained soldiers in Iraq. The fourth speaker was Jessica Fox. A silver medallist in the London Olympics for white water canoeing. She taught us to grab a goal and work for it, no matter how much else you have to do. The fifth speaker was Nathan Hindmarsh. A former captain for the Parramatta Eels. He taught us to look for a future and work for it and keep working no matter what gets in the way. Everyone had great fun!



### Young Leader's Conference from a parent's point of view

*I don't like crowds and cringed at the idea of going to an event with 6,000 children. But the entertainment centre is a wonderful venue for big crowds and the day progressed so much smoother than I dared hope. The speakers were all very inspirational and well timed – there was no time to lose interest! I was especially impressed by the speech about being a leader on the internet, which condensed into an important thought: Be your real self in the cyber world and don't hide behind a fictional you. If you want to know more about the conference or the speakers please ask Jaime at the school – I will leave some info with photos at the school after Easter. I would like to thank the school for giving Lia and myself the opportunity to take part in such a special event and I hope both of us can implement some of the acquired*

*leadership skills in our school and pass it on to our own community. Nikki Robertson*

### **Horse Sports Fun**

Last Friday Sasha, Sophie H and Jayde eagerly and energetically attended the Willow Tree Horse Sports Day. It was a first for Sophie and Jayde and they had a good mentor in Sasha, who proved very able on the day. The day's highlight for Sasha was all the sporting events and winning the pair of hacks with Laura Frear. Sophie liked making new friends and especially liked her troop leader Skye, who kept the 8 year olds entertained during their waiting time with sing-a-longs!! Jayde's favourite events were the barrel race, can race and bending where she sped her way into two 1<sup>st</sup>s and one 2<sup>nd</sup> ribbon.

The three girls continued on Monday and enjoyed a warm day full of competition at the Blandford Horse Sports Day. Sophie swapped onto another pony, "Shiver", who she had a lot of fun on in the sporting events and collected four ribbons for the day. Sasha looked dashing on her grey pony, "Daisy", and collected a few ribbons for the day, but she mostly enjoys the sporting events. Jayde had a lot of fun on "Paris" and was lucky enough to receive the 9 year old girl encouragement award.

Well done to all three girls for their participation and ribbons. No doubt they will be keenly awaiting their next Horse Sports Day, which could well be our own scheduled to run September 20,2013.



### **Southern Regional Soccer Trials-By Brodie Nankivell**

On the 21.2.13 Henry, Ben, Sasha and I had to go to Gunnedah and represent Quirindi Zone Soccer Trials. We had to go to Gunnedah and play a couple of games and we had to have skills to get through. Ben, Sasha, Henry and I had Skills but were not good enough . Two people from Quirindi got through. We all had fun!

### **ASCA Awards-By Emily Cronin**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2013 Lia, Henry, Sienna and I went down to The Kings School,at Parramatta, Sydney to each get a medal. Lia and I each got a studio medal. Sienna got a studio achievement medal and Henry got a centre medal. They also had children performing some items that they did in their ASCA exams. My favourite item was a speech on rights of women. I had a lot of fun and I will definitely be doing ASCA again this year. I hope more people join in this year.





### P&C News

Thank you to everyone for all your kind donations towards the Easter Raffle. We would like to thank all families for their big effort in selling the raffle tickets. A Big Thank you to Natasha Payne, Kerralea & Jamie Effer for selling raffle tickets at Carlo's IGA Quirindi. Happy Easter!

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.

### Cross Country

A great morning was had at the Wallabadah Race Course. We thank the Race Committee for preparing the course for the school. All Children did their best for what is a very challenging course. The results for the day were:

Senior Boy Champion-Henry Saunders

Senior Girl Champion-Sasha Mackay

Junior Boy Champion-Zack Sweeney

Junior Girl Champion- Eve Porter

Juvenile Boy Champion-Joey Reedy

Juvenile Girl Champion-Alanamae Abbott-Blundell

Runner up- James Sherwood

Runner up- Lia Robertson

Runner up-Quaydan Effer

Runner up- Jayde Smith

Runner up- Brayden Smith

Runner up- Natalie Payne



## Wallaby Week Ahead Term 1, 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b><u>WEEK 5</u></b> Easter Monday	Children Return			Poetry Assembly