



Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

“Excellence in Learning”

Term 2 Week 2 ~ 10th May, 2013

Principal's Message

Next week children in Year 3 and 5 will be sitting the NAPLAN tests which measure the progress of each student. NAPLAN gives parents an indication of their child's learning stage, allows teachers and parents to identify any areas in which the child may benefit from help, and ensures that the requirements set by the syllabus are being met at school-level. All Australian primary students in Year 3 and Year 5 undertake the test.

The first test is the Language Conventions test which will be held in the morning for 40 minutes, followed by the writing test in the afternoon which is about 50 minutes.

Wednesday the children will be doing the Reading part of the NAPLAN which is also about 50 minutes. This will be done in the morning session from 10:00am.

On Thursday the children will complete the fourth and final part of the NAPLAN, Numeracy. The numeracy test questions are a combination of multiple choice questions and questions requiring students to write numbers, identify errors, shade areas or indicate direction. The test covers all aspects of numeracy.

Children in Yr 3 and 5 will be working in the Library for all these tests. They will not need any equipment.

The results of this test provide valuable information about what students know and what they can do with language and numbers. The results are presented in two reports - Parent reports and School reports.

Parent reports provide parents/caregivers with information on what your child can do, how your child's results compare with the rest of the students in Australia in each of the literacy and numeracy skills tested, and the achievement level your child falls into in each of the parts of the test. These results are sent to schools in the second half of the year.

Christopher Jackson
Principal

Small school “BIG” opportunities!

Coming Events

TERM 2

May 2013

P & C Meeting @ Marshal McMahon- 7pm
NAPLAN-Year 3&5
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
EvironCom
Zone Cross Country

13th May
14th-16th May
23rd May
23rd May
24th May

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders will be on Monday 13th May.
Meagan Hall will be making lunches this week.

Birthdays

There were no birthdays this week.

Naplan

Next Tuesday 14th to Thursday 16th,
years 3 and 5 will be sitting for NAPLAN.
It is important that all children attend
school as this is a national assessment.

Term 2 Canteen Roster

Week 2	Cheryl Bray
Week 3	Meagan Hall
Week 4	Mandy Smith
Week 5	Helen Smith
Week 6	Tennille Kelly
Week 7	Amanda Young
Week 8	Natasha Payne
Week 9	Brian Stocks

Grip Leadership Conference- A Parents Insight

As a working parent, it is hard to have the opportunity to be involved with events held throughout the year but this time I managed to find myself supervising 7 of our year 6 students in amongst 560 other students!! It was a fantastic day and I strongly urge other parents in coming years to let their children attend. Our students were taught leadership skills that will not only help them at school, but throughout their life time as well. They were asked to step outside their comfort zone in several of the activities held. It was really interesting to watch and hear their comments like "oh no!" turn into "this is fun" at the end of the activity. Our hosts knew exactly how to engage their audience and it was a very enjoyable day for us all. Thank you to our school for supporting this event and thank you to the parents for trusting me with their very well mannered children. Well done to all concerned.

Joyann Upperton



Thank you

A big Thank you to the Upperton family for their kind donation of resources on leadership.

There was a Poetry Assembly this week. Hosts were Joey Reedy, Andrea Makeham, Brodie Nankivell.



AWARDS

K-1-2 Class

Lochlan Cronin for fantastic spelling in written work.

Joey Reedy for a great recital of a Henry Lawson poem.

Sienna Cronin for really showing an interest and getting her teeth into Reading!!

Mrs Roseby

Caitlin Davies for being a good listener in the Library.

3-4-5-6 Class

Jayde Smith for concentrating on mental this week.

Henry Saunders for excellence in Problem Solving.



Crunch & Sip

Why are vegetables and fruit so important? Eating a variety of foods is important for good health, both now and in future. Poor eating habits have been linked to a number of diseases, such as heart problems and some forms of cancer.

This week we have Joshua and Logan Hall:

Josh " My mum cuts up apples for me for crunch & sip"

Logan " I love manderines"



Wallaby Week Ahead Term 2, 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>WEEK 3</u>	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	3-6 Assembly

P&C News

A P&C meeting will be held on the 13th May at 7pm at the Marshal McMahon. Please come along. It was great to see so many new faces at the AGM.

Thank you to the P&C Fundraising committee for organizing the Mother's Day raffle. We really appreciated your hard work and effort. Well Done!



COMMUNITY NEWS

May Movies at the Quirindi Royal Theatre

Saturday 11th

3.00 pm Anna Karenina M
5.30 pm Warm Bodies M

Sunday 12th

3.00 pm Anna Karenina M
5.30 pm Warm Bodies M

Saturday 25th

3.00 pm Safe Haven PG13
5.30pm Jack the Giant Slayer PG13

Sunday 26th

3.00pm Safe Haven PG13
5.30pm Jack the Giant Slayer PG13



Friday 17th May Royal Theatre Fundraiser
Shop two ten Fashion Parade-Tickets \$15.00