



Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

“Excellence in Learning”

Term 3, Week 4 ~ 9th August, 2013

Principal's Message

Wow! We are almost half way through Term 3 and each week just gets busier and more exciting. Our school planning for next year is already underway. If you know of anyone who has a likely enrolment for Wallabadah Public School's Kindergarten in 2014, would you mind asking them to contact the school and we will assist them with the enrolment process.

Student Medical Forms

During Term 3 we will be updating our medical records system to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child's health.

Each family received a copy of the new forms last week. If your child has a medical condition or your medical details have changed, you will need to fill the form out and return it to us as soon as possible.

If you require additional forms, please let Jaime know. We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information.

Small Schools' Spelling Bee at Blackville

This year we are entering six students in the Small Schools' Spelling Bee at Blackville Public School on Wednesday, 14th August commencing at 9.30 am. Our school representatives this year are:- Joey Reed, Sienna Cronin, Eve Porter, Henry Saunders, Lia Robertson and Emily Cronin. A note with further details will be sent home on Monday, 12th August.

Becoming a Good Speller

Spelling is an important skill but one that can be a problem for many children.

There are some simple strategies you can use to help your child develop confidence in their spelling ability.

What you can do to help your child with spelling:

- Explain to your child that some words can be sounded out, but not all English words can be spelt correctly by 'sounding out', eg the words 'you' and 'said'.
- Talk to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don't know how to spell a word.
- Encourage your child to write at home on paper and on the computer. For example, filling in forms, writing notes to family members, writing phone messages and reminder notes, making lists, replying to letters and emails, and sending cards.
- Provide a dictionary and use it together. Remember that dictionaries are more useful if your child knows about the alphabet and how a dictionary works.
- Encourage your child to first try spelling unknown words themselves, and then praise the parts of the word that are correct and suggest what else is needed.

Vicki York
Relieving Principal

Small school “BIG” opportunities!

Coming Events

TERM 3

August

Blackville Spelling Bee

14th

PSSA Zone Athletics

15th

Open day

21st

September

ASCA

4th

Lunch Orders

Thank you to Meagan Hall for once again making lunches this week. On Monday, 12th August, Helen Smith is rostered on for lunch orders.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Eve Porter who turned 8 this week.



MSP Photography

We would like to extend our thanks to MSP Photography for coming to our school on Wednesday to take free promotional photos. We are looking forward to seeing these magnificent photos and using them in the near future to promote our wonderful small school.

Book Week/Open Day Celebration

On Wednesday, 21st August the children will be celebrating their achievements. Parents and friends are invited to come to the school to visit the children's classrooms and view work samples. The day will start at 11am with morning tea. This will be followed by open classrooms and entertainment. A book character parade will be held after a sausage sizzle lunch. Year 6 will be providing cakes for morning tea and they will be cooking the bbq lunch. All proceeds will go towards their year 6 gift to the school at the end of the year. A flyer will be sent home next week.

Small Schools Soccer Knockout

Congratulations to the Wallabadah Soccer team for progressing as far as they did in the PSSA Small Schools Soccer Knockout. Thank you to Rory Sherwood for coaching the team this year. Thank you Belinda Sherwood for washing the shirts after each match. We would also like to thank all the parents for providing transport and supporting the students at each match.



Soccer- By Zack Sweeney

Yesterday Wallabadah played soccer against Willow Tree at Golland Fields in Quirindi. It was a tough game, however, all the players on our team tried hard and worked together well as a team. Ben got the ball away from Willow Tree lots of times with the help of the whole team. Zaibiane was an excellent goalie, but Willow Tree somehow got the ball back and into their goals, resulting in a 2-0 win for them. We had lots of fun and can't wait until the next game!

Absent from photo: Jay Dee Craft and Sasha Mackay.



A Poetry Assembly was held this week. Hosts were Caitlin Davies, Kallee Lobsey, Patrick Penick, Joshua Hall, Zaibiane Effer and James Sherwood.



AWARDS

K-1-2 Class

Caitlin Davies for wonderful writing skills this week.

Sophie Hawthorne for displaying great independent reading skills.

Eve Porter for beautiful presentation of work.

Mrs Roseby

Jamie Upperton for always being polite and well mannered.

3-4-5-6 Class

Jamie Upperton for application to work in Mathematics.

Jayde Smith for learning her 9 times tables.

HELPFULWEBSITES

I have fun with faces

Try our fun, free app that helps preschoolers develop their reading and numeracy skills.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/educational-games/i-have-fun-with-faces>

When to start school

Starting school is a big step. How do you know if your child is ready? This video

Kindergarten features teachers discussing this sometimes tricky issue.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/is-my-child-ready-to-start-school>



Wallaby Week Ahead Term 3, 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>WEEK 4</u>		Blackville Spelling Bee	Quirindi Zone PSSA Athletics	3-6 Assembly

EdAlive

Complete Learning Initiative - Huge savings on EdAlive software bundles

EdAlive has announced the new Complete Learning Initiative (CLI) to give families the opportunity to use the same software at home that we have licences for use at school.

- 46 titles up to 95% off
- Incredible value bundles from \$19.95
- Complete, consolidate or update your collection
- Fun learning for your child
- Free 3 month ZooWhiz Premium subscription for each child

We have distributed the CLI leaflets to school families. **Please return your orders to the school by Friday 30th August, 2013**

The leaflets have been handed out with this newsletter.

10th August
Flautist Jane Rutter
2.30pm for 3.00pm start. Tickets \$35.00



Australia's foremost flautist and instrumental artist Jane Rutter, captures the depth of sensuality with her flute playing. Jane is a household name in Australia who performs and tours extensively worldwide. She is one of the world's leading exponents of the Rampal School of French flute playing. Renowned for her classical, multi-media and cabaret performances. She is a classical trailblazer who has taken classical music to places previously unheard of and has paved the way for many.

17th August 7.00pm
Tickets 25.00

His relatable, high energy comic story-telling and winning charisma have effectively charmed audiences all over Australia and the world. It's impossible not to be swept away by Breen's sheer talent and charm.



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**Bookings for both live performances Shoppe Two Ten, Quirindi
Royal Theatre, email sara.winsten-smith@lpsc.nsw.gov.au**