



Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

“Excellence in Learning”

Term 3, Week 7 ~ 30th August, 2013

Principal's Message

New Working with Children Check

The new Working with Children Check (WWCC) process commenced on **15 June 2013** in accordance with the *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012* and the *Child Protection (Working with Children) Regulation 2013*.

The Department's revised *Working with Children Check Policy* and *Working with Children Check Procedures* are now available at https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_serv/child_protection/work_child/PD20050264.shtml?level=Schools.

Existing child-related workers in schools

The new process **will not** have an immediate impact on existing employees, volunteers (including those currently placed on a volunteer engagement list) and contractors in schools. Subject to the conditions outlined in Appendix 9 of the *Working with Children Check Procedures*, they will not be required to meet the new WWCC requirements until the following dates:

- 31 December 2016** – for existing employees, volunteers and contractors in secondary schools; or
- 31 December 2017** – for existing employees, volunteers and contractors in primary schools, central schools, schools for specific purposes (SSP), infants schools, hospital schools and environmental education centres.

New child-related workers in schools

New employees, volunteers and contractors (i.e. those to be newly employed or engaged from 15 June 2013) will be required to meet relevant requirements under the new WWCC process. The requirements are outlined in Appendix 1 of the *Working with Children Check Procedures*.

New employees, volunteers and contractors in child-related work cannot commence employment or engagement until they have met the relevant WWCC requirements.

More information and copies of the relevant forms will be available at the front office and at the P&C Meeting on Monday night at the Marshall McMahon commencing at 7pm.

Vicki York
Relieving Principal

Small school “BIG” opportunities!

Coming Events

TERM 3

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| September | P & C Meeting | 2 nd |
| | ASCA | 5 th |
| | Chess Competition/Tamworth | 6 th |
| | Regional Athletics | 6 th |
| | Life Education Van | 10 th |
| | Musica Viva 'Zeeko' | 10 th |
| | Wallabadah Horse Sports | 20 th |

Lunch Orders

Thank you to Amanda Young for making lunches this week. Natasha Payne will be making lunch orders on Monday 2nd September. If anyone would like to help, please put your name on the roster at the front office.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Henry Saunders who turned 11 this week.



Toner Cartridge

We have a QI-27X toner cartridge suitable for HP LaserJet and Canon printers. If anyone could use this cartridge, please see Jaime at the front office.

*Congratulations to
Mrs Saunders on
celebrating her 20 year
service to the
Department of
Education. Well Done!*



Capers Rehearsal

Years 3/5/6Y were fortunate enough to have Mrs Natalie Brown, the massed Choir conductor for CAPERS visit our school to practise the songs today.

The children all enjoyed rehearsing these songs. Mrs Brown will be visiting our school in the first week of term 4 for further rehearsals.

Thank you, Mrs Brown.

ASCA

Next Thursday, 5th September at 9:20am, Joey, Sienna, Joshua, Jayde, Emily, Henry, Lia and Sasha will be participating in the ASCA speaking program. An adjudicator from Sydney will be visiting our school for the presentation. Mrs Sally Kemble has been kindly donating her lunch breaks to listen to and prepare the students. Thank you, Mrs Kemble.



A Poetry Assembly was held this week. Hosts were Jayde Smith, Jay Dee Craft, Zane Smith, Logan Hall, Natalie Payne and Alanamae Abbott-Blundell.

AWARDS



K-1-2 Class

Logan Hall for trying hard in “counting on” activities.

Natalie Payne for working hard to improve sentence writing.

Kallee Lobsey for working extremely hard, with a positive attitude.

Mrs Roseby

Sasha Mackay for being a quick thinker.

3-5-6 Class

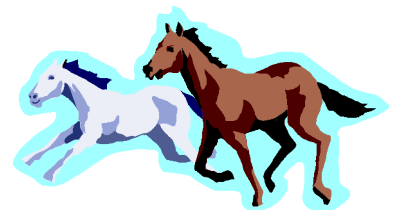
Joshua Hall for improvement with times tables. Well done.

Andrea Makeham for attention to detail in all her school work.

Sasha Mackay for outstanding application to all tasks.

Wallabadah Horse Sports

We would like to thank Mr Peter Kearney from Barmeath Horse Transport for kindly donating the splendid Highest Point Score trophies for the Wallabadah School Horse Sports. Entries have been coming in and this is gearing up to be a great event.



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. 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.



Wallaby Week Ahead Term 3, 2013

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| <u>WEEK 8</u> P & C Meeting | | | ASCA 9.20am | No Assembly Regional Athletics and Chess (Tamworth) |

P & C News Fathers' Day Trivia Night

Who needs heating when there are brains oozing heat from thinking??? And the questions at the Fathers' Day Trivia Night certainly tested everybody's knowledge about Australia, deadly animals, tourism attractions, sports. There were fabulous prizes and every



participant walked away with a prize at the end of the night. It was a very tough competition, with the three winning teams narrowly lead by the Piklopedias, followed by Veggie Fred's V's and the Housos giving up the lead of the first round to home in on third place. A big thank you to all the sponsors Leanne Hamilton Smith, Mitre 10 Quirindi, Quirindi Pharmacy and Emporium, Terminus Hotel Quirindi, Tamworth Dental Clinic, Quirindi Grain & produce, Quirindi RSL, Marshal McMahon Wallabadah, Riccardo's, Quirindi Newsagents, Aboriginal Corporation, Reillys Quirindi, Country Classics Quirindi, Peel Valley Machinery Quirindi, Menswear

Super Cheap Auto Tamworth, The Coffee Pot Quirindi and Wallabadah Store. Thank you to the thinkers who turned up to support our P&C and Natasha who organized it all, it was a great night with lots of laughs.

**P & C Meeting at the Marshall
McMahon- Monday, 2nd
September at 7pm.
Everyone is Welcome.**

National Child Protection Week 1-7 September

Protecting children is everyone's business. Play your part by reporting the abuse, neglect or exploitation of a child to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Find out more: <http://napcan.org.au/>