



# Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

## “Excellence in Learning”

*Term 3, Week 9 ~ 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2013*

2014

While I know it seems a long way off at the moment, the end of the year does tend to come in a rush. In order to assist us in beginning our planning for 2014, if you know of any Kindergarten students for next year who have not already notified the school of their enrolment, to please contact us on 67465512 **as soon as possible**. We will be having a ‘Come and Try’ Morning for new enrolments in Week 2 of next term.

**Please Note:** Our Kinder ‘Come and Try’ Day is a separate event to our Kindergarten Orientation Day which is held later in Term 4. On Orientation Day, our confirmed Kindies for 2014 come into the school and spend some time in the classrooms, while parents/carers meet with staff to find out more about our many school programs, about helping their child prepare for school and the general routines and events they can expect throughout the year. **Stay tuned for the date of Orientation Day!**

I recently read an article by **Miro Martin** on ‘What makes a great school?’ This article identified one key feature as *“great schools have great participation by all members of the community”*. If this is the case, Wallabadah is certainly a great school. The sporting, academic and cultural events within our school this term have certainly seen staff, parents and children working together to ensure all students have every opportunity to experience success and enjoyment from learning. Without the support and work of parents and staff and the kind donations of the broader community, we would not be able to meet the needs of our students to the level at which we do. Thank you!

### Attention: Creative Kids

I have attached some information from the Tamworth Regional Gallery who are offering a variety of workshops in the school holidays for children. There will have:

- Classes for 7-10 year olds each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning of the holidays from 10.30am-12.30pm
- Classes for 10-14 year olds each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the holidays from 2pm-4pm.

Workshops range from drawing, printmaking and painting to wearable art and sculpture. Costs are \$20.00 per child per workshop. This includes all materials but students are asked to bring a paint shirt. Please contact the gallery on 67675248 for more details or to make a booking.

Vicki York  
Relieving Principal

Small school “BIG” opportunities!

# Coming Events

## TERM 3

**September** Wallabadah Horse Sports  
Last day of Term 3  
**October** Students Return

20<sup>th</sup>  
20<sup>th</sup>  
8<sup>th</sup>

## Lunch Orders

Thank you to Vicki Hawthorne for making lunch orders on Monday. Meagan Hall will be making lunches on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like to help make lunches in term 4, please put your name down at the front office.

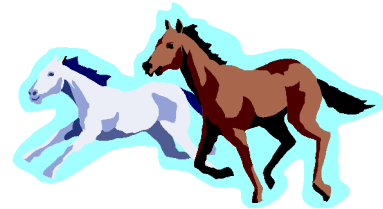


## Birthdays

Happy birthday to Kallee Lobsey who celebrated her 7<sup>th</sup> birthday earlier in the week.

## Wallabadah Horse Sports-Raffle

Raffle tickets are for sale through the front office for the Wallabadah Horse Sports. There are some fantastic prizes to be won. Tickets are \$2.00 each OR 3 for \$5.00. All money raised goes to our P & C to further support extra programs within our school.



## Thank you

We would like to thank Nikki and Debbie Askin for kindly donating their time to sell raffle tickets at the Federal Hotel, Quirindi. The money donated to the school will be going towards resources for the Wallabadah students.

## Reminder

A reminder that Student Portfolios need to be returned to school asap. Thank you.

## Musica Viva, "Zeeko" By Eve Porter

On Tuesday we caught the bus to Quirindi to Musica Viva. At the start, they blew into bottles. Their names were David, Jess and Jess. My favourite instrument was the water phone. When I got home, I told mum all about it. It was so much fun!



## Chess Report By Emily Cronin

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September, Andrea, Henry and I went to the chess Tournament at Tamworth Public School. We played a Quirindi team, a couple of St Joseph's teams and Tamworth Public Team. We all had a couple of wins. There were some very good players. The team that won, only lost 2 games out of 3 players. It was a really good day.



### Life Education By Henry Saunders

It was Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> when the Healthy Harold van arrived and everyone had great time learning about educational information. The only bad bit was Healthy Harold forgot to have a bath! Some of the kids eve got to order something like a handball but, after a big day everyone was tired.



A 3-6 Assembly was held this week. Hosts were Jock Barnett and Andrea Makeham.

## *AWARDS*



### K-1-2 Class

**Lochlan Cronin** for developing quick skills in subtraction to 10.

**Ashton Sweeney** for improvement in writing skills.

**Quaydan Effer** for making a continued effort to improve writing skills.

### Mrs Roseby

**Henry Saunders** for a fantastic report about Martin Luther King.

### 3-5-6 Class

**Emily Cronin** for pursuit of personal excellence.

**James Sherwood** for improvement in writing and spelling activities.

**Jock Barnett** for selecting and applying appropriate problem solving strategies in measurement.

**Congratulations to everyone in the 3-6 class for your fantastic Rainforest board games.**

### Student Medical Forms-Please Return by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September

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.

### **Water safety tips**

Beaches, lakes, rivers, creeks and pools are popular spots in summer for people young and old to cool off and have fun. Here are some easy steps you can take to make sure your child stays safe.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/water-safety-tips>

### **Camp giveaway**

As part of Sport and Recreation's outdoor education week you have the chance to win an adventure-packed family weekend away at a camp. Click on the link, watch the video and answer two easy questions to enter the competition. Good luck.

Find out more: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/win/index.asp>

### Naplan Results Delayed


*We received notification yesterday that NAPLAN results have been delayed. The following message was received from the Department of Education.*

"On Thursday 5 September the Australian Curriculum and Reporting Authority (ACARA) identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for Language Conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct.

ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered.

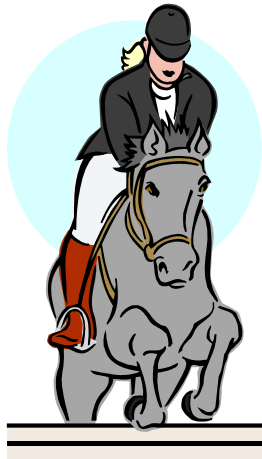
ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAAs) in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed.

This matter will result in the delay of the distribution of student reports. They will be sent home **in the week commencing 14th October.**

 Wallaby Week Ahead Term 3, 2013				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>WEEK 10</u>				Wallabadah Horse Sports  Last Day of Term 3

### P & C News

#### PARENT HELPERS NEEDED



Wallabadah Horse Sports is on next Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. The P & C will be running the canteen for this event. Due to a large number of parent helpers running the day, we are in desperate need of volunteers to run the canteen. This is an opportunity to raise valuable funds for the P & C who support your children. Please contact Cheryl on 6746 5521. Thank you!

It would be great to have some homemade cakes and slices to sell on the day. Please drop them off to school next Thursday.

Thank you for your support.