



# Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

## “Excellence in Learning”

*Term 1, Week 1 ~ 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2014*

*Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counsellors, and the most patient of teachers. ~Charles W. Eliot*

Welcome back to the 2014 school year. I have returned from my six months as relieving Principal at Kootingal looking forward to the wonderful challenges the new school year will bring at Wallabadah. It's great to be back.

At present we have 28 students enrolled, which is probably the lowest number over the past ten years. With healthy numbers predicted for future years and smaller classes in the upper grades it looks as though the enrolments will steadily increase. Staffing remains the same for 2014 with Mrs Barnett in the Office, Mrs Kemble our Teachers Aide, Mrs Saunders K-2, Mrs Godden 3-6 on Tuesdays and Mrs Roseby in the Library on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

There are a number of initiatives planned for this year, one being the upgrading of the technology within the school and the purchase of 20 iPads. This will certainly support the work currently being done in each of the classrooms.

At Wallabadah Public School we believe that books still play a very important part in your child's education. Computers and the internet may have “cornered the market” in research, but there is nothing better than curling up and absorbing yourself in a “good book”. We like to encourage children to read books of all kinds: picture, story, rhythm and rhyming, adventure and mystery, fantasy, interpersonal relationships, travel, reference, riddles and puzzles, arts and science. We would like reading to become a treasured part of your child's life.

As the pages of a book are turned, a child's world is broadened. Literature is valuable for many reasons: it sparks children's creativity and imagination; introduces them to new people, places, and ideas; builds their vocabulary and strengthens their use of language; and clarifies difficult situations and troublesome feelings. In short, books help children reach out to the world beyond home and community and perceive an ever-expanding array of possibilities.

The senior class is reading Colin Theiles “Storm Boy” this term which is a beautiful Australian book. A couple of years ago our children wrote to Colin Theile and in his reply he talked about “making the words work” and this has become a part of my teaching in the classroom every time I get children to write. Having children enthusiastic about books involves discussion about text. Predicting what might happen and why authors choose the right words are all apart of the process in the classroom

I look forward to meeting up with everyone and next weeks Swimming Carnival.

**Christopher Jackson**  
Principal

**Small school “BIG” opportunities!**

## Coming Events

### TERM 1

**February** Swimming Practise  
Swimming Carnival  
P & C Meeting-7pm @ Marshal Macmahon

4<sup>th</sup>  
6<sup>th</sup>  
10<sup>th</sup>

### Lunch Orders

Cheryl Bray is rostered on for Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February. If you are interested in volunteering for school lunches on a Monday between 12noon-1pm, please contact Cheryl Bray on 67465521 or Jaime at the front office on 67465512. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.



### Birthdays

Happy birthday to Quaydan Effer who turned 9 in the holidays.

### Swimming Carnival

Next week will be very exciting for the children attending Swimming School on Tuesday (11:45-1:15pm) and Thursday (9:30am-2pm). PLEASE make sure you emphasise the "FUN" involved in both days and bring EVERYONE along on Thursday.



## Welcome

We would like to welcome our new kindergarten students. This year we have 3 new students who have enjoyed their first couple of days at Wallabadah Public School.



We would also like to welcome Emily Dent in Year 2





What a great start to the year! K-2 with Mrs Saunders, 3-6 with Mr Jackson. (Absent- Brodie Nankivell)

No assembly was held this week.

## Awards



### K-1-2 Class

**Breanna Young** for being a good listener in class.

**Caitlin Davies** for great work habits in Year One this week!

**Dempsey Smith** for a wonderful improvement in reading!!

### 3-5-6 Class

**Jock Barnett** for showing initiative and maturity all week.


**Emily Cronin** for showing initiative and maturity all week.

### Did you know?

If your child misses as little as eight days in each term, by the end of primary education they will have missed a year of education. Attendance each day at school is critically important so that children have access to all learning opportunities and continually progress in their learning.



## Wallaby Week Ahead Term 1, 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>WEEK 2</u>	Swimming Practise		Swimming Carnival 	

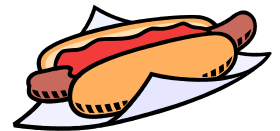
## P&C News

The P & C have a selection of new and used school uniforms available for purchase. Boys grey summer shirts are now available for \$20.00. For further enquiries please see the school office.

**P & C Meeting at the Marshall  
McMahon- Monday, 10<sup>th</sup>  
February at 7pm.  
Everyone is Welcome.**

### Lunch Order Price List 2014

Hot Dogs	\$2.00
Pie	\$2.50
Sausage Rolls	\$2.00
Pizza-Ham & Pineapple	\$2.00
Pizza-Cheese & Bacon	\$2.00
Chicken Nuggets (3)	\$1.50
Chicken Nuggets (6)	\$2.50
Chicken Nuggets (9)	\$3.50
Chicken Burger-with Lettuce & Mayo	\$3.50
Chicken Burger	\$3.00



## Events in the Liverpool Plains

February		
1	Royal Theatre Movie Weekend	Find out what's on by visiting the website <a href="http://www.quirindiroyaltheatre.com">www.quirindiroyaltheatre.com</a>
4	Napoleon VIP Night	Quirindi Pharmacy, Napoleon Demonstration, Champaign and nibbles on arrival, prizes to be won all night. Bookings essential, by 30. Jan on 6746 1255
8	QUOTA Markets	Fresh produce, arts and crafts at Rose Lee Park, Loder Street, Quirindi Contact: Jan 6747 1490
15	Royal Theatre Movie Weekend	Find out what's on by visiting the website <a href="http://www.quirindiroyaltheatre.com">www.quirindiroyaltheatre.com</a>
21	Quirindi Akubra Cup Race Day	Throw on your race outfit and bet up high at the Quirindi Cup! Fashion on the Fields and fast racing action! Quirindi Race Course gates open at 11.00am. Contact: ph: 6746 2476
23	Quirindi Village Miniature Railway	Scenic rides for young and old from 10.00am to 3pm. Other days and birthday party bookings by arrangement with David on 6746 5596
28	Art and All that Jazz	A festival celebrating the Arts through an Arts Exhibition Opening Night with music and light refreshments on Friday and workshops, stalls and entertainment throughout the weekend. At Wallabadah Hall. Contact: Tania Hartigan on 0427 462 155 or email <a href="mailto:taniarod@bigpond.com">taniarod@bigpond.com</a>