



Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

“Excellence in Learning”

Term 4, Week 6 ~ 14th November, 2014



One World Trade Centre

As some of you may know I have just returned from the United States after seeing my brother Jamie perform in Sting's new musical “The Last Ship” on Broadway. While I had a marvellous time away, it is always great to get back home to friends and family you love, and routines that you are used to.

While I was living in Manhattan I was amazed at the schools crammed in between tall office and apartment blocks. Children were really living and working in a concrete jungle. I imagined what it

would be like teaching in surroundings like this and how the children at Wallabadah would cope also. There was no green grass and no wide open space to throw or kick a ball around in. I imagine the

children who are so familiar with this sort of learning environment would find the open spaces and somewhat isolation here at Wallabadah just as difficult to deal with. An example that children learn in so many different ways.



Primary School West 47th St, Manhattan

In our classrooms we cater for individual learning styles. Children with talents are catered for just as those who need remediation or assistance in a particular area. Some children learn visually some by using concrete materials. Good teachers identify their student's needs and adapt their strategies to include all styles.

I was also reminded of how lucky we are living in Australia. The opportunities available and the caring nature we have towards our fellow man is what makes our country special.

I would like to thank Mrs Godden for stepping in to teach the Primary class during my absence and to Mrs Saunders for being Relieving Principal.

Christopher Jackson
Principal

Small school “BIG” Opportunities!

Coming Events

TERM 4

November

Kindy Orientation

18th

P & C Meeting

24th

Intensive Swimming

24th November - 5th December

December

QSSAF Practice

2nd

Quirindi High Orientation Day

3rd

QSSAF Performance

4th

Presentation Night

9th

Movie day

16th

P & C Xmas Tree

16th

Last day Term 4

17th

Lunch Orders

Thank you Mrs Dent for making lunches this week. Meagan Hall is rostered on for lunches on Monday 17th November.



Merit badges

Congratulations to Jock Barnett, Sophie Tacon and Dempsey Smith for receiving their Merit badges. Well done!

Wallaby Awards

Well done to Joey Reedy, Jayde Smith, Brodie Nankivell and

Natalie Payne for receiving their third Wallaby award. Great effort!



Remembrance Day

This year 11th November marked the 96th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914-18). On Tuesday, Wallabadah Public School observed one minutes silence at 11 am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts at a special assembly held by the school

captains, Jock Barnett and Emily Cronin.



Quirindi High School Visit

On Tuesday Year 6 has a visit from Miss Sally Chad-Deputy Principal, Mr John Chadwick-Yr 7 2015 Year Advisor and Captains Kaitlyn and Tristen. Students learnt about school routines, subjects and what they have to look forward to next year.



Welcome

This week we would like welcome Miss Jaymie Dorsett to our K-2 classroom. Miss Dorsett will be on Prac for the next month.

Intensive Swimming

Intensive swimming starts on Mon 24th November. Can you please make sure notes are returned by Thursday 20th November. The cost will be \$ 3 per day however a \$30.00 bulk payment can be paid to Jaime at the front office.



K-2 Work Samples



Little Red Bear, By Penny Mathews
"TOYWORLD" has been a wonderful UNIT in Science and English for K/1/2 this term. The children have continued to develop many great writing skills with so many books to motivate the students from our library.



The clouds are big, dark, and scary and soggy. A dog is soaking wet in the cold, dark rain. There are colourful umbrellas that people are holding. Its dirty and slippery on the path while cold wet rain is pouring from up in the hailing sky.

By Kallee Lobsey



No assembly was held this week.

Awards



K-1-2 Class

Sophie Tacon for excellent skills in Art and Craft this week!

Brian Stocks for an improved commitment to homework and reading.

Natalie Payne for writing more descriptive sentences! Keep it up!

Mrs Roseby

Sienna Cronin for an excellent report on Louis Braille.

Mrs Kemble

Joey Reedy for enthusiasm towards enrichment activities.

3-6 Class

Quaydan Effer for improvement in timestables.

Amy Crowhurst for an excellent newspaper report.

STOP, THINK, DO

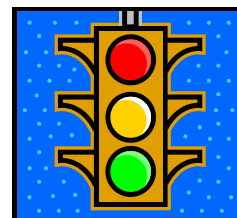
Rule of the Week

No running on cement, hard surfaces or up stairs.

Awards

Alanamae Abbott-Blundell for playing happily in the playground.

Sienna Cronin for playing happily with her friends.



Wallaby Week Ahead Term 4, 2014

"Skin Cancer Week"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>WEEK 7</u>	Kinder Orientation			3-6 Assembly

Headlice

Around 23 per cent of primary school children screened through the NSW Health Nitbusters program have head lice. Head lice are a very common problem that most parents and teachers are more than familiar with. If your child has head lice here are some treatment tips:

- Do not treat your child if their scalp is irritated or inflamed
- Always read the head lice product label and directions before you apply it to your child's head. Products can be found in local chemists
- Apply the head lice product to every strand of your child's hair and work through, leave for 20 minutes, and comb out with a good quality lice comb
- Check your child's head and if dead lice are found, the product has worked. However make sure you re-treat your child's head in seven days to catch nymphs that have emerged from unhatched eggs
- Reduce the risk of your child catching head lice by tying their hair back or braiding it.

Little Aussie Songsters competition

An Australia Day competition where primary students can video their singing of our national anthem. For further details, visit <http://www.aussievault.com.au/vault/136/detail/little-aussie-songster> .

The competition is now open and will close on **Saturday 14 February 2015**.