



# Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

## “Excellence in Learning”

*Term 4, Week 7 ~ 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2014*

Do you know how to swim? Do your loved ones know how to swim? It seems like a simple enough question but the simple truth is that being able to swim could save your life. Learning to swim is a vital skill for all ages, especially children.

Swimming should not be thought of as a sport, it is a life skill and is the entitlement of all children, in the same way they are taught to read or write. If a child does not learn football or netball at school, they miss an experience. If they do not learn to swim, they can lose their lives. Our Swimming School commences next week and continues into week 9. Teaching swimming at Wallabadah P.S. is an important aspect of our curriculum and is given a high priority in education. A BIG thank you to Mrs Saunders for organising our swimming School and to our instructors Sue Boyle, Emily Barber, and Tess Howard. We would also like to thank the Wallabadah P&C who donated money to pay for the bus over the two weeks of Swimming School, and the parents who also volunteered to assist with travel.

### Keep Swimming

Two frogs fell into a deep cream bowl.  
One was an optimistic soul.  
But the other took the gloomy view.  
"We'll drown," he lamented without much ado,  
and with a last despairing cry,  
he flung up his legs and said "Goodbye".  
Quote the other frog with a steadfast grin,  
"I can't get out but I won't give in,  
I'll just swim around till my strength is spent,  
then I'll die the more content,"  
Bravely he swam to work his scheme,  
and his struggles began to churn the cream.  
The more he swam, his legs a flutter,  
the more the cream turned into butter.  
On top of the butter at last he stopped,  
and out of the bowl he gaily hopped.  
What is the moral? It's easily found ...  
If you can't hop out, keep swimming around!



**Christopher Jackson**  
**Principal**

**Small school “BIG” Opportunities!**

# Coming Events

## TERM 4

November

P & C Meeting

24<sup>th</sup>

Intensive Swimming

24<sup>th</sup> November - 5<sup>th</sup> December

December

QSSAF Practice

2<sup>nd</sup>

Quirindi High Orientation Day

3<sup>rd</sup>

QSSAF Performance

4<sup>th</sup>

Presentation Night

9<sup>th</sup>

Movie day

16<sup>th</sup>

P & C Xmas Tree

16<sup>th</sup>

Last day Term 4

17<sup>th</sup>

Please bring in items for the P & C Christmas hamper. Raffle tickets will be sent home shortly.



## Lunch Orders

Thank you Meagan Hall for making lunches this week. Cheryl Bray is rostered on for lunches on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November.



## Merit Badges

Congratulations to Jayde Smith and Brodie Nankivell for receiving their Merit badges. Well done!

## Wallaby Awards

Well done to Logan Hall for receiving his third Wallaby award. Great effort!



## Kinder Orientation

On Tuesday  
the new kinder's  
arrived in our  
school. We were  
given buddies.  
We had fun!  
We got to show them  
their new school.  
By Kyiana and Dylan







### Thank you Mrs Sutton


Thank you for taking the time to share with the children of Wallabadah your life experiences. Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.



### Putt Putt Golf-By Quaydan Effer and Zack Sweeney


Last Friday at 12 noon the school went to Putt Putt Golf. There were lots of fun lanes for the school to play on. Gary and Sergeant Hitchen were the ones who were running the golf. We all had a sausage sizzle for lunch. Then after lunch we were all tired and went back to school. We had lots of fun at Putt Putt and would like to thank everyone for a great afternoon.





Jayde melanie smith


## Behind The News



### Sun Safety

This week on Behind The News, Nathan the reporter put a Sun Safety reminder. A person was showing how bad and what Sun can do. There was a funny little duck that showed us what to do before we go out into the Sun.

EG: Slip, Slop, Slap.



### Behind the News

This week in *Behind the News*, 3-6 were reminded about Sun Safety, which fits in well with our 'Skin Cancer' focus week. Jayde Smith read her very informative report to Mr Mark Young-School Director during his recent visit to Wallabadah Public School.

### QSSAF

Wallabadah Public School have been busily preparing for QSSAF. The Practice day will be held at Quirindi High on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and the performance will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Further information will be sent home next week.





## Intensive Swimming

Intensive swimming will start on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> November and concluding on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2014.

Please ensure your child comes to school in normal uniform with a small bag containing swimmers, towel, sunscreen and goggles if necessary. Please make sure all clothes are clearly labelled.

A 3-6 assembly was held this week. Hosts were Emily Cronin and Tessi Walters.

## **Awards**



### K-1-2 Class

**Dylan Stocks** for having improved manners in class. Keep it up!!

**Ashton Sweeney** for presenting work with thought and neatness.

**Alanamae Abbott-Blundell** for working hard to improve handwriting skills.

### Mrs Roseby

**Brian Stocks** for awesome dancing.

**Tessi Walters** for embracing Wallabadah School so enthusiastically.

### Mrs Kemble

**Ashton Sweeney** for demonstrating initiative in reading strategies.

### 3-6 Class

**Quaydan Effer** for working well in mentals. Well done!

**Sophie Hawthorne** for excellent creative writing. Well done Soph!

### STOP, THINK, DO

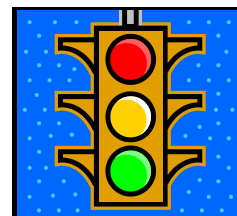
#### Rule of the Week

Always stay around the back of the school.

#### Awards

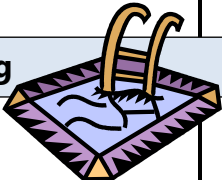
**Lochlan Cronin** for remembering our school rules.

**Dempsey Smith** for remembering school rules.



## **Wallaby Week Ahead Term 4, 2014**

"Swim Safety Week"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>WEEK 8</b> P & C Meeting 6:30pm @ Marshall McMahon				K-2 Assembly
Intensive Swimming 				

## **REMINDER – P&C**

P & C meeting to be held Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30pm –  
Marshall McMahon Pub

**All welcome to attend**