



# Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

## “Excellence in Learning”

*Term 1, Week 2 ~ 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2014*

What a wonderful day we all had at the pool yesterday. It was great to see ALL the children get in the pool and have fun. I am amazed at the progress they have made and their confidence in the water. Well done Wallabadah.

Swimming is an essential skill that needs to be encouraged. It is interesting to note that many animals are born with the ability to swim, but humans must learn practice before being able to swim with ease. Some people never learn how to swim, which often causes them to fear water. Therefore learning to swim is important for several reasons, and mastering this skill at a young age can benefit you throughout your life. Our swimming school which is held in the last two weeks of term 4 is an opportunity for your child to be taught by qualified instructors in a safe and friendly environment.

This, added to our annual Swimming carnival enables every child at Wallabadah the opportunity to excel in the water. The smiles on our children faces yesterday was testimony to this. Congratulations !

Thanks to the Quirindi Pool staff, particularly Brendan Hawthorne and Steve Robinson for their efforts, Mrs Kemble and Mrs Barnett for all recorded, the parents who helped with time keeping, Mrs Saunders for organising the day and a special mention to our Year 6 children who got in the pool and helped the juniors.

The sense of community is something special at Wallabadah and must never go unnoticed.

*“Swimming is normal for me. I'm relaxed. I'm comfortable, and I know my surroundings. It's my home.”*

Michael Phelps

**Christopher Jackson**  
Principal

**Small school “BIG” opportunities!**

## Coming Events

### **TERM 1**

**February**

P & C Meeting-7pm @Marshall Macmahon  
Zone Swimming Carnival

10<sup>th</sup>  
14<sup>th</sup>

### **Lunch Orders**

Thank you to Meagan Hall for making lunches on Monday. Helen Smith is rostered on for Monday, 10<sup>th</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.



### **Police Visit-By Joey Reedy**

On Wednesday the Mobile Police station came to our school. Their names were Steve and Adam. Adam is from soccer in Quirindi. We call him Constable Davis. They drove in the gate next to the sports shed in the new police van. When they were showing us around the van, Steve turned on different sirens. They had a TV and a computer. The computer didn't have a



keyboard instead it had a piece of square glass and letters underneath the glass. They also talked about the gun, pepper spray and the bullets for the gun. My favourite part was seeing all of the people dressed in the police jackets. We all had a fun time.





## Swimming Carnival

What a wonderful day had by all on Thursday. It was great to see such great support from everyone.

### *Swimming Champions 2014*

Juvenile Girl Champion: Natalie Payne

Juvenile Boy Champion: Lochlan Cronin

Junior Girl Champion: Sophie Hawthorne

Junior Girl Runner Up: Sienna Cronin

Senior Girl Champion: Emily Cronin

Senior Boy Champion: Brodie Nankivell

Winning House: Tamarang



The YMCA Risk Assessment Auditor was at the pool and commented to the pool staff on our beautiful carnival and the excellent participation and manners from the children! Well done Wallabadah! Best of luck to Brodie, Emily, Sophie and Sienna who will compete at QDI Zone Swimming Carnival on 14<sup>th</sup> February.

A 3-6 assembly was held this week. Hosts were Joshua Hall and Jayde Smith.

## Awards



### K-1-2 Class

**Kyiah Holland** for good knowledge of all sightwords taught!!

**Ashton Sweeney** for excellent listening in oral comprehension activities.

**Kalee Lobsey** for developing very good work habits.

### Mrs Roseby

**Kalee Lobsey** for fantastic work in spelling and writing.

**Brodie Nankivell** for being a really caring Mediator.

### Mrs Kemble

**Dempsey Smith** for excellent effort during reading groups.

### 3-5-6 Class

**Eve Porter** for excellent presentation of work this week.

**Jayde Smith** for creative sentences in spelling this week.

**Brodie Nankivell** for working well in Maths Mentals.



## Wallaby Week Ahead Term 1, 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b><u>WEEK 3</u></b> P & C Meeting 7pm @ Marshal McMahon				Zone Swimming Quirindi  K-2 Assembly

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

**Everyone is Welcome.**



### Quirindi Golf Club

Quirindi Golf Club has invited Tamworth Professional Terry Hayes to host morning for Juniors, on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February from 8-9:30 am. For further information please phone Ken Cronin on 0419 289 290.

### QUIRINDI & DISTRICT SOCCER ASSOCIATION INC

(Quirindi Junior Soccer 0-18yrs)

#### **Annual General Meeting**

7.00pm Thursday 13 February 2014

TD Function Room, Quirindi RSL Club

All interested helpers are invited to attend.

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