



# Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

## “Excellence in Learning”

*Term 1, Week 3 ~ 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2014*

“All the flowers of the tomorrow are the seeds of today.”

A number of years ago a young girl from Wallabadah, who is now in Year 12 about to finish her Secondary education penned our phrase “Small school BIG opportunities.”

It is an ethos that everyone at Wallabadah Public School is very proud of.

What makes our school a great place to be involved in is a sense of belonging. Since I have returned to Wallabadah I have seen teamwork as one of our strengths.

Teamwork between students, teamwork between staff and teamwork between parents. Teamwork that each and every one of the above collaborates together so that there is a clear vision of where we want to be and how best go about it.

Currently our school along with schools around the state are implementing the School Plan that was drafted towards the end of last year and it is essential that the main focus is on improving student learning outcomes and that the school is responsive to local and regional needs.

Wallabadah staff has already implemented many of the plans for the 2014 school year.

Our School has a reputation for providing high quality education and establishing innovative programs and in providing an environment conducive to learning. It is important that we continue to implement and enhance the programs that will maintain and improve our school

Parents and teachers share the responsibility for a child's education and I urge all parents will take the opportunity to have input into this planning process. This can be done by attending our Mondays P&C nights which are held twice a term and being involved in many fundraising activities which support the school financially. Another opportunity is completing and returning the Termly surveys which are sent out at the end of each term. One very effective way is approach a member of staff and discuss ideas you may have. We can all work together to realise each child's full potential.

We are very proud of the quality education our school provides. I look forward to the future and in working with the school community in 2014 to ensure our school maintains its vitality, relevance and effectiveness.

*“Small school, BIG opportunities”*

**Christopher Jackson**  
Principal

**Small school “BIG” opportunities!**

# Coming Events

## **TERM 1**

**February**

Clean up Australia Day

28<sup>th</sup>

### **Lunch Orders**

Thank you to Helen Smith for making lunches on Monday. Cheryl Bray 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.



### **Birthdays**

We would like to acknowledge Dempsey Smiths birthday celebrations on the 10<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Lunches**

As it has been so hot and dry this summer, ants are present almost everywhere in the school. We have been finding more and more cases of ants entering students lunch boxes in search of food. Please ensure when packing your child's lunch that food is placed in a secure container or wrapped in cling wrap. Please make sure that your child is only bringing water in their drink bottles to prevent invasion of ants.



### **LEAVING SCHOOL**

If there are any changes to your child's normal routine at the end of the day we need parental consent. It is a part of DET policy that we MUST have permission from the student's parent if anyone other than the normal person picking up their child will be taking them home.



### **General Assembly**

Every third Friday we will be conducting a special assembly where we will invite a guest speaker, Eg Police, local identity or someone with a hobby they'd like to share. Next week Mrs Clark will be speaking to the children about "Old School Days." Everyone Welcome!



## Welcome

We would like to welcome Brock Abrahams in Year 6 to Wallabadah Public School.

### **School's back**

Life seems to go from zero to 100 during the first few weeks of school. These parents have pooled their years of experience to bring you some suggestions to make the rest of the year run more smoothly. Good luck!

Back to school checklist: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/back-to-school-checklist>

## Art Work from K-2



Emily Dent, Ashton Sweeney and Alanamae Abbott- Blundell

A K-2 assembly was held this week. Hosts were Caitlin Davies and Dempsey Smith.

## **Awards**



### K-1-2 Class

**Dylan Stocks** for trying hard to form letters correctly.

**Zane Smith** for excellent work habits in Year One.

**Emily Dent** for settling in well and trying all new challenges.

### Mrs Roseby

**Zane Smith** for beautiful, careful handwriting.

**Emily Cronin** for excellent B.T.N reports.

### Mrs Kemble

**Joey Reedy** for demonstrating excellent leadership skills during reading groups.

### 3-5-6 Class

**Zack Sweeney** for working hard in class all week. A fine effort

**Quaydan Effer** for a wonderful Wallaby Worker!



# Wallaby Week Ahead Term 1, 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>WEEK 4</u>				General Assembly

## *P & C News*

*Hello and welcome back to 2014!*

*The P&C had its first meeting of the year on Monday night . A great roll up with some new faces .*

*This year hopefully will be a prosperous year for us so we can support the school in the way we have in the past. Hopefully our big project this year will be to finally get the new canteen under way .*

*There is already a lot of enthusiasm about another horse sports day in September . So let's make it a great day with lots of parent support .*

*The AGM is our next meeting at the end of the term . Please come along and become a member to have input on what's happening in our school and P&C. We welcome Chris Jackson back as our principal and hope we all have a great year .*

*The P&C runs the Monday canteen lunches, milk on a daily basis and Friday canteen for snacks . We also supply all the uniforms for the school . If you have any suggestions or input of any of these things please come along to the meetings !*

*Have a great year !*

*Cheryl Bray  
President*

## What`s on at the Quirindi Royal Theatre

### FEBRUARY 2014-Movies

#### *Saturday 15th*

*1.30 pm Free Birds G*

*4.00pm August: Osage County MA*

#### *Sunday 16th*

*1.30 pm Free Birds G*

*4.00 pm August: Osage County MA*

#### *Wednesday 19th*

*6.00pm Saving Mr Banks PG*

#### *Wednesday 26th*

*6.00pm Saving Mr Banks*

