



# Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

## “Excellence in Learning”

*Term 1, Week 4 ~ 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2014*

It's great to be back in the Wallabadah community. A community that I grew up in as an adolescent and now have worked in for the past 11 years.

Living in a small community in a regional area is more than just about being residents of the same town. It is about family, life-long friends and kinship. We all know each other's life stories because we have grown up with each other from day one. We've been through it all together at different points and in that way are a part of each other's lives.

I believe in community and it's support of every organisation within it. We all help and support each other. While our school has seen a reduction in numbers due to a big year 6 exit last year it's great to see new faces. Welcome to the Abrahams, Etherington, Holland, Dent and Young families and I'm sure you will all join in and be a part of this great community.

This is what makes living in a rural area special. We may not have a movie cinema on every corner, we may not have shops, malls, theatres and nightclubs. What we do have is community spirit. Whatever our differences, whatever our personal grudges, you can count on people in the 'bush' to forget it all and pull together when the occasion arises.

So get involved, volunteer, join up to groups or perhaps start one. Whatever your skill or talent..... we're ready!!

*“In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it.”* Marianne Williamson

Christopher Jackson  
Principal

Small school “BIG” opportunities!

## Coming Events

### TERM 1

February

Clean up Australia Day

28<sup>th</sup>

March

Area Swimming

10th

### Lunch Orders

### Term 1 Canteen Roster

Thank you to Cheryl Bray for making lunches on Monday. Vicki Hawthorne is rostered on for Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Week 5 - 24/02/14 - Vicki Hawthorne

Week 6 - 3/03/14 - Delores Nankivell

Week 7 - 10/03/14 - Amanda Young

Week 8 - 17/03/14 - Nancy Dent

Week 9 - 24/03/14 - Louise Cronin

Week 10 - 31/03/14 - Helen Smith

Week 11 - 7/04/14 - Cheryl Bray



*Thank you to our Volunteers. Without your help our children would not the pleasure of ordering lunch*

### Reminder- School Uniform

At Wallabadah Public School students must wear full school uniform every day. The uniform includes black school shoes and proper socks for girls and boys. No ankle socks. Please do not wear jewellery, hair decorations or any type of make up at school. They are not a part of the uniform.

### Zone Swimming By Sienna Cronin

On Friday, Sophie H, Emily C, Brodie and I went to Zone Swimming Carnival. We all had fun. Sophie got a first ribbon and I got a third ribbon. I got it when I did the Dobson relay. Brodie only got to do one race, because he punctured his ear drum!

His ear plug got stuck in his ear. Ouch! Emily went well in all her races. She

must have done well because she is going to Regionals. Sophie & Brodie are going to Regionals as well. I hope they go well there.



## Portfolios

Wallabadah School in the past has generously bought Student portfolio plastic folders with the school emblem to display some examples of children's work in the classrooms. Unfortunately in the past two years the interest level in the assembly of these portfolios has declined. Very few are being returned, some are lost needing to be replaced and others damaged.

As a result, the staff have decided that if parents wish to purchase a folder for \$2 samples of work will be sent home throughout the year to be included in their portfolios. It is for your own personal records.

Please watch for a form that will be issued very soon.

## Clean Up Australia Day

Please bring along plastic bags and gloves next Friday for Clean Up Australia Day.



## Welcome

We would like to welcome Fayth Etherington in Year 6 to Wallabadah Public School.

*"My time at Wallabadah has been spectacular compared to my old school. I have met so many people and made so many friends. The teachers are awesome and the hospitality is fantastic. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else."*

A general assembly was held this week. We had a very interesting talk from Mrs Clark about Old School Days.



## **Awards**

### K-1-2 Class

**Logan Hall** for improved neatness in Handwriting.

**Brian Stocks** for being more settled in class, completing all work.

**Joey Reedy** for being a responsible leader in Year 2.

### Mrs Roseby

**Ashton Sweeney** for having a fantastic attitude to all work.

**Jock Barnett** for being a thoughtful and helpful mediator.

### Mrs Kemble

**Ashton Sweeney** for consistent commitment to reading.

### 3-5-6 Class

**Sienna Cronin** for working well in all Spelling activities this week.

**Sophie Hawthorne** for being a very helpful member of our class.

**Fayth Etherington** for very creative writing in English this week.



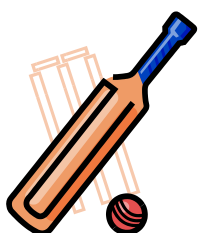


# Wallaby Week Ahead Term 1, 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b><u>WEEK 5</u></b>				Clean Up Australia Day

## Cricket Skills

This week students have been improving their Cricket Skills as a part of their daily PE sessions.



## Community News

**Is your child at school or starting next year? Would you like \$500 to help pay for uniforms, books, excursions or a laptop?**

**To be eligible you need to:**

- have a Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card
- have a child at school now or starting next year
- have some form of household income, for example, your partner or yourself may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

**Saver Plus can match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500!**

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## Upcoming Movies

### **March 1st & 2nd**

The Railway Man  
Robocop

### **March 15th & 16th**

12 Years A Slave  
Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones



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