



Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

“Excellence in Learning”

Term 1, Week 7 ~ 14th March, 2014

Next Friday the school will be celebrating Harmony Day, which is held throughout Australia this year on the 21st of March. This years message of Harmony Day is “Everyone Belongs”.

It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

Education is a key focus for Harmony Day, and with this in mind our school will be holding a number of activities both inside the classroom and in the playground. Last year we celebrated “the African experience” with a visit from Teremayi who was originally from Zimbabwe. This year children are asked to come dressed in Aboriginal colours of red, yellow and black as this year we will be focusing on aboriginal culture. We will have face painting, dreamtime story telling by Mrs Wadwell and boomerang painting later in the day. For our assembly Mrs McGilchrist will talk to us about her native country Egypt.

Parents are invited to join us at lunchtime for a BBQ. So come along and share in this wonderful day.

“We need to help students and parents cherish and preserve the ethnic and cultural diversity that nourishes and strengthens this community - and this nation.”

Cesar Chavez

Christopher Jackson
Principal

Small school “BIG” opportunities!

Student Portfolios

There have been a number of parents who have already bought their folders to put their child's work in for 2014. I would like to point out that from 2002 the DEC has not required schools to produce portfolios, however Wallabadah P.S. continued to incorporate them as a part of our reporting back to parents routine. Over the past year it seems that a great deal of class time was being spent assembling these folders and many were not being returned at the end of each term to have the new work added. Some were even lost throughout the year. It was decided at a staff meeting that these would not be assembled in class time, but work will be sent home for parents to compile.

If you wish to have a folder to assemble your child's work please send your \$2 in and your folder will be sent home.

Coming Events

TERM 1

March

K-2 Responsible pet education	18 th
Harmony day	21 st
P & C AGM	24 th

Lunch Orders

Thank you to Amanada Young for making lunches on Monday. Nancy Dent is rostered on for Monday, 17th March.

Sydney Excursion

Preparations are underway for years 3-6 Excursion to Sydney. With exciting trips and tours in the pipeline, booked. An expression of interest note will be sent home shortly. Payment plans will be available for those students wishing to attend. We will have places for 4 parents to accompany the children.



Northern Daily Leader

The Northern Daily Leader will be published the 2014 School Leaders photo on Tuesday 18th and 2014 Kindergartens on Thursday 20th March.



HARMONY DAY

- **Friday 21st March**
- Mufti Day-Children need to come dressed in Aboriginal colours-black red and yellow.
- A sausage sizzle will be available for lunch at a cost of \$2.00



9:30-11:20 Normal class activities

11:40-1:00 Face Painting/ Aboriginal dreamtime reading/activities

1:00-2:00 Lunch BBQ

2:00-3:15 Boomerang painting/Assembly





Regional Swimming –By Brodie Nankivell

On Monday Emily, Sophie and I went to the Area Swimming Carnival in Armidale. Sophie was first up in the morning and came 24th. Then Emily came next in the 12 year girls relay. She raced in the fastest heat. I was 2nd swimmer in the 12 year boys relay and we came second in the heat. We had the best day ever and the weather was great.

A K-2 assembly was held this week. Hosts were Natalie Payne and Kallee Lobsey

Awards



K-1-2 Class

Lochlan Cronin for quick thinking in Number work!

Caitlin Davies for improvement in Grammar and Punctuation lessons!

Alanamae Abbott-Blundell for improved knowledge of numbers that add to 10.

Mrs Roseby

Emily Dent for great work during Literacy.

Quaydan Effer for great thinking during B.T.N.

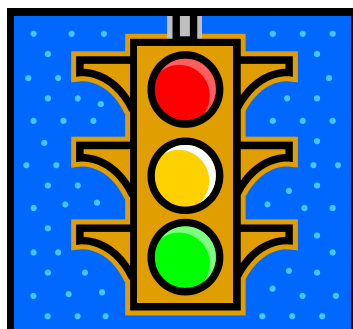
Mrs Kemble

Kallee Lobsey for improved fluency in reading.

3-5-6 Class

Eve Porter for excellent progress in spelling all term.

Jayde Smith for logical thinking in maths problem solving.



STOP, THINK, DO

Rule of the Week

Always play around the back.

Awards

Brian Stocks for being a good friend.

Dempsey Smith for being a good friend.



Wallaby Week Ahead Term 1, 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>WEEK 8</u>	Responsible Pet Education k-2			Harmony Day General Assembly

Maths A to Z

Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. The Maths A to Z glossary provides straightforward explanations and illustrated examples.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z>

P & C News

White shirts are now available to purchase from the clothing pool for \$20.00 each.

***Reminder: Save the Date- AGM 24th
March, 7pm @ Marshal McMahon.
Executive Member Position Available
Everyone is welcome.***

Community News



REMINDER

The Quirindi Canter Fun Run
Sunday 6th April 2014.
Henry st oval

Get your school/team relay together -
4 x 400m. \$50 Prize for best dressed
relay!

For more info and rego details see the
website
www.quirindicanter.org

Friday 14th March

The Book Thief...Rated PG...6.30pm



Saturday 15th March

Robocop.....Rated M.....1.30pm

12 Years A Slave....Rated MA....4.00 pm

Sunday 16th March

Robocop.....Rated M.....1.30pm

12 Years A Slave....Rated MA....6.00 pm

Quirindi Royal Theatre

