



Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

"Excellence in Learning"

Term 1, Week 8 ~ 21st March, 2014

"Think in the morning. Act in the noon. Eat in the evening. Sleep in the night."

William Blake

This week I was reading an article from an English journalist about children watching unsuitable television programs at an early age. It tweaked my interest, so I asked some children at Wallabadah what TV programs they like to watch. There were a number of children who said "Home and away" and "The Block" which was to be expected, but I was surprised to hear that some children also watch "Puberty Blues" and "Love Child" and it wasn't only children in the senior class. There was one student who said that he watches NCIS which starts at 9:30pm !!!

In this UK article, some 54 per cent of parents admitted to allowing their children to watch programmes considered to be orientated towards adults, and I would imagine it would be the same for Australia. Some 67% of the parents questioned, thought unsuitable content was broadcast prior to 9pm. A further 80% said they felt films and video games with sexual or violent themes were too easily available. However that being said more than half of these parents admitted to allowing their school children to watch "adult" television programmes such as "EastEnders", despite fears over unsuitable content. Unfortunately the adult soap operas mentioned created recent controversy over a baby snatching storyline. Some episodes have previously covered issues such as rape, murder, drug addiction and child abuse.

Unfortunately television is often seen as a baby-sitting device and in the survey conducted almost 78 per cent of parents said they allow their children to watch TV alone for around two hours a day and two-thirds do not know about the characters or storylines being viewed.

The concern in allowing children to watch TV programs like this is not only the time of day they are broadcast, which in some cases are well and truly past suitable bed time for children, but students at this age are very impressionable and don't fully grasp the messages being portrayed. There have been reports that unsupervised access to television may be leading to a decline in discipline standards as children mimic bad behaviour seen on screen.

It is very important that children get a good night sleep particularly on school nights. To give them a fair go at school it is recommended that children between the ages of 7 and 12 require a total of 11 hours sleep, so bedtime should be from 7:30 and 8:30, but no later than 9:00pm.

"There was never a child so lovely but his mother was glad to get him to sleep."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Christopher Jackson
Principal

Small school "BIG" opportunities!

Coming Events

TERM 1

March

P & C AGM

24th

Halogen-Young Leaders

31st

April

Buy a Bale Day

2nd

Lunch Orders

Thank you to Nancy Dent and Meagan Hall for making lunches on Monday. Louise Cronin is rostered on for Monday, 24th March.



Wallaby Awards

Congratulations to Dempsey Smith and Ashton Sweeney who were the first recipients of the Wallaby Awards. Well done boys! Please remember you need 4 certificates from 2014.

Responsible Pet Education- By Dempsey Smith

Today Mrs Pryor showed us how to treat a dog and cat. She had a Labrador. Its name is Luke. We got to sing a song about the steps to pat a dog safely. The steps are ask the owner if you can pat the dog, pat them behind the collar and never pat a dog that is on its own and never pat a dog that is scared.



Buy a Bale

On Wednesday 2nd April, Wallabadah Public school has been invited to Willow Tree Public School to join in and help raise money for the 'Buy a Bale' organisation supporting Australian Farmers. A permission note will be sent home closer to the day. We are looking for parents to drive student to and from the event and join in on the day. If you are available please contact the office.



P & C AGM: Monday 24th March,
7pm @ Marshal McMahon.

Executive Member Position Available
Everyone is welcome.



HARMONY DAY

Thank you to everyone for a wonderful day!



A general assembly was held this week.

Awards

K-1-2 Class

Dylan Stocks for improvement in sightword knowledge.

Natalie Payne for a BIG effort in Term One Maths Assessment!

Emily Dent for improvement in all written work! Keep it up!

Mrs Roseby

Logan Hall for clever use of adjectives in writing.

Joshua Hall for great interest in his Library books.

Mrs Kemble

Joey Reedy for improvement in Mathematics

Mr A Jackson

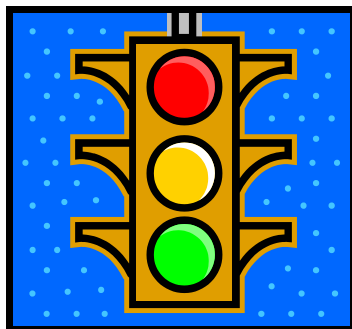
Alanamae Abbott Blundell for being well behaved in the playground. Very Proud.

3-5-6 Class

Jock Barnett for interesting contribution in class discussion about Storm Boy.

Brodie Nankivell for great thinking strategies in Super Problem Solving.





STOP, THINK, DO

Rule of the Week

Remember to show respect to all staff and mediators.

Awards

Ashton Sweeney for following school rules.

Sienna Cronin for following school rules.



Wallaby Week Ahead Term 1, 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 9 P & C AGM 7pm @ Marshall McMahon				3-6 Assembly Regional Soccer Trials

Reminder to Year 6 Parents

Please return the Expression of Interest form for High School placement in 2015 to the office no later than Wednesday 26th March.

QUIRINDI JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Registration Day

Quirindi High School (Outside Hall)

Saturday 22nd March

9am to 10:30am

Primary School \$60.00

High School \$75.00

Competition to commence

Friday 2nd May 2014



3-6 Science with Mrs Roseby
'Lifecycles of Plants'



QTC
Quirindi Tennis Club Ltd
(Established 1930)



Kid's Coaching Clinic
 With Paula Cudmore

Saturday 12th April to Monday 14th April

9am-12pm

\$40

Group lessons, match practice,
 competitions and games!
 Lunch and drinks provided

BBQ, drinks and adult lessons
 (\$15) Sunday afternoon

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