



# Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

## “Excellence in Learning”

*Term 1, Week 9 ~ 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2014*

It's been a number of years now, since our slogan “Small school BIG opportunities” was penned by a Year 6 girl who this year is sitting for her HSC. It came about from a discussion we were having in class, after a busy week of extra curricula activities. We were commenting about what the school had been involved in and the wonderful opportunities available to them at Wallabadah.

Last week we had a very enjoyable Harmony Day celebrated through literacy, creative arts and music. Thank you to Natasha, Nicole and Mrs Debbie Wadwell for their time. This week we have had a visit from doctors from Newcastle University explaining what it's like being in Hospital through Teddy bear play. In the afternoon we had Alison, Louise and Rebecca from Quirindi Netball Association to drill the children in Netball skills. A lot of fun was had!!!

This term we have had Swimming Carnivals, Horse Sports, Pet Education clinics, and next week we will be visiting neighbouring Willow Tree P.S. for a community fun day fundraising for drought affected farmers. These days along with our Music programs, Public speaking opportunities, chess, library and our Home Reading Scheme availability are just some of the activities that make us a great school.

Participating in extracurricular activities helps your child in many ways. It enables your child to explore their physical, creative, and social abilities. In every event we encourage children to be involved. These events allow them to interact in a safe and rewarding environment. Examples of these activities are swimming and athletics carnivals where every child is encouraged to participate in events, visiting performances which are a part of lessons taught in the classroom. It also enables children to see first class performers many of whom are international artists.

Missing out on these opportunities is something we don't like to see, so if there is any reason your children cannot be involved in them whether it be financial, a transport problems or medical issues please do not hesitate in talking to me about it.

Thank you Sophie Clark for creating a slogan that means so much to every student here at Wallabadah and good luck to you and the other Year 12 students studying for the HSC from Wallabadah P.S.

**Christopher Jackson**  
Principal

**Small school “BIG” opportunities!**

# Coming Events

## **TERM 1**

**March**

**April**

Halogen-Young Leaders

Buy a Bale Day

Easter Scripture Service

Cross Country

Last day of Term 1

31<sup>st</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup>

10<sup>th</sup>

11<sup>th</sup>

11<sup>th</sup>

### **Lunch Orders**

Thank you to Louise McGilchrist for making lunches on Monday. Helen Smith is rostered on for Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> March.



### **Easter Scripture Service**

An Easter service will be held at the Wallabadah Public School on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon. Everyone is welcome.

### **Harmony Day By Fayth Etherington**

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March. We had Harmony day. This is a day where many different cultures are celebrated. Harmony day is a day known Australia wide as a day of peace and tranquillity. At school we celebrated Aboriginals. We dressed up in native colours red, black and yellow. We listened to music, completed art activities where we got to colour in a frog or an emu and we got to paint boomerangs. Earlier that day thanks to Natalie's mum we were able to learn about Aboriginal stories such as why the emu can't fly and why the 'Burning Mountain' at Wingen burns. We got our faces painted and had a sausage sizzle. Here are some opinions from other students. Eve Porter "Painting the boomerangs were fun." Emily Dent "I liked to have my face painted." Zack Sweeney "I loved the boomerangs."



### **Year 6 Fundraiser**

Congratulations to Kyiah Holland who won the Year 6 guessing competition. Kyiah had the closest guess with 411 lollies in the jar. Year 6's first fundraiser for the year raised almost \$50 to go towards their end of year present.

### **Cross Country**

Save the date: Wallabadah Public School's annual cross country will be held on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> April at the Wallabadah Race Course. A note will be sent home shortly with details about the event and the days activities.







### **Zone Soccer-By Brock Abrahams**

Last Thursday Brodie, Jock and I went to Zone Soccer Trial at Quirindi Public School. We all made it through to Gunnedah for Area Soccer Trials on Friday 28<sup>th</sup>. If we get selected for the North West team we head off to Armidale.

### **Willow Tree Horse Sports- By Jayde Smith**

Last Friday Joey, Sophie and I all went to Willow Tree Horse Sports. There were 170 children riding from all different schools. Joey and Sophie both won three ribbons each and I won two. We all had a lot of fun and can't wait until Wallabadah Horse Sports. Thank you to all the parents for taking us.



### **Teddy Bear Hospital**

On Thursday we had a visit from The Teddy Bear Hospital from Newcastle University. 4 fourth year medical students held the clinic which was aimed at helping to reduce the uncertainty and fear that a child may associate with a visit to the doctor.



### **Netball Clinic**

Thank you to Rebecca, Alison and Louise from Quirindi Netball association for holding a Netball Clinic on Thursday afternoon. Students gained a great deal of information out of the session. They learnt some



netball rules, how to throw various passes, how to play the game and that netball can be played by both girls and boys.



A 3-6 assembly was held this week. Host were Sophie Hawthorne and Fayth Etherington.

## Awards



### K-1-2 Class

**Kyiah Holland** for making a wonderful commitment to home reading!

**Zane Smith** for great understanding of number concepts being introduced.

**Kallee Lobsey** for great spelling and reading results in Term One Assessments.

### Mrs Roseby

**Kyiah Holland** for enjoying borrowing Library books.

**Jayde Smith** for being a thinker when doing Science.

### Mrs Kemble

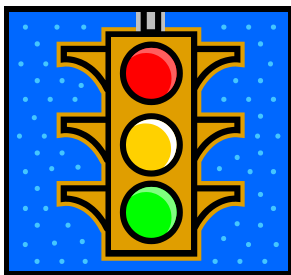
**Jayde Smith** for increased focus and achievement in Maths.

### Mr A Jackson

**Quayden Effer** for working hard in Mathematics.

### 3-4-6 Class

**Fayth Etherington** for being a great support in the 17183 classroom.



### STOP, THINK, DO

#### Rule of the Week

Please stay seated while eating your recess and lunch.

#### Awards

**Lochlan Cronin** for listening to the mediators.

**Quaydan Effer** for taking pride in the school grounds.



## Wallaby Week Ahead Term 1, 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b><u>WEEK 10</u></b> Young Leaders Area Rugby league Trials		"Buy a Bale" @ Willow Tree		K-2 assembly

## P & C Report

Hi All,

On Monday night the AGM was held at the Marshal McMahon . A great role up and interest in the P&C was nice to see.

A new committee was elected and as is follows ;

*Brendon Hawthorne - President*

*Jeff Nankivell - Vice President*

*Mandy Mackay - 2nd Vice President*

*Mandy Smith - treasurer*

*Meagan Hall – Secretary*

Congratulations and good luck to all of the committee for the future year.

If you would like to be a member of the P&C, please come along to the meetings to have your say in your school! It's \$2 to join and you can vote on any decisions made by the committee.

The AGM was followed by a general meeting, where lots of ideas were talked about for the year coming. A personal thanks to the Staff and committee for their support in my role for the past few years.

Cheryl Bray