



# Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

## “Excellence in Learning”

*Term 2, Week 1 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2014*

### **Our students achieve**

Wallabadah Public School prides itself as being a small school with BIG opportunities and with this in mind we have made a commitment to provide additional support for all our students in the classroom. In 2013 Mrs Sally Kemble joined the staff as the schools Teachers Aide, and she continues to work at Wallabadah throughout this year.

Mrs Kemble's position is to support the teachers in their classrooms, working with students on various tasks. We are very fortunate to have Mrs Kemble as she is currently training to be a Primary school teacher. So, having her additional knowledge is very valuable. Our students enjoy the fun maths games, spelling activities they play, reading one on one with Mrs Kemble and recently the Year 3 children have been preparing for the NAPLAN tests which will be held in a fortnight.



Not every child learns at the same level of ability, and having Mrs Kemble as an extra assistant keeps our students confident at achieving at their stage outcomes. An opportunity that Wallabadah Public School is so fortunate to have.

*“It’s impossible” said Pride, “It’s risky” said Experience, “It’s pointless” said Reason, “Give it a try” whispered the Heart”*

### **Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea**

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May Wallabadah Public School will be hosting the annual Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea which will commence at 10:30am. We will also be conducting the National “Simultaneous Reading” which we have held in previous years. In addition this year we are encouraging parents, relatives and friends to come along and read their favourite book (the one they loved as a child), to a small group of children. In doing this our students will also see the value we as adults place on reading and the importance of this valuable skill. This day will also be an opportunity for everyone to see our Reading resources first hand from our well-resourced Library to our comprehensive Home Reader storeroom.

Please complete the slip included in this weeks Wallaby Whisper if you’re interested and return to school.

**Christopher Jackson**  
Principal

**Small school “BIG” opportunities!**

## Coming Events

### TERM 2

#### May

Grip Leadership

6<sup>th</sup>

NAPLAN-Yr 3

13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

P & C Meeting

19<sup>th</sup>

ABMT

21<sup>st</sup>

Zone Cross Country

23<sup>rd</sup>

Musica Viva

23<sup>rd</sup>

### Lunch Orders

Cheryl Bray is will be making lunches on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May. A roster will be sent home next week. Thank you to our volunterrs.



### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Sophie Tacon and Alanamae Abbott-Blundell who celebrated their birthday over the holidays.

### Wallaby Awards

Well done to Joey Reedy, Kyiah Holland, Sophie Tacon, Natalie Payne and Joshua Hall for receiving their first Wallaby Award. Congratulations!

### School Ties

It is important that students wear their full school winter uniform which includes a tie. You can purchase new ties from Lowes in Tamworth or we have second hand ties available at the school for \$5.00.

### Anzac Day –By Eve Porter

On Anzac Day, 18 students from our school met at the the Post Office to march in the Quirindi Anzac service. There were LOTS of people there! There were some horses from the Light Horse Brigade there too! We

sang songs and things like that when we gathered at the clock. It was fun! Our

Captains Jock Barnett and Emily Cronin lay a wreath at the town clock to remember the men and women who died in the wars for our freedom.



**Save the Date**  
***Australia's Biggest Morning Tea 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2014***  
***10:30am-1pm***



**Mothers Day**

Mothers Day is not far away. We are asking if each child can contribute \$2.00, so they can take their Mothers Day present home next week.



**Headlice**

Around 23 per cent of primary school children screened through the NSW Health Nitbusters program have head lice. Head lice are a very common problem that most parents and teachers are more than familiar with. If your child has head lice here are some treatment tips:

- Do not treat your child if their scalp is irritated or inflamed
- Always read the head lice product label and directions before you apply it to your child's head. Products can be found in local chemists
- Apply the head lice product to every strand of your child's hair and work through, leave for 20 minutes, and comb out with a good quality lice comb
- Check your child's head and if dead lice are found, the product has worked. However make sure you re-treat your child's head in seven days to catch nymphs that have emerged from unhatched eggs
- Reduce the risk of your child catching head lice by tying their hair back or braiding it.

For more information visit:

[www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/environment/headlice/treatment.asp](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/environment/headlice/treatment.asp)

*A general assembly was held this week.*

***Awards***



**K-1-2 Class**

***Breanna Young*** for excellent sound knowledge and writing her own sentences.

***Natalie Payne*** for beautiful presentation of work!

***Joey Reedy*** for excellent descriptive sentences, using prepositions.

**Mrs Roseby**

***Sophie Tacon*** for fantastic progress with reading.

***Sophie Hawthorne*** for showing enthusiasm during Library.

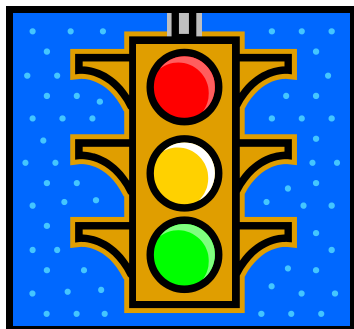
**Mrs Kemble**

***Zack Sweeney*** for excellent effort in writing.

**3-5-6 Class**

***Zack Sweeney*** for working diligently in Spelling Activities.

***Joshua Hall*** for working well in Mentals each day this week.



**STOP, THINK, DO**

**Rule of the Week**

**Include everyone in your games.**

**Awards**

***Breanna Young*** for being happy and cheerful.

***Sophie Hawthorne*** for wearing her uniform with pride.



## Wallaby Week Ahead Term 2, 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b><u>WEEK 2</u></b>	Grip Leadership		Basketball (Sport & Rec)	3-6 Assembly



Joshua, Quaydan and Zack  
enjoying the start of Term 2.



Congratulations to Fayth and  
Brock for being inducted as  
mediators.



Natalie, Sophie and Breanna  
A love for books continues in  
the classroom.

### **P & C News**

*Last Sunday a working Bee was held at the school, with a small but hardworking band of parents & students (as well as past students). A very productive morning was had with lots of jobs being completed, among them mulching of the front garden & washing down of the COLA. I would like to extend a big thankyou to all those who attended, as well as a special mention to Nigel Clarke for the loan of the fire truck.*

*Reminder: P & C Meeting Monday 19/5 at The Marshall McMahon Hotel: 7pm. All welcome to attend.*

*Brendyn Hawthorne*

*President of the Wallabadah Public School P & C*

### **Australia's Biggest Moring Tea**

I would love to read my favourite book to a small group of students on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2014.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Favourite Book \_\_\_\_\_