



Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

“Excellence in Learning”

Term 2, Week 5 ~ 30th May, 2014

Today as a part of our assembly we had a visit from Mrs Lorna McGilchrist and Mrs Laurice McGilchrist to talk to us about the Red Cross. The Red Cross is an organisation who are often the immediate response to natural disasters, providing food and shelter in victims hour of need. They also provide a blood service, or work everyday to help vulnerable people.

The Red Cross has been woven into the fabric of Australian life for 100 years and in 2014 they are celebrating their centenary.

The ladies said “It’s a very exciting time and Australians have always supported the Red Cross when people are in need. We want to ensure we continue serving the Australian community for the next 100 years.”

There are many community events being planned across the country, and novel ways to commemorate the milestone, including stamps, coins and posters. We will launch a book titled “The Power of Humanity: 100 Years of Red Cross in Australia” on our birthday in August.

The red Cross is stooped in history from when they began as the Australian Branch of the British Red Cross Society on 13 August 1914 at Government House, Melbourne, nine days after the outbreak of World War I. Hundreds of thousands of volunteers signed up during WWI, and by WWII Red Cross had become Australia’s largest charitable organisation. From a population of seven million, nearly half a million people were Red Cross members, most of them women.

Today one million Red Cross members, volunteers, donors, staff, blood donors, recipients and supporters make a positive difference to the lives of people in need every day.

Red Cross was founded on an enduring spirit of volunteerism and generosity. They are so grateful to all supporters – past and present – for ongoing commitment and belief in the power of humanity. Looking ahead, renewed public support is vital to continue the Red Cross’ everyday work.

Wallabadah Public School would like to thank Lorna and Laurice for visiting the school and would urge everyone to support this valuable organisation in their 100th year.

“A bone to the dog is not charity. Charity is the bone shared with the dog, when you are just as hungry as the dog.”

Jack London

Christopher Jackson
Principal

Small school “BIG” Opportunities!

Coming Events

TERM 2

June

School photos	10 th
Regional Cross Country	13 th
School Athletics @ Willow Tree	20 th
Last day of Term 2	28 th

Lunch Orders

Thank you to Vicki Hawthorne who made lunches on Monday. Nancy Dent is rostered on for Monday 2nd June.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Jayde Smith who celebrated her 10th Birthday on Thursday.



Reminder

Please ensure your child has a supply of equipment. It has become a problem in the senior class that children are arriving to school unprepared for the day. Children need a pencil, red pen, ruler, rubber and Yr 6 a blue pen for the day's activities. Please ensure your child has this each day.

Musica Viva-Gypsy Tober-By Fayth Etherington

On Friday 23rd May, Wallabadah joined Murrurundi and Blandford Public Schools at Musica Viva. The group was called 'Gypsy Tober' and it was made up of 3 ladies, Anje, Barb and Leah. They showed us different types of instruments and how they used them. We heard about 4-5 songs. We sang

Magpies
which was a
personal
favourite of
mine. We
also sang

Bom-fazer and a couple of other songs. We are deeply appreciative to have such an opportunity like this each year.

Thank you to all the parents and teachers who brought the kids to and from the 'Gypsy Tober' performance. It was MAGNIFICENT!!!





Congratulations

Well done to Sienna Cronin for receiving a High distinction at the Gunnedah Eisteddfod. Sienna played 'Brahms Lullaby' on the piano.



Zone Cross Country-By Sophie Hawthorne

On Friday the Zone Cross Country was held at Willow Tree. 11 people from our school were running. We walked the track before our races. We were all a little nervous and excited. In the 9 years and under girls race I came 5th, Emily Dent came 10th, Eve Porter came 15th and Alanamae Abbott-Blundell came 20th. Everyone ran well on the day. Brock came 6th in the 11 year boys race, so we are both off to regional at Coolah on the 13h June. We all had a great day.



Braille-By Quaydan Effer

On Thursday 22nd May, Mr Paul Owen showed us how to do braille. Braille is a way for blind people to read. The letters and numbers are made up of 6 numbers.



A general assembly was held this week. Thank you to Mrs Laurice McGilchrist and Mrs Lorna McGilchrist from the Red Cross.

Awards



K-1-2 Class

Dylan Stocks for improvement in writing and spelling activities.

Ashton Sweeney for great spelling and punctuation in writing activities.

Alanamae Abbott-Blundell for being a great help in Daily PE with discus.

Mrs Roseby

Dylan Stocks for being a fantastic listener all day.

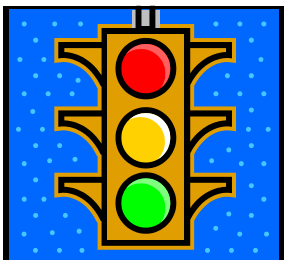
Mrs Kemble

Dempsey Smith for taking initiative and showing interest with his home reader.

3-5-6 Class

Emily Cronin for taking pride in our school.

Jock Barnett for working consistently in Mathematics.



STOP, THINK, DO

Rule of the Week

Remember to always wear your full school uniform.

Awards

Zane Smith for remembering our school rules.

Josh Hall for playing happily and safely.



Wallaby Week Ahead Term 2, 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 6				3-6 Assembly

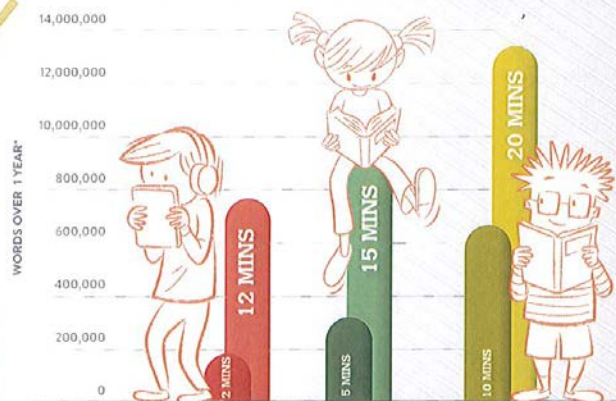


3-6J Sculptures

The students had to use thick craft wire to make the base sculpture of the giraffe. The biggest challenge was manipulating and twisting the wire to make them look realistic. They then had to wrap their choice of raffia around the sculpture. Students then used coloured craft wire to create the main features of the giraffe. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed participating in the 3D art work. The main aspect they loved was being able to throw their own creativity into the art work.

**ADDING
10
MINUTES
A DAY**
TO A CHILD'S READING
MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE
OVER THE YEAR

A COMPARISON OF YEAR 5 CHILDREN



DID YOU NOTICE?

THE MORE MINUTES CHILDREN READ PER DAY, THE MORE FLUENT THEIR READING BECOMES. FROM 5 MINUTES TO 15 MINUTES PER NIGHT THERE IS AROUND

A 200% INCREASE IN WORD EXPOSURE OVER ONE YEAR!

Research shows us that the benefits of reading 10 minutes more a day include improved performance in **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE, VOCABULARY, READING COMPREHENSION, VERBAL FLUENCY AND SPELLING.****