



Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

“Excellence in Learning”

Term 2, Week 8 ~ 19th June, 2014

Today is my birthday !!!!

Most people complain that they have to spend their special day at work, but I love spending my birthday at school.

Last night I looked on the internet to see what happened on the 19th of June just out of interest. Apparently I share my birthday with King James VI of Scotland, Blaise Pascal mathematician, The Duchess of Windsor, actor Malcolm McDowell, actress Kathleen Turner, Garfield the cat, author Salman Rushdie and Year 3 student Jessica Blanch.

Appreciating your birthday fully is something that comes over time and with unfortunately age. When we are young we anticipate birthdays with an extreme amount of excitement because we look forward to an avalanche of presents. Family, friends and even strangers wish us a happy birthday as we proudly announce the fact, however as we get older some try to forget birthdays, but it is important that as adults we continue to celebrate our birthdays.

Birthdays translate to knowing that aging is inevitable and that we gain knowledge as we grow older. Those carefree teen years were amazing but most of us wouldn't trade one minute of our teens for the age we are now. The knowledge we have now doesn't begin to compare to the lack of knowledge we had then, life gave us this knowledge. We have to thank life for throwing us those impossible seeming situations with all their tears and terrifying possibilities for that increased knowledge. Without birthdays to age us we would not have the ability to know all of the incredible facts that we can only learn from the experiences of life.

Thinking of our birthdays as merely a day we get older isn't how we should view them. Instead we should rejoice in the fact that we managed to survive yet another year on this earth. We have seen history made whether we realised it or not and met people that touched our lives even in the smallest way. When it comes to appreciating our birthdays fully we have to appreciate the fact that we are who we are and we gain knowledge, experience and life with each passing year.

I'd like to finish off with things that happened on the 19th

240BC Eratosthenes estimates circumference of Earth.

1862 Slavery outlawed in all US territories.

1930 C Jackson (No not me!!) & H E Wood discover asteroid #1595 Tanga.

1963 Valentina Tereshkova 1st woman in space returns to Earth.

1981 Heaviest known orange (2.5 kg) exhibited, Nelspruit, S Africa.

Whatever you decide to do to celebrate you or your child's birthday make it special, remember birthdays come just once a year.

Christopher Jackson
Principal

Small school “BIG” Opportunities!

Coming Events

TERM 2 & 3

June

Year 6 Fundraiser 27th

P & C raffle to be drawn 27th

Last day of Term 2 27th

July

Students Return-Term 3 15th

Sydney Excursion meeting-3:30pm 21st

Lunch Orders

Thank you to Kristy Young who made lunches on Monday. Cheryl Bray is rostered for Monday 23rd June.

Regional Cross Country-By Brock Abrahams

On Friday 13th Sophie and I travelled to Coolah for the Regional Cross Country. There were hundreds of runners from all over the North West. There were 80 in my age race and 60 in Sophie's. The course was up and down hills but I managed to run fairly well and finish 39th. Sophie ran well and came 34th. It was great to represent Wallabadah and Quirindi Zone PSSA.



ASCA

If you are interested in your child being involved in the Australian Speech & Communication Association competition this year, please contact the front office by the end of term as numbers have to be handed in ASAP. The cost will be \$55.00 and it will be held in week 4 of next term.

Sydney Excursion

Please return your expression of interest forms ASAP. We will be holding a meeting for parents on Monday 21st July at 3:30pm.

Tamworth Eisteddfod

On Thursday 12th June, Emily and Sienna Cronin attended an Eisteddfod in Tamworth, as part of an after school drama class held weekly in Quirindi. The play was 'Fantastic Mr Fox'. The adjudicator awarded them 93% and commented favourably on the effort and skill they presented. The Quirindi Drama group received a trophy and \$50 prize money. Well done girls!

Small School Spelling Bee

Blackville Spelling Bee will be held on Wednesday 20th August, 2014. If you wish your child to participate please contact the office for further information.

Year 6 Fundraiser – Fancy Dress



Friday 27th June
Gold coin donation



Dress up as
'What I want to be when I grow up'
Cupcakes 50c each.



Thank you

Thank you to Meagan Hall for selling raffle tickets for Wallabadah P & C at Quirindi IGA on Saturday morning.

2014 Dates Update

Please keep your eye out for the updated version of 2014 dates so far.

No assembly was held this week.

Awards



K-1-2 Class

Dylan Stocks for improvement in sightword knowledge.

Natalie Payne for being settled and working quietly in class.

Alanamae Abbott-Blundell for improvement in handwriting!

Mrs Roseby

Jayde Smith for writing an excellent Behind the News Report.

Mrs Kemble

Zack Sweeney for improvement in spelling during Writing tasks.

3-5-6 Class

Jock Barnett for writing an imaginative Transformation. Well done.

Brodie Nankivell for getting all spelling activities done this week.

Don't forget to return
your raffle tickets

P & C Raffle


\$1.00 each

Drawn 27th June


Win a trailer load of firewood



Thank you to Mandy and Bernie Smith for supplying the wood from their property and Arron Hall for cutting and collecting the load.

 **Term 2 Behind The News**


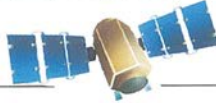
Jayde




Brussel Sprouts


Today on Behind The News they were talking about brussel sprouts. There were people showing how they are harvested and the machine that takes the brussel sprouts and doesn't take the plant that they grow on. They take three months to grow fully.

Excellent report, Jayde. Do you eat brussel sprouts? I do!!



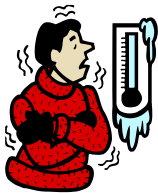
 **Term 2 Behind The News**

Brodie




Blood Donor

A Blood Donor is a caring person who happily donates blood to sick people that have lost too much blood. To be a Blood Donor you have to get a ~~needle~~ needle that has a tube that goes into a washing machine like thing that separates the plasma from other stuff that get put back into you.

COLD WEATHER

Please ensure children have a labelled jumper/jacket at school at all times

 Wallaby Week Ahead Term 2, 2014				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>WEEK 9</u>				General Assembly Last day of Term 3

Educational Websites

www.starfall.com (Reading)

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.coolmath.com

www.coolmath4kids.com



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