



# Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

## “Excellence in Learning”

*Term 3, Week 2 ~ 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2014*

Education Week is a very important event in our school calendar. It gives us an opportunity to recognize how important quality education is so that people can reach their full potential.

The NSW Public School system believes that every child deserves a good education. Education is a basic need that every child needs to flourish and grow into fully contributing members of society.

I was reading last week that today's generation of children and youth is the largest ever in history. People under 25 years old, make up 43 percent of the world's population, but that percentage reaches 60 percent in the least-developed countries. In many areas, a basic education is not even an option: there are 67 million children out of school today - 36 million are girls. Giving them access to schools or other learning opportunities can give them hope for a better future.

At Wallabadah we pride ourselves in the quality education that is available to all our students. Last term we held a Literacy day along with Australia's Biggest Morning Tea and invited many of our parents and community members to share a favourite book with the children.

Activities for Education Week this year will be held in Week 5 when we are planning a launch of the “KidsMatter” program with Willow Tree P.S. Parents and Community members are very welcome to join us on this day. There will be Classroom activities in resilience and developing positive attitude along with Sport and Rec activities. After lunch the students will be watching a performance by

Last term Mrs Saunders and I attended a two day inservice in Tamworth about “Kidsmatter”. KidsMatter Primary is a mental health and wellbeing framework for primary schools and is proven to make a positive difference to the lives of Australian children. It provides the proven methods, tools and support to help schools work with parents and carers, health services and the wider community, to nurture happy, balanced kids. The rest of our staff are currently being inserviced in the first component “Positive School Community”. On our launch children will each receive a small gift bag that will promote Kidsmatter within the school. This framework fits in beautifully with our current student welfare programs “Stop Think, Do”, our Wallaby Awards and strategies teachers use in the classrooms.

If you are interested in finding out more about the “Kidsmatter” framework check out the website:

<https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary>

“Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know. “

*Daniel J. Boorstin*

**Christopher Jackson**  
**Principal**

**Small school “BIG” Opportunities!**

## Coming Events

### TERM 3

#### **July**

Small schools athletics carnival 25<sup>th</sup>

Education Week 28<sup>th</sup>

#### **August**

Zone Athletics 8<sup>th</sup>

Puppet Tricksters/Kids Matter 12<sup>th</sup>

Regional Athletics 29<sup>th</sup>

### Lunch Orders

Thank you Cheryl Bray for making lunches this week. Vicki Hawthorne is rostered on for lunches on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July.

### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Sophie Hawthorne who celebrated her 9<sup>th</sup> birthday over the weekend.



### Wallaby Awards

Congratulations to Emily Dent for receiving her second Wallaby Awards. Great effort!

### Sydney Excursion

**Please return your expression of interest forms ASAP. Payments can be made at the front office.**

### Absences

We have had a check of the class rolls this week and a number of students have been targeted for review. Letters were sent home today alerting parents to the situation. While these absence rates don't fall below 85% when the Home School Liaison Officer is notified, some cases we have noticed patterns are developing. Certain

days absent, or arriving at school late are some examples. I know that parents request leave for family holidays or students have a couple of days from school sick, and this is understandable, but I ask parents to reconsider days when children are away for minor reasons. Days away from school for whatever reason, impinges on your child's education.

### Did you know?

If your child misses as few as eight days each school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education.

**Going to school every day is important and Kindergarten sets children up for the rest of their schooling.**

### Small School Spelling Bee - FINAL REQUEST

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



## Jeans for Genes

Jeans for Genes Day is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August, a national day where people raise much-needed funds for research into birth defects and diseases such as cancer, epilepsy, and a range of genetic disorders. If you wish to make a donation there is a donation box available at the front office.



## Mulch for sale

Wood chip for sale. \$30 per box trailer load or \$100 for 4. For more information phone 67465512.

“After some 30 years of [analyzing teaching], I have concluded that classroom teaching is perhaps the most complex, most challenging, and most demanding, subtle, nuanced, and frightening activity that our species has ever invented.”

Lee S. Shulman

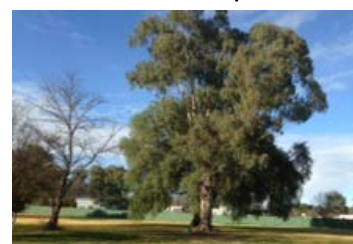


WE are TEACHERS

## **National Tree Day-27 July, 2014**

It was with great disappointment the children and staff had to watch trees being removed in our playground. An evaluation of trees in NSW school playground is currently being implemented which in some cases requires removal. We would like to acknowledge Wallabadah past students and community members that planted the trees, in particular Mr. Usfeller.

The Usfeller family continue to support the school through a trust fund and sports trophies.



*No assembly was held this week.*

## **Awards**



### K-1-2 Class

**Ashton Sweeney** for showing more care in all class work.

**Sophie Tacon** for working hard to learn “CVC” words and improve handwriting.

**Emily Dent** for always participating in all activities offered at school with a positive attitude.

### Mrs Godden

**Ashton Sweeney** for participating well during class discussions.

**Jock Barnett** for a great understanding of BTN sessions.

### Mrs Kemble

**Joshua Hall** for working diligently in maths groups.

### 3-5-6 Class

**Sophie Hawthorne** for contributing to classroom discussion.

**Jayde Smith** for working well on her nine times tables.



## Wallaby Week Ahead Term 3, 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>WEEK 3</u>				3-6 Assembly

St Pauls Supper Club presents

### *"An evening at Fawlty Towers"*

**What:** A dramatic episode from "Fawlty Towers" (the TV series)

**When:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2-14 ~ 7:00pm for 7:30pm (Matinee 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2:00pm)

**Where:** St Paul's Anglican Church Hall

**Who:** All local talent

**Why:** To raise funds for St Paul's restoration

**How Much:** \$25 a head

Patrons will receive a complimentary drink on arrival. Other alcoholic beverages BYO. The episode from "Fawlty Towers" will follow. In this episode, Sybil tells Basil of the impending visit of hotel inspectors. Basil suspects one, then another of his guests and spends his time fawning over them, then insulting them. Following the performance, supper will be served by the cast. So for an evening of humour and hospitality, join us at Fawlty Towers.

Bookings at the CTC centre.



## Quirindi Royal Theatre August 2014

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

1.30 pm Rio 2 G

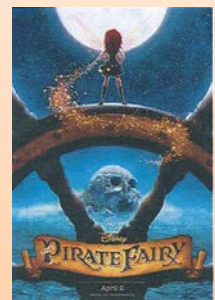
4.00 pm 22 Jump Street MA



**Sunday 3rd**

1.30 pm Rio 2 G

4.00pm 22 Jump Street MA



**Saturday 16th**

1.30 pm The Pirate Fairy G

4.00pm Dawn of the Planet of the Apes M

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4.00 pm Dawn of the Planet of the Apes M

**Saturday 30th**

1.30 pm Mrs Brown's Boys D Movie M

4.00pm Charlie's Country M

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4.00 pm Charlie's Country M