



Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

“Excellence in Learning”

Term 3, Week 5 ~ 15th August, 2014

“KidsMatter”

What a fantastic day we had on Tuesday at our “KidsMatter” launch.

It is what makes our school a wonderful place to work in. Thanks to all the students and staff from our school and the visiting schools of Walhallow, Willow Tree and Blackville that made the day such a success. I’d also like to thank the parents who came along to celebrate, particularly Mr Troy Barnett Mrs Nancy Dent and Mr Joel Smith for helping out with the lunches.

Wallabadah Public School is steeped in tradition and it is reflected in many facets of our school culture.

It starts with the community, the grass roots of our culture. Our parents support and nurture the school, ensuring that every opportunity is available. Second best is not an option. Our staff too believes in the traditions of the school and has an expectation that children will aspire to be, and do, the very best they can. The dedication to their craft and desire to engage the children at all times is always their primary focus.

The children at Wallabadah show tremendous pride in their school which is reflected not only in their uniforms, but shown in the respect they have for their elders, the excellent attitude to their school work and a desire to take on every opportunity available to them.

We may be a small school, but it’s our size that makes us special.

While our numbers over the past few years have gradually decreased due to a downturn in the rural sector and less people living in our village, it’s our ability to cater for every child’s unique learning style that makes us the magnificent school we are.

Calculating our projected numbers last week, I predict that we have a healthy 30 students enrolled in 2015 and at least 35 in the future years. That’s without any new families moving to the area.

If you know of anyone who is moving to Wallabadah, make sure you let them know about *“the small school with BIG opportunities”*

Christopher Jackson
Principal

Small school “BIG” Opportunities!

Coming Events

TERM 3

August

Touch football/art excursion 19th

Book Parade 21st

Regional Athletics 29th

September

Wallabadah Horse Sports 1st

Musica Viva 'Makukuhan' 2nd

Sydney Excursion 8-11th

Dubbo Excursion 9th

Life Education van 17th

Last day of term 3 19th



Birthdays

Happy birthday to Eve Porter who celebrated her 9th birthday last week.

Lunch Orders

Thank you Meagan Hall for making lunches this week. Nancy Dent is rostered on for lunches on Monday 18th August.

Book week/Book Parade

A book parade will be held on Thursday 21st August at 2pm.

Parents, friends and family are welcome to come for lunch at

1pm. Please pack a picnic lunch and stay for

the Book Parade at 2pm. Students will need to

dress up as their favourite book character.

Parents/Grandparents may like to **donate a**

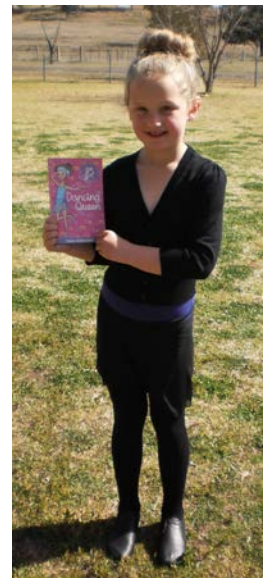
book to the Library. Books will be available

for purchase. Your child's name will be placed

inside the cover We look forward to a fun

afternoon! (Photos: Zane Smith and Sienna Cronin 2013

Book Parade)



Quirindi Zone PSSA Athletics-By Jock Barnett

Last Friday the 8th August we went to Golland fields to represent

Wallabadah for Quirindi Zone PSSA Athletics. Everyone had a great

day and they all tried their personal best. Well done to Emily Dent,

Sophie Hawthorne and the relay team (Brodie, Emily D, Jayde and I)

who are on their way to Area Athletics.

Congratulations to everyone on a great day!



Kids Matter

AUSTRALIAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS
MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE



STOP, THINK, DO

Rule of the Week

Always play around the back of the school and never go into the classrooms in break time.

Awards

Jayde Smith for considering others feelings.

Brodie Nankivell for being a considerate mediator.

Lochlan Cronin for playing happily in the playground with his friends.

Kallee Lobsey for always making fun games.



A k-2 assembly was held this week. Host were Breanna Young and Alanamae Abbott-Blundell.

Awards



K-1-2 Class

Breanna Young for excellent progress in all work!

Zane Smith for lovely presentation of work in Poetry.

Kallee Lobsey for completing all maths work. Good effort!!

Mrs Roseby

Natalie Payne for completing Literacy work in given time.

Alanamae Abbott-Blundell for working beautifully during "Kids Matter" craft.

Jock Barnett for being an excellent role model.

Mrs Kemble

Sophie Tacon for listening carefully and recognising sounds in words.

3-5-6 Class

Joshua Hall for working well in Problem Solving this week.

Amy Crowhurst for settling into her new school.



P & C News

The P&C would like to express their thanks to Amps Commercial for their donation. We appreciate the ongoing contribution to our P&C through the General goods rebate scheme. It is through generous contributions such as these that the P&C is able to support our School and the Education of our Children. Thank you



Wallaby Week Ahead Term 3, 2014

Focus Week: "Book week"

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| <u>WEEK 6</u> | Touch Football/Art excursion 3-6 | Blackville Spelling Bee | Picnic, Book Stall & Book Parade | General Assembly |