



# Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

“Excellence in Learning”

*Term 1, Week 1 ~ 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2015*

## A Great Achieving Public School

Great public schools are a *basic right* for every child. As Wallabadah staff all met in the staffroom on Tuesday morning we all discussed the fact that we help all school students achieve to the best of their abilities, regardless of their readiness or background. We live up to our motto “Small school BIG opportunities”

I am very excited about the coming school year. The wonderful experiences planned, the challenges we will face and the rewards we will all reap. Our school team this year is outstanding. Wallabadah School enjoys a team effort from students, teachers, education support professionals, parents, the local community and public officials to prepare our students for their future.

Mrs Saunders will continue on the K-2 class and I will be taking the 3-5 children. Mrs Roseby will be providing Release from face to face for staff and working as our Librarian. She will also be assisting in the K-2 classroom each Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Mrs Godden will be working 2 and a half days a week providing additional support to students with learning needs. Mrs Barnett is our full time clerical, while Mrs Kemble continues as our full time teachers aide. Mr Towse and Mrs Parker also continue as our General Assistant and Cleaner. We have incredible student teacher ratios this year ensuring your child receives the best education.

As always we ensure that our school has adequate tools and resources. We endeavour to adapt to a fast-changing world with new and greater demands. This year we will be focussing on "3 More R's" - responsibility, respect and results and all our teachers engage students so they become enthusiastic about learning.

Christopher Jackson  
Principal

Small school “BIG” Opportunities!

## Coming Events

### TERM 1

### February

Swimming Practise  
Swimming Carnival  
P & C meeting 6:30pm @ Marshal McMahon  
Clean up Australia Day

3<sup>rd</sup>  
5<sup>th</sup>  
9<sup>th</sup>  
27<sup>th</sup>



### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Quaydan Effer and Chloe Dent who celebrated their birthdays during the holidays.

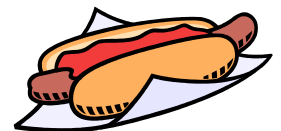


### Lunch Orders

Cheryl Bray will be making lunches on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February. If you are interested in volunteering for school lunches on a Monday between 12noon-1pm, please contact Jaime at the front office on 67465512. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

### Lunch Order Price List 2015

Hot Dogs	\$2.00
Pie	\$2.50
Sausage Rolls	\$2.00
Pizza-Ham & Pineapple	\$2.00
Pizza-Cheese & Bacon	\$2.00
Chicken Nuggets (3)	\$1.50
Chicken Nuggets (6)	\$2.50
Chicken Nuggets (9)	\$3.50
Chicken Burger-with Lettuce & Mayo	\$3.50
Chicken Burger	\$3.00



## Swimming Carnival

Our swimming carnival will be held on **THURSDAY 5th February, 2015** at Quirindi Pool. This is a whole school

activity and will commence at 9:30 am. Travel to and from the carnival will be by private transport. Families are welcome and encouraged to come for the carnival day. We encourage the children to wear their team house colours Hunter is red and white and for Tamarang it is yellow and black. Parents and Friends, please bring your swimmers!! It is a fun day. Carnival should close at approximately 2pm.





# Welcome



What a wonderful start to the year!

We would like to welcome our 5 new Kindergarten students Rigby, Alexia, Kyeesha, Chloe, and Dean.



Welcome to our two new families, The Kemble's and the Webster's. Zoe Kemble-Year 5, Damien Webster-Year 1 and Kyeesha Webster-Kindergarten.



## **Celebrate Australia Week**

To celebrate this week's focus week, students walked to the Wallabadah First Fleet Gardens and Park. They enjoyed a picnic lunch before exploring lots of interesting facts and monuments. They then enjoyed a play on the equipment and some games in order to get to know each other better as we kick off 2015.



### **Did you know?**

If your child misses as little as eight days in each term, by the end of primary education they will have missed a year of education. Attendance each day at school is critically important so that children have access to all learning opportunities and continually progress in their learning.

No assembly was held this week.

## **Awards**



### **K-1-2 Class**

**Dean Payne** for good listening to instructions in class.

**Brian Stocks** for a good attitude towards learning this week!

### **Mrs Roseby**

**Brian Stocks** for wonderful sentence writing.

### **Mrs Kemble**

**Ashton Sweeney** for a great start to the year, being settled and focussed.

### **3-6 Class**

**Quaydan Effer** for working really well this week.

### **Printable 2015 homework calendars**

Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out School A to Z's 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.

Find out more at <http://bit.ly/2015SchoolCalendar>.




**P & C Meeting at the Marshall McMahon  
Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> February at 6:30pm.**

**Everyone is Welcome.**



## **Wallaby Week Ahead Term 1, 2015**

**"Slip, Slop, Slap Week"**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b><u>WEEK 2</u></b>	Swimming Carnival Practice		Swimming Carnival 9:30am-2pm @ Qdi Pool	General Assembly