



# Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

## “Excellence in Learning”

### Teamwork holds the key

I was so proud of the children this week.

Yesterday ALL our children had a fun day at the Quirindi Pool for the schools Swimming Carnival. Our children performed extremely well, showing great ability and tremendous sportsmanship.



It was wonderful to see every parent present to cheer and encourage along the poolside. Congratulations to everyone, not only the Champions of the day, but everyone who pushed that little more to complete the race or in some cases the Kindergarten children who tested their comfort zone and by competing in the “Dive/Jump” competition. The children had lots of fun with the pool toys Mr and Mrs Webster donated to our school. Thanks again.

Special thanks to Mrs Payne and Ms Harris for helping with the timekeeping, Mr Smith for being the starter & Mrs Roseby who came along to help out even though it wasn't a work day! Also to Demi McKay for her assistance recording.



Thanks to Bob and Col McGilchrist for donating watermelons, and the pool staff Brendan and Lucas for going above and beyond their duty making it a great day.



Thanks to our staff, especially Mrs Saunders for their organisation and commitment to ensure every child succeeds to their best.

Our entire school community is committed to investing in the future of its children and, therefore, provides the time to help people establish caring behaviours so they can become contributing members of society.



Christopher Jackson  
Principal

Small school “BIG” Opportunities!

# Coming Events

## TERM 1

February	P & C meeting 6:30pm @ Marshall McMahon	9 <sup>th</sup>
	Zone Swimming	13 <sup>th</sup>
	Zone BasketBall	20 <sup>th</sup>
	Clean up Australia Day	27 <sup>th</sup>



### Lunch Orders

Thank you Cheryl Bray for making lunches this week. Natasha Payne will be making lunches on Monday 9<sup>th</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.



### School Leaders 2015

This year our school and house leaders are Jayde Smith and Zoe Kemble.

Our shed monitors this year are, Quaydan Effer, Zack Sweeney, Sienna Cronin and Eve Porter.

All students have shown great responsibility and are a wonderful asset to Wallabadah Public School. Well done everyone!



### Honouring ANZACS

Last year Mr Swansborough trialled his new online educational program at Wallabadah Public School called "Adopt an ANZAC" It takes students through a specific ANZAC from the local community, from their enlistment to discharge or death. The senior class is using this resource as a part of HSIE this term. A promotional video featuring Wallabadah students can be seen on [www.honouringanzacs.net.au/](http://www.honouringanzacs.net.au/)



The Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening (StEPS) program is an initiative of the NSW Ministry of Health and offers all 4 and 5 year old children a free vision screening assessment will be available to all kindergarten students that may have missed out last year. It is **highly recommended** all 4 year old children participate in the vision screening program as many vision problems remain undetected unless a child's vision is screened by a trained vision screener. A letter and consent form will be sent home outlining the program. Please return to school asap.



# Swimming Carnival

## Swimming Champions 2015

Juvenile Girl-Highest Points: Kyeesha Webster

Juvenile Boy-Highest Points: Dean Payne

Junior Girl Champion: Sienna Cronin

Junior Girl Runner Up: Eve Porter

Junior Boy Champion: Zane Smith

Junior Boy Runner Up: Lochlan Cronin

Senior Girl Champion: Jayde Smith

Winning House: Tamarang



**Thank you to everyone for a wonderful day!**





## QUIRINDI & DISTRICT SOCCER ASSOCIATION INC

(Quirindi Junior Soccer 0-18yrs)

### **Annual General Meeting**

7.00pm Thursday 15 February 2015

Tony Caine Function Room, Quirindi RSL Club

All interested helpers are invited to attend.

For further information contact:

Michelle Gallagher (Secretary) - 67463505



### **Maths questions**

Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child's maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey's Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It's aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest>

A general assembly was held this week.

## **Awards**



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

**Rigby Smith** for good rhyming in English.

**Zane Smith** for a good work ethic in class.

### **Mrs Roseby**

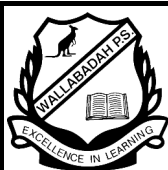
**Zoe Kemble** for writing an excellent B.T.N Report.

### **Mrs Kemble**

**Alanamae Abbott-Blundell** for working working well in class and being helpful to others.

### **3-6 Class**

**Joey Reedy** for creative thinking! Well done Joey.



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

"Caring about our environment week"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b><u>WEEK 3</u></b> P & C Meeting 6:30pm @ Marshall McMahon				3-6 Assembly

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