

Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

“Excellence in Learning”

Term 1, Week 3 ~ 13th February, 2015

One machine can do the work of fifty ordinary men. No machine can do the work of one extraordinary teacher.

Nowadays, technology has become so advanced in society that its integration into classroom instruction is essential.

Over the past few years the school has purchased electronic Smartboards for every learning space, class sets of iPads, and an integrated multi-media system throughout the school with the use of Apple TV, so students can show their work on any Smartboard in the school from either their iPhone or iPads.

To supplement work that's being done in the classroom Wallabadah Public School will be allowing children to log onto ZooWhiz. This innovative computer site that focuses on building on the children's knowledge in Literacy and Numeracy, which can be accessed from school or home.

ZooWhiz harnesses kids' love of animals and games to create a highly motivational environment which recognises that each child's learning needs are different. The educational content is drawn from a bank of over 17,000 carefully-crafted, finely-incremented learning activities, which comprehensively covers maths, punctuation, spelling, grammar, vocabulary, word skills, phonics, phonemics and reading.

Our staff like this program as there is ample scope to assist struggling learners and extend even the most able student.

When used at home and school, ZooWhiz becomes a seamless, integrated whole, that enables parents, teachers and schools to work together for the good of every child.

I encourage parents to check out ZooWhiz with their child and let them show you what they can do.

<http://www.zoowhiz.com/>

While there are exceptional benefits to this program, it doesn't replace the valuable teaching and learning activities and experiences that are already operating in our classrooms. It is merely a supplement.

“Technology makes it possible for people to gain control over everything, except over technology”

John Tudor

Christopher Jackson
Principal

Small school “BIG” Opportunities!

Coming Events

TERM 1

February	Zone BasketBall	20th
	Clean up Australia Day	27 th
March	Solid State Circus	5th
	Zoo Keeper (Scripture service)	5th
	Small Schools Hockey Fun day (Yrs 3-5)	17th

Lunch Orders

Thank you Natasha Payne for making lunches this week. Nancy Dent will be making lunches on Monday 16th 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 because without your help the children would not have the pleasure of ordering lunch.*



Portfolios 2015

This year we welcome back the introduction of portfolios to our children at Wallabadah Public School each term. The portfolio will consist of some wonderful samples of your child's work. It is expected that the portfolio be returned by week 2 of each term. At the end of the year the children get to keep this amazing folder as a memento of their hard work.

Chess

We are very excited to announce that Mrs Shirley Goodwin will be teaching Chess at Wallabadah Public School on the first Friday of each month. We look forward to our first session.



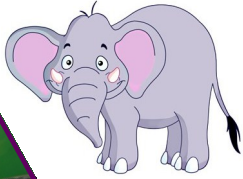
Good Luck

Good luck to Eve Porter, Jayde Smith, Sienna Cronin, Zane Smith and Lochlan Cronin who have been selected to swim at today's Quirindi Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival.

School Strategic Planning Survey

Thank you to all of the parents who have returned the recent survey. Some valuable feed back has been collected. We look forward to gathering more ideas from the school community.

Zoo Whiz



"It was fun and creative." Zack

It was an awesome activity as you get to learn." Kallee

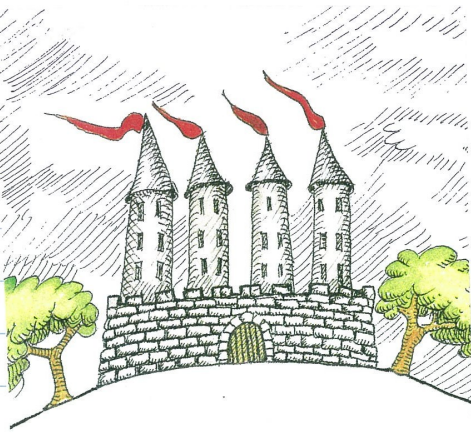
"I showed Mum, Dad and Zane at home and they loved it." Jayde

"One hard thing was to learn the password." Joey

"It's a good game to play at school and home." Quaydan



Work Samples



The castle is old gray and falling down. The wind blows the green trees side to side. The small yellow door is slowly opening. The red creepy flags are waving in the wind.

By Ashton Sweeney

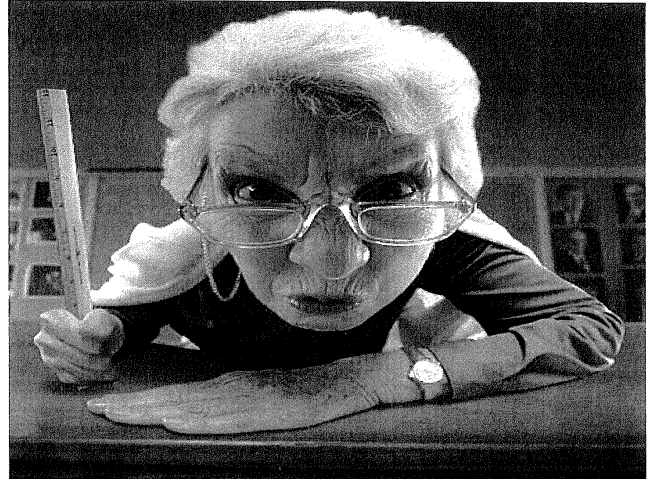


Captain Mack Transformation 2

Joey

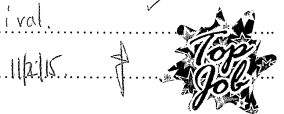


Miss Snipe smiled and showed every one of her tiny yellow teeth. "Morning boys," she said. "I have some happy news for you all. Next Monday is school photo day."



Miss Snoop smiled and glared at every student. "Morning, you mob," she said "I have some happy news for you all." Next Thursday is the swimming carnival.

By Joey Reedy



What a great start to the year for
Wallabadah Public School!

STOP, THINK, DO

Rule of the Week

Remember to put all rubbish in the bin so that our school environment stays beautiful.

Awards

Chloe Dent for playing happily with all her friends.

Dean Payne for listening to the school rules.



Helping your child with homework

How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework>

A 3-6 assembly was held this week. Host were Zack Sweeney and Zoe Kemble.

Awards



K-1-2 Class

Lexie Sweeney for excellent recall of sightwords!

Alanamae Abbott-Blundell for being a great leader in the K-2 classroom.

Mrs Roseby

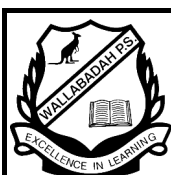
Dean Payne for showing excellent listening skills.

Mrs Kemble

Lochlan Cronin for neat book work.

3-6 Class

Zoe Kemble for showing maturity in our classroom.



Wallaby Week Ahead Term 1, 2015

"Cultural Week (Chinese New Year)"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>WEEK 4</u>				Zone BasketBall K-2 assembly

Quirindi Junior Soccer Registration Is Open!

Registration and payment must be completed online at www.myfootballclub.com.au by Wednesday 11 March 2015. Registration enquiries may be directed to Rikki Tetley Ph: 0413 137079.

2015 Registration Fees are:

- 5-7yrs - \$70
- 8-11yrs - \$85
- 12-18yrs - \$95



Players must be turning 5yrs in 2015 to take to the field and may register up to 18yrs (boys) or 19yrs (girls). Age ranges are based on the age your child turns in 2015. All 5-7yr old children will receive a free "small side" soccer ball and shin pads. Further information including details for the Grading Days will be in the Quirindi Advocate and via email to registered players.