



# Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

## “Excellence in Learning”

*Term 1, Week 5 ~ 27th February, 2015*

Wallabadah Public School prides itself on the parental and community involvement in our school. We have over six regular visitors to the classrooms each week for either reading and mathematics groups, canteen, and scripture. The staff and students value the time that our volunteers contribute to the teaching and learning at Wallabadah.

To adhere to the DEC policy of Work Health and Safety we ask that all visitors sign in at the front office. Mrs Barnett or Mrs Kemble can quickly document your presence on the school grounds. You will need to sign out when you leave. This applies particularly when you are picking your child up in school hours. You need to present to the office first, then head to the classrooms to take your child.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind all volunteer helpers at the school, it is now part of DEC policy that you need to complete a Working With Children Check. This is for anyone in child-related work. The result of a Working With Children Check is either a clearance to work with children for five years, or a bar against working with children. The Check is fully portable which means it can be used for any paid or unpaid child-related work in NSW for as long as the worker remains cleared. As most of our workers are volunteers there is no fee. Mrs Barnett has the forms for you to fill in at the front office.

Could all parents please fill in the form attached in this weeks Wallaby Whisper and return it to school. It is to cover ANY face to face assistance at school, Eg Reading groups, transportation of students to school events or canteen. If you require extra forms please see Mrs Barnett.

Once again we value the assistance many of our mums, dads and grandparents provide for all students at our school and encourage you all to continue with this help.

*“Volunteers are not paid -- not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.”*

**Christopher Jackson**  
**Principal**

**Small school “BIG” Opportunities!**

# Coming Events

## TERM 1

<b>March</b>	Zone Tennis Trials	2nd
	Regional Swimming	3rd
	Solid State Circus	5th
	Zoo Keeper ( Scripture service)	5th
	Blandford Horse Sports	6th
	Zone Soccer Trials (Note: Change of date)	13th
	P & C AGM	16th
	Small Schools Hockey Fun day (Yrs 3-5)	17th
	Willow Tree Horse Sports	20th
	Science Festival	26th
<b>April</b>	Cross Country/Easter Hat Parade/Last Day T1	2nd

## Lunch Orders

Thank you Helen Smith for making lunches this week. Dawn Cronin will be making lunches on Monday 2nd March. If you are interested in volunteering for school lunches on a Monday between 12 noon - 1 pm, please contact Jaime at the front office on 67465512.



Wallabadah School would like to thank **Kerrelea Effer and her mum** for **kindly donating** a selection of interesting Anzac resources. These are greatly appreciated by our year 3-6 class who are currently studying Anzacs.

## STEPS Vision Screening

We have a clinic visiting our school late Term 1 to screen two students. There is an opportunity for a couple more students to be screened on that day. If you would like your child to be screened please contact the school. It will be on a needs basis.

## Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Ashton Sweeney who celebrated his **8th** birthday today (27th February). Hope you have a great day Ash!!!

## Solid State Circus & The Zoo Keeper Performance

Please don't forget to return money and permission notes for next Thursday's performances.



A big **THANK YOU** to Mr **Tony Taylor** who kindly donated two **HUGE**, home grown watermelons to our school. They were **YUMMY!**





## Clean Up Australia Day

### Clean Up Australia Day

Today the students at Wallabadah School supported our local community by walking around the village to collect rubbish. Armed with gloves and garbage bags our students learnt to appreciate the importance of disposing of rubbish safely to ensure our environment is kept in pristine condition for its inhabitants.



Zoe attended the Regional Basketball trials on Thursday. She participated in skills training and played a number of challenging games. The competition was tough and although she did not progress to the next round a great day was had by all. Well done Zoe!



## Ice Cream Day



Congratulations Jayde & Zoe on organising a terrific fundraiser. Great job girls!



## COMPETITION—NOW OPEN.... PRIZES TO BE WON!

Open to all school students across Australia this competition encourages students to read and write for FUN.

Details and entry conditions can be accessed online at:

[www.write4fun.net](http://www.write4fun.net)

Closing date is Sunday 29th March 2015.



## STOP, THINK, DO

### Rule of the Week

Remember NO running around the school buildings.

### Awards

**Rigby Smith** for always sitting down while eating his lunch.

**Eve Porter** for playing nicely with all her friends.



### Did you know...

Reading aloud to children is the single most important activity for building the skills and knowledge necessary for children to successfully learn to read when they begin school. Children who are good readers are usually successful learners.

<http://www.better-beginnings.com.au>

No assembly was held this week.

## **Awards**



### K-1-2 Class

**Kyeesha Webster** for writing and recognising sightwords.

**Sophie Tacon** for Improvement in dictation activities.

### Mrs Roseby

**Lochlan Cronin** for awesome comprehension work.

### Mrs Kemble

**Zack Sweeney** for fantastic effort in creative writing.

### 3-6 Class

**Sienna Cronin** for excellent work in multiplication 4x.



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

"Let's Be Responsible Week"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>WEEK 6</u>	Regional Swimming		Solid State Circus Zoo Keeper	3-6 Assembly

## **P & C Annual General Meeting**

**Reminder: Save the Date-** AGM 16<sup>th</sup> March, 6:30pm @ Marshal McMahon. Everyone is welcome. Please come along to the meeting. Executive member position will be available. For any one that wishes to be a committee member, it is a cost of \$2.00.