

Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

“Excellence in Learning”

Term 1, Week 7 ~ 13th March, 2015

This week our focus was “Travel safely to school week”, so staff looked at a variety of activities throughout the week on Road safety.

Roads and vehicles are an everyday part of life for all of us particularly going to and from school. Children are especially vulnerable around vehicles and roads due to their size and capabilities.

There have been a number of incidents where children have been seen either disobeying road rules or putting themselves in danger going to and from school. We ask that parents revisit some of these rules to ensure their children are safe.

1. Be aware of the opportunities for children to become safer road-users.
2. Walk down to the local shop for milk or the newspaper with your children on Sunday morning.
3. Park the car and walk around to the sports ground, on the way explaining the observations and choices you make to get there safely.
4. Talk about the importance of wearing seat belts and insist that everyone in the vehicle wears appropriate restraints.
5. Point out rules of the road when driving.
6. Always demonstrate responsible and safe behaviours when driving, (or when a passenger) and while walking anywhere around vehicles and roads.

It is important your child knows :

- To stay on the footpath when walking home and if there's no footpath walk on the right hand side
- Cross the road safely. Stop at the curb look both ways and then walk straight across
- When riding a bike you obey all road rules including wearing a proper helmet.

We endeavour to let your child out of the school grounds safely so please bear with us which group we “let go first”. If you are in a hurry please come and sign them out earlier or ask the teacher on duty to let your child go with you immediately.

Christopher Jackson
Principal

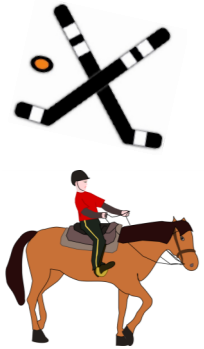
Small school “BIG” Opportunities!

Coming Events

TERM 1

March

P & C AGM	16th
Small Schools Hockey Fun day (Yrs 3-5)	17th
Willow Tree Horse Sports	20th
Science Festival	26th
Cross Country/Easter Hat Parade/Last Day T1	2nd



April

Lunch Orders

Thank you Mandy Reedy for making lunches this week. Natasha Payne will be making lunches on Monday 16th March.

Birthdays—Happy Birthday to Lochlan Cronin who turned 8 on Saturday 7th March. We hope you had a great day Lochie!!!



School Strategic Planning Survey—**REMINDER**

Thank you to all of the parents who have returned the recent survey. We value your feedback to help build a shared vision for our students and our school. Please return survey forms as soon as possible.

Merit Award System

At Friday assemblies students are awarded Merit Certificates, Stop Think Do Awards and Library Awards. Children retain their awards at home and once they have attained **four**, they bring them back to school for a Wallaby Award. When this has been done **three** times and they have **three** Wallaby Awards they bring them in and receive a Merit Badge. All awards are stamped and returned.

Four Merit Awards=One Wallaby Award
Three Wallaby Awards=One Merit Badge



Joey Reedy receiving his 2014 Merit Badge.

Science Fest

On Thursday 26th March, Wallabadah and Willow Tree Public School will be travelling to Quirindi High School to participate in a Science day. This will be a great day with lots of fun experiments. The cost will be \$5.00 including a sausage sizzle for lunch. A permission note with further information will be sent home next week.



Zone Soccer Trials—**GOOD LUCK!!!!**

This afternoon Zack and Zoe are representing Wallabadah Public School at the Zone Soccer Trials. We wish them all the best!!!



Learning Chess with Mrs Goodwin

On Friday Mrs Goodwin came to speak to us about how to play Chess. Zane, Ashton, Lochlan, Zoe, Joey and Sienna were in one group. We started off with checking how the pieces move. After we played chess. Zane played Ashton, Lochlan played Sienna and Joey played Zoe. Zane, Ashton and Joey won their games. The other group had fun playing outside. It was a great time. We look forward to Mrs Goodwin's next visit.



Honouring ANZACS

3-5J as a part of HSIE are currently learning about ANZACS. We have each been given a local ANZAC to research on the "Honouring ANZAC" site. Once we have completed the activities, we can then print off a booklet. We have enjoyed looking at original documentation that we can print out about each soldier. To the right is a copy of the original copy of Kallee's adopted ANZAC William Thomas Walsh from Wallabadah who enlisted at the age of 35.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 2657 Name *WALSH, William Thomas*
Unit *Amalgamated Depot Co*
6/33rd Btn Joined on *9th June 1916*

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

PAY BOOK No.

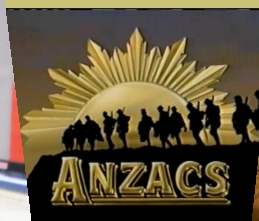
1. What is your Name? *WILLIAM THOMAS WALSH*
2. In the Parish of *...* in or near the Town of *WALLABADAH* in the County of *...*
3. Are you a Natural-Born British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) *NATURAL BORN*
4. What is your age? *35*
5. What is your trade or calling? *Singer*
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, when, to whom, and for what period? *No*
7. Are you married? *No*
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated.) *CATHERINE THOMAS WALSH (MOTHER) BELLINGHURST*
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? *No*
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Insolvent and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? *No*
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Middle Eastern, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge. *No*
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous services? *YES*
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? *YES*
14. Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with Pay would reach eight shillings per day? *YES*
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and Asiatic fever? *YES*

I, *WILLIAM THOMAS WALSH*, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

I, *ANZAC*, further agree to enlist not less than two-thirds of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service (exclusive of pay while on leave or in hospital).

Date *8th June 1916* Signature of person enlisted *W. T. Walsh*

* This form to be completed where necessary and should be sent out in the case of uneducated men or soldiers without children under 18 years of age.



STOP, THINK, DO

Rule of the Week

No hat no play. If you don't have a hat remain under the shelter.

Awards

Sophie Tacon for sitting down while eating her lunch.

Sienna Cronin for helping the kinders enjoy the playground.



Library Awards

Congratulations to the following K-2 students for receiving a Library Award.

Sophie Tacon, Natalie Payne, Ashton Sweeney, Alexis Sweeney, Lochlan Cronin.

As there was no library for 3-5 this week, students will receive their award for returning their book for the fifth time next week.



A general assembly was held this week.

Awards

K-1-2 Class

Dylan Stocks for an improvement in number work! Keep it up!

Ashton Sweeney for excellent work ethic during all class work.

Mrs Roseby

Damien Webster for showing interest in books.

Mrs Kemble

Alanamae Abbott-Blundell for participating well during class discussions.

3-6 Class

Kallee Lobsey for working hard with trading in algorithms.



**K-2 enjoying a treat,
a piece of chocolate
after reading**

**"The Big Book of
Chocolate".**



Wallaby Week Ahead Term 1, 2015

"Harmony Week"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 8 P & C AGM ALL WELCOME	Hockey Fun Day (3-6J)			Willow Tree Horse Sports Assembly K-2

P & C Annual General Meeting

Reminder: Save the Date- AGM 16thth March, 6:30pm @ Marshall McMahon. Everyone is welcome. Please come along to the meeting. Executive member position will be available. For anyone that wishes to be a committee member, it is a cost of \$2.00.