

Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

“Excellence in Learning”

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ALWAYS A PRIORITY

We often hear the phrase “life-long learners” with relation to our students at school, but one thing we tend to forget that we all went to school, and we too are ‘life-long learners’

At school we learnt basic skills in Literacy and Numeracy so we could gain employment.- skills to function in the “big wide world”. However our learning process shouldn’t stop there.

Life-long learning is a process in which we acquire knowledge, skills and other competencies during our lives in different ways and forms. That means education through training but also through other informal ways like learning from books, from the internet, from our friends and from experiences at school and work. All new learning that we engage in prepares us for better participation in the future.



At Wallabadah Public School all staff have completed all mandatory in-servicing in Work Health and Safety, e-Emergency Care and Training in anaphylaxis. These Training and Development sessions are held after school, to keep up with current trends and keeping abreast of new curricula. Mrs Saunders is currently training in the TENS program in Tamworth which is an Early stage 1/stage 1 numeracy program. Mr Jackson, Mrs Roseby Mrs Barnett and Mrs Saunders have started an online Autism course, while Mrs Kemble and Mrs Godden will start an online Speech development course.

The staff also works very closely with Willow Tree in Professional Development. Staff meetings are conducted fortnightly on Tuesdays either at Willow Tree or Wallabadah for an hour after school. We have had sessions on Mindfulness, Science and Technology, and Mathematics.

Lifelong learning is the first step in becoming an outstanding individual. In today’s fast paced world, you need to keep learning, and not stand still. One of my favourite quotes about life-long learning is from Gandhi

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”

He’s right. None of us should ever quit learning. We need to have a thirst for knowledge and do our best to quench it through learning. I always ask my class as they pack up each afternoon, what they learnt today, and what made them smile/laugh? This is so they go home knowing it was a great day. Sometimes learning is trivial, sometimes it is profound. Regardless, keep on learning.

Christopher Jackson
Principal

Small school “BIG” Opportunities!

Coming Events

TERM 1

March	Science Expo	26th
April	Cross Country/Easter Hat Parade/Last Day T1	2nd
(Term 2)	Staff Development Day	20th
	Students return	21st
	ANZAC Day March	25th

Science Expo

Please return
permission notes and
money by Monday
23rd March.



Lunch Orders

Thank you Natasha Payne for making lunches this week. Helen Smith and Kevin Webster will be making lunches on Monday 23rd March.

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.

WWCC Forms to be returned

Thank you to everyone that has returned their Working With Children Check. As it is now part of DEC policy any one that wishes to help with ANY face to face assistance at school, E.g. Reading groups, transportation of students to school events or canteen, must fill out the appropriate forms. Forms were sent home earlier in the term but if you require extra forms please see Mrs Barnett.



Quirindi Zone PSSA Soccer

Well done to Zack Sweeney and Zoe Kemble for a fantastic effort at PSSA Zone Soccer Trials at Quirindi last Friday. Zack and Zoe have made it through to the Southern trials at Gunnedah this Friday. We would like to wish them good luck and look forward to a full report in next weeks whisper.

Congratulations Zack and Zoe!!!



Fundraising for Vanuatu Schools

Cyclone Pam has terrorised the whole country of Vanuatu and every single school has been damaged or destroyed. We are trying to raise money for these schools. You can donate some money at the office and it will help the kids to learn again. My Nan and I thought of the idea because its great to see kids "happy". By Sienna Cronin



Harmony Day/Week

This week students and staff have been celebrating Australia's cultural diversity in recognition of Harmony Day.



Small School Hockey Gala Day

On Tuesday 17th March my class went to Tamworth to play a "VERY" fun game of hockey. We got ready and had a snack before we learnt some interesting hockey skills. We learnt the hockey position and to use the flat side of the hockey stick. Then we had to pair up with someone from another school. Then we played some fun mini-games. Mrs Godden and Mrs Kemble were running a group together. After a whole lot of mini games we got to have a free sausage sizzle and then we played some real games of hockey. My friend Sienna got a goal! It was a great day and everyone loved it!!!

By Jayde Smith



FUN!!!!



P & C Report

On Monday night the P&C had the Annual General Meeting, at the Marshal McMahon Hotel. A new committee was elected.

President: Cheryl Bray

Secretary: Nancy Dent

Vice president: Mandy Mackay

Treasurer: Mandy Smith

Thankyou to all that attended

Chris Jackson has asked the P&C to start planning for our 150 year anniversary in 2017.

This will be an exciting year for Wallabadah Public School, and the school would like to mark it in a special way. Anyone interested in the planning or have ideas please contact Chris or the P&C.

Easter is nearly upon us and we will be holding a Easter raffle! Tickets will be sent home on Monday and on Polling day on the 28th March we will be selling tickets all day at the school.

Please make a donation of something Eastery if you can.

Please feel free to come to a meeting and have your input!

Cheryl Bray



STOP, THINK, DO

Rule of the Week

We always stay around the back of the playground during playtime.

Awards

Dylan Stocks for joining in with games at playtime.

Jayde Smith for being an excellent mediator.



Library Awards

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

Alanamae Abbott Blundell, Chloe Dent, Dean Payne, Rigby Smith, Kallee Lobsey, Eve Porter, Sienna Cronin, Quaydan Effer, Zack Sweeney, Joey Reedy, Zoe Kemble and Jayde Smith.

A K-2 assembly was held this week. Hosts were Natalie Payne and Zane Smith.

Awards

K-1-2 Class

Dean Payne for always working to the best of his ability.

Sophie Tacon for excellent sentence writing in Spelling activities!



Mrs Roseby

Natalie Payne for being very caring and helpful to others.

Mrs Kemble

Sophie Tacon for excellent effort in maths.


3-6 Class

Quaydan Effer for achieving taking amounts from \$5.00. Well done.



Wallaby Week Ahead Term 1, 2015

"Manners Week"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>WEEK 9</u>			Science Expo	3-6 Assembly

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

If any family is interested in their child learning the "Spanish" language as an extra-curricular activity please contact the school. A cost will be involved.



Safetytown website – A road safety education program

This innovative website reinforces the road safety messages that children are learning at school. It provides practical strategies to help families learn how to be safer pedestrians and road users. The seven key road safety messages cover pedestrian safety, car passenger safety, bus passenger safety and safety on wheels (bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades). For further details, visit <https://www.safetytown.com.au>