



Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

“Excellence in Learning”

Term 1, Week 9 ~ 27th March, 2015

“Good manners will open doors that the best education cannot.”

Clarence Thomas

On many occasions people comment on how polite the children from Wallabadah are. It obviously is an aspect our community places as important as in the survey we conducted to write our vision for the 2015 School Plan, many parents made a point about “respect and manners”. This week our Focus Week was “Manners” and our school displayed good manners on many occasions. The Science Expo at Quirindi High School on Thursday was one such example.

Manners and respect are inseparable. Children begin developing respect for others by first developing it for their parents. Children should be taught to behave in mannerly ways toward their parents. That means children should not be allowed to call their parents (or any adult for that matter) by their first names, to interrupt adult conversations unless in crisis, or (beyond age three) to throw tantrums when they don't get their way. When adults speak, children should pay attention; and when adults give instructions, children should carry them out. It's as simple as that.

There are some simple ways to encourage children to display good manners.

Working on one thing at a time. If you try to teach too many social skills at once, you will end up teaching none of them well. Instead, teach table manners first, for example. When those have been learned, advance to phone manners, and so on.

Praising your children for their successes. When your kids display proper manners at home or in public, give them immediate positive feedback. It's more critical that you do this during the early "learning phase" of manners instruction, but even older children need to occasionally hear how proud you are of their social deportment.

Being tolerant of your children's lapses, but do not overlook them. Children will make mistakes. The more patient you are, the more progress they will ultimately make. Under no circumstances should you reprimand a child's social errors in public, although firm reminders may at times be in order. Remember that children want to please adults and that it's easier to catch the proverbial fly with honey than with vinegar.

When it's obvious that your child has forgotten a certain social ritual, give a prompt. If, for example, your child forgets to extend his or her hand upon meeting an adult, quietly ask, "What are we supposed to do when we meet someone older than ourselves?" That gives the child the opportunity to do the right thing without feeling he or she is being criticized.

Lastly, but not least, set a good example. A "do as I say, not as I do" approach to manners simply won't work. Your children must see you setting a good example when it comes to manners. And by the way, manners are not a one-way street. If you want your children to behave in a mannerly way toward you, then you must behave in a mannerly way toward them as well.

“The hardest job kids face today is learning good manners without seeing any.”

Fred Astaire

Christopher Jackson
Principal

Small school “BIG” Opportunities!

Coming Events

TERM 1

April Cross Country/Easter Hat Parade/**Last Day T1** 2nd

TERM 2

Staff Development Day 20th

Students return 21st

ANZAC Day March 25th



Please Note:

**There is
NO PUBIC
HOLIDAY
on Monday
27th April.**



Lunch Orders

Thank you Helen Smith and Kevin Webster for making lunches this week. Natasha Payne will be making lunches on Monday 30th March.



ASCA - Australian Speech Communication Association

Congratulations to Lochlan Cronin and Joey Reedy who will be travelling to Sydney this weekend to receive their awards at the ASCA Awards Ceremony.

Lochlan and Joey are well deserving of these awards due to their outstanding performances in ASCA 2014.

We look forward to watching you both again in 2015!

Winter Uniforms

At the start of Term 2 students return to school wearing their winter uniforms. The P&C run a well-stocked uniform pool with new and used clothes. Prices range from \$5 to \$10 for used uniforms to \$50 for a new girls winter uniform.

- Boys:**
- *Grey shirt
 - *Grey long trousers
 - *School green V-neck sloppy joe or jumper
 - *Grey socks
 - *Black leather shoes
 - * School hat & tie

- Girls:**
- *White blouse
 - *School green checkered pinafore (same design / colours as St Nicholas, Tamworth. The P&C have stock available for sale at the school.).
 - *School green V-neck sloppy joe or jumper
 - *Green tights or white ankle socks
 - *Black leather shoes
 - *School hat & tie



REGIONAL SOCCER

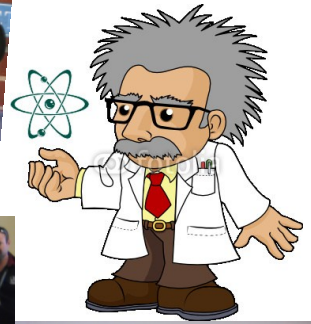
On Friday 20th March, we went to PSSA soccer tryouts in Gunnedah. It was an extremely HOT day. The girls played four games and the boys played four games as well. There was some tough competition. The hardest team was Gunnedah.

It was an awesome day!!!

By Zack Sweeney and Zoe Kemble



Science Festival



On Thursday 26th March Wallabadah students travelled to Quirindi High School to participate in a FUN science day. Not only did we get to work in a real science lab and learn about safety in the lab but we explored air movement, static electricity, polymers, surface tension, absorption, combustion and chemical change. A great day was had by all.

We would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to all staff and students at Quirindi High School for a Memorable day.

STOP, THINK, DO

Rule of the Week

Remember your good Wallabadah manners at all times.

Awards

Lochlan Cronin for trying hard in cross country.

Zoe Kemble for being an excellent leader.



Library Awards

Congratulations to the following students for receiving a Library Award.

Zane Smith, Kyeesha Webster and Damien Webster.

A 3-6 assembly was held this week. Hosts were Kallee Lobsey and Quaydan Effer.

Awards

K-1-2 Class

Kyeesha Webster for improvement in Number recognition.

Zane Smith for beginning to read a variety of books with improved fluency!



Mrs Roseby

Zane Smith for excellent knowledge of "Telling the Time".

Mrs Kemble

Alanamae Abbott- Blundell for being a wonderful helper in the classroom and playground.

3-6 Class

Joey Reedy for understanding his ANZAC— Honouring ANZACS.

Zack Sweeney for ANZAC profile—Honouring ANZACS.



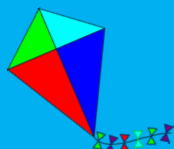
Wallaby Week Ahead Term 1, 2015

"Easter Week"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>WEEK 10</u>			<u>LAST DAY Term 1</u> X-country Church Service Easter Hat Parade	Good Friday

IDEAS FOR HOLIDAY FUN!!!

- Fly a kite.
- Build a cubby.
- Help in the garden.
- Practise ball skills e.g. kick a soccer ball.
- Walk the dog.
- Make an obstacle course.



- * Have a cooking day with an adult.
- * Play a board game e.g. Chess.
- * Write a story or poem.
- * Read a book.
- * Research something you are interested in.

