



# Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

## “Excellence in Learning”

*Term 1, Week 10 ~ 2nd April, 2015*

Our school ethos is “Small School BIG Opportunities” and being involved in many extra curricula activities is very much a part of that belief.

We believe that teaching the six Key Learning Areas should be done in a fun, interesting and challenging way. This means that children will also be involved in out of classroom activities such as excursions, watching performances, attending workshops or being involved in sporting events.

Participating in extracurricular activities helps your child in many ways. It enables your child to explore their physical, creative, and social abilities. In every event we encourage children to be involved. These events allow them to interact in a safe and rewarding environment. Examples of these activities are swimming and athletics carnivals where every child is encouraged to participate in events, visiting performances which are a part of lessons taught in the classroom. It also enables children to see first class performers many of whom are international artists.

Last week we had a Science Expo with Willow Tree Public at Quirindi High. Not only was it a wonderful experience in Science activities but it provided excellent links with our feeder High School. I have included Ms Clarkes message which was in the High School Newsletter about our visit. As we are introducing the new Science and Technology curriculum our two schools are working together to provide challenging science opportunities. Our next Science Expo will be based around the environment at Willow Tree Public. We will be engaging officers from the Liverpool Plains Shire Council to provide input.

Missing out on these opportunities is something we don't like to see, so if there is any reason your children cannot be involved in them whether it be financial, a transport problems or medical issues please do not hesitate in talking to me about it.

Be active, be involved and be fair. Take these opportunities, learn from them, and most importantly have fun.



*Message from Ms Clarke, Principal Quirindi High School*

This week we welcomed 60 students from Wallabadah and Willow Tree Public Schools to participate in a fabulous Science Expo. It was wonderful to see fully engaged, deep learning happening across K-6, taught by Primary Teachers in our labs. I was assured by our visitors that they had a fantastic time and learned a lot about Science and would like to thank Mr Andrew Harries, the Science staff and our senior students for their leadership in the coordination of such a fabulous day. I would also like to sincerely thank Mr Chris Jackson and Mr John Ireland and their respective teaching staff for their commitment to the development of our joint school strategic direction of “Building Teacher Capacity”. We had a great day celebrating the strength of our local school networks!

**Christopher Jackson**  
**Principal**

**Small School “BIG” Opportunities!**

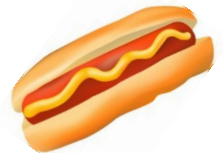
# Coming Events

## TERM 2

April	Staff Development Day	20th
	<b>Students return (Tuesday)</b>	<b>21st</b>
	ANZAC Day March	25th

## Lunch Orders

Thank you Natasha Payne for once again making lunches this week. If anyone would like to volunteer next term, please see Jaime at the front office.



## ASCA –Our Trip to Sydney

On 28th March, Lochlan Cronin and I went to The King's School in Parramatta for the ASCA awards. Lochlan was receiving a Studio Achievement Medal and I was receiving a Studio Medal. I had to get up at 4:30am! We needed spare time to get all the clothes and blazer ready. Soon we were at Parramatta and were looking for The King's School. We had to go to the Futter Hall where the awards were going to be held.

Soon we were seated in our seats at the Futter Hall. First were the studio achievement awards. We had to line up in a long line. It was really nice to be there and receive our medals.

By Joey Reedy



## Wallaby Awards

Congratulations to Dean Payne and Sophie Tacon, our first Wallaby Award winners for term 1. What a great effort! Keep up the good work!



Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to the Vanuatu appeal organised by Sienna and Dawn Cronin. \$91.50 was raised and has been given to the Red Cross to help assist the victims of Cyclone Pam.



# Cross Country 2015



2015 Cross Country  
Champions



Juvenile Girl Champion: Alexis Sweeney  
Juvenile Boy Champion: Dean Payne  
Junior Girl Champion: Eve Porter  
Junior Boy Champion: Joey Reedy  
Senior Girl Champion: Zoe Kemble

Juvenile Girl Runner Up: Kyeesha Webster  
Juvenile Boy Runner Up: Dylan Stocks  
Junior Girl Runner Up: Alanamae Abbott Blundell  
Junior Boy Runner Up: Zack Sweeney  
Senior Girl Runner Up: Jayde Smith



## Celebrations



Easter Service



## STOP, THINK, DO

### Rule of the Week

Remember to wear your full school uniform at all times.

### Awards

**Zane Smith** for always playing happily with friends.

**Eve Porter** for being a kind, caring friend.



### April school holidays

Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It's not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids' Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.

Find out more: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/>

No assembly was held this week.

## **Awards**

### K-1-2 Class

**Alexis Sweeney** for excellent recognition of numbers.

**Lochlan Cronin** for excellent presentation of work all term!



### Mrs Roseby

**Quaydan Effer** for always showing lovely manners.

### Mrs Kemble

**Joey Reedy** for showing improved competence in assessment technique.

### 3-6 Class

**Zoe Kemble** for presenting English work to high standard.



## **Wallaby Week Ahead Term 2, 2015**

### **"ANZAC Week"**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>WEEK 1</b> Staff Development Day	Students Return			



*We wish you all a happy  
and safe holiday*



*From the Staff at Wallabadah Public School*