



Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community.

“Excellence in Learning”

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National Families Week

15-21 MAY 2015

'Stronger Families, Stronger Communities'

This week our focus was “Families” and we had a number of activities at school to celebrate National Families Week”.

The aim of National Families Week 2015 is to celebrate the vital role that families play in Australian society. The 2015 theme is 'Stronger Families, Stronger Communities'.

This year's theme highlights the important role families play as the central building block of our community and that community wellbeing is enhanced by family wellbeing.

On Monday Ken and Dawn Cronin visited the school and Ken showed us photos and memorabilia he has collected of his family heritage in Borneo. It was wonderful for the children to listen to cultural stories and relate it to someone from our own school community.

Today during our General Assembly Dylan and Brian Stocks mum Dian spoke to us about her family heritage in Indonesia. Mrs Stocks spoke about the Indonesian culture, showed us pictures of her relatives that still live there and even taught us how to count to ten.

Our school activities this week certainly provided the children with a time to celebrate with their families, make contact with their extended family and friends, and share in the enjoyment of family activities within the wider community. It is a time to celebrate the meaning of family and to make the most of family life.

Thanks to all our families who jointly assist us to make our students the citizens of tomorrow.

In two weeks time we have our Simultaneous Reading and Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea. We welcome all families in our community to join us on the 27th.

Christopher Jackson
Principal

Small School “BIG” Opportunities!

Coming Events

TERM 2

May	Basketball K-6 1:30pm at Wallabadah	25th
	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea	27th
	Science day @ WTPS	28th
	NRL Clinic 9.30-10.30 WBD	29th
June	School Photos	2nd
	Chess (1 -2pm)	5th
	Regional Cross Country (Coolah)	12th

Lunch Orders

Thank you to Mandy Reedy for making lunches this week. Nancy Dent will be making lunches on **Monday 18th May**. If anyone would like to volunteer this term, please see Jaime at the front office.

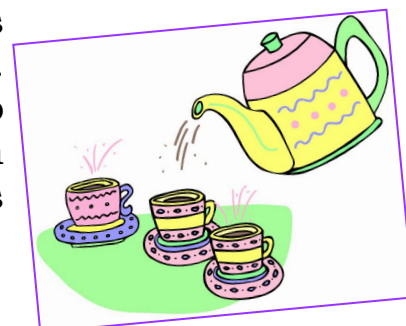


Save the Date - Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

On **Wednesday 27th May**, Wallabadah Public School will be hosting the **annual Australia's Biggest Morning Tea** which will commence at 10:30am. We will also be conducting the National "Simultaneous Reading" which we have held in previous years. In addition this year we are encouraging parents, relatives and friends to come along and read their favourite book (the one they loved as a child), to a small group of children. In doing this our students will also see the value we as adults place on reading and the importance of this valuable skill.



Photos from 2014 ABMT. Fay Porter and Jenny Smith reading to students.



Wallaby Awards

Congratulations to Jayde Smith, Quaydan Effer, Zack Sweeney, Lochlan Cronin and Rigby Smith who received Wallaby Awards this week. Great work everyone!!!

REMINDER: SCHOOL PHOTOS—MSP Photography forms have been sent home and must be returned with payment before photo day which is scheduled for **2nd June, 2015**. Family envelopes are also available from the front office.

We look forward to yet another professional keepsake.



Art in a Suitcase

Miss Armstrong from the Tamworth Regional Gallery will be visiting our school on Tuesday 19th May. We are lucky enough to have her bringing gallery artworks to our school for us to view. We will have a chance to discuss the artworks and the artists.



thank
you!

As a result of your generous donations of clothing last week during our “People Less Fortunate Than Ourselves” focus week, we would like to pass on the gratitude of the people of Dungog, communicated to James Dent as he kindly delivered them. Eighty-five people are believed to be homeless after the floods in this area alone.

Once again a demonstration of the strong community spirit here at Wallabadah.

International Week of Families



On Monday, Mr and Mrs Cronin kindly donated their time to discuss with the children at Wallabadah their family heritage in Borneo. Armed with lots of artefacts, photos and interesting information the children got to learn about Mr Cronin's trips to visit his overseas relatives, the family long house and their culture.



At our General assembly Mrs Stocks shared stories about her family. Mrs Stocks told us there are 40,000 islands in Indonesia but people cannot live on all of them. It takes 6 hours to get there. She taught us how to count to ten in Indonesian. Thank you Mrs Stocks.



Touch Football— Last Friday afternoon we (Zoe and Zack) went to touch football trials at No. 1 oval in Quirindi. We played two games each and we versed Quirindi and Werris Creek. There was some tough competition. Luckily I (Zoe) made it through to Zone in Armidale.

By Zoe Kemble and Zack Sweeney



Cross Country — Last Friday morning Jayde Smith, Zoe Kemble, Zack Sweeney, Quaydan Effer, Natalie Payne, Joey Reedy, Ashton Sweeney, Eve Porter, Zane Smith and myself all represented Wallabadah Public School at the Zone Cross Country in Willow Tree. It was a cold day but running kept us warm and we had lots of fun. Everyone cheered each other on. Eve made it through to Regionals and Jayde is a reserve. Everyone else did a great job in their races. Congratulations to all for a great effort and good luck to Eve in the next round.

By Alanamae Abbott-Blundell

STOP, THINK, DO

Rule of the Week

Please remain seated while eating morning tea and lunch.

Awards

Brian Stocks for having a happy time in the playground.



Library Awards

Congratulations to Jayde Smith for receiving a Library Award.

A General assembly was held this week.

Awards

K-1-2 Class

Damien Webster for making a great effort in Narrative writing.

Calum Frost-Guider for clever work in mathematics.

Mrs Roseby

Damien Webster for being thoughtful to other children.

Mrs Kemble

Dean Payne for showing improvement in Numeracy skills.

3-6 Class

Sienna Cronin for deep understanding of our text 'Holes'.

Jayde Smith for being a responsible member of our class.



Wallaby Week Ahead Term 2, 2015

"Focus on Reading Week"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>WEEK 5</u>	Art in a Suitcase	Touch Trials—Armidale		3-6 Assembly

NAPLAN

Congratulations on the great effort everyone put into NAPLAN this week.



Now you see me!!

Now you don't!!

**Great
Autumn
fun!!!**