



Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community

“Excellence in Learning”

Term 1, Week 10 6 April 2018

Welcome to week 10!

Another short week this week and I must admit it has been quite beneficial for the majority of students who are ‘exhausted’ at the end of a very busy school term. None the less the student attitude and application to tasks has still been high, with some wonderful academic results in spelling, strong improvements in reading and new concepts in mathematics. Well done students!

This week we have been busy practicing for the upcoming Cross Country event. I am yet to experience a Wallabadah Cross Country, however I am excited to be part of what I have heard is a wonderful sporting opportunity for our children. Students have been running around the school grounds for the last two weeks and this week we sent them outside. Mrs Saunders had a car waiting at the end and was supervising the runners. It has been fantastic to see the improvement in the children’s fitness and speed as the week has progressed. We do look forward to a fantastic school event next Friday 13th April and look forward to seeing you there!

At Wallabadah, we pride ourselves on our uniform and dress. This week we have had many conversations with the students around pride in their appearance and their cleanliness and hygiene. We encourage all children to come to school in a clean uniform with their hair brushed and faces, teeth and hands clean. We will continue next week to monitor and remind students that a healthy body, clean face and hair leads to a healthy mind. Thank you for your support in keeping your children clean, tidy and well kept.

Social Media— A controversial topic that is once again in the media spotlight this week for security reasons. Information has been taken by Facebook and is being used to create a profile on you. I am aware that a few students in the Primary classroom are users of social media. We have spoken in depth about the dangers and vulnerability of Snapchat, Instagram and Facebook and we discussed the diverse range of ways that hackers can gain your information. Students are aware that posting photos or giving comments can be dangerous if used incorrectly.

Parent Tips: As parents, we can make sure our children are safe by strict monitoring of their accounts and their activity online. We can limit the time they are allowed to use Social Media and we can always make sure they are online in a common area of the house. We can chat with our children about the friends they have online and always make sure their accounts have the private setting ticked.

<https://www.parentline.com.au> This Australian based website has some extra great tips for those wanting more information.

Have a lovely week!

Johanna Teague—Principal

Merit Awards

K-2 Class

Archie Teague: A great attitude in class and always helping others.

Will Jones: A terrific use of sight words in writing activities.

3-6 Class

Charlotte Robertson:

Wonderful times table work.

Ella Jones

Careful and considerate work.

Mrs Roseby

Archie Teague: Excellent, expressive oral reading.

Mrs Cudmore

Alanamae Abbott-Blundell: Continuing to try her best in all areas. Keep it up!

P&C News

Thank you to Jaimee cheyne who will be making Lunch orders 9 April 2018.

Apologies for the mistake in last weeks newsletter regarding 2018 P&C committee members.

2018 P&C Committee Members are as follows:

- * **President:** Cheryle Bray
- * **Vice President:** Louise McGilchrist
- * **Treasurer:** Mandy Smith
- * **Secretary:** Mandy Reedy
- * **Fundraising Co-ordinator:** Natasha Payne

Stop Think Do



Rule of the Week: Remember to be safe on the slide.

Only sports monitors are to get equipment out of the shed.

Stop Think Do Award: Sam Robertson: Always being a "Happy Chappy" in the playground!



ANZAC Day March

On Tuesday 25 April 2018, students are invited to participate in the Anzac Day march and service. Students are to meet a staff member at 10.40am in front of the Quirindi Post Office, ready to march to the Town Memorial Clock. The Anzac Day March will commence at 10.55am. Students are to wear full winter school uniform, including ties. Girls are to wear white ankle socks because it has been warm in previous years. **Please remember to bring your school hat as it is usually quite sunny.**



Cross Country

Cross Country will be held on **Friday 13th April 2018** at the **Wallabadah Racecourse.**

It will start at **9.30am** and finish at **11.00am.**

Parents are asked to organise transport with other parents if you are unable to take your children to the race course or return them to school.

Please advise us by **Tuesday 10 April** if help is needed with transport. Please return permission note by this date also.

Presentation will be held at the race course.



Zane Smith represented the region in Polocrosse winning the State title at the Sydney Royal Easter Show!!

Congratulations to Zane on such a wonderful achievement!





Wallaby Calendar Term 1, Week 11

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
11	9	10 Play Group 10-12	11 Zumba	12	13 Cross Country General assembly	14/15

Week 1 Term 2

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
1	30 Staff Development Day	1 Students Return to school <u>Full Winter Uniform</u>	2	3	4 K-2 Assembly	5/6