



Wallaby Whisper

The newsletter for Wallabadah Public School and its community

“Excellence in Learning”

Term 2 Week 2

11 May 2018

Welcome to week 2!

This week we have had a refocus on our “Leader In Me” Habits. Our students have explored being proactive and what it means for them. We have spoken about how if you are proactive rather than reactive it means you are controlling the situation, rather than letting the situation control you. In the school setting this applies in the playground and classroom. Students were reinvigorated with a ‘can do’ attitude. We remind them that they choose their actions, attitudes and moods, choosing to do the right thing, even without being asked.

Besides the obvious, Literacy, Numeracy, Science and so on, we have had another focus..... MUMS! This week we have celebrated our mums. Many people in Australia will be celebrating the special Mother’s Day tradition this Sunday.

The origin of Mother’s Day dates back to ancient times. Despite what people think, the day was not developed by Hallmark as a commercial holiday to sell cards and flowers. The celebrations can be traced back to ancient Greece where people honoured Rhea, wife of Cronus and the mother of the gods. They would make offerings of honey-cakes and flowers to show their respect for her. The Romans also had their own mother of the gods. She was called Magna Mater or Great Mother. Every year in March people would bring offerings to her temple in Rome. The day was widely celebrated and was known as the Festival of Hilaria.

Move forward into the 20th Century, Anna Jarvis a peace activist who took care of wounded soldiers during the American Civil War created Mother’s Day to address women’s issues. When she passed away her daughter wanted to keep the tradition alive, and so Mother’s Day as we know it now was formed.

However you celebrate this tradition on Sunday, or whatever your own family has shaped this tradition into, make it special. Maybe make that phone call, pay a visit, or buy some flowers. Children you might like to think about doing some extra jobs around the house, letting mum relax with a nice cup of tea, or give her extra hugs.

Even if your family does not celebrate this tradition, enjoy your weekend together and children, still find the time for that cuppa for mum.

In other words.....‘Be Proactive’.

Have a lovely week and to all the wonderful mothers, have a lovely day!

Johanna Teague

Principal.



K-2 Class

Trey Fletcher: *Improvement in number work.*

Kyeesha Webster: *Being a great assistant in Art classes.*

3-6 Class

Dean payne: *Great effort in NAPLAN practice.*

Lindsay Conroy: *Great work in drama activities.*

Mrs Roseby

Dean Payne: *Excellent knowledge of the map of Australia.*

Mrs Cudmore

Alanamae Abbott-Blundell: *Writing a well structured narrative. Well done!*



StopThink Do

Rule of the week:

Always walk on cement areas.

Stop, Think, Do Award:

Henry Teague: *For thinking quickly in the playground.*

*Wallabadah Public School prides itself on the support our local community provides each and every day. We are appreciative of mums, dads, grandparents and friends who volunteer for reading and maths groups or craft activities. This benefits every child who attends Wallabadah. This week letters along with the appendix 5 and appendix 11 went home. We greatly appreciate the time you take to fill these out and return them to the school office, along with your original 100 points of identification. If you are in need of an extra form, please come and see us at the office. **Thank you for your support.***



Happy Birthday to
Kyeesha Webster,
who celebrated her
birthday this week.



*Congratulations to
Lindsay Conroy on
achieving a
Wallaby Award!
Well Done!!*

GRIP Leadership Conference

On Tuesday Kallee, Joey and Shakiya went to the Tamworth Town Hall and learnt about leadership. We learnt you have to be like a strawberry and not like a watermelon because a strawberry is the same on the inside and outside, but a watermelon is soft on the inside but hard on the outside. We learnt to have a positive attitude, care actions and words. We also learnt that you have to make hard decisions when being a leader. The GRIP leadership team made it so fun. Shakiya's highlight was when she went on stage to do a "Who Can Help You" quiz with loud noise boys. They also made a dance off for us! The garden role play was Kallee's highlight and also Joey's as he was on stage in it! Thankyou to Mrs Reedy and Mr Fletcher for taking the children there.



By Kallee Lobsey, Joey Reedy and Shakiya Fletcher.



Thank you to **Jodi Jones** who will be making our lunch orders Monday 14 May 2018.

Thank you **Juanita Robertson** for making them for us this week.

Save the Date: The next P&C Meeting will be on Monday 14 May 2018. 6pm at Wallabadah Public School.

Pie Drive: Order forms went home this week. If you would like to order some yummy Pies etc please have your order form and money to the school by 20 June 2018.

IGA Rewards: IGA run a rewards card programme. You can sign up online. When signing up you can select to contribute your points to Wallabadah Public School.



AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA
PARENTS, RELATIVES, FRIENDS & COMMUNITY MEMBERS WELCOME

Tuesday 22nd May, 2018

10:30am to 3:15pm

Wallabadah Public School

Bring along a cake or slice to share

Gold coin donation to Cancer research

10:30am Morning Tea

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Afternoon Sporting Fun!!!

11:30am

K-6 Presentations of their 'Sporting Legend'

12:00pm to 1:00pm

'Zumba' for everyone to join in, parents may participate too!

2:00pm

You Beauty! Young Australia Performance \$10 per person, pre-schoolers are free



say cheese

School Photo Day is

Monday 21st May 2018

Have your child's school memories captured forever.

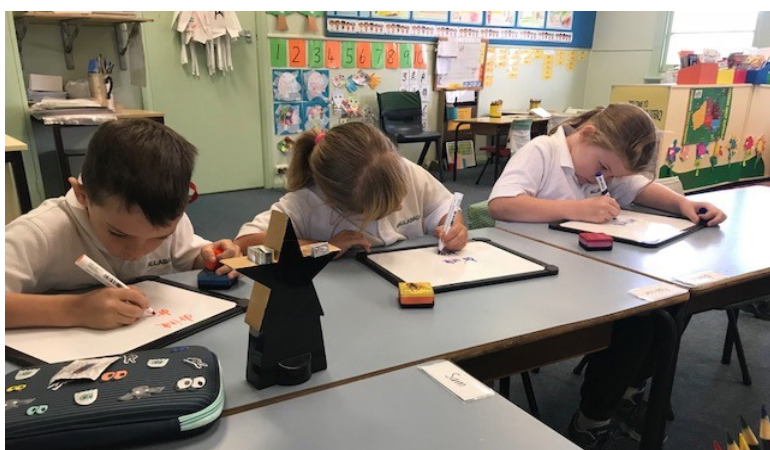
Please take the time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope, however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.

- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Family photos will be packaged inside the eldest child's individual photo pack.
- Please enclose the correct money as no change can be given.

MSP Photography New England
newengland@msp.com.au | 02 6772 3519 | www.msp.com.au

Wallabadah Public School ties are available to purchase from Lowes Tamworth.



Some Excellent concentration from some of our K-2 students who were practising their spelling!



Wallaby Calendar Term 2, Week 2

2018

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
3	14	15 NAPLAN	16 NAPLAN	17 NAPLAN	18 9:15 3-6 Assembly Netball	19/20
4	21 School Photos	22 Play Group 10-12 Australia's Biggest morning Tea	23	24 Operation Art	25 9:15 General Assembly Netball	26/27



Let's Hang it! 2018

University of New England
School Acquisitive Art Prize

Exhibition Dates:
Friday 27 July to Sunday 12 August 2018
New England Regional Art Museum, Armidale



If any students wishing to enter this exhibition would like more information, please see front office. Art work must be submitted to school by the 1 June 2018.

Reminders:

- * **Stewart House Donation Drive envelopes are due in by 14 May 2018.**

Class Assemblies

Friday Assemblies will be held at 9:15 to 9:45am due to the school participation in the NSW Sporting Schools Program. Reading groups will follow from 9.45-10.00am.

The Australian Guide to Healthy Eating for children

Winanga-Li Aboriginal Child & Family Centre

Building A Healthy lunchbox

TFSS

Fussy Eating

Label Reading

Nutrition Facts

HEALTHY EATING PRESENTATION

Where - 16th May at the Beehive Quirindi, NSW

Presentation By - Paige Donnelly Dietitian Hunter New England Local Health District

Time - 11am

Contact - Renee Houldsworth 040208644

Free Presentation and morning Tea Provided

HEALTHY EATING

Fussy eating How to cope and help your child