

WALLAROO PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Every child matters every day.

All children can be high achievers.

2017 Term Dates.

Term 2 1 May – 7 July

Term 3 24 July – 29 Sept

Term 4 16 Oct – 15 Dec

Newsletter

Week 7 Term 2 2017

June: Wed 21st – Governing Council Meeting at 7:30 pm

Dear Families,

I hope the long weekend was a great opportunity for you to spend quality time with your children.

Teachers returned on Tuesday to a full day of learning. This proved to be a valuable day of professional development. For the first part of the day, teachers once again participated in their Network Learning Groups involving educators across the NY Partnership. This provided teachers with the opportunity to collaborate in groups to share their practice and to investigate ways of self-improvement. The second part of the day involved collaborative moderation to ensure consistency of expectations and assessments across all year levels. Teachers took student work samples in mathematics and were able to have rich discussions to enable a common understanding of student progress, development and standards. I commend our teachers on their preparedness for this activity and on their high level of engagement.

Our week 5 Reconciliation assembly was an excellent way to heighten awareness of this important event. I thank Ms Cathie Millard (Aboriginal Education Teacher), Ms Kellie Sansbury (Aboriginal Community Education Officer) and the children for planning and conducting the assembly, and the Reconciliation Day activities. The theme was "Let's Take the Next Steps". During the assembly children were asked to reflect on our school values and how they can live these to create a better future.

Next Friday, Room 2 will host our assembly and items will be provided by Room 2, 3 and 9. I hope to see you there.

Kindest regards,

Julie

School Uniform Reminder

Students are expected to adhere to the dress code colours of green tops with black, grey or green short or long pants. Varied coloured under garments eg pink, red, blue long sleeved t-shirts must not be worn.

Failure to do this will result in a reminder note and your child will be asked to trade their casual for second-hand uniform for the day.



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Reconciliation Week

On Friday 2nd June, we held a special Reconciliation Assembly. It began with the song “From Little Things Big Things Grow” which highlighted the message that we can all make a difference no matter how small.

It was great to see Miya, Malaki and Kelly read the Welcome to Country. Everyone enjoyed the song “Incy Wincy Spider” which was sung in Narungga. We listened to Aboriginal band Yothu Yindi sing “Treaty” while the choir joined in with clapping sticks.

In the afternoon the whole school was involved in activities that reflected some aspects of Aboriginal culture. Older children worked with younger children and from the pictures you can see how engaged and excited the students were ... and very loud.

We would also like to thank Peter Turner who is working with us to develop an Aboriginal bush tucker garden. There will be more information in the near future about this project.



The following students have recently finished their Premier's Reading Challenge – Well Done!

Room 3 – Izzy

Room 6 – Talleah

Room 8 – Sarah, Jack, Joshua, Macayl & Baylee

Room 9 – Dylan, Noah, Jarrod & Jimmy

We are currently 60.4% finished which is close to last years' 61.4% so we are well on the way to beating that!

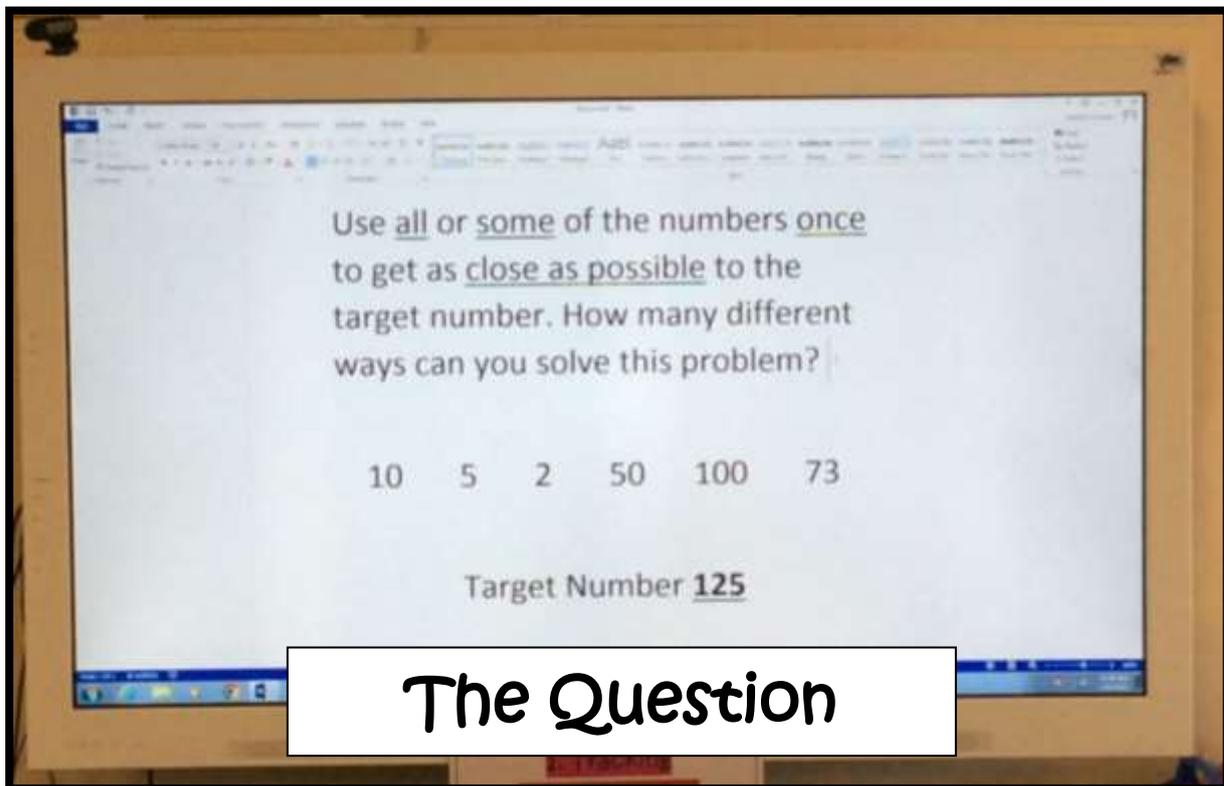
I'm very impressed with how many have finished the Beyond the Challenge this year and the number of students that remember to bring in their passport to be stamped – keep them safe as you may need them for our excursion in term four.

Remember, reading will help us escape to everywhere! Mrs Seddon.

Room 9 Maths

In Room 9 we have been exploring open ended math questions. These questions have more than one answer, catering for diverse learners as every child learns differently. In addition, they generate more successful outcomes with multiple answers to be achieved. Furthermore, open questions allow high achievers to extend their knowledge as they discover numerous ways to engage in the numbers, with different mathematics operations. The key focus is for every student to feel success in order to create growth mindsets surrounding maths. Every student achieved success in Team 9!

Open Ended Maths Question: Because we all think differently

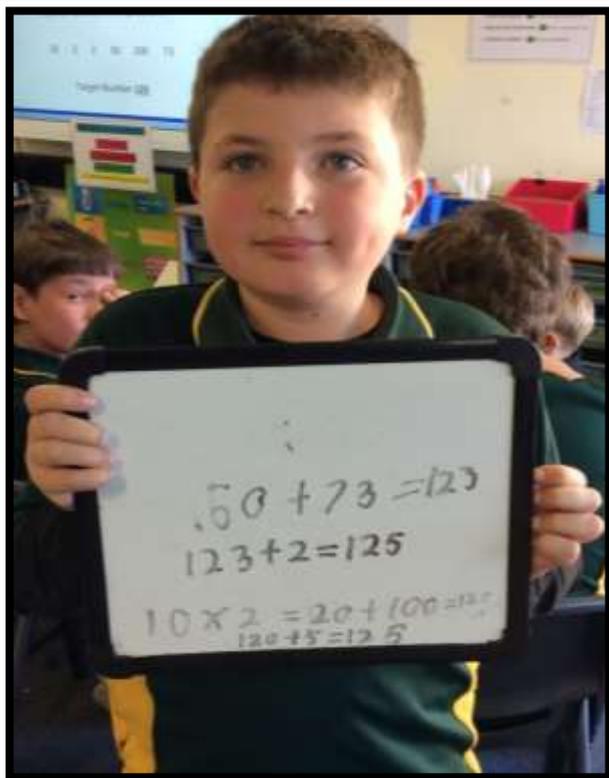


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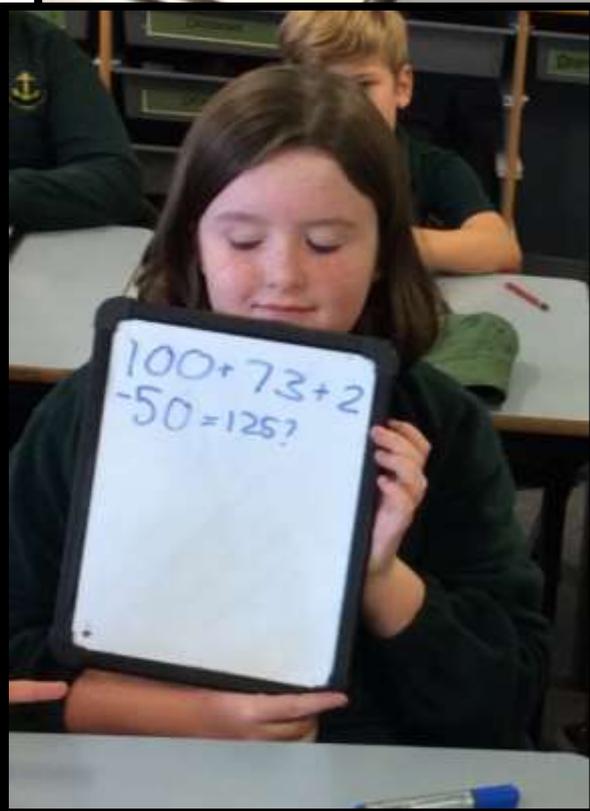
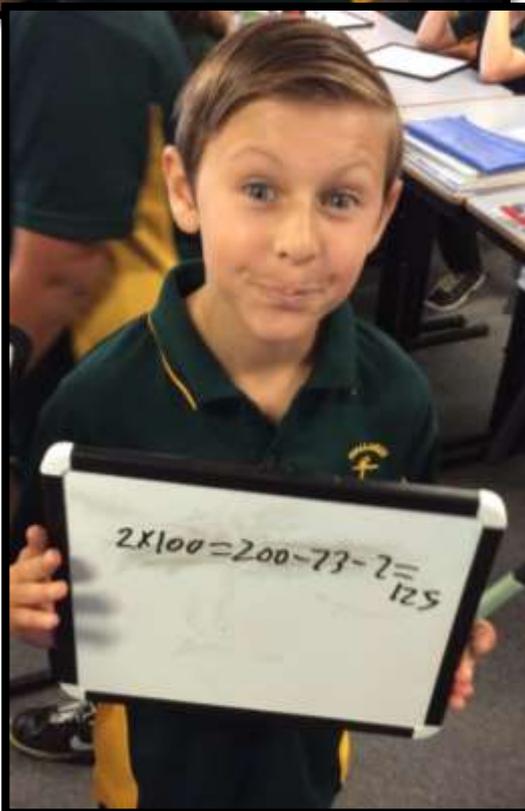
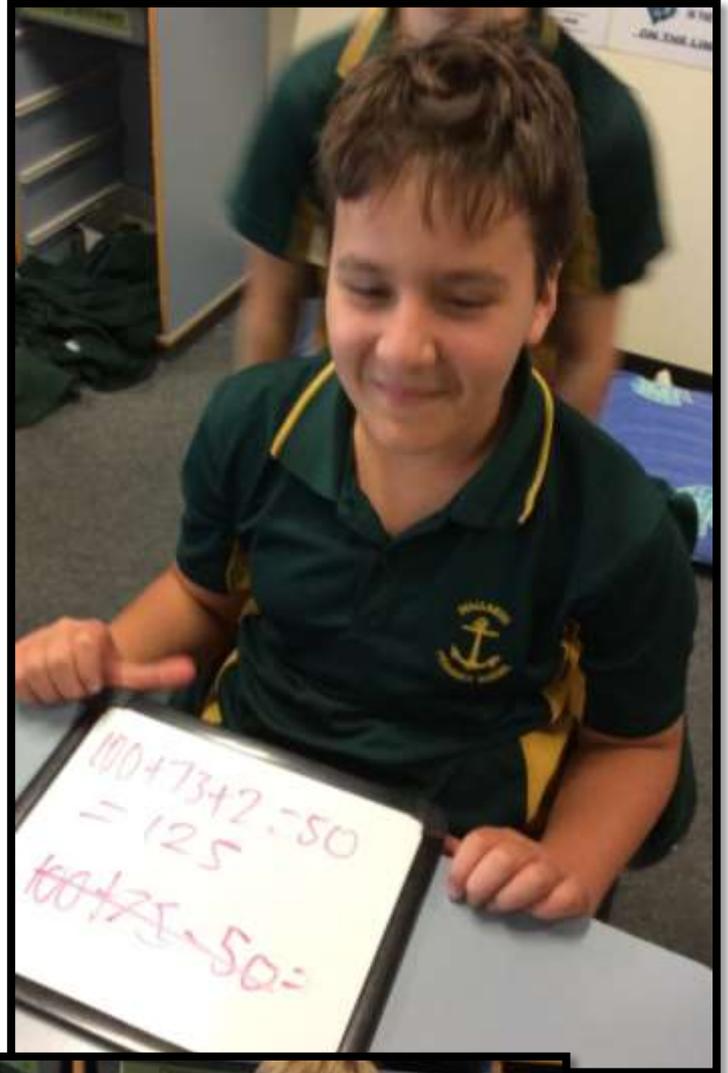
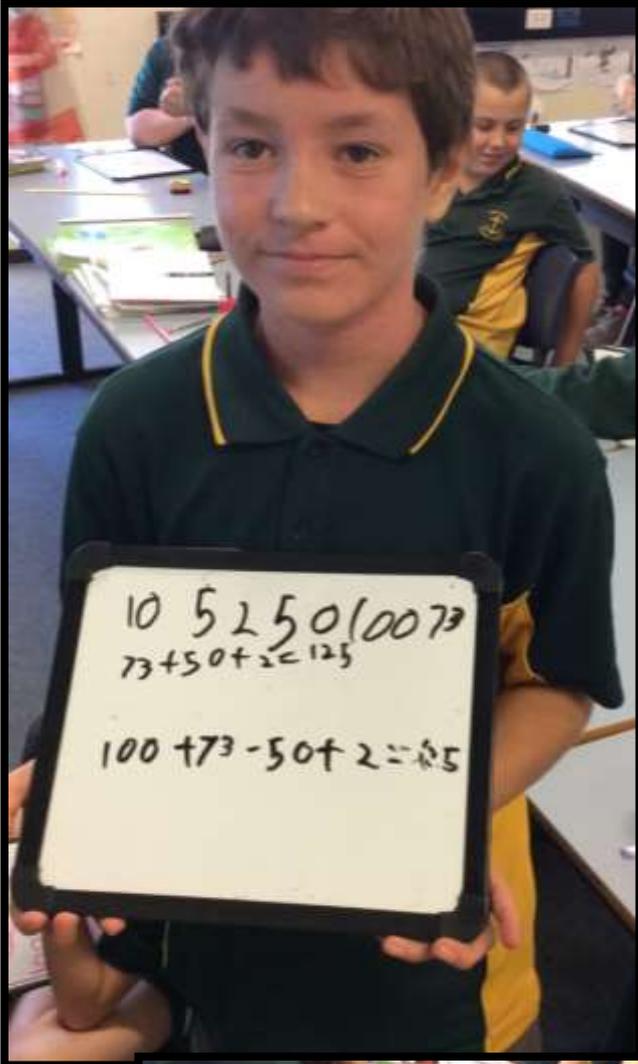
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The Question



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Netball Success

In term one; we competed in a lightning carnival representing Wallaroo Primary School. There were two teachers/coaches from Kadina Memorial School. They observed us play and from there they picked thirty or more students to try out. Following three tryouts, we made the final selection of twenty four. From this, they created two teams. We represented Northern Yorke Peninsula in the State SAPSASA carnival.

During the SAPSASA Carnival we played ten games of netball throughout the week, and out of the ten we lost only two. We ended up coming 3rd out of ten in the division.



Country Championships – Yorke Peninsula Reps

After travelling to Maitland to try out for the Association Team, we were lucky enough to be picked in the top ten representing Yorke Peninsula. We competed at Country Championships on the June long weekend.

On the first day we played against four different teams and each team was allocated to different divisions; we were in division three. Each day we played five games and only lost one which meant we made it to the finals and won each game.

So, then it was the Grand Final. Throughout the game against Mallee it was very close but we managed to win by three goals. The final score being 27 – 24.

Following a whole week of playing netball, we played twenty seven games and only lost three – not a bad ratio!!!

Baylee & Macayla



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Going to preschool helps your child to learn new things, make friends and develop confidence.



Children who turn 4 before 1 May can start preschool at the beginning of the year before they start school. Families are encouraged to enrol now for preschool next year.

For more information contact your local government preschool or visit www.decd.sa.gov.au

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The Yorke Peninsula Branch of Make-A-Wish® Australia is excited to be hosting an “Enchanted High Tea” during the July school holidays.

The Kadina Town Hall will be transformed into a magical space, with activities including story time, craft activities, hip hop dance and songs, just to name a few. On Friday 21st July, between 10am – 12:00pm, prepare to be “enchanted” and experience this unique event with the little person in your life.

Everyone is encouraged to dress as their favourite princess or super hero, and will have the opportunity to have their photo taken as a special memento/keepsake of the event. There will be an abundance of special treasures on our trading table, designed specifically with kids in mind...

The little princesses and superheros (along with their accompanying Mum or Dad) will be treated to a special High Tea, which will help to raise funds for Make-A-Wish Australia.

The event caters for children 12 years and under, and all children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are \$15 each (adults at kid’s prices).

Put the date in your calendar and reserve your tickets now. Phone Bev on 8821 1916 for more information and to reserve your ticket. Make-A-Wish grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions, to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. If you would like to know more about Make-A-Wish, feel free to contact Karen on 0438 213 275, or visit our website www.makeawish.org.au