

WALLAROO PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Every child matters every day.

All children can be high achievers.

2017 Term Dates.

Term 1 30 Jan – 13 April **Term 2** 1 May – 7 July **Term 3** 24 July – 29 Sept **Term 4** 16 Oct – 15 Dec

newsletter

Week 5 Term 1 2017

Mar:

Fri 3rd: Student Leaders Induction

Tues 14th : Pupil Free Day

Dear Families,

It's unbelievable to think that we are almost half way through first term. I'd like to warmly welcome two new families to our school. Charlee and Riley, and Chad and Brandan will begin on Monday.

Currently we are preparing for our Student Leaders Induction which occurs on Friday 3rd March at 10am in the Lamshed. Families are most welcome at this event and to join us for morning tea immediately afterwards. The guest speaker will be Ms Kylie Franson, an ex-Wallaroo PS student. Kylie was born with a disability and the theme of her speech will be about persistence and 'following your dreams'. I thank Mr Damian McCarthy for taking a lead in facilitating this significant event.

I'd like to acknowledge the work done by Mr Jared King and the Sports Committee in amalgamating the four sports teams to create the two new Wallaroo PS teams, Green and Gold. This has involved consultation with the school community with the intended outcome of generating two equitable teams to ensure a healthy and lively competition across all age levels. Sports Day in Week 11 proves to be very exciting and something to look forward to!

Building a stronger connection with Wallaroo Pre-School is a focus for this year. Regular visits from our children to the Kindy and inviting the Kindy children to visit us and be involved in our programs will strengthen the transition to school program. The intent is that the children become more familiar and comfortable with the school environment, prior to starting school. Room 3 children visited the Kindy for the first time on Wednesday afternoon. We look forward to a visit from the Kindy children in week 7.

The invitation is always there to come and chat about any issues of concern surrounding the learning and wellbeing of your child/ren.

Kindest regards,
Julie

Congratulations! Congratulations to the following students on demonstrating one or more of our school values: Taylor, Tiana, Imoge, Izzy, Olivia, Lincoln, Mia, Rubin, Xavier, Jarrod, Sarah and Indianna.



Principal's Award: Indianna for always being available to support children. Showing courage and persistence to develop herself personally.

Premier's Reading Challenge

It's great to see how many have finished with a couple of students having completed Beyond the Challenge too!!

Each child who completes the Challenge will receive a reading passport. Please help keep these safe as they will get stamped when student finish Beyond the Challenge.

Those who have completed the Challenge are: Theodore, Makayla, Jordn, Imogen, Cailey, Miya, Bodhi, Isabella, Jack, Tiara, April, Emily and James.



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are all looking forward to Cross Country and Sports Day with new Houses Green and Gold. Keep an eye out for further information in future newsletters.

CROSS COUNTRY TO BE HELD TUESDAY, 11TH APRIL

This event will be held Tuesday, 11th April at the Town Oval. Children will need running shoes, water bottles and asthma puffer (as required). They are able to change into house colours at school if they choose. Parents and friends are very welcome.

The program for the day will be:

12.20- 12.30 Lunch eating at school

12.30 – 1.00 Play time

1:00 Meet in classes

1.15 Students walk to the oval

1.30 Event 4: Students born in 2006 (9 y.o.)

Event 5: Students born in 2005 (10 y.o.)

Event 6: Students born in 2004 (11 y.o.)

Event 1: Students born in 2010 and 2009 (5 y.o., 6 y.o.)

Event 2: Students born in 2008 (7 y.o.)

Event 3: Students born in 2007 (8 y.o.)

Event 7: Students born in 2003 (12 y.o.)

Event 8: Students born in 2002 and 2001 (13 y.o., 14 y.o.)

Presentations

Walk back to school (unless prearranged with parents)

3.00 Dismissal

**** If the event is washed out it will NOT be rescheduled.

If you are able to act as a marshall on this day, please let Jared King know prior to the event or report to him at the oval at 1.15pm.

SPORTS DAY TO BE HELD THURSDAY, 13TH APRIL.

Sports Day preparations are well underway with Sports Day planned for Thursday, April 13th. Staff and students have been practising for Sports Day over the past few weeks. Students certainly are looking forward to the day which is an important part of our Health and Physical Education programme, therefore it is an expectation that all children attend.

Championship sprint runners will be notified at House Meetings in week 10.

Our Sports Day is a terrific opportunity for our school community to come together to encourage and support individual and team efforts.

We welcome donations of food to sell at our recess and lunch time breaks – small cakes, biscuits, honey crackles, chocolate crackles, etc. This is a great way to raise some funds for our school and to provide some nice treats for our sports day visitors. We would also welcome some parents to assist with selling goods, preparing food and cooking the BBQ. Please contact the front office if you can offer your services throughout the day – many hands make light work!!

The following details are provided:

- The school day will start at the normal time of 8.50 a.m.
- The programme of events and a map will be distributed in a future newsletter. Tabloid events will be in the morning with championship sprints and relays after lunch.
- *There will be no school lunch orders on this day as a BBQ lunch will be available. We hope that families will support our food stalls with fundraising produce to be sold at our recess and lunch time breaks – small cakes, biscuits, honey crackles, chocolate crackles, etc. If you are able to assist with cooking or serving please let the front office know what times are best for you. Thank you.*
- We are always looking for volunteers to take part in the teacher vs parent vs House leaders' relay team at the end of the day
- Staff, students and parents are encouraged to wear their House colours to show their team loyalty
- Please note that the day is scheduled to finish at 2:00pm. **Bus students will need to make their own arrangements on this day.**
- If the weather is unsuitable, this event will be postponed until Thursday 4th May.

So, with a bit of luck the sun will shine and so will our values as competitors persist in events, take pride in their efforts, show care and respect for rivals.

Thank you,
Jared King
On behalf of the Sport Day Committee



STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) News

Students from room 6 in STEM have been capturing and utilising solar to create a tasty masterpiece.



Wallaroo Primary School
students cooking pizza the
natural way using our bountiful
sunshine!!

Room Two is buzzing with persistence.

What does Room Two and a bee have in common? No, it's not their sting, even if it feels like it when a student accidentally stands on your toes! It's actually persistence.

Room Two are evolving as masters of "persistence" which is also one of our four school values. A task may be difficult or even appear to be downright impossible, but Room Two are beginning to really understand and embrace the meaning of persistence and the benefits in their learning.

Persistence was clearly evident last week as part of our science and success time. Over the past few weeks Room Two have engaged in some extra evidence based learning to support the work they have been doing in math and literacy. The work surrounded symmetry, pattern, numbers and sequencing.

When Lachlan brought some amazing pictures and lovely honey from his Nan and Grandpa's farm, this provided an ideal platform to engage in some real life learning by studying insects. As the weeks flew by the children have used all their senses to study insects, from reading and drawing a variety of insects with increased detail, to tasting some lovely sticky honey. Our interest in bees progressed especially when one of our students is highly allergic to them. We began to explore this amazing creature. We began to understand something really complex like why the bees choose a hexagonal shape for their honeycomb and we discovered something called 'the honeycomb conjecture'.

Basically we realised that the shape chosen had two main advantages, it took up less room (tessellation) and it needed less wax (which was hard work for the bees to produce). We also marvelled at the ability of the bee to be able to create a perfect hexagon to store honey and yet when we tried to replicate the simple design we failed again and again.

Words were muttered 'I can't do it' and In a typical Room Two fashion the words 'yet' were quickly added by a friend, 'You can't do it yet'. It is this persistence and gentle (I know amazing right?!) manner which helps the children monitor their own progress and truly persist. The looks on their faces when they achieve parts of a process are just delightful. Room Two is often buzzing like a busy hive, sometimes they sound a little testy (just like a bee) but they work and support each other as a team. Our hive is indeed industrious, alive and thriving!!!!



Careful measurement using centimeters on the ruler to mark and cut the six sides of a hexagon and then to shape the hexagon was indeed a true test of persistence. Way to go Room Two...very proud of you all! 😊



Dear families,

You are invited to engage in a short math workshop, on Monday 6th March at 5.30pm. It will only last for an hour and will be in Room 2. I do request that it is adults only please as your children as much as I love them, can be a distraction.

A brief rundown of the workshop is as follows:

- A PowerPoint presentation about how we learn math in Wallaroo Primary school and in our class
- The importance of math language
- The importance of positive and engaging experiences
- Ensuring math is related to real life experiences
- The benefits of individual, peer and group work
- The importance of process understanding and sharing of this process
- Sharing some simple math strategies



I know that some of you have some amazing ideas and strategies that you do with your children already and I am going to ask at some stage throughout the workshop if you would share 😊

I will gather together a small math package which will contain some simple and 'no cost' games which you and your child will enjoy.

I hope to see many of you there and if you can't make it I am more than happy to arrange for a math pack for you to peruse with me after school one night 😊



Kind regards



Mrs V

Room 2

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Could you please fill in and the form below and return it as soon as possible so that I may know how many math packs to prepare. 😊

1. I am really looking forward to our math workshop on 6th March

2. I am so sorry but I can't make it that night but I would love to make a time to go through a math pack and strategies with you

Child's name..... Room number

Parents name.....

Keep your kids smiling SA Dental Service

Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule?

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics.

Call now for an appointment.

Your clinic is: Wallaroo Dental Clinic

Phone: 8880 5210



Copper Coast Table Tennis

Winter competition commences on Wednesday 29th March 2017.

Free Come & Try nights on Wednesday 8th, 15th & 22nd March at Kadina Show Ground Pavillion from 7pm. For further information or registration contact Owen Prior [0408213746](tel:0408213746)

Centennials Netball Club registration days at the Kadina Uniting Church hall from 3pm to 5pm on Sunday, March 5 and 3.30pm to 5.30pm on Wednesday, March 8. First practice is Wednesday, March 22 at the CCSLC courts.

Juniors 3.30pm to 4.30pm, seniors 5pm to 6pm. More information Rhiannon Koch 0448 395 714 or Breanna Marks 0447 670 767. All welcome.

Furry Dance and Maypole

This year is a Kernewek Lowender year and your child has the opportunity to be an important part of the biggest Cornish festival in the world. The Furry Dance is a Cornish tradition, dating back centuries, which was part of celebrations to welcome the season of spring. The Maypole is an ancient European tradition that was performed at special occasions and the Copper Coast is one of the few places which has maintained this tradition to the present time.

The Furry Dance and the Maypole will be happening in the main street of Moonta on Friday 19th May, and there will be another Maypole performance in Kadina on Saturday 20th May. The Friday Furry Dance is open to any primary aged children, boys and girls. The Maypole is better suited to students in year 4 and above, but younger students are welcome to enquire.

The Furry Dance on Saturday 20th May at Kadina is open for young and old. Primary aged children are welcome to participate but it is not compulsory. Do you know a high school student who would like to be involved? The Kernewek Lowender committee would love to see more young people doing the Furry Dance. It is not necessary to be invited to do the furry on the Saturday or to wear a traditional costume, as the Cornish Motto goes: it is for "One and All"!

Also, we are looking for parents and grandparents who are available to help with trainings. You do not need any experience with Maypole or dancing, just having extra adults there for trainings is a big help.

Please contact Lois Paterson on 88232 190 if you are interested in having your child involved.

Bethany Paterson

Furry Dance and Maypole Coordinator
Kernewek Lowender Committee

