

# 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 1 Term 2 2017

May: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> – NAPLAN Testing  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Early closure (2:20 pm)  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – Book club money and orders due

Dear Families,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday with the children and managed to enjoy the glorious weather, perfect for getting out and about.

Sports day, what a fantastic end to last term! Congratulations to Gold on being the winning team. Thank you for coming along to support your children. The atmosphere was truly alive and a real sense of community was felt. Special thanks to Governing Council and families for supplying the food, staff for organising a brilliant event and the children for their positive participation. It was extra special to have Wallaroo Pre-School also involved this year.

It has been a particularly smooth start to the term with children appearing genuinely eager to be back. This term we are very pleased to welcome eight new children and their families to the school. Layla (Reception), Madison Ray (Year 3), Airlie Page (Year 2), Hunter Page (Year 5) and Matilda Pedder (Year 2). Our enrolment now stands at 141.

In addition, I'd like to warmly welcome Miss Tori Smallwood, Pre-service teacher to our school. Tori will be with us until the 23rd June and will spend most of her time in Rm 1 under the guidance and expertise of Miss Gemma Donnell.

Next week proves to be a busy one. Education Consultant, John Fleming will return on Tuesday to observe and provide feedback to teachers on their practice, particularly around "warm ups" and "thinking" strategies. Our commitment to professional learning for our teachers continues to be high on the agenda as we strive to improve learning outcomes for all children.

NAPLAN testing will occur from Tuesday 9th to Thursday 11th May for Years, 3, 5 & 7. Years 4 & 6 will undergo a practice test, concurrently. Please encourage children to take a serious approach to this and to put in their best effort since test results are utilised by teachers to inform teaching practice. Teachers have been supporting children to prepare for the test to ease their anxiety and to approach it with confidence. No child should feel daunted by this test!

I must commend families on their outstanding attendance to parent/carer/student interviews at the conclusion of last term. I continue to stress their children's learning progresses mostly when parents take an interest and encourage and support their children in the learning process.



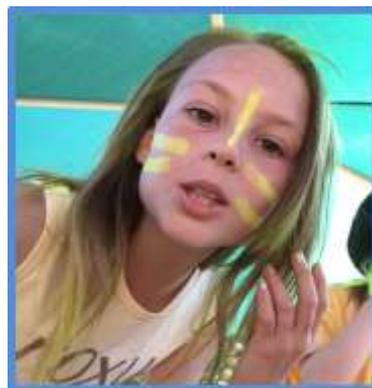
Please continue to talk to your child about their learning and wellbeing goals, how are they going in achieving these and what help do they require. Most importantly, join with them in celebrating achievement of these.

Currently, Mrs Lois Paterson is taking the lead in preparing children for the Kernewek Lowender Maypole dance. I thank her for her commitment to this. I'm looking forward to seeing the children perform at this most significant event.

As always, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with me.

Warmest regards, Julie







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## School Photo Day is 24 May 2017

*Have your child's school memories captured forever*

Please take 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*
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques and money orders only (sorry no credit card accepted)

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