

Walla Walla Public School

Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Friends,

This week we welcome Charles Sturt University Intern Miss Melissa Gush to the school. Miss Gush will work in the senior classroom until Friday September 17th. We hope that she enjoys her time at Walla Walla. Miss Gush will be a fully qualified teacher at the conclusion of this practicum.

Health Issues

Head lice are about again. Please check your children's hair and treat appropriately. If everyone is vigilant we may be able to eliminate this problem. You will find a facts sheet attached to this newsletter. Note that it states that Tea Tree oil can trigger reactions in certain people and is not a proven treatment, however evidence would suggest that a small amount in water sprayed on your child's head may be an effective **deterrent**.



There has also been a number of cases of school sores (impetigo). Impetigo is a skin infection caused by the *Staphylococcus* or *Streptococcus* bacteria. It is also known as 'school sores', because it commonly affects school-aged children.

Staphylococcus or *Streptococcus* bacteria can live harmlessly on and inside various areas of the body, such as the skin surface and nose. However, cuts and abrasions or eczema may allow the bacteria to cause infection to deeper skin tissues. Healthy, intact skin can sometimes develop impetigo too. The condition is characterised by collections of small, crusting blisters that usually form on the face or limbs.

Impetigo looks unsightly, but it isn't dangerous and doesn't cause any lasting damage to the skin. However, it is highly contagious. A child with impetigo should be kept home from school until appropriate treatment has begun and the sores on exposed areas are covered with a waterproof dressing.

Principal's Essential Training

Yesterday I attended an afternoon meeting that updated principals about child welfare, attendance, behaviour, Drug Education and risk management policies and procedures. Principals from Riverina South attended the meeting.

School Assemblies

Parents are invited to attend the School Assemblies scheduled for the rest of this term. Assemblies are held in the senior classroom commencing at 3 pm. Please note the following dates:
Monday August 30th and Monday September 13th

Open Afternoon/Book Week

We hope that many parents and community members are able to attend next week's celebrations. It is always great when people come along to participate in school activities and to view the children's work. We hope that you are able to support our Book Fair. Books are from Gateway Bookshop in Wagga Wagga. The school will receive a generous commission from all books sold.

The timetable for next Tuesday is as follows:

1.00—Family picnic lunch, bring your own food and enjoy it with your family. Tea and coffee available for adults. **Book Fair open in the library**

1.30—Family sport—everyone can join in and enjoy a game together.

2.00—Book Week Parade. Prizes awarded for the colouring competition. **Colouring Competition entries are to be handed in by Friday of this week.**

2.20—Classrooms and Library open for viewing of students' work. Family reading time in the library.

2.45—As the theme for this year's Book Week is 'Across the Story Bridge', Miss Widdison has organised a bridge building activity for everyone to enjoy.

We look forward to your attendance next week.



Milk Bottles

Thank you everyone for the milk bottles—we have enough now. Come along to our Open Day next Tuesday and see what we have done with them!

School Counsellor's Visit

Ms Dupe will visit the school next Tuesday morning.

Cricket Clinic

Robbie Mackinlay from the Riverina Cricket Association will work with Walla Walla students on Friday August 27th. The infant's session will be between 2.00pm and 2.30pm. The primary session will be from 2.30pm-3.15pm.

As winter school uniform is required for school photographs earlier in the day, students are reminded to bring along their sports shoes to wear during the cricket sessions.

School Photographs

Just a reminder for families to return their School Photograph envelopes as soon as possible.

Photographs will be taken during the morning of August 27th. ***Winter school uniform is to be worn, not sports uniform.***

Bendigo/Ballarat Excursion

Parents of students attending this excursion are reminded that payment is due by Friday September 3rd. Any family who requires financial assistance is requested to contact the school in the near future.

Maths Muster



The annual Maths Muster will be held at Rand on Tuesday August 31st. Please see the attached information and return the Permission Note by this Friday.

School Council/P&C Meetings

A meeting of the School Council will be held in the senior classroom next Monday afternoon at 5 pm. A meeting of the P&C will follow at 7.00 pm. We hope that as many parents as possible are able to attend the P&C meeting.

We wish the P&C well for its election raffle this weekend. Thank you to all of the families who have made donations towards the raffle or offered their time to sell tickets.

Diary Dates:

Monday August 23rd-School Council Meeting- 5pm
P&C Meeting-7 pm

Week 6-Combined Education Week and Book Week

Tuesday August 24th - Open Afternoon-1pm-3.30pm

Friday August 27th - School Photographs
Cricket Clinics

Monday August 30th—Assembly—3.00 pm

Tuesday August 31st -Rand Maths Muster

Friday September 3rd - Riverina Athletics Carnival at
Alexandra Park

Monday September 6th - Playgroup

September 8th,9th and 10th - Bendigo/Ballarat

Excursion. Miss Widdison to attend

Monday September 13th—Assembly 3pm

Friday September 17th—Entries for the Walbundrie
Show required at school

Friday September 24th - Quizworx Puppets
Last day of Term 3

Canteen Roster

August 23rd: Karen Wenke & Caroline Phegan

August 30th: Leanne Voss & Tania Watkins

P & C News

• **Reading Groups** have been working really well. Special thanks to our Mums and Lorna who have been helping with this. If there is anyone else who would like to be involved please phone Selina on 60296144.

• **Election Day Raffle** - Thank you to those who have generously donated things towards the raffle. So far we have pots, strawberry plants, seed raising mix, Seasol, packets of seeds, ezy wetter crystals, snail/slug bait, garden candles, ornaments, lights, hose, and some garden tools. If you have not yet donated anything your contribution towards this would be greatly appreciated. We are not asking for you to spend a lot of money, The Reject Shop has some great gardening things at very affordable prices. Even some bagged up horse, cow, sheep manure would be great!

Election Day Raffle Roster- The roster is as follows:

8am - 9:30am	Julie Lieschke & Sue Trimble
9:30am - 11am	Lyneen Merkel & Caroline Phegan
11am – 12:30pm	Lorna Quinlivan
12:30pm – 2pm	Tania Watkins & Kristen Hall
2pm – 3:30pm	Pam Lezius & Leonie Heir

If there is anyone available to help out on the shift with Lorna it would be greatly appreciated. Please notify Gloria or Selina.

Dates for your Diary!- We will need your help!!!

Please keep these dates free:

- ♦ Catering at the Bowling Club 3rd September
- ♦ Henty Machinery Field Days Shed Cleaning 12th Sept