

# Walla Walla Public School

## Weekly Newsletter



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*Week 3 Term 4 Tuesday October 25th 2011*

*Dear Parents and Friends,*

Years 5 and 6 had a great time at Howman's Gap. I was very impressed by the children's behaviour and how they represented their school. It was terrific to see our students participating in all of the activities and being **very brave**. Thank you to Craig Wenke for accompanying us on the excursion and for lending a hand when needed. Everyone arrive home on Friday afternoon happy, but a little exhausted, ready for a quiet weekend



### *K/1/2 News*

A note about our excursion next Tuesday to Wirraminna is attached to this newsletter.

Recently, I have had the opportunity to catch up with a number of parents and chat about their child's progress. If you have any concerns about your child and would like to discuss them with me, please contact me to arrange a suitable time.

K/1/2 reports will go home Friday week 9 and I will be available for interviews during week 10.

*Anne Noll*

### *Armistice Day*

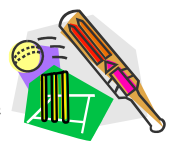
On Friday November 11th the whole school will visit the Old Doctor's House to learn about Armistice Day. The local historical society has arranged for a box of special memorabilia from the Museum of New South to be available for the children to look at. Mrs Karen Wenke will talk to the children about Armistice Day. As this is a local excursion, no permission note will be required.

The primary class will visit between 9.45am and 10.45am. The infants class will visit between 10.45am and 11.20am.

### *Rand Super 8 Cricket Carnival*

Thank you to the parents who have returned permission notes and lunch orders for the Rand Super 8 Cricket Carnival to be held on Friday November 4th.

Please make sure that all notes are returned by this Friday October 28th. If you have lost the permission note another copy can be obtained from the office.



### *Fire Safety Lessons*

Lessons will be held at our school on Thursday November 10th. Members of the New South Wales Fire Authority are planning to bring a blow up smokehouse to the school. The children will learn about **Get Down Low and Go, Go, Go**. They will practise escaping from the "Smoke House". We are very grateful that our children have the opportunity to learn about keeping themselves safe in a dangerous situation.

## ***Asthma Friendly School***

Our school has now been recognised as an Asthma Friendly School. All staff have been trained in asthma management and the school has the necessary equipment to assist a child having an asthma attack. By achieving this status the school has taken significant steps towards creating a safer and healthier environment for students and staff with asthma.

## ***Murray Conservatorium***

Following is an article written by Mrs Krowicky which appeared in the Murray Conservatorium's newsletter for this Term.

### **Kodaly Blossoms in Walla** by Robyn Krowicky (Voice Teacher)

Walla Walla is a tidy little town 39 km. north of Albury, with a particularly neat little Public School. There are two classes, Yr. K-2 and Yr. 3-6, and as I step into the foyer, I hear the gentle hum of children's voices as they go about their learning.

I have come to take music classes. The younger ones first. We start by singing a greeting, each child in turn. They are becoming more confident singing by themselves, and most are using their singing voices well, and are quite nicely in tune.

We always do some beat activity. Today it is our new "Little Bird Dance." This is invaluable for developing an internal pulse, the basis of all music, and it leads on to learning about one sound on a beat or two, as we have discovered in our songs. We are also learning to discriminate between two different pitches, and starting to discover the music stave as a place where sounds live.

Games form an important part of our classes, as the children absorb musical elements unconsciously in an enjoyable way. In "Kangaroo" they are practising the two pitches they are learning, the rhythm of one or two sounds per beat, as well as their individual singing.

It is now time for the older class. These students are more advanced; they already know three one-beat rhythms, three pitches, and the grouping of beats in patterns of two. They can read these, write them, perform them, and use them to create their own patterns. This is the start of real musical literacy.

There has been much research done into the advantages of having quality music education in the early school years. It contributes to the growth of the whole student in ways that no other subject does. It helps slow developers to catch up, it uses the entire brain and improves concentration and memory, to name just a few of the benefits.

The method I use was developed by Zoltan Kodaly and his colleagues in Hungary and has since been taken across the world. Kodaly believed that no person is complete without music and that every person has musical aptitude. It is a sequential approach, using singing as its foundation. It insists that only the best is good enough for our children and that teachers be highly-trained and always developing their own musicianship. A big responsibility indeed.

The benefits of music education to our children are immense. This is something we cannot ignore if we are to see our children bloom.

## ***Diary Dates***

***Tuesday November 1st*** - K/1/2 Visit to Wirraminna

***Friday November 4th*** - Super 8 Cricket Carnival - Rand

***Thursday November 10th*** - Fire Safety Lessons

***Friday November 11th*** - Armistice Day at the Old Doctor's House

***November 28th-December 2nd*** -

Whole school swimming lessons - GT Aquatics

***Friday December 9th*** -

***Free lunch for Behaviour Award Winners***

***Thursday December 15th*** - Walla Walla Presentation Night

***Friday December 16th*** - Last Day for Students

***Tuesday December 20th*** - Last Day for teachers

## ***Canteen Roster***

***October 31st:*** Selina Kohlhagen

***November 7th:*** Karla Lieschke & Karen Wenke

## ***Community Notices***



### **WALLA CRICKET CLUB est 1903**

The Milo in2Cricket program is a fun introduction to Cricket for boys and girls aged between 5 and 9 years. It provides children with a safe and enjoyable learning environment to build their confidence and develop new skills and play games. Most of all it teaches children to love the game of cricket.

A joining fee is \$60 but the Walla Cricket Club this season are in a position to subsidize \$30 for each participant. Your child will receive some great cricket gear and sundries including;

- A multipurpose backpack
- A lightweight cricket bat
- A soft rubber cricket ball
- An SPF 30+ T-Shirt
- A sun smart bucket hat
- MILO giveaways and more!

The emphasis of the MILO in2CRICKET program is on fun and involvement. The program is designed to give boys and girls a chance to take part in a variety of activities to develop their cricket skills, physical fitness and social skills, sportsmanship and an understanding of the game.

**STARTING:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November @ 5pm – 6pm (Every Wednesday for 6 weeks)

**VENUE:** Walla Sports ground.

**A BBQ** for the U14's & Milo Cricketers will be available after training on the first night. All Parents are most welcome.

**CLUB CONTACT DETAILS:**

Cameron Odewahn (02) 60292230 or Email [cammyo@people.net.au](mailto:cammyo@people.net.au)

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### **Craft Shop**

The Walla Craft Shop will be opening every Friday from 1.00pm until approximately 4.00pm commencing Friday 28th October.

*All enquiries contact Natalie Wenke 6029 2270*