

Walla Walla Public School

Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the new school year. Today Chloe Creek, Charlotte Heir, Tabitha Lebusque, Matilda Phegan, Ethan Stevens and Bailey Watkins enjoyed their first day in Kindergarten. Madison Lieschke will join the group when her family return from holiday. We extend a special welcome to our new students and families and remind everyone that staff members are very happy to speak to you on the telephone or in person if you have any questions or need our assistance.

The best time to contact teachers is between 8.30 and 9.20 am or between 3.30 and 4.00 pm. Messages can be left at the office anytime on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Children are requested to take all notes and money directly to the office and place them in the tray provided. **All money should be placed in a sealed envelope with the child's name, the amount and the reason for the payment written clearly on the front.**

Canteen orders are to be given to the child's teacher each Monday morning. These will be collected by the parents on canteen duty. Please make sure that payment is included with the order.

Our School is a Happy and Safe Place

The staff is committed to Walla Walla Public School being a safe and happy place for children to grow and learn. It is important that all children follow the school rules. The rules are:

1. Be safe in work and play
2. Be polite and use your manners
3. Do your best at all times
4. Be considerate of others
5. Concentrate and co-operate

Student Awards 2011



The staff have decided to introduce a new Awards System during 2011.

Teachers will present awards each week for Behaviour, Book Work, Achievements and Helpful Student.

A Principal's Award will be awarded each fortnight.

The Grab Bag System will continue. Students who complete a Grab Bag Card will have a lucky dip for a special present.

All award certificates will be pasted into a special book that will be kept at school. Behaviour, Book Work, Achievement and Helpful Student awards are worth 5 points each. A completed Grab Bag Card or Principal's Award is worth 10 points.

Students who reach 60 points will receive a Silver Award. Students who achieve 100 points will receive a Gold Award and participate in a special barbecue to be held during Term 4.

Consequences

The staff hope that all students will earn award certificates. Unfortunately we also need to have systems in place to deal with children who do not follow the school rules. The following unacceptable behaviours will result in consequences:

1. Back chatting staff members or visitors
2. Disrupting the class
3. Not completing work because of time wasting or poor attitude
4. Not doing what the teacher has asked you to do

1st time—Warning—name written on the board

2nd time—Sit alone during eating time. Walk with the teacher on duty for ten minutes

3rd time—Sit alone for eating time. Walk with the duty teacher for the whole of lunch or recess

4th time—Parents notified

Acts of violence will result in removal from the classroom or playground. Parents will be notified. The Department of Education and Training's Discipline Code will be enforced. Suspension may follow.

Explanation of Absences

The NSW Education and Training Department require parents to explain all student absences to the school. This can be done by a note or telephone call. If you know that your child will be absent for an extended period you are required to let the school know. If your child is absent through illness for three or more days you are required to inform the school during the absence.

We are required by law to contact you if you do not send a note or contact the school to explain an absence within 3 days of your child's return to school. Thank you for your help with this matter

Walbundrie Small Schools Swimming Carnival

The carnival will be held at the Walla Walla Pool on Friday February 11th. Our school is running the carnival this year. All students who turn 8 years or older this year and can swim at least 25 metres will be attending. The rest of the students will remain at school.

Brocklesby Public School P&C have been offered the lunch catering.

We will require assistance from parents during the day. If you are willing to be a starter, time keeper or place judge please let me know. The carnival will commence at 10.00am and should conclude by early afternoon.

Life Education Van

The Life Education Van was due to be at the school on Thursday February 10th. Due to staff illness the van will not visit this term. It is possible that a visit will be arranged during Term 3 or 4.

Sun Safety

All children are required to wear a hat for all outdoor activities during Term 1 and Term 4 each year. Please ensure that your child brings their school hat each day.

Please make sure that all items of school clothing are labelled with the child's name. This makes identifying lost items much easier for the staff.

Use of Sports Equipment

All students are responsible for the care of sports equipment. Each morning and at recess a tub of sports equipment will be available for the children to use.

At lunch time the sports shed will be open. Monitors will hand out equipment. All equipment must be returned as soon as the bell rings.

Canteen

A roster for canteen duty is attached to this newsletter. If your name is not on it and you would be able to spare a day this term to help, please contact Kristen Hall (60292415, 0438787592) as helpers are urgently needed. Please also find attached the new menu, and remember to write separate orders for recess and lunch, each on a separate paper bag.

Diary Dates

Monday February 7th—Best Start Testing for Kindergarten students

Friday February 11th—Small Schools Swimming Carnival—Walla Walla Pool

Thursday February 17th/Friday February 18th—Mrs Bahr at Riverina Principal's Conference

Monday 21st February - P & C AGM

Friday February 25th -Walbundrie PSSA Swimming Carnival. Howlong Pool

Monday February 28th—Cricket Trials at Burrumbuttock—4 pm

Gymnastics—March 17th,24th,31st and April 7th

P & C News

Wow! Where did the holidays go? Welcome back to our existing families and a big WARM welcome to our new families that have joined our school community. In particular our gorgeous little Kinders; Tabitha, Charlotte, Chloe, Matilda, Madison, Bailey and Ethan. We hope you had a great first day and enjoy your first year at school.

We would like to extend our congratulations to John Jacob (our gardener and school handyman) for winning Citizen of the Year for Greater Hume Shire at the Australia Day awards in Jindera. John goes above and beyond the call of duty both in and around the school grounds and within our community. A very worthy recipient and thoroughly deserved, Congratulations John!

Congratulations also to Zakea Pongritz for winning the Citizenship Award for Walla Walla Public School. Congratulations Zakea!

The Walla Walla Public School 125th Anniversary Celebrations also won Community Event of the Year. Congratulations to all involved, terrific recognition for years of hard work and a wonderful day that was had by all.

The annual **P & C AGM will be Monday 21st February 2011 at 7pm** in the school library. The election of Office Bearers will be conducted and then a short committee meeting to follow. The P & C is an active committee raising funds to make school improvements and providing extra resources for the benefit of our children. It is also a great chance to meet new people and form friendships that may last a lifetime. Please consider coming along and showing your support towards our school, we would love to see you there

For further enquiries please phone Selina on 60296144, Secretary P & C.

Community Notices

OLD SCHOOL HOUSE catering at the Walla Bowling Club this Friday night (4th Feb)

Come along for some yummy Italian food!