

# Walla Walla Public School

## Weekly Newsletter



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*Week 3 Term 1 Tuesday February 8th 2011*

*Dear Parents and Friends,*

How proud we all were to hear that **John Jacob** had been named **Greater Hume Shire Citizen of the Year**. The staff and students could not think of a more deserving winner. Congratulations John from everyone at Walla Walla Public School.



Special congratulations also to **Zakea Pongritz** who was awarded the **Greater Hume Shire Citizenship Award for Walla Walla Public School**. We hope that Zakea and the other members of Year 6 2010 are settling into high school happily.

Well done to the 125th Anniversary Committee. Last year's celebration was awarded **Community Event of the Year**. *What an achievement!*

### *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.



**Walla Walla P&C will be catering. Please find a lunch order and permission note attached. Both MUST be returned to school TOMORROW.**

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.

A list of each child's events will be sent home on Thursday.

If the carnival needs to be postponed due to bad weather, radio stations 2AY and ABC will be informed by 8am. The back-up date for the carnival is Tuesday 15th February.

### *School Canteen*

Each Monday canteen is held at the school. Orders are to be written on the front of a brown paper bag. Money is to be placed inside the bag. Most food items are placed in the bag at lunchtime and recess and delivered to the classrooms.

Items that are not delivered in the bag e.g. milkshakes, are to be collected from the canteen. Children must take their bag to the canteen so that the parents on duty can see what they need to provide. From next week any change owing will be given to the teaching staff to be handed out.

### *Book Club*

Please note that all Book Club orders must be at school by next Monday 14th February. The school receives points for all orders, and last year we were rewarded with a total of \$500 worth of books for our Library.



### ***Best Start Testing***

Yesterday Mrs Noll conducted Best Start Testing with Kindergarten students. This testing helps us to know exactly what the children are able to do and to plan a teaching program to suit their needs. This testing is conducted in all New South Wales Public Schools.

### ***Library***

Library borrowing commences at school this Thursday. Kindergarten children will be receiving a library bag today provided by the Greater Hume Shire Council. Library books can only be borrowed if your child has a library bag, and has also returned previously borrowed books. **Some library books are still outstanding from last year. Please check at home to see if you have school library books.**



We have recently received some new shelves in the library and have been able to rearrange the books to make them easier to access. Please encourage your child to borrow from the library.

### ***P & C News***

- ♦ Thanks to the parents I have contacted to help out with the BBQ for the Swimming Carnival on Friday. If I haven't contacted you and you would like to help out please notify me or just turn up on Friday to lend a hand. Your assistance will be gratefully accepted. Please don't forget we are hosting the Carnival this year so assistance from our parents to time keep will also be required.
- ♦ Please mark in your diaries our **P & C AGM on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 7pm** in the library. Hope to see you all there!

*Selina*

### ***Notes to be Returned***

As well as the very urgent Swimming Carnival notes, please find attached a plastic sleeve which contains a number of other important forms.

- ♦ School fees
- ♦ General Consent
- ♦ Media Permission
- ♦ Absent Notes (to be kept and returned when your child is absent)
- ♦ Riverina Regional Library Membership Application: RRL has requested that ALL CHILDREN including existing members, have this application form completed and returned to school.

Please send all money in a sealed envelope, and return all completed forms to the front office as soon as possible.

### ***Scripture 2011***

This year we are again conducting four classes for Scripture – Kinder, One/Two, Three/Four, and Five/Six from 11.45am to 12.15pm on Fridays.

The Scripture Material that we use comes from “Christian Education Publications”. The children all receive a brightly coloured, interesting workbook for which we make a small charge of \$5 per student or \$10 per family for the whole year. The various local churches in town, together with the P&C subsidise the remainder of the costs.

We look forward to another happy and fruitful year of teaching the little ones about God's love.

*Trish Anderson*

### ***Diary Dates***

*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 Year 5/6 boys are eligible to attend

*Monday March 7th*—4pm at Jindera, AFL Trials, Yrs 5 and 6 boys

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