

# Walla Walla Public School

## Weekly Newsletter



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*Week 9 Term 1 Tuesday March 22nd 2011*

*Dear Parents and Friends,*

Congratulations to Olivia Merriman, Connor Heir, Sophia Kohlhausen, Millie Kohlhausen, Lydia Wenke, Joshua Lieschke, Jacob Wilson, Ty Voss and Jaxon Neagle who are eligible to participate in the Walbundrie PSSA Athletics Carnival to be held at Alexandra Park on Monday April 4th. Information has been distributed to the students today.

### *Coles Sports Program*

Yesterday we received our order from the Coles Sports Program. We received a Motor Skills Development Kit comprising of hoops, bats, small balls, Frisbees, bean bags, quoits, a parachute, ten pin bowls, nets and sports' markers.

We are very grateful to everyone in the community who collected vouchers for our school. Thank you.



Year K/1/2 students with the new sports equipment

### *K/1/2 News*

Reading groups are in full swing and we now have a full quota of helpers. Thanks to Karen Wenke and Sarah Kent who have recently offered their services.

### *Gymnastics Lessons*

Last Thursday we were all looking forward to the beginning of a series of *gymnastics lessons*. Unfortunately the instructor wrenched his knee the day before and ended up in hospital. I have been assured by School Gymnastics that he will be fit and healthy this Thursday. A make-up lesson for last week will be held later in the program.



### *Science in the Bush*

On Wednesday April 6th students in Years 3-6 will travel to Charles Sturt University at Thurgoona to participate in 'Science in the Bush'.

Students will be involved in sessions including "Funky Feet", Lego Robotics and Expo. This event is organised by the Australian Museum and includes a hands-on workshop, a wiz-bang science show and the popular Science in the Bush EXPO. Permission notes will be sent home next week. All costs associated with this event will be paid for by the school.

### *Concerning Activity*

We are very concerned about an activity that a few children seem to be involved in. They call the game ABC and it involves them running their fingernail along the top of their hand until their hand bleeds. We consider this to be 'self harm' and a totally undesirable thing to do. Please check your children's hands to see if there is any evidence that they are involved.

### *Course: Jason Clarke, Minds at Work*

On Wednesday I am attending a course conducted by Jason Clarke. Jason is a renowned speaker who teaches his audience how to think creatively and to get the best out of their students and employees. I am really looking forward to introducing some of his ideas into the classrooms at Walla Walla Public School. The course is being attended by a wide range of teachers and Principals from Riverina South.

### ***BER Recognition Ceremony***

Thank you to the parents and community members who attended last Friday's Ceremony. School Captain, Emma Klingsporn welcomed the guests. The infants class presented two dance items. Years 3-6 read poetry they had written about their dreams. A letter from Senator Chris Evans was read to the audience. Afternoon tea was served and the parents visited the classrooms to see technology in action.

### ***Parent Complaints***

The staff at Walla Walla Public School do their best for the children in their care. However, if you have a complaint or concern about school matters these can be made either to the relevant teacher or to the Principal. Wherever possible we try to seek solutions to concerns through informal means. If you are not happy after this process a formal complaint can be made orally or in writing. A complaint form is available upon request.

### ***Uniform***

Mothers, please don't forget to order girl's winter uniforms soon, as Mrs Voss will be **unavailable** from 26th April until 14th June. Winter fabric is also available now. Please contact Mrs Voss on 6029 2193



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

- The P & C Meeting is scheduled for this Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm in the Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- **Help!** We require your help for Saturday night, 2<sup>nd</sup> April. We are catering for Andrew Barber's 21<sup>st</sup> which is an evening meal. We need your help in the kitchen. If you can spare a few hours on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April could you please contact Selina on 60296144.
- Reading Groups are working well and thank you to those parents who have volunteered.
- The Albury and District Council P&C Association Meeting will be held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March, commencing at 7:30pm at Hume Public School. Anyone wishing to attend is most welcome - supper will be provided.

### ***Diary Dates***

*Gymnastics* - March 24th, 31st and April 7th

*Monday 28th March* - Playgroup  
- P & C

*Monday April 4th* - Walbundrie PSSA Athletics  
Carnival-Alexandra Park

*Tuesday April 5th* - Yrs 3-6 Monkey Baa Theatre  
Drama Activities

*Wednesday April 6th* - Years 3-6 Science in the Bush

### ***Canteen Roster***

*28th March: Sue Trimble, Sarah Merriman*

*4th April: Kristen Hall, Leeann Jackson*

### ***From last weeks Athletics Carnival.....***



Nate Kohlhagen

Juvenile Boys  
Champion



Jaxon Neagle

11yr Boys  
Champion