

# Walla Walla Public School

## Weekly Newsletter



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*Week 3 Term 3    Tuesday August 2nd 2011*

### *Dear Parents and Friends,*

Thank you to everyone who came to our school for Education Week celebrations. We appreciate your interest in the children and hope that you had a great time. The staff are proud of the children's achievements and the support given by parents is invaluable. Thank you to all of the parents who assist our school in any way. A positive relationship between parents, students and staff is vital to the success of our school.

### *Red Cross Meeting*

The students of Years 3 to 6 are to be congratulated on their performance last week. The students sang 'Advance Australia Fair' and 'For the Love of the Common People'. Thank you to the Red Cross members who presented the school with a certificate and gave the children a small thank you present. The students' behaviour was also impressive on the day.

### *Walbundrie Small School's Day*

On Friday August 12th we will be hosting students from our Walbundrie Small Schools Network for a PD/H/PE day, including a visiting performance by "Drumbeat" at 10.30am. The P&C will be catering for lunch on the day with sausages and a drink. If you wish your child to order lunch, please complete the attached order form and return to school with payment by Thursday August 4th. Thank you to Lyneen Merkel for organising the day's catering. Thank you to the parents who plan to help on the day.

### *Welcome Mr Larkin*

We welcome Mr Adam Larkin from Latrobe University. Mr Larkin is completing his Masters of Education and will work in the K-2 classroom for the next three weeks. We hope that Mr Larkin enjoys his time at Walla Walla.

### *Pie Drive*

Thank you to all of the parents who assisted with the Pie Drive orders last Thursday. It was great to see so many at the school lending a hand. Special thanks once again to Natalie Wenke for organising the Pie Drive for our school.

### *Chicken Pox/Whooping Cough*

One of our students has come down with Chicken Pox. Some of the Albury schools are also reporting a number of cases of Whooping Cough. Please read the information below so that you are familiar with the Department of Education and Communities procedures for each disease.

Infectious Disease	Time from exposure to illness	Symptoms	Do I need to keep my child home?	How can I help prevent spread?
Chicken Pox	2 to 3 weeks	Slight fever, runny nose, and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab.	Yes, for 5 days after the rash first appears and until the blisters have all scabbed over.	Immunisation is available for children over 18months old. It is recommended for people over 12 years who are not immune.
Whooping Cough (pertussis)	7 to 20 days	Starts with runny nose, followed by persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts may be followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air.	Yes, until the first 5 days of a special antibiotic have been taken.	Immunisation at 2,4,6, and 18 months and 4 years of age. A special antibiotic can be given for the patient and close contacts. Unimmunised contacts may be excluded from child care until the first 5 days of a special antibiotic has been taken.

***Diary Dates***

***Friday August 12th*** - Walbundrie Small Schools' Day at Walla. Performance 'Drumbeat' at 10.30 am

***Tuesday August 23rd*** - Book Week Celebrations.  
Theme: One World, Many Stories

***Friday September 23rd*** - Last Day Term 3

***Canteen Roster***

***August 8:*** Kristen Hall, Kylie Creek

***August 15:*** Shelley Schilg, Lisa Wilson