

# Walla Walla Public School

## Weekly Newsletter



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### *Dear Parents and Friends,*

Welcome to the 2012 school year. We would like to extend a very special welcome to our Kindergarten students Jay Butler, Lucas Odewahn, Breanna Schilg and Thomas Wiffen. A special welcome also to Chloe Smith in Year 5.

The staff would like to 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. Interviews with teachers can be arranged at any time

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 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.

Staffing arrangements for 2012 are as follows:

K/1/2: Mrs Noll

Yrs 3-6: Mrs Bahr

Release from Face/Face, Part-time and STLA:

Miss Widdison, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs Noll will continue to be in charge of the library. Library borrowing will occur each Thursday.

### *Swimming Carnival*

The Small Schools Swimming Carnival will be held at the Walla Walla Pool on Friday February 17th. All students turning 8 or older in 2012 and who can swim a minimum of 25 metres will be expected to attend. Students will be able to nominate for the events they would like to compete in. Students must choose between 25 metre and 50 metre events. They cannot swim in both. If students wish to qualify for the Zone carnival, they must swim in the 50 metre events.

Last year the P&C offered to do the lunch catering for the carnival. Information will be sent home as soon as it is available.

### *School Captains and Prefects 2012*



Congratulations to Sophia Kohlhagen and Ty Voss who were elected School Captains at the end of 2011. Congratulations also to our very capable Prefects, Lydia Wenke, Olivia Hall and Jacob Wilson. The staff is very confident that our Year 6 students will show strong leadership and be helpful to all of the other students. We look forward to their contribution to the school this year.

### *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

## ***Our 2012 Kindergarten Class***



### ***School Assemblies***

School Assemblies will be held each month. Each assembly will be held on Thursday at 12.30 pm. The following dates for assemblies have been arranged:

March 1st, March 29th, May 31st, June 28th, July 26th and August 30th.

Parents and community members are invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

### ***Playgroup***

Playgroup sessions will be organised again this year. Local babies to pre-school aged children are invited to attend with their parent or parents. Sessions will be held during Terms 1, 2 and 3.

Please note the following dates on your calendar :

March 21st, June 13th and September 5th.

Mrs Noll will arrange Playgroup sessions.

### ***Library News***

We have a great library and students are encouraged to use it regularly. Library day is Thursday when students will have the opportunity to borrow books from our library. Please provide your child with a library bag.

Borrowing will commence this Thursday. Happy Reading!

*Mrs Noll*



## ***Scripture 2012***

Due to the retirement of Mrs Monica Simpfendorfer after many dedicated years of teaching scripture , we will have three classes this year - Kinder One/Two, Three/Four, and Five/Six. Scripture will be held 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. Please put your payment in a clearly marked envelope and leave it at the office. The offering from the combined community church service at Zion last Sunday will also go towards covering the costs.

If you would like to join the Scripture Team as either a teacher or helper we would welcome you warmly. It is a very rewarding way of bringing God's word into the lives of future generations.

Please contact me via the school if you can assist.

*Trish Anderson – Scripture Co-ordinator 2012*

### ***Diary Dates***

***Friday February 17th*** -Walbundrie Small Schools Swimming Carnival at Walla Walla Pool

***Tuesday February 21st*** - Zone Swimming Carnival to be held at Albury Pool

### ***Community Notices***

Old School House Committee

Are catering

Friday 3rd February

Walla Walla Bowling Club

#### **MENU**

MAIN:

Lasagne with Chips & Salad \$12

Spaghetti Bolognaise \$10

DESSERT:

Cheese Cake with Cream/Ice Cream \$3.50

Apple Pie with Cream/Ice Cream \$3.50

CHILDREN'S MEAL

Nuggets & Chips, Ice Cream and Topping \$5