

Walla Walla Public School

Weekly Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Friends,

Animator's Visit

Yesterday Animator Dave, Author Susan Berran and Karen from the Upper Murray Regional Library visited our school to complete our student's contribution to the 'Write Around the Murray Program'. The children viewed the animations that Dave had already done and were asked to draw pictures that he needed to further enhance his work. Everyone had great fun.

The children's book will be launched at the Albury Library on September 5th. Walla Walla students will attend the launch and participate in some further workshops about writing. We look forward to seeing the finished product and to viewing it online.

Dance Lessons

Next term Ebony Newton will return to the school to conduct further dance lessons with our students.

Lessons will be held each Thursday afternoon commencing on Thursday July 26th and finishing on Thursday September 6th. Infants' classes will commence at 2 pm and conclude at 2.40 pm. Primary classes will commence at 2.45 pm and conclude at 3.25 pm. Thanks to the P&C for supporting this initiative.



Swimming Lessons

This year Walla Walla students will be involved in two Intensive Swimming Programs. The first will be held at Edge Aquatics, Baranduda on the following dates: Monday Sep 10th, Tuesday Sep 11th, Thursday Sep 13th, Monday Sep 17th and Tuesday Sep 18th. Lessons will be held between 1 and 2 pm.

A further program will be held in Walla Walla during Term 4.

Extra Staffing

From the beginning of next term we have been allocated 1½ days of extra teacher time per week. This extra time is to support our students with learning difficulties and disabilities. This means that the school will have 3 teachers, 4 days per week. We are not permitted to create an extra class with this allocation.

Impetigo (School Sores)

A number of students have been recently diagnosed as having impetigo. Please note the following:-

Symptoms: Small red spots change into blisters that fill with pus and become crusted: usually on the face, hands or scalp. Some students are also having their legs and torsos affected by this virus.

What to do: Consult a doctor to check the diagnosis and start antibiotic treatment. Sores need to be covered with a watertight dressing for the child to return to school.

How to help prevent spread: Careful hand washing.

Netball Training

Thank you to Tania Watkins and Karla Lieschke for transporting 9 girls to netball last Friday afternoon. Further netball games will be held on June 22nd, July 20th, July 27th, August 10th and August 17th.

Girls who turn 8 or more in 2012 are eligible to attend these games at Burrumbuttock. If you would like your daughter to play and are willing to become part of a transport roster, please complete the note attached to this newsletter and return it to school by Thursday of this week.



Enclosed Grounds

A community member rang the school on Monday morning to let me know that about a dozen young people were in the playground over the weekend. Some of them were climbing on top of the shade sails. The children included a number of our ex-students. We also know that people have been coming into the playground after hours and playing football on our netball court.

The police have been informed. The public is reminded that **nobody** is to enter the school grounds after hours without the permission of the school principal.

Environmental Workshop

On the 31st of August Alejandra Torres from Keep Australia Beautiful will visit the school to educate our children about recycling, rubbish reduction and caring for the environment. Each class will enjoy a one hour workshop with the educator.

Unfortunately we often find cigarette butts, wrappers and other unwanted items in our playground.

The SRC is busy working on an Anti-Litter Plan and we hope that the workshop will encourage our students to put all rubbish in the bin.

We also encourage members of the public not to use our playground as their rubbish dump!

Many children and adults work hard to make our playground a beautiful place and no-one has the right to ruin it for us!

Friday Afternoon Sport

At last night's P&C Meeting parents asked if they could assist with Friday afternoon sport. We always encourage parental involvement in the children's education and would happily welcome assistance during sport time. Children are involved in sports such as football, netball, softball, cricket, soccer, tennis and a variety of other ball games. If you would like your name to be included on a roster, please complete the attached note and return it to school before the end of term.

Mini-Science Fair

Students are currently creating machines as part of the Walbundrie Small School Network Science Fair. Students will use video-conferencing facilities to share their work with other local schools.

Years 3-6 will share their work with the other network schools on Monday June 25th at 2pm. K/1/2 will be part of a video-conference at 10.00 am on Thursday June 28th.

This is a great opportunity for us to use technology, instead of transport, to get together and share a learning experience. We also plan to participate in regular interschool assemblies next term. These will be separate to our regular school assemblies.



Deniliquin Regional Cross Country

Last Tuesday, June 12th, Sophia, Olivia, Kelsey and Ty represented our school at the Regional Cross Country held in Deniliquin. Kelsey was our top performer, coming 12th in her age group.



Diary Dates

Friday June 22nd - Half yearly reports sent home

Thursday June 28th - School Assembly

Week 10 - Parent/Teacher interviews

Monday July 16th -Term 3 begins for teachers

Tuesday July 17th -Term 3 begins for students

Week 3 - ***Education Week***

Canteen Roster

June 25th: Lyneen Merkel, Pam Lezius