



# Walla Walla Public School NEWSLETTER

*Today's LEARNERS, tomorrow's LEADERS*

## New beginnings

As we commence the 2019 school year, I would like to congratulate the community of Walla Walla on their 150th year celebrations. It was a fantastic weekend. I particularly enjoyed welcoming to the school many ex-students and their families for a few laughs and the sharing of memories. Everyone commented on the opportunity to meet up with people they haven't seen for a long time proving that the true value of a small community comes from the feeling of connectedness. Here at Walla Walla Public School, we know that this is also our secret to educational success. Students who walk through our gates will enjoy a true sense of connectedness. They will gain a sense of belonging to their peers and teachers and connect deeply to their learning. They will create memories that will last a lifetime and as the Principal, it is a privilege to be part of their journey.



**Helen Duncan**  
PRINCIPAL

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students, Chase, Beau, Penny, Hamish and



Kindergarten students Indi (above), Penny (above right) and Hamish (right). Welcome to Walla Walla Public School!



Indiana and to their families. I know that the school community will make you all feel welcome.

Our current enrolment for 2019 is 33 students. Our staff are as follows:

K-2 - Mrs Noll

3-6 - Miss Lawrence

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## Upcoming EVENTS

### WAW School Banking:

Every Monday

**February 8:** Walbundrie Small Schools Swimming Carnival

**February 22:** Southern Riverina Swimming Carnival

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5-6 English, Maths and Learning Support - Mrs Duncan

School Administrative Manager - Mrs Dittko

Community Engagement Officer & General Assistant - Mr Merriman

Student Learning and Support Officers - Mrs Kotzur, Mrs Lieschke and Mrs Moor

Students will require the following list of materials for their learning. Please ensure that everything is labelled clearly.

**K-2 Students:**

- 2 boxes of tissues
- An art smock
- A library bag
- 2 whiteboard markers

**K-2 Students (optional):**

- A pencil case
- Coloured pencils
- An eraser

**3-6 Students**

- 2 boxes of tissues
- An art smock
- A library bag
- 2 whiteboard markers
- 2 highlighters
- A pencil case
- A glue stick
- An eraser
- A pencil sharpener
- 5 lead pencils (HB)
- 5 red pens & 5 blue pens (Years 4-6)
- Coloured pencils
- Coloured textas
- A ruler

Voluntary Student Contributions (School Fees) cover the cost of all student stationery including exercise books, quality art materials, and paper.

**Swimming Carnival**

The calendar is filling quickly and our first event is the swimming carnival. Walla Walla Public School will host the Walbundrie Small Schools' Swimming Carnival at the Walla Pool, next Friday, 8th February commencing at 10am.

The Swimming Carnival is for all students who are turning 8 years old and above. Please note that 8-year-old students should be confident swimmers of 25 metres in order to participate, otherwise it is recommended that they remain at school.

A permission note, lunch order forms and event lists are attached to be returned to school as soon as possible. Parents are asked to discuss the entry of students to different races with their children.

If a child participates in a 25-metre event they are not permitted to enter the 50-metre event for the same stroke. For example, a swimmer may enter 25 metres for breaststroke and 50 metres for freestyle. Only 50-metre events qualify for the Southern Riverina Carnival. Please note also that qualifying times are set for entry into the next level and therefore place winners may or may not go on to the next level.

The P&C will require the assistance of parents to run the canteen and BBQ and we will also require parents to help with time-keeping. The carnival is a great community event and we look forward to as many parents joining us as possible.

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**2. Talk to someone**

**3. Look after yourself**

**4. Get support**

**5. Stay connected  
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