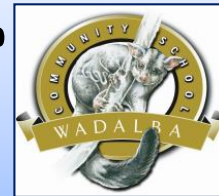


Wadalba Primary Newsletter

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Year 7 Enrolment Forms

All students in Year 6 have now received their enrolment forms to move into Year 7 at Wadalba CS. Please return these as soon as possible.

Leaving or know someone starting in 2016?

Please remember to notify the office if your child will not be attending Wadalba next year. Also, if you know anyone that is moving into the area who has not come to the office to enrol, please let them know to do so.

Piglet Naming Winner!

Congratulations to **Lily O'Keefe** in Year 3 for winning the piglet naming competition. **Pikelet** and **Pancake** will be joining our little community shortly!

Cake Day

This Wednesday 4th November is our next Cake Day. Yr 3/4, Kinder and K/1 are to bring the cakes. Students will be able to buy a small cake for morning tea. The price of the cakes start at 10 cents.

Day for Daniel

On Friday our students wore red and gave a gold coin donation for 'Day for Daniel' in support of the Daniel Morcombe foundation. This foundation focuses on educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. This foundation has also developed a free Safety App. Click on the link below for more information.

<http://www.dayfordaniel.com.au/>

UNSW Mathematics Competition

Congratulations to the following students on their achievement in the UNSW Mathematics Competition:

Participation- Liam Lackenby, Asenaca Leweniqila, Hayley Van Der Meulen, Emilee Spiken, Aidan Van Meeteren, Paulina Waskiw, Kaylem Maddrell

Merit- Brianna Spiken

Credit- Natalie McClellan, Aurora Gorton, Luke Burton

Distinction- Paulina Waskiw

Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition

Congratulations to the following students in Years 5 and 6 on their achievement in the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition. All students present that day participated, however these students have been recognised for their outstanding achievement.

Merit- Jackson Carter, Charlotte Moses, Lachlan Bryant, Jake Lee, Lauren McManus, Brent Smith-Healey, Reeve Middleton, Blair Taylor, Charlotte Robertson, Kaya Threadgate, Jackson Epps, Ben Brady, Alex Hancock.

Distinction- Luke Burton and Brianna Spiken

Dates to Remember:

4th Nov- Kinder Orientation
4th Nov- **Cake Day- 3/4, K/1 & K to provide cakes.**
4th Nov- Cuppa & Cake Afternoon
9th Nov- **K Assembly**
11th Nov- Kinder Orientation Family Week
11th Nov- Remembrance Day
16th Nov- **1/2 Assembly**
18th Nov- Yr 6-7 Sports Day
23rd Nov- **Yr 2 Assembly**
25th Nov-27th Nov- Stage 3 Camp
1st Dec- **Kinder 2016 Teddy Bear's Picnic**
2nd Dec- Yr 7 Orientation Day
7th Dec- **Wadalba Cup reward excursion and Fun Day**
9th Dec- Christmas Carols
9th Dec- **Aboriginal Excellence awards**
10th Dec- Volunteer Thank you morning Tea
11th Dec- **High School Presentation**
14th Dec- Primary presentation day
14th Dec- **Reports sent home**
14th Dec- Yr 6 Farewell
15th Dec- **Yr 6 Assembly**
16th Dec- Last day for students

Awards

Bronze Awards

Declan Loxton- K/1
Jayden Maddrell- 1/2
Aylria Purins- 3/4
Aurora Gorton- 4

Silver Awards

Aurora Gorton- 4

Wadalba Winner Draw

Thorpe= Anthony Biles & Catherine Brown

Bradman= Zoe Finneran & Mackenzie Ellis

Hall= Rebecca O'Toole & Lauren McManus

Freeman= Brent Smith-Healey & RJ Stacey

Assembly Class of the Week:

1/2 and Yr 4

Orchid Way, Wadalba 2259 **Website:** <http://www.wadalba-c.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Email: wadalba-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au **T:** 0243925000

We would like to invite all of the families of our Primary Wadalba students to come and join us for

Cuppa & Cake

This time we will be:

Celebrating 2015 and sharing ideas for 2016!

Wednesday November 4th
1:30-2:30pm
Year 5 Classroom
We hope to see you there!

Facebook Page

Don't forget to like our Facebook page so you can get instant updates of what is happening at our school.



Our Road Safety Focus for Term 4 is DRIVING SAFE AROUND SCHOOLS



Parking signs are designed to keep our children safe. Observe all parking signs at the front of the school – only park where you are legally allowed to.

Community Notices:

Whooping Cough Outbreak: A Message from NSW Health

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for [information for childcare and schools about whooping cough](#).

Kindergarten Orientation

They came with smiles and tears, some ready to take off on their educational journey and others a little reluctant. Our new 2016 Kindergarten students commenced their orientation program on October 21st and were welcomed by their Year 5 buddies, who will get to know them during the orientation and will provide support when they start next year.

We have 32 students enrolled for Kindergarten 2016 so far and we are very happy and excited to get to know each and every one of them over the coming weeks. As their parents get used to the idea of them starting BIG SCHOOL (and a little more freedom ;-)), we will be helping them become comfortable in their new surroundings and learn the ins and outs of what is required to be a successful student at WCS. We have a great variety of engaging activities designed to start their learning journey and are already learning about them so that we can cater to their needs, skills and personalities when they start coming to us every day in the New Year.

They will finish up their orientation on Tuesday 1st of December with a Teddy Bear's Picnic with their furry friends and the new ones they have made. The parents of our new WCS students are invited to bring a picnic and a rug. We will be enjoying a story read by our Principal, Mr McGrath!



In the Spotlight:

Our Reading Recovery/ RFF Teacher

Name: Mrs Melinda Farrelly

I started teaching at Wadalba in: I started teaching at Wadalba in 2005. Prior to WCS I taught at Bangor Primary School (2002-2004) in the Sutherland Shire. My first ever class, 1R of 29 students finished high school in 2013! This Year I teach: Reading Recovery and RFF. Reading Recovery is a very rewarding job and I have really enjoyed a change from classroom teaching. I have loved doing RFF as well as I have had the opportunity to work in all classes and get to know every student in the primary school.

My favourite colour is: I like pastel colours like lilac, soft pinks and aqua.

My favourite food is: Definitely chocolate and sweet pastries! I also like Thai food too.

My favourite book is: Anything by Jodi Picoult. I just finished *The Storyteller*, a great read.

My favourite movie is: The Shawshank Redemption comes to mind first with The Notebook a close second.

My favourite subject when I was at school was: I loved PDHPE particularly in Year 11 and 12. My teacher was fabulous!

My favourite subject to teach is: I enjoy teaching PDHPE. Most days I have students ask "Can we do sport today?". I also enjoy teaching students about healthy life style choices and hopefully students will make informed choices that lead to a healthy and happy life.

In my free time I love: Free time???? Ha! Most of my "free time" is spent taking my children to various after school and weekend activities. I love spending my time with family and friends.

My family are: My husband Duncan and three children Curtis, Olivia and Mia.

If I could travel anywhere in the world it would be: I would love to go to Greece and Italy.



Christmas Carols

Our Christmas Carols will be held on Wednesday 9th December. All families of K-12 students at WCS are invited. Come along for a light dinner and other stalls, followed by carols played by the teacher and student band and led by groups of children from across the school. (Entry for a Gold Coin Donation).

Gold Awards

This is the final week for students to hand in their three silver awards to receive their Gold Award at the end of Year Presentation. Any that are handed in after Friday 5th November will have to wait until next year's Presentation Day.

Presentation Day

Our end of year Presentation Day will be held on Monday 14th December at 9:00am in the High School Gym. All families are welcome to attend. All students in Kindergarten and Year 6 will be receiving awards. Students receiving special awards will have a letter posted to their parents/ carers to notify them within the next few weeks.

Need a new Uniform?

Did you know that you can order new uniform items for your child online? By registering with www.flexischools.com.au not only can you order your child's recess and lunch but you can order uniform items that will be delivered straight to them in their classroom without you even needing to come to the school!

Do you prefer to make purchases face to face? Our uniform shop is open from 8:15 - 9:30am Monday to Thursday via the rear carpark off Van Stappen Road. It is located between the Gym and the movement studio. Please call 4392 5000 if the gates are locked.

Want to wait until the holidays? Here are the open hours for the Uniform Shop for January, 2016.

Wednesday 20th January- 9am to 1pm

Thursday 21st January- 10am to 1pm

Friday 22nd January- 10am to 12pm.

Clothing Pool Donations

If your child has grown out of their uniform please bring them to our school office or your child's teacher so they can be placed in our clothing pool rather than throwing them away!

Parent information session – Anxiety

On Wednesday 21st October we held a parent information session about Anxiety in young people. This session covered what anxiety is, how to identify the signs, the different forms anxiety takes and offered strategies that parents can use to support their child. It was great to see over 30 people in attendance for this session. The feedback that was received on the session was positive and we look forward to holding more sessions as the need arises to support identified issues within the school and our local community.



Wadalba Cup Update

This year we have implemented the Wadalba Cup as a way of building school spirit and encouraging students to support and encourage each other to be the best they can. This has had a great impact on the school and it has been wonderful to see students striving to earn points for their house. We have had a number of different focuses that have seen big points up for grabs, these have included; litter blitzes, home reading, uniform, lining up and being prepared for class and positive playground behaviour. Points have also been awarded on a regular basis for bronze and silver awards and parent helpers. We have had a beautiful mural created in the primary where point tallies can be recorded weekly. The number of students in each house is very even across the school and this has ensured that all houses had equal opportunity to take out the Wadalba Cup trophy. Our first winner of the Wadalba Cup was Hall, and the final scores were:

Primary Leader Board	
Thorpe	5116
Bradman	4536
Hall	5305
Freeman	4364

K/1 Champions of Learning!

This semester, K/1 have been working really hard to reach their learning goals! There have been huge improvements in reading and writing and the students should be really proud of their progress. I certainly am!

At our assembly performance, the students presented the readers theatre of the book "Going on a Bear Hunt" to help improve their fluency and use of expression.

The students have enjoyed learning about the famous artist Vincent Van Gogh and have been experimenting using impressionist techniques to create their own art.

They have been exploring needs and wants and working out what things are important in life.

In mathematics, the students have been working hard on their number skills and should continue to practise counting beyond 100. There are some students who are reversing their numerals, so it is also important to practise writing numbers as well. They have been learning how to compare, measure and order the areas of objects in the classroom.

They have also enjoyed daily fitness activities with the K and 1/2 classes. Wednesday Walking has proved to be a very enjoyable event and Tuesday Team Building activities have helped them get moving and have taught them how to work better in small teams.

As the year draws to the end, they are preparing for Year 1 and 2. I have been very happy to teach this group of students and while they challenge me, it has been a real pleasure to see them **GROW AND LEARN**.

