



WADALBA NEWS

Term 1, APRIL 2025 | Issue 5

UNLOCKING THE BRILLIANCE IN EACH OF US



DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

30 | Students return - Term 2

MAY

7 | Mothers Day Stall

9 | Mothers Day Brekky

16 | Zone Cross County

16 | Walk safely to School Day



WELCOME 1/2 NEWTON

1/2 Newton students are confident, enthusiastic learners and it is gratifying to witness my students gain confidence as readers, writers, mathematicians, scientists, artists, and athletes. Every day we strive for excellence and try our best! I am very proud of their effort and dedication.

In English, we continue to improve upon our success in various tasks, including peer reading, phonemic awareness, writing, and home reading. All students have a positive attitude toward English and meet the high expectations that I have of them as learners. Each week, we introduce a quality text to enjoy and examine, and our writing skills have become stronger as we develop the skills to plan, write, and edit our texts.

Mathematics is the most anticipated part of our day and includes number talks, which are an essential ignition activity for our lessons. Students have become more proficient in articulating their strategies in answering a variety of maths questions. Flexibility with numbers is an important foundational skill in number sense and algebra. The more students practice this skill, the more confident they will become in mathematical thinking.

In Science, we have had enormous fun learning about light and sound, digital technology, and physical sciences. A recent highlight was participating in a series of experiments for our Science unit, Machine Makers, which led to investigations of pushes, pulls, ramps, levers, and pulleys. Lots of interesting learning and very engaged and excited learners.

1/2 Newton also has the expertise of Mrs Vassel, Mrs Fisher, and Miss Cummings who teach Literacy, Sport and Fundamental Movement Skills each week. Our wonderful librarian, Ms Green's lessons are another highlight of the week for students too. My sincere thanks to Miss Parry for teaching 1 / 2 Newton whilst I was absent. She did an amazing job.

1/2 Newton is a joyful place to be, and we hope you enjoy some images we have provided for the newsletter.

Take care and happy holidays.
Mrs Michelle Newton

MEET THE 2025 LEADERSHIP TEAM

What subject do you enjoy studying the most?
Mathematics

What is something that you have enjoyed studying in this subject?
Algorithms

What makes a great leader?
Curiosity and persistence

Who is someone who has supported you at school?
Riley P

What have they done to support you?
Encouragement and lightening the mood

What is your most memorable moment at school?
Everyone clapping for me when I received my badge

What is your greatest success at school?
Being elected Year 5 Representative

What would you like to do after school?
I don't know yet. There is so many areas and subjects that I have not yet learned



PHILLIP YEAR 5

YEAR 5 SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE

MEET THE 2025 LEADERSHIP TEAM

What subject do you enjoy studying the most?

Maths

What is something that you have enjoyed studying in this subject?

Timetables

What makes a great leader?

Being kind and responsible

Who is someone who has supported you at school?

My teachers

What have they done to support you?

They helped me with my anxiety

What is your most memorable moment at school?

When I received School Captain

What is your greatest success at school?

Beating all the school swimming records this year

What would you like to do after school?

Become a famous golfer



OWEN YEAR 6

SCHOOL CAPTAIN

MEET THE 2025 LEADERSHIP TEAM

What subject do you enjoy studying the most?
Maths

What is something that you have enjoyed studying in this subject?
Solving problems

What makes a great leader?
Being kind to everyone

Who is someone who has supported you at school?
Best friend Lara

What have they done to support you?
Encourage me

What is your most memorable moment at school?
Getting my plush Possum in Kindergarten

What is your greatest success at school?
Freeman House Captain

What would you like to do after school?
Go to university to be a teacher



ELORA YEAR 5

FREEMAN HOUSE CAPTAIN

MEET THE 2025 LEADERSHIP TEAM

What subject do you enjoy studying the most?
History

What is something that you have enjoyed studying in this subject?
The first fleet

What makes a great leader?
I believe a great leader comes from being a supportive friend to all their peers. Ensuring everyone enjoys coming to our school and leave their school day happy.

Who is someone who has supported you at school?
My friends

What have they done to support you?
For always making me feel welcome and accepting me how I am

What is your most memorable moment at school?
Our excursion into the city

What is your greatest success at school?
Receiving my leadership role

What would you like to do after school?
I would love to be a professional athlete but if that doesn't happen I would love to become a day care teacher



MIA YEAR 6

YEAR 6 SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE

EASTER HAT PARADE

Our annual Easter Hat Parade was a fantastic event! On Wednesday 9th April, students proudly displayed their creative and colourful hats, showcasing their designs inspired by all things Easter, from flowers to bunnies and eggs. The parade was a highlight of the day, bringing the school community together in celebration. A big thank you to all the students, families, and staff who contributed to making it such a fun and memorable occasion. It was a wonderful way to embrace the spirit of Easter and create lasting memories!

Miss Moret & Mrs Britt

Easter Hat Parade Winners

Giribil	Harley Lister
Bibidja	Lilliana Chan Smit
KJ	Ryder Potter – Robertson
K/1S	Gracie Ansted
1R	Aries Young
1/2N	Kaira Fuste Torres
2M	Annaley Nguyen
3/4T	Kylo Anderson
3/4W	Indiana Morgan
4/5S	Penelope Marshall
5/6M	Jaxson Sutton
5/6K	Aniwaniwa Rickus

Easter Colour-in Competition Winners

Giribil	Harley Lister
Bibidja	Kiara Adrichem-Hawes
KJ	Evie Immerz
K/1S	Harper Carroll
1R	Mele-Kalasia Tamasese
1/2N	Lana DuToit
2M	Harlyn Cessario
3/4T	Braxton Clibbens
3/4W	Sonny Potter - Robertson
4/5S	Lakota Thompson
5/6M	Nevaeh-Rose Rickus
5/6K	Aaliyah Adeeb

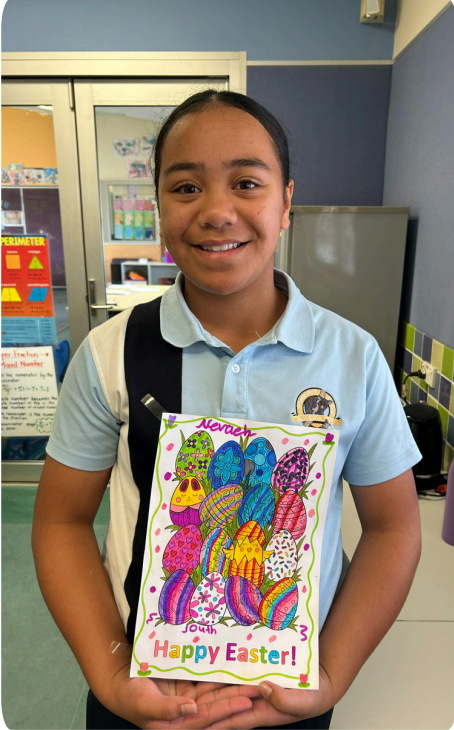
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PBL REWARDS DAY

We celebrated a fantastic PBL Reward Day, recognising students who have consistently demonstrated our school values throughout the term. The day was filled with fun and excitement, giving students the opportunity to relax, connect with their peers, and enjoy a variety of engaging activities as a reward for their positive behaviour. It was a happy atmosphere, with smiles all around and a strong sense of school spirit. Events like this play an important role in reinforcing the importance of our PBL expectations and celebrating the efforts of our students in creating a respectful, safe, and supportive learning environment. These moments also help strengthen relationships across the school and encourage a shared commitment to making our school the best it can be. A big congratulations to all students—you've earned it!



PBL REWARDS DAY - CONTINUED



PBL REWARDS DAY - CONTINUED



LEGO SPIKES

Last week, 4/5S got the Lego Spike sets out and had a play around with them. These fantastic sets were purchased for us by the P and C. They help to teach the kids about coding, following instructions and connecting via Bluetooth. One group made a breakdancing robot and other groups are partway through making various exciting models. The room was buzzing with excitement.



POP ROCKETS

This term, Stage 3 have been studying solids, liquids and gases. We have found out that each state has different properties. During one lesson, we added vinegar to bicarb and put a balloon over the container. We noticed that the gas from the fizzing concentration had nowhere to go so it inflated the balloon.

4/5S went out onto the basketball with old film canisters and conducted an experiment to find the perfect combination of vinegar and bicarb and the perfect technique to shoot the canister into the air like a mini rocket. It was so exciting that we had students from other classes lining up at the edge of the courts to watch what was going on.

Thanks to Miss Hancock from the High School for bringing down safety glasses to keep us safe.



SYDNEY NORTH - SWIMMING

Congratulations to the 5 boys Owen, Flynn J, Flynn D, Zander and Logan who represented our school and the Wallarah Zone at the Sydney North Swimming Championships last week at Sydney Olympic Park.

All boys swam exceptionally well and should be proud of their achievements on the day. A shout out to Owen who swam in 6 individual races as well as in the senior boys' relay team.



SYDNEY NORTH TRIALS

Over this term we have sent students to the Wallarah Zone trials for various sports in the hopes of progressing through to the next round of trials with the goal of making a Sydney North team.

Rugby League

Under 11's

Kade, Mason and Lennox

Under 12's

Logan C, Flynn and Rylie

Congratulations to Mason, Flynn and Rylie who progressed to the combined trial with Wallarah/Tuggerah Lakes/Southern Central Coast, however, were unsuccessful in progressing further.

Soccer

Boys

Elijah, Jacob and Zander

Girls

Ellyse, Ariella and Trinti

Congratulations to Elijah, Zander, Ellyse and Ariella who have progressed to the next trial with Tuggerah Lakes next term.

Touch

Boys

Flynn, Tallyn

SCHOOL BYTES

SCHOOLBYTES | Have you set up your SchoolBytes portal? We use SchoolBytes for our Excursions, Finance and Forms. You can log in directly without our help! However, if you cannot link your student, please email us wadalba-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au if you need a linking code to help set it up!

TECH TEAM

Congratulations to our 2025 tech team. These students will be responsible for helping to teach our younger students to log in, teaching students how to code or use Canva, learning how to use our 3D printer and assisting with tech problems during assembly.

Their first big job begins on Friday when they will be helping to collect all student laptops for relabelling and reimaging.

Congratulations to Mia, Olivia, Alivia, Archie, Riley, Aydin, Phillip and Ryan.



JENI'S RAINY SEASON ADVENTURE

We're excited to share the latest update on Jeni, the young orangutan our school sponsored! This was set up by our Stage 3 students in 2024.

Jeni continues to grow and learn in Forest School and will soon move up to Group 3—an exciting step toward life in the wild. She shares a strong bond with her best friend Aiko, and the two are often seen exploring trees, foraging for fruit, and playing together.

Lately, the rainy season has made things extra muddy, but Jeni is adapting beautifully. She cleverly uses leaves and twigs to cover her head during downpours and loves splashing in puddles and rolling in the mud with Aiko. Their surrogate mothers often end up muddy too, sharing in the fun!

Thanks to our school's support, Jeni is thriving—curious, playful, and ready for every new adventure.





Primary and Support
Mother's Day
BREAKFAST

Friday, 9th May

WE INVITE ALL SPECIAL LADIES
IN OUR STUDENTS' LIVES TO
JOIN US FOR A BBQ BREAKFAST

SERVING FROM 7.30AM-8.30AM



Mother's Day STALL

WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY

Gifts available for
\$2, \$5 and \$7



SAVERS PLUS

Could you use an extra \$500 towards school costs in 2025?

The Saver Plus Program is about boosting financial skills, to develop (and keep) good savings habits. Saver Plus is a free matched savings program to assist families living on a lower income to receive \$500 for educational expenses. We also provide budgeting workshops with the aim to improve long term financial wellbeing.

You can put money towards education expenses including:

- Computers, laptops, and tablets
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HOLIDAY GAME HUB ZONE

Wadalba Community School
Van Stappen Road, Wadalba, NSW, 2259
Monday 14 April to Thursday 24 April 2025

Ph: 0456 388 803

Don't forget to pack sunscreen, a hat, and a water bottle to stay sun-safe! Please ensure all food complies with allergy guidelines. Contact your service for detailed information.

6:30AM
TIL
6:30PM



Scan
to book
online!

MON 14 APR



RETRO REVIVAL MAKE & TAKE: PICA-PAIR & CLAY CREATION

Design your own Pica-Pair card game and foam clay masterpiece. Then, compete in sardines, marbles, and more at our Retro Games Gala!

BASE FEE \$62.00
EXPERIENCE FEE \$15.50
DAILY TOTAL \$77.50
FROM AS LOW AS \$7.75

TUE 15 APR



**POWER UP PLAY
EXCURSION: IPLAY**
Gear up for a day of non-stop excitement at IPlay! Enjoy a variety of arcade games and challenge your friends to some friendly competition!

BASE FEE \$62.00
EXPERIENCE FEE \$5.00
DAILY TOTAL \$116.00
FROM AS LOW AS \$11.60

WED 16 APR



**STEM QUEST
MAKE & TAKE: ROBO ROVER EXPERIMENT**
Gear up for a tech adventure! Dive into cool experiments as you build and code your very own Robo Rover that zooms through a fun challenge!

BASE FEE \$62.00
EXPERIENCE FEE \$18.50
DAILY TOTAL \$80.50
FROM AS LOW AS \$8.05

THU 17 APR



**LIVE ACTION PLAY
SPECIAL EVENT & MAKE AND TAKE: JUNGLE RUNBLE MARBLE WALL & SOLVE THE MYSTERY**
Construct your own marble wall, then put your detective skills to the test to crack the clues and solve a thrilling mystery!

BASE FEE \$62.00
EXPERIENCE FEE \$36.30
DAILY TOTAL \$98.30
FROM AS LOW AS \$9.83

FRI 18 APR

**Service Closed
- Good Friday**

MON 21 APR

**Service Closed -
Easter Monday**

TUE 22 APR



**GAME SHOW STARS
SPECIAL EVENT: NERF FORTNITE WARS**
Ready for a Nerf battle like no other? Gear up for Nerf Fortnite Wars, where you'll face off in an action-packed war inspired by the popular Fortnite game.

BASE FEE \$62.00
EXPERIENCE FEE \$20.00
DAILY TOTAL \$82.00
FROM AS LOW AS \$8.20

WED 23 APR



**LEVEL UP
MAKE & TAKE: TOTE BAG & CONNECT 4**
Ready to level up? Take on the drainage team challenge in a hands-on adventure! Plus, you'll get to decorate your own bag and Connect 4 game to take home!

BASE FEE \$62.00
EXPERIENCE FEE \$15.00
DAILY TOTAL \$77.00
FROM AS LOW AS \$7.70

THU 24 APR



**PLAY YOUR WAY
EXCURSION: GAME ZONE HUB**
Get ready for a day out at the Game Zone Hub! Dive into a day of action with activities like Quad Ball, Pokémon Trainer, and epic Beyblade battles!

BASE FEE \$62.00
EXPERIENCE FEE \$54.00
DAILY TOTAL \$116.00
FROM AS LOW AS \$11.60

FRI 25 APR

**Closed -
ANZAC Day**

*Childcare subsidy (CCS) may apply. Please refer to Services Australia Childcare Subsidy for eligibility and entitlement. Please note that programs and surcharges may be subject to change. Visit our website for the most up-to-date information.

