PRIMARY NEWS
TERM 4, WEEK 5

Relieving Positions
We have had a few changes to staffing this term with some of our teachers being on leave. Mrs Allan will be on leave for most of the term. Miss Frost will be teaching her class during this time and Mrs Snell will be relieving Assistant Principal of Years 3-6. We also have Mrs Collins in the role of relieving Assistant Principal of Years K-2 for the rest of the year.

Our New ARCO
Principals are required to nominate a member of the teaching staff to be the school’s Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO). Our Primary ARCO is Mrs Lee-Anne Collins. The ARCO is the contact between students, staff, parents and community members who wish to make a complaint regarding racism and who will be used to help resolve the complaint. The ARCO’s role can be described under four headings:

Mediator role
On receiving a complaint the ARCO, in certain circumstances, may attempt to negotiate an informal resolution.

Procedural role
If an informal resolution is not appropriate or satisfactory then the complainant has the option of lodging a formal complaint. The ARCO may assist the complainant in writing the complaint, if appropriate.

Educational role
The ARCO can assist the principal to ensure the community is aware of the ARCO and their purpose.

Monitoring role
The ARCO can assist to maintain records of complaints and allegations.

If you would like more information please speak to Mrs Collins.

Kinder Orientation-Family Week
We are now well into our Kinder Orientation program. Just a reminder that next week (12th November) is Family Week where we encourage all of the new kinder students’ families to stay, have a cuppa and watch a special assembly involving their child. Don’t forget the students need to bring a hat and some recess.

Dates to Remember

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TERM 4 Assembly Roster

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Karen McNamara Flag Presentation

Noticing that our school flags were very worn down and in need of replacing, Zephryn Purins, one of our student leaders, used great initiative and contacted Karen McNamara, our Federal Member for Dobell. Mrs McNamara then kindly donated new flags to our school, presenting them to Zephryn and Sarah at our assembly. It is great to see our students connecting to our wider community in such a responsible way.

Variations to Class Routines

Some parents have expressed concerns about the time their child has spent apart from their regular classroom teacher.

At every school there are times when a classroom teacher is not teaching their regular class. This may be for a variety of reasons such as illness, leave, co-ordinating extra-curricular activities for our students, or for professional learning. Students also have various teachers for different subjects from the time they start kindergarten such as library, sport and other learning areas.

It is a very exciting time in education with new syllabus documents being implemented. Our teachers have been working hard preparing for this by working together on building programs that will enhance our school and student outcomes. This will be continuing throughout the rest of this term as staff continue to engage in professional learning to ensure that Wadalba continues to have high quality teachers.

The casual teachers we have that teach at our school are of a very high standard. These teachers have the same qualifications to teach as permanent teachers but with the added experience of working within several schools. Also, our classroom teachers regularly leave set work to ensure that their class will continue along the same pathway of learning that would occur if they were teaching the lessons.

I’d like to reassure all of our families that the education and wellbeing of our students along with the overall success and growth of our school comes first and foremost. Please come and discuss this with me if you would like any more information.

Thank you for your continued support of our hardworking teachers. We have a very exciting term ahead for both our staff and students as we begin to wrap up 2014!

Ms Sanday
Road safety around your child’s school

Your child’s safety depends on you

Drop off and pick up by car
Make sure your children are in an appropriate child care seat that is fitted and used correctly.
Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about.
Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing wig wag lights.
Always park and turn legally around schools.
Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school’s designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
It’s safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

Walking together to and from school
Plan your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.
Always hold your child’s hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.
Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.
Talk with your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road.
STOP ! one step back from the kerb.
LOOK ! for traffic to your right left and right again.
LISTEN ! for the sounds of approaching traffic.
THINK ! whether it is safe to cross.
Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.
We would like to invite all of the families of our Primary Wadalba students to come and join us for an end of year Cuppa & Cake.

It will be a relaxed snack and chat with other families along with the Principal Jason McGrath and Relieving Deputy Roxanne Sanday.

**Wednesday November 12th**
**1:30-2:30pm**
**Primary Hall**

We hope to see you there!