Welcome Back!

It is good to see so many new families joining our school community. We hope that you find Wadalba Community School to be a happy and welcoming place and one that provides a broad range of activities to cater for all.

We are also excited to welcome Mrs Resli Calverley and Ms Julie Goldie to our staff who bring a new range of ideas and experience to share with us.

There are currently 220 students enrolled with 30 Kindergarten students.

The class and staffing structure for **Term 1** will be as follows:

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**Principal-** Mr Jason McGrath  
**Deputy Principal-** Ms Roxanne Sanday  
**Assistant Principals-** Mrs Jo Allan, Mrs Natalie MacDonald & Mrs Lee-Anne Collins  
**Library-** Mrs Kerry Crowther/ Mrs Jo Allan  
**Reading Recovery/ RFF –** Mrs Melinda Farrelly  
**SLSO-** Mrs Rachel Fitzpatrick  
**SLSO-** Ms Carole Beckley  
**Learning Support-** Mrs Debra Bell

Mrs Allan and Mrs Crowther will be sharing library in Term One as they will both be taking leave. Ms Furey’s leave will continue through Term One also.

As you can see, four of our classes are multi-age classes. This occurs because schools are staffed on overall numbers not on the numbers in each grade. Students in all classes have work programmed to their individual capabilities and needs. Being in a multi-age class is not detrimental to a student’s learning and is often very beneficial. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss them.

**Awards**

Each newsletter the Bronze and Silver Award recipients will be listed to recognise their significant achievement. Remember to give your 5 commendations to Ms Sanday in order to receive your award.

- 5 Commendations = 1 Bronze
- 3 Bronze = 1 Silver
- 3 Silver + a community service = A gold award presented at the end of year presentation assembly.

**Dates to Remember:**

- 4th Feb - School photos  
- 12th Feb - Photo catch up day  
- 19th Feb - Swimming Carnival Yrs 2-6  
- 25th Feb - Cake Day (2/3 & 5/6 to provide)  
- 25th Feb - Cuppa & Cake afternoon 1:30-2:30pm  
- 25th Feb - Yr 7 2016 Info night  
- 3rd Mar - Parent/teacher interviews  
- 4th Mar - Zone swimming carnival  
- 10th Mar - Smart Start workshops Yrs1-6  
- 18th Mar - Yr 7 2016 academic test  
- 20th Mar - Harmony Day  
- 20th Mar - National Day against Bullying & Violence  
- 1st Apr - Letterland Day K-2  
- 2nd Apr - Last Day of Term 1
Newsletters and School Information in 2015
Based on feedback from our families, in 2015 we are changing the format and delivery of our newsletters and information. We are sending a yellow slip with this newsletter asking how you would prefer to receive your newsletter (paper or email). You can also join our digital mailing list so you can receive up to date information on what is happening at school without relying on notes to get home or remembering to check the website. I encourage all families to fill out the slip and return it to school as soon as possible. For children with two or more families please fill in the email addresses for each parent to help with communication.

Photo Day
Class, individual and sibling group photos will be taken on Wednesday, 4th February with a catch-up day on 12th February for any students who are absent on the first day. Students are asked to bring their envelope to school on the day of the photos. These are handed to the photographer. Envelopes for sibling photos are available at the office. All students have their photo taken, even if they are not purchasing the photos.

Student Leaders
Congratulations to the following students voted into our leadership team for 2015.

School captains
Nicole Young & Trent Ellis

House captains
Bradman: Alex Hancock & Sophia Ferrari-Semmler
Hall: BJ Panjer & Karla McGrath
Thorpe: Sienna Davis & Blake Clapham
Freeman: Shakiya Smith-Healy & Paige Wells

Year Representatives
Year 5: Sharmaine Stewart & Kaylem Maddrell

Assemblies
Assemblies will continue to be held on Fridays commencing at 11.00am. Each week one class is responsible for organising and conducting the assembly. Parents are welcome to attend on any Friday.

| Week 2 | 6th Feb | Yr 5/6 |
| Week 3 | 13th Feb | Yr 5 |
| Week 4 | 20th Feb | Yr 1 |
| Week 5 | 27th Feb | Yr 2 |
| Week 6 | 6th Mar | Yr 4 |
| Week 7 | 13th Mar | Yr 2/3 |
| Week 8 | 20th Mar | Yr 3/4 |
| Week 9 | 27th Mar | Yr K/1 |
| Week 10 | Good Friday |

Swimming Carnival
This will be held on Thursday, February 19 for all students in Years 3 – 6 and for any student in Year 2 who is turning eight this year and can competently swim 50 metres. A separate note will be sent home with more information.

Eating Breaks
The school’s health program encourages students to aim for a healthy, balanced diet. Each day your child should come with something wholesome and nourishing for recess and lunch as well as fruit/vegetable portions for ‘Fruit Break’. Students are also encouraged to drink water rather than sweetened drinks.

For health and safety reasons we ask that students do not bring glass bottles, cans, chocolate bars, lollies or chewing gum to school.
Home Reading
Home reading will recommence as soon as possible. Please check your child’s bookshelves at home as there are still some books outstanding from 2014. We will be starting a new reward system this year to encourage our students to read every night. Watch this space!

Canteen
At present the Primary canteen is open on Mondays and Thursdays at lunchtime and Fridays at recess and lunch. Help is always needed. If you are available to assist between 1.00pm and 1.45pm on any day please ring Vicki, the canteen supervisor, and give her your name. Under OH&S regulations children are not permitted in the canteen.
Don’t forget lunches can be ordered online through www.flexischools.com.au as well as through the flexischools app or through the classroom lunch basket.

Parent/ Teacher Interviews
Parent/ Teacher interviews will be held on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday 3rd March. This year we will be using an online booking system where you can see the available appointment times for each teacher and select a time that suits you. You will be get more detailed information on how this will work closer to the date.

I’d also like to remind families that teachers are not able to talk to parents once the bell has gone at 8.30am. If you need to speak to your child’s teacher for any reason please see them before bell time or make an appointment for a time that is mutually agreeable.

Making Payments
When money needs to be paid for excursions or other activities parents / caregivers are requested to give the payment to the class teacher in a sealed envelope with the permission note. Parents / caregivers are asked not to take the payment to the office unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Helping at School
We greatly value the help given to us by parents and caregivers. If you or someone in your family are interested in helping at the school whether it be on a regular or casual basis please speak to your child’s classroom teacher or alternatively speak to Mrs Lee-Anne Collins who will be our volunteer co-ordinator. We often have grandparents and other extended family members come to visit and we welcome all!

We must remind you, however, that if you help at school in any way you are requested, on arrival at the school, to report to the school office to sign the volunteer helper’s visitor’s book and receive a visitor’s badge. (This is for your own protection should you have an accident and for the safety of all students in the school.) A ‘prohibited employment declaration’ form must also be filled out by any person who works in the school.

Information Booklets
Information books for primary students are handed out to new students when enrolling at our school. If you are a continuing family that would like to read the 2015 Handbook please go to our website:

School requisites
Each classroom teacher will send home a list of requisites for their each of their students to bring to school. These can also be found on our website on each class’ webpage. http://www.wadalba-c.schools.nsw.edu.au/primary-classes/classes

Please keep an eye on your student’s supplies as the year progresses as often items like glues sticks and pencils need a ‘top up’.

Voluntary Contribution
The voluntary school contribution is $20. This may be paid through the class money bag. Revenue raised from school contributions is used to provide classroom resources.

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

School Houses & the ‘Wadalba Cup’
Students are put into the following houses based on the first letter of their family name:

- A – D Thorpe (blue)
- E – K Bradman (green)
- L – R Hall (red)
- S – Z Freeman (yellow)

Students may wear a plain polo or t-shirt in the house colour, with their normal sport’s shorts, at the swimming, cross country and athletics carnivals.

This year will see the start of our ‘Wadalba Cup’ which is a new system to promote school spirit, engagement and comradery K-12. House teams of both students and teachers will be able to earn points in all areas of school with the house with the most points at the end of the year winning the ‘Wadalba Cup’ and going on a bonus excursion. More information on this exciting new system will be sent home soon.

Community Board:
Parentline

Parentline is a confidential telephone counselling service providing professional counselling and support for parents and those who care for children.

The aim of Parentline is to nurture and support positive, caring relationships between parents, children, teenagers and significant other people who are important to the well-being of families.

Phone: 1300 1300 52 (cost of a local call)
9am to 9pm Monday - Friday
4pm to 9pm Saturday and Sunday
www.parentline.org.au

Don’t’s forget there are LOTS of resources and information about our school, education and much more on our website:
For Primary specific information, just click on the Primary Tab
In the Spotlight:
Our School Captains

Nicole Young

Age: 11 Years
My friends are: Sharmaine, Karla and Sienna
My favourite teacher is: Mrs Allan
The thing I like most about going to Wadalba: the students and the teachers
I wanted to be a school leader because: there are lots of things I’d like to do to help Wadalba be a better school
My favourite subject at school: Art
Someone I look up to: My teachers
I look up to them because: They are older and AWESOME
What I’d like to be when I grow up: A real estate agent

Trent Ellis

Age: 11 Years
My friends are: Ben, Shakiya and Nicole
My favourite teacher is: Ms Sanday
The thing I like most about going to Wadalba: that I am respected and treated fairly
I wanted to be a school leader because: I would love to help Wadalba be a better school for everyone
My favourite subject at school: Art
Someone I look up to: My old peers and teachers
I look up to them because: They are the ones that help me prepare for my future
What I’d like to be when I grow up: A crane operator