Farewell Mrs Allan

It is with sadness but warm wishes that I announce the retirement of Jo Allan, effective April 2nd (the last day of this term). Mrs Allan’s leaving marks the end of an era for Wadalba Primary. She has lead Stage two and Three for many years and formed strong relationships with the staff, students and families from our school. I invite everyone to extend their good wishes to Mrs Allan as she moves onto her next exciting journey!

Homework Review

Thank you to all of those who completed our Homework survey. We had a fantastic response!

We had:
- 10 teachers
- 72 families
- 188 students complete the survey!

We will now have a focus group made up of teachers, students, executive and parents to take a look at the results and discuss how we will move forward. We are in an exciting time of growth and change at Wadalba and I’m glad so many people were able to contribute their time and opinions.

Awards

Bronze Awards:
Aadan Herder (1)
Janayah Boyden (1)
Joshua Van Der Meulen (2)
Ella Harris (2)
Lachlan Wearne (2/3)
Charlotte Harris (2/3)
Tayla Phillips (2/3)
Taylah Johnstone (2/3)
Annalise Robertson (4)
Emilee Spiken (4)
Rebecca O’Toole (4)
Kane Gibbs-Dodkin (5)
Jake Lee (5)
Chelsea O’Neill (5)
Tayla Bott (5)
Kaylem Maddrell (5/6)
Karla Megrath (5/6)

Silver Awards:
Jake Lee (5)
Jessie-Lee Lynch (5)
Jorja Boyd (5)

Wadalba Winner Draws:
Thorpe: Janayah Boyden & Indibelle Cassin
Bradman: Jack Boyd & Thomas Johnson
Hall: Destiny Neaves & Kaylee McFarlane
Freeman: James Short & Mikayla Taylor

Assembly Classes of the Week:
Yr 1 and 5/6
Easter Activities- DON’T FORGET!

Egg design competition- This is done at school. Children are decorating an Easter Egg and displaying them around the classroom windows. Come and take a look!

Easter Hat Parade- This is to be held on Wednesday 1st April at 8:45am and is open to all Primary students.

Egg Donations- The P&C are collecting donations of Easter Eggs for the Easter raffle. Please give these to your classroom teacher.

Easter Raffle – Please return your Easter raffle tickets with the money raised as soon as possible.

In the Spotlight: Our Principal

Name: Mr Jason McGrath
I started working at Wadalba in: 2013
What I like best about my job: I get to see and hear about amazing things that people do each and every day at our school.
My favourite colour is: Purple.
My favourite food is: A french dish called Cassoulet.
The book I could read over and over again is: You Choose by Nick Sharratt and Pippa Goodhart is a book I read with my 3 children regularly. As the title implies you get to choose on each page so it can be different each time you read it.
The subject I like most in school was: Ancient History
My favourite subject to teach is: History and English
My favourite movie is: Happy Feet
The best costume I have ever worn: A knight in real armour
If I could live in any time in history it would be: Ancient Athens at the time when democracy was created. It was also a period of wonderful art, architecture and social development.
My kids are: Aggie, Amica and Emmeline.
In my free time I love: Family trips that end up at the ice cream parlour.
Canteen Open Days

GREAT NEWS! The Canteen is now open every lunch time as well as recess and lunch on Friday. Thank you to all of our volunteers that make this possible.

Facebook Page

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

Lost a note?

Did you know that many of the notes sent home are available online? Go to the Primary section of our website and go to ‘Notes Home’ and you can print a spare anytime you need one!


Our Road Safety Focus for Term One is PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Orchid Way can be a dangerous street to cross. The pedestrian crossing is a safe place to cross this busy street. Always STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, THINK before crossing the road.

Community Board: Free lower limb assessment at Wyong Hospital

The University of Newcastle Podiatry Clinic at Wyong hospital is offering children age 0-17 free lower limb assessments.

Children will be assessed by final year students, supervised by a podiatrist. Children and their families can receive advice on footwear and normal development, and receive treatment of foot warts, foot and leg pain, walking problems, and night-time ‘growing pains’.

When: Mondays from 2.15 to 4.15pm from now to 25th May 2015

To make a booking, or for more information, call 43947280

Email: wadalba-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au T: 0243925000
Harmony Day & Anti-Bullying Day

This day was a great success! Starting with our visit from STAR104.5 we had a day full of activities for our students to promote Harmony and learn about speaking out against bullying.

If you would like more information and resources on bullying, please go to our dedicated parent support webpage at:


What great work!
Take a look at the great work being produced in our Multicat class.

I told my sister today that it was Halloween and she freaked out like a ghost being sucked up by a vacuum or maybe the ghost from pocket god. I asked why she is freaked out because she forgot her costume but I said she can use my old costume but she said that it was too small. So I told her to cut holes on a sheet but when she did she cut a massive hole on it. So I told her she cannot go, then she cried and I couldn’t let that happen. So I went to the 1 dollar shop and bought her a skeleton costume. When Halloween came at 5 pm we both went out then she forgot the how to to do Halloween. But I thought she was crazy to forget how to do Halloween. She knocks on the door and said GIVE ME CANDY YOU CRAZY PERSON it was terrible. Then I told her to say when the door opens trick or treat. Then we went into another door and said these strange words. We moved without moving it looked like we were traveling through space and time. Then we went into this town called crazy town and it looked like a city full off ghosts. I went inside a building called Mr.smeller best smell ever for ghost’ we went in and I smelled like dads feet, ewwwwww. My sister said this earth earth turn us home earth earth turn us home. Then we moved so fast we went back onto the street and halloween was over but in front of us was a big bag of candy. So we took the bag and went home and shared the candy but then I found a note saying that my sister is magic so does that make me a wizard. Let’s do a spell and you’ll get the point.

By Thomas Burgstaller
Year One have been doing lots of exciting things this year!

Every week we have a ‘Star of the Week’ where we get to know a little bit more about each other and say something nice. It is a very positive and fun experience.

We have been learning a lot about pets in Year One and we have been writing fantastic stories about different pets in our literacy groups.

We are super excited about our brand new portable multi-touch Interactive Board and we are enjoying using it as a part of our literacy groups as well.

On Wednesday afternoons we have been doing dancing for fitness in the Hall with the other classes in K-2. We really enjoy learning new dances and practising some of the dances we learnt last year.

This week we got to do some extra dancing with each other for Harmony day, and it was lots of fun!
Contacting Staff - Who do I speak to?

From time to time parents may need to contact the school in order to:
- discuss the progress or welfare of their child
- express concerns about actions of another student
- enquire about school policy or practice
- seek information about the actions of a member of staff

It is necessary to have procedures in place that will help to solve problems as soon as possible. The following guidelines aim to:
- provide a guide in order that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner
- ensure that the rights of students, teachers and parents are respected and upheld
- support sensitivity and confidentiality
- help reach an agreed solution
- address emergent issues within a realistic timeframe

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<td>The academic progress of own child</td>
<td>• Contact the child's teacher either by note, by phone or in person to arrange a mutually suitable time to discuss the issues. (Teachers are unavailable once the morning bell has rung and students are entering classes.)</td>
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| The welfare of own child       | • For minor issues directly contact your child's teacher to clarify information
  • For more serious concerns, contact the school's office. State the nature of the concern and arrange a mutually suitable time to talk with the class teacher or an appropriate staff member.
  • When informing the school about a change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues etc. please contact the school office. |
| Actions of other students      | • Contact the class teacher.                                                                 |
| School Policy or Practice      | • Contact the school's office. State the nature of the concern and make a mutually convenient appointment to see the Deputy Principal and/or appropriate member of staff. |
| Actions of a Staff Member      | • Contact the office and state concerns to a member of the school executive or principal.
  • Arrange to meet directly with the principal and if appropriate, the staff member concerned. |

The home/school relationships nurtured and expected within the Wadalba Community School community are respectful, professional and mutually supportive. If a situation becomes unacceptable and aggressive, threatening or if violent behaviours become apparent, the principal (or nominee) has the legal authority under the ‘Inclosed Lands Act’ to:
- direct the person to immediately leave the grounds
- call the police to remove the person should he/she refuse
- withdraw future permission (by letter) for the person to enter the grounds without permission of the principal
- seek further legal avenues

NB: As a general rule, the first point of contact for parents/caregivers is the child’s classroom teacher.
Zone Swimming

On Wednesday 4th March, 11 students competed at the zone swimming carnival at Mingara. All swimmers represented our school with excellence, with most of our students improving on their personal best times. Congratulations to Alannah, Hayley, Emilia, Jessie-Lee, Jorgia, Nick, William, Lachlan, Paige, Tyler and Karla.

Our School Swimming Champions are:
Jnr: Alannah Bryant and Nicholas Swift
11 Years: Jessie-Lee Lynch and Lachlan Bryant
Snr: Sophia Ferrari-Semmler and Alex Hancock

Wallarah Zone Trials

Over the past few weeks students in Years 5 and 6 who excel at their chosen sport have had the opportunity to trial against students in our Wallarah zone. The process is very competitive and all our students should be proud of their efforts at the trials. Our soccer representatives were BJ, Ben, Adriel and Tayla. Congratulations to BJ and Tayla who have proceeded to the next round of trials in soccer. This will be a combined trial of Wallarah and Tuggerah Lakes, which will be held as a Gala Day at Killarney Vale on Tuesday 24 March. Thank you to Miss Stirton who had the gruelling task of being one of the selectors. Congratulations also to Blake and Alex who trialled at Lake Munmorah this week for the Rugby League team.

Rugby League Blitz Clinic

Students in Years 3-6 this week had the opportunity to participate in Rugby League clinics run by the CRL at school. Students were involved in two 40 minute sessions: one hands on and the other about important healthy lifestyle choices. All students thoroughly enjoyed the clinic and it is always great to see all students being able to have a go, have fun and learn new skills. Thank you to Jason Hayward the Central Coast Rugby League Development Officer and colleagues for coming to our school.

Legends Shield 7s Gala Day

Unfortunately the Rugby League Gala Day was postponed due to Morrie Breen Oval being closed. A new date is yet to be advised. The students are all very keen and are looking forward to the new date being announced.

Cross Country

Our school cross country is scheduled for the first Friday back at school. All students K-6 will run on the day. Over the holidays, students may start practicing to build up their endurance. Distances for the zone carnival are as follows: 8/9/10 years 2000m and 11/12/13 years 3000m. Parents are welcome to attend our school carnival which will start at 9am.