Australian Early Development Census
What is the AEDC?

In early 2015, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the third Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). The AEDC measures five key areas of development in children during their first year of full-time school to build a national picture of health and wellbeing. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and target support for children and families.

Teachers are trained to assess each child and answer questions. Children don’t need to be present so no class time is missed, and parents/carers don’t need to supply schools with any new information for the census. Teachers’ individual assessments are then analysed by the AEDC and reported as anonymous groups of children in the final report.

In other communities across the country, census results have helped communities to plan new playgrounds and parental services; schools are seeing improved student performance through new literacy programmes; and governments are using the results as evidence to develop better policies for children.

Teachers have also noticed practical benefits in the classroom. Some said in previous years that completing the assessments made them more aware of the needs of individual children and the class as a whole. Others reported that the census results are useful in planning for transitions to school and for developing class programmes.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/carers don’t need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website.

Our Road Safety Focus for Term Two is PASSENGER SAFETY

The safest place for a child to sit is buckled up in the middle of the back seat.

Dates to Remember:
1st June- Assembly- Yr 5
2nd June- Debate Comp
3rd June- UNSW Science Competition
4th June- Susan Berran Author Visit
5th June- Yrs 5&6- World of maths
8th June- Public Holiday
10th June- P&C Meeting 6pm
15th June- Assembly- Yr 2
17th June- Stage 1 Central Coast Dance Festival
22nd June- Stage 2 Central Coast Dance Festival
22nd June- Assembly- Yr 4
23rd June- Pet Program- K-2
25th June- Reports sent home

MC- Central Coast Dance Festival
Congratulations to Luke Burton who has been selected to act as an MC at the Central Coast Dance Festival this year. Quite an achievement!

Facebook Page
Don’t forget to like our Facebook page so you can get instant updates!

Awards

Bronze Awards:
Nate Burgess- Yr 2
Alannah Bryant- 3/4
Destiny Neaves- 5/6

Silver Awards:
Nate Burgess- Yr 2

Wadalba Winner Draw:
Thorpe: Indibelle Cassim
Bradman: Ella Harris
Hall: Ryan Miller
Freeman: Lachlan Wearne

Assembly Class of the Week:
Multicat & Kindergarten

PBL Awards: Kaylem Maddrell & Kadence Neave

Email: wadalba-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au  T: 0243925000
Cuppa & Cake
Thank you to all of the parents and family members who were able to come to our Cuppa and Cake afternoon tea. There were some very interesting discussions around Technology and our kids. We look forward to our next get together! All are welcome!

Report Cards & Multiple Families
If you are the parent of a student but are not the primary caregiver, you may be able to request that a copy of their report card is posted to you. Please contact our office on 4392 5000 to see if this is an option in your current family situation. Our Primary report cards will be going home on June 25th.

Important Notice - Research in the School
The school is participating in the Quality Teaching Rounds research project run by Professor Jenny Gore and her colleagues at the University of Newcastle.

Students of teachers participating in this study will be completing a survey during class time. If you do not want the data to be given to the researchers, please return a withdrawal form to the school. Withdrawal forms are available from Ms Sanday. For more information or to request a withdrawal form, please email qtr@newcastle.edu.au.

GRIP Leadership Conference
On Tuesday 19th May, 8 students attended the GRIP leadership conference with Mrs MacDonald and Mrs Ellis. This was a great day that focused on practical ways for students to show leadership within a school setting. They learnt about making the most of leadership opportunities and how to develop a leadership plan. The day was held at Central Coast Leagues club and was attended by many other local schools. Students participated in team building activities, as well as ice breaker activities that encouraged them to move around and get to know students from other schools. They had to work together as a team to solve problems and some students were brave enough to get up on stage in front of a big audience and act out role plays, make up dance moves and answer tricky questions. Overall it was a great day that students thoroughly enjoyed.

Community Board:

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2015 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs.

Our international exchange students from France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Finland will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceast@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501. Request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship! 
In the Spotlight:

Mrs Taryn Walsh

I started teaching at Wadalba in: 2010
I have had the following roles at WCS: Classroom Teacher (Primary and Secondary), relieving Head Teacher (Teaching and Learning) and relieving Head Teacher Secondary Studies
What I like best about my job: I love watching children learn new things and gain confidence in their ability through their success. There is always something to smile about at the end of the day!
My favourite colour is: Blue
My favourite food is: Mr Walsh's chicken and potato bake....yum!
My favourite book is: Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen (my son Liam bought me a new copy for Mother’s day!)
My favourite movie is: Pretty Woman
My favourite subject when I was at school was: Science
My favourite subject to teach is: Maths
My kids are: Alexander, Liam and Talia
In my free time I love to: read, play netball and cook

Susan Berran Writing Workshop

As part of our initiative to improve writing skills in our primary school we have invited children’s author, Susan Berran to come to our school library on Thursday 4th June in order to run writing workshops with our primary students.

The cost is relatively small at $2.50 per student with a maximum cost of $6 per family. Susan will donate several of her books to the school and we will be looking to buy several as well.

If you would like to check it out, her website is http://www.susanberran.com/schools--libraries-visit-info.html

She is also offering students the opportunity of ordering her books online at a reduced cost. Those that are ordered prior to the event will be given to the students on the day, having been personally signed by the author herself. Orders can be placed at http://www.susanberran.com on Wadalba Community School page and cash or cheque to Susan Berran will also be accepted on the day. See the web-page for prices.

FREE ‘Fluff Butt’ Elastic Yoyo
$6 off if purchasing 3 books
$8 off if purchasing 4 books
$12 off if purchasing 5 books
OR pay for 5 & get the 6th book FREE.
**Primary Debating Team**

On Tuesday the 25th, the Wadalba Community School Possums debating team consisting of Luke, Sharmaine, Thomas and Shakiya had their first ever debate against Northlakes Public School. Our chairperson and timekeeper were Pita and Corey. Our topic was "that all primary school students should have to learn a musical instrument". Our team had to argue the negative. They came up with some excellent arguments that focused on various things such as cost, access to specialist teachers and logistics of storage and care. Although the opposing team put up an excellent argument, our team managed to give some excellent arguments and first class rebuttals and managed to WIN their first debate! I was so proud of how well they followed their jobs and organised their thoughts. Our next debate will be against Jilliby Public School on Tuesday June 2nd. Our team members are very good at arguing and I'm sure they must practise hard at home when it comes to getting their own way.

Mrs Kylie Snell

**Netball Gala Day**

On Wednesday 20th May 2015 I had the pleasure of taking away 10 year 5/6 girls to a netball gala day held at Baker Park. The girls were of mixed ability and some had never played netball before so I was extremely proud of their efforts. Unfortunately we didn't come away with a win but it was great to see teamwork and Wadalba spirit in action. Thank you to all the parents that transported the girls and came along to cheer them on.

Ms Julie Goldie

**Soccer Knockout Competition**

Our Stage 3 soccer team participated in our first ever Sydney Knockout Competition. Our first round game was against Wyong Public School. We enjoyed a few training sessions with all students showing some deadly skills, which was great as some students had never even played soccer. Unfortunately on the day Wyong were just too good and both boys and girls teams lost. All students played with outstanding sportsmanship and a never give up attitude. It was a proud moment as a teacher to watch them still smiling as they came off the field. Special thanks to our High School students who gave up their time to ref our games and the parents who came to support us.

Miss Jamala Stirton
Within library lessons this term the emphasis has been on the use of literary descriptive techniques or devices to engage readers and maintain their interest. Our students are generally getting better at recognising these devices when they hear or see them used in the texts that are read to them and they are learning to appreciate their importance in setting the mood or tone and in evoking a response from the reader.

As 2015 represents 100 years since Gallipoli, a number of texts treated with older students have related to Australia’s participation in wars over the years. Students have been learning how Australian culture has been impacted over the years by things like wars. They have also been able to appreciate the personal toll these wars have taken on the lives of individuals who fought and the loved ones who were left behind. Use of excellent descriptive techniques in these texts has made the stories more real for the students.

Our library is open to primary students each lunch time from Wednesday to Friday and many students frequent it to either read, borrow or play the board games that have been bought to help develop students’ social skills and encourage students to feel comfortable within the library setting. We have also selected and inducted 11 library monitors who help with the putting away of books, straightening books on shelves, packing up at the end of lunch and assisting the younger students to understand and follow the rules of the board games played. There is a definite air of co-operation happening and this is wonderful to see.

At the beginning of Term 3 we will have our usual Scholastic Book Fair from 22nd-31st July. This will be an opportunity for students to buy books at a reduced price, with a percentage of all sales going towards obtaining new books for our library. The second week of the Book Fair will be Education Week and Grandparents’ Day will be on Wednesday 29th July. This will provide a wonderful opportunity for parents and grandparents alike to visit our school library with their children and to perhaps buy some books from the Fair. Shortly we will begin treating some of the texts that are shortlisted for the Children’s Book of the Year Awards. These will be placed in the library for borrowing after Book Week in Term 3 (22nd-28th August) and teachers may treat one of the texts within the classroom in preparation for this. The theme this year is, “Books light up our World.” On Friday 21st August some senior students will be given the opportunity of participating in a Book Week luncheon with illustrator Frane Lessac, to be held at Our Lady of Rosary School Hall in Wyoming.

We hope you took part in our library survey so that your input can help us continue to provide a vibrant place in which children learn.

Mrs Kerry Crowther
Primary Teacher/Librarian
**Biggest Morning Tea**

On Wednesday 27\(^{th}\) May, we celebrated the Biggest Morning Tea in the Primary to raise money for the Cancer Council. It was a very positive and successful day, with many parents and carers providing delicious home cooked sweet treats that were sold to students, and offered to guests who joined us for morning tea. Year 5 and 6 students cleaned and moved furniture to set up for the day and many helped with the organisation and sale of cakes during recess and lunch. Our captains Nicole and Trent did a great job greeting our guests and collecting donations. We were very happy to have raised $400 on the day which has been sent off to the Cancer Council. Thank you to all those that provided sweet treats, and turned up on the day to support a great cause.

![Image of Biggest Morning Tea]

**PSSA Rugby League**

On Friday 15\(^{th}\) May our boys PSSA Rugby League team played in a knockout gala day at Edsacc, The Entrance. The first game was against Wyong PS and the boys put in a huge effort even though they went down in the first round. There were some great plays in attack and defensively all the boys did a great job. We then played a friendly game against Gwandalan PS in another close encounter. A special mention to Trent, Jackson and Riley for filling in at the last minute. Also, thank to Miss Green for coaching the team even though she couldn’t attend on the day.

![Image of PSSA Rugby League]

**Cross Country**

With Mother Nature giving us a beautiful day, our school Cross Country was held in sunny conditions. With a new track and enthusiastic runners our day was a real success. The top 6 students in each age progressed to the Zone Carnival which was held on Friday at Wyong Racecourse. I was extremely proud of all the students who ran. A special mention to Alex Hancock who came 4\(^{th}\) in 12/13 age group and he will progress to the Sydney North Carnival on the 11\(^{th}\) June. Also, I made an error in announcing our school place-getters at our weekly assembly. Congratulations to Anneka Holland who came 1\(^{st}\) in the 9 years girls.

![Image of Cross Country]

Mrs Melinda Farrelly