Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final school term for 2014. I trust that the entire school community had a restful and enjoyable spring holiday break.

It is hard to believe that our Kindergarten students, who entered as post pre-schoolers in February, are getting close to finishing their first year of schooling, and that our Year 6 students will soon graduate and head off to high school next year.

As usual, Term 4 will be very busy, both in terms of learning and the many other special activities that have been planned as the year draws to a close.

To keep you informed, the Term Planner has been attached to this newsletter and will be updated on the school’s website as necessary to keep the community informed of planned events. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with events so that you are able to attend planned school events where possible.

Regular messages will also continue to be delivered via the ‘Skoolbag’ application. This application can be downloaded for free on both Android and Apple smartphones and is a great way of accessing the newsletter on the go, as well as receiving notifications and reminders of planned special events.

Some of these special events include:

**Transition to School Program**

These sessions will occur in Mrs Tritton’s classroom between 9.00am and 10.00am on **Tuesday 14 October, Tuesday 28 October, Tuesday 11 November, Tuesday 25 November** and **Tuesday 9 December**. They are designed for students entering Kindergarten who have completed enrolment applications for the 2015 school year. They will focus on providing opportunities for our new students to become familiar with our classrooms, routines, staff and their fellow 2015 Kindergarten students.

If you are aware of any members of the community who are considering sending their child to Kindergarten in 2015, please encourage them to call into the school for a tour and a chat with me.

**Changes to School Uniform in 2015**

Throughout Term 4, we will move through a process to finalise the new school uniform for 2015 onwards. This process will begin at our first school assembly for the term to be held on **Friday 17 October at 2.15pm**. At this assembly, several students will model a variety of possible uniform designs and colour combinations. Following the assembly, the uniforms will be displayed in the school foyer. In Week 3, all families will be provided with a personalised voting slip. The school will require that all families return this slip indicating their preference for the new uniform.
School Presentation Day

Our Presentation Day Assembly will be held on **Friday 12 December** at the Hubertus Country Club **beginning at 12.00pm and concluding at 1.00pm**. At this assembly, class awards and other special awards are presented to students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Also at this assembly, our new School Captains and Vice Captains will be inducted.

End of Year Christmas Concert

Our **End Of Year Christmas Concert** will be held on **Wednesday 10 December at 6.00pm – 7.30pm**. This concert will be a great opportunity for every student in the school to perform and also for the whole community to celebrate the festive season.

Year 6 Farewell

The **Year 6 Farewell** will be held on **Tuesday 16 December**. This is a particularly special occasion for our Year 6 students as they celebrate the end of their primary school education and the relationships and special times they had whilst at Wallacia Public School.

Oral Reading / Public Speaking

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the students who will represent Wallacia Public School at the Oral Reading / Public Speaking District Competition on **Thursday this week**. I know that they will do our school proud and compete to the best of their abilities. I wish them well. These students are:

- Year 3 - Katelyn Smith
- Year 4 - Luca Hautrive
- Year 5 - Tyarna Owen
- Year 5 - Silvana Hautrive
- Year 6 - Jemma Sutton
- Year 6 - Riley Woudstra

The staff and I look forward to a productive term with all of the students and community at Wallacia Public School. I would also like to acknowledge the presence of several practicum students who will be beginning a 4 week block of practice teaching at Wallacia Public School this week. Please say “hello” to them and make them feel welcome in our school. I wish them all the best in this experience.

Free to Good Home: Windows 8 PC. Contact Mrs Mullen in the School Office if you are interested.
It has been a little while since our last report.

Our Father’s Day Stall was a lot of fun. The children enjoyed buying their dads and grandfather a special gift. We held a raffle for all of the children and the winners were Jordan Scicluna and Hugo Bastoli. Thank you to Mrs Parsons, Mrs Preston, Mrs Garnon, Mrs Schuldt, Mrs Whibley and Mrs Sluyter for helping.

We have finalised our Cadbury Chocolates Fundraiser from last term and we raised $1462.00. Thank you to all the families for the support.

Our Bunnings BBQ was a great day and we raised $1628.00, our best so far! A BIG thank you to our helpers: Mrs Preston, Mrs Ison, Mrs Parsons, Mrs Miscko, Mr & Mrs Bone, Mrs Wakeford, Mrs Whibley, Mr & Mrs Robinson, Mr Haly, Mr Smith, Mr Davies, Miss Jackson and Mr de Kretser. The money raised will be of great use for our children’s education.

Lots of fun was had at the school disco, the children always have great night. Thank you to Mr Davies & Miss Jackson for assisting us on the night.

On Friday 17 October at our school assembly we will be modelling the choices for our new school uniform, please come along and VOTE for your preference.

Our next P&C meeting is Monday 3rd November at 6pm. I hope to see you there.

Jody Smith
Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2016?

You must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Key dates
Tuesday 14 October 2014
Application website opens
Monday 17 November 2014
Application website closes
Thursday 26 February 2015
Test centre advice
Thursday 12 March 2015
Selective High School Placement Test
Early July 2015
Outcome advice

There is more information at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

The selective high school placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Unit.

Contact details
High Performing Students Unit
NSW Department of Education and Communities
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au  Telephone: 1300 880 367  Fax: 02 9266 8435
Postal address: Locked Bag 53, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300
Rewarding regular savings with precious prizes.

The Dollarmites have uncovered the ancient Clam of Fortune. Inside they found these amazing prizes that you could win a share of:

- 40 x GoPro HERO3 White Edition Cameras
- 150 x Slip ’N Slide Double Wave Riders

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Every deposit you make with School Banking will automatically create one entry for you into the competition. So the more you save, the more chances you have to win (up to a maximum of 6 entries).


To find out more, visit commbank.com.au/deepseasavers

A free 2 part workshop to help parents and local residents support children & family members through the trauma of bushfires.

Session 1:
Collette Smart, psychologist, will facilitate the first session with tips including:
- How to listen carefully to children before responding
- How to be reassuring
- Expect the unexpected
- Be a model for your child

Session 2:
The local fire service will be showing a short DVD and offering information and answering questions to help families & local residents prepare for the coming summer.

Date & Time: Thursday 6th November at 10am.
Venue: Warragamba Silverdale Neighbourhood Centre
Child care available on request.
For more details and to book your place in this free workshop contact Julie on 47742245 or email familiesupport@wsnc.org.au
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Special Term Offer

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NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM

In March of 2014, Abel Schoolwear informed Wallacia Public School and the P&C Association that their supplier will no longer be able to supply the fabric required to make our everyday school polo shirt.

Together with Abel Schoolwear, the P&C Association Uniform Committee, Mrs Tritton and Mr Davies have come up with two new polo options.

As many parents have expressed their dislike of the white sport shirt, we have agreed to go in the same direction as many other public schools in our area and utilise the same polo shirt for everyday use as well as sports day. The only change on sports day would be the bottoms.

In designing the two options available, we tried to ensure that it would be:

- Affordable
- Durable/good quality fabric
- Attractive
- Easy care/wash’n’wear
- Practical for active children
- Not too hot in summer

The new uniform will be implemented from 2015 for Kindergarten students and all students will be expected to wear the new uniform by the start of 2016.

As of Monday October 20, the two samples will be displayed in the office foyer. There will be a “modeling” of the uniform during Friday’s, 17 October, school assembly.

Due to photography and printing, colours are not represented accurately.

I strongly urge you to take a look at the samples before you place your vote.

The voting sheet will be sent home in week 3 of term 4.

Thank you
Kelly Ison  For P & C