Principal’s Report

Wallacia Public School has been an extremely busy place over the last two weeks. The students have been involved in a variety of activities including a ‘Brainstorm Productions’ presentation about the impacts of bullying, the District Cross Country Carnival, a ‘Start Smart’ presentation providing education on financial literacy and our students in Years 3 and 5 have completed the annual NAPLAN assessments. I would like to acknowledge the students who conducted themselves extremely well throughout the three days of testing.

I have taken the opportunity to visit classrooms at different times during the last week. It has been wonderful to see the engagement of students in their learning and the obvious care and pride the teaching staff have, and take, in providing the best possible education for your children.

Please take the time to read the important information in the rest of the newsletter and I wish you all the best for the fortnight ahead.

Trees

You may have noticed the safety mesh that has been used to cordon off certain areas of the playground. This has occurred as a result of several small branches dropping from trees over the last few weeks. An extraordinary P&C meeting has been called for Monday 26 May at 3.00 pm to discuss the situation and to allow all parents and community members to be kept up to date on progress. All parents and carers are welcome and encouraged to attend.

District Cross Country Carnival

Well done to all the students who participated in the District Cross Country Carnival last Friday. Miss Jackson reports that all students gave 100% effort on the day and were very competitive in their respective age divisions. As a result, Wallacia PS are the ‘Champion Small School, 2014’. Well done to all who competed and a big thank you to Miss Jackson for organising the students.

After School

I have noticed that many parents and visitors allow their children to access the play equipment and catch up with friends after the school bell. While I encourage this as it can be an important chance for parents to catch up with others whilst the children are in a safe environment, can I please ask that this practice conclude by 3.30pm, as I would generally like to be able to lock the school gate at this time? Can I also ask that parents actively supervise their children whilst they are on the play equipment? Teaching staff can often be in meetings from 3.15pm onwards and are not available to provide supervision.

I thank you for your consideration in this.
School Working Bee

I would like to propose a school working bee to be held at the school on Sunday 8 June to begin at 9.00am and to conclude at 3.00pm. With our General Assistant allocation of 1 day per week, it is difficult for Bob to tend to all garden beds, rectify all minor maintenance issues, mow the grounds and anything else that is required of him by the teaching staff. The school grounds currently look good, however, I think that with a concerted effort they could look better. Could parents or community members who are able to give some of their time on the day please fill out the note that accompanies this newsletter? This will allow me to coordinate the day efficiently. The school will provide a BBQ lunch. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there on the day.

Healthy Lunchboxes

Over the last two weeks I have had the opportunity to observe the children during eating time at both recess and lunch. On most occasions I have been heartened by the quality of the food I have seen being consumed. I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents and carers of the importance of ensuring that the food in lunchboxes is wholesome and nutritious. It has been proven beyond doubt in numerous studies that foods such as whole grain breads and real fruit have an impact on the ability of children to concentrate. I also acknowledge that it is nice to be able to provide a treat from time to time. A balance of healthy food combined with a treat from time to time is sure to provide your kids with the best opportunity to engage in learning at school.

Diary Dates

- Friday 23 May - Penrith Cup (League Tag)
- Friday 23 May - School Assembly
- Monday 26 May - Extraordinary P&C Meeting 3.00pm (Trees)
- Wednesday 29 May - Life Education
- Thursday 30 May - Life Education
- Friday 30 May - Wacky Walkathon 11.30am – 1.00pm
- Monday 2 June - Life Education
- Sunday 8 June - Working Bee (9.00am – 3.00pm)

5 / 6 J Homework

As part of Year 5 / 6 class homework, students were asked to create a brochure to promote Wallacia Public School to prospective students. Attached to this newsletter are two fantastic samples.

Miss Jackson
This brochure has been put together by,
Loklyn Barry Owen.

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Wallacia Public School is the best school because we have:
- Helpful, kind & fun staff
- Caring, friendly students
- Excellent sport programs
- Spacious school grounds
- New library
- Great P & C
- Student Elected SRC
I say Wallacia PS is a "Little School with a Big Heart" because we have under 85 students, we only have 4 full time teachers plus a Librarian and we all love our school.

Wallacia Public School has been lucky enough to get a brand new principal at the beginning of this term. Mr. Mark Davies. He is a nice principal, he is funny and he also teaches class 3/4. Wallacia is very lucky to have really great teachers for every year. Mr. Michael Bourne for K/1, Mrs Fiona Trett for class 1/2/3 and Miss Laura Jackson for class 5/6 plus Mrs Kelly Sibary in the Library.

If you ask any of our students they would all tell you that our teachers are so good that they can even turn boring activities like narrative writing into fun by putting us into groups. Having fun is the best way to learn and WPS teachers know that and really help us have fun.

Wallacia PS does a variety of sports to keep us fit & healthy, we have 2 sports groups to trial for each term and they change every term so we don't get bored. WPS has lost of space for us to play in plus we have a basketball/netball court, an oval for ball games, 5 handball courts and 2 play equipment parks.

WPS has a new and well stocked library where we can go and borrow excellent books and do fun activities with our hilariously funny Librarian Mrs Sibary.

Wallacla is the greatest school ever!
There are many positives to WPS, here are a few that I think are the best:

- Wonderful teachers
- Quiet area
- Small school
- Beautiful people
- Elections for student leaders
- Caring teacher’s aides and staff
- Fantastic library
- Fun Creative Arts
- Long History of the school in the community.

Come to our school and see it for yourself

This is an Aboriginal painting on the side of our new library done by a local Aboriginal artist and students of WPS.

WPS

This brochure has been put together by Tyarna Maree Owen

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Whole school photo 2013

Good for everything

Wallacia Public School

Today Is For Tomorrow
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Our students here at Wallacia Public School are friendly and always happy to help. They will make sure you will find your way safely around the school. Our natural environment is perfect for you to have enough space to move around. We also have a wide variety of books in our library with a caring, fun and funny librarian to top it off. Our wonderful teachers are University- educated and always encourage students to love learning and to want to succeed in life.

Our logo is the best because it tells the truth. “Today Is For Tomorrow” We believe that what we learn now will help us in the future.

Wallacia School students are encouraged to be creative in many ways, such as joining the choir, dance groups, drama and to do creative arts in a safe and supportive environment. This helps build our students’ confidence in performing in front of large crowds and let out their artistic abilities and imagination.

Every year WPS enters into the Penrith Valley Performing Arts Festival at the Joan Sutherland Centre. This is a fun and fantastic way to meet people from other schools and join in a love of performing arts.
**Stewart House Donation Drive**

Stewart House Donation Drive has now closed. Thank you for your generosity, we had more donations than in previous years. Best wishes, I hope we are one of the lucky winners! Thank you for your support of this important charity.

**Stewart House Clothing Appeal**

Stewart House needs your clean, used clothing! Please return the bags to the school office no later than Tuesday 10 June (after the Queen’s Birthday long weekend), as Stewart House will collect the bags on Wednesday 11 June. Thank you for supporting Stewart House - a charity that assists families in our community.

**Life Education**

Healthy Harold came to visit us at morning assembly last Friday; Harold is very tall, as giraffes are! Harold is encouraging all students to attend the Life Education Program. Cost is $10.00 and free bus transport is provided to and from the Life education Centre, Colyton. Each grade will visit the centre on the following dates:

- Kindergarten: Wednesday, May 28, 9:00am
- Year 1: Wednesday, May 28, 11:30am
- Year 2: Thursday, May 29, 9:00am
- Year 3: Thursday, May 29, 11:30am
- Year 4: Monday, June 2, 9:00am
- Year 5: Monday, June 2, 12:00pm
- Year 6: Tuesday, June 3, 9:00am

**School Banking News**

In Term 1, the Commonwealth Bank held the 'Stay Cool at School' competition to help encourage and to increase student school banking. I am very pleased to advise that your dedication in regular banking and saving has quite literally paid off with our school winning a brand new marquee! News of this prize is especially welcome as our school was in need of a new marquee. A big thank you students for all your hard work with school banking, with thanks also to parents/carers for supporting their child’s experience in the benefits of saving.

Natalie Micsko
School Banking Coordinator
Penrith District Cross Country
Wallacia Public School was the Small Schools winner at the District Cross Country. Well done to all 18 competitors!
Boys and Girls, 7 – 13 years are invited to join

Penrith City Children’s Choir

for its next project

Welcome to Rustin’ Creek

directed by Lucy McAlary

starting soon!

If you love to sing, please join us.
No auditions.

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