Principal's Report

This will be the final newsletter for Term 2. Hasn’t the term gone quickly! Thank you to parents and community members who have offered their friendship and advice over the last 8 weeks and assisted me to feel a part of the Wallacia Public School family. It has been greatly appreciated.

I would also like to extend particular thanks to the staff, who have all been extremely generous in supporting me through the process of beginning the role of principal at Wallacia Public School.

On that note, I would like to wish Mrs Mullen well as she embarks on an extended holiday with her family. I would also like to welcome Mrs Kylie Clarke who will relieve for Mrs Mullen for the duration of her absence.

School Working Bee

Last Sunday I had the pleasure of attending a working-bee at the school. I would like to take the opportunity to personally thank each person who volunteered their time to improve the physical environment at Wallacia Public School, making it a better place for our students. What a success it was! Not only did we get through a large amount of work, it provided me with the opportunity to get to know many of you better and develop relationships that will be of benefit to our students in years to come.

Update on the playground and trees

Last Saturday, the school oval was sprayed with a selective weed killer to control the weeds that had become a significant issue. Next week, the oval will be seeded with winter rye grass seed. This will occur in order to ensure the topsoil on the oval is not blown away during the windy season coming up in August and September. In mid September, Kikuyu grass seed will be sown. If all goes to plan our oval should be ready to use again in 2015. Thanks to the P & C who have been responsible for coordinating these efforts.

In relation to the trees, I have been in contact with DEC Asset Management staff and have had several visits from contractors to quote on the tree work. I am also exploring several other options and will keep the community up to date as developments occur. I thank you and the students for the patience that is being shown through this difficult time.
Soccer Gala day

Also on Friday, the school participated in the local Penrith Cup Soccer Gala Day. Our students were required to compete in the Senior Boys Division, even though they ranged in year groups from 3-6. Mr Bourne reports that the boys played remarkably well showing excellent ball skills and were extremely competitive even when they were playing the No. 1 sides of many larger schools. Mr Bourne reports that the boys ‘should be commended on their excellent teamwork and the great sportsmanship they showed throughout the day’. Thanks to Mr Bourne for his efforts in coordinating and leading the boys on the day.

Freaky Friday

On Friday, the SRC held a fundraiser that they called ‘Freaky Friday’. Some of the costumes worn by students were very creative and all staff and students enjoyed the spirit of the day whilst raising valuable funds for the SRC. Thank you to those parents who supported them. Several photos of the students are included in the newsletter below.

Diary Dates

- Friday 20 June – School Assembly – 2.15pm
- Friday 20 June – P&C AMF Bowling night, Penrith – 6.30pm
- Friday 27 June – Student Reports sent home
- Friday 27 June – Last day for Term 2
- Monday 14 July – Staff Development Day (no students)
- Tuesday 16 July – Term 3 begins for students

P & C NEWS

Our Wacky Walk a thon was a huge success and all the children had an enjoyable day. All money pledged is now due and we will be awarding prizes in all classes at our assembly on Friday so please return your sponsorship money ASAP for your chance to be a winner!

Our family AMF Bowling night is on Friday 20 June so be there at 6.15pm, tickets must be purchased online by Thursday 19 June. No payments will be accepted on Friday and beware you are NOT able to just come along on the Friday night and pay. It is really easy to pay online at http://www.trybooking.com/84563 with tickets just $20 per person. We look forward to seeing you there as it will make for a great community event.

Please save the date: Sunday 31 August is our Bunning’s BBQ Fundraiser we will need a lot of helpers on the day, many people make light work!

Jody Smith
Science Projects

There has been a lot of excitement and buzz this week at Wallacia about everybody’s Science projects! We have already had the pleasure of seeing Tai Daniels from 123T present ‘Strong Milk’ complete with a superman logo and strong arms attached to the carton at last Friday’s assembly. Only two more weeks to go and already I feel as though I am walking amongst some of Australia’s future Chefs, Restaurant owners, Designers, Project Managers and Astronomers!

Whilst the school is able to supply basic craft resources it would further support your child’s efforts if they were able to have a discussion with you about their project and bring in some extra materials that might support their project development.

As part of the unit on Built Environments and Products, K-2 students will be designing a product in special packaging with the intention of attracting consumers to buy it. A container of some kind and materials to make the product appear a ‘must have item’ will support them in developing their project. Students will also create labels to accompany the packaging.

Students in Year 3 and 4 have been learning about the complex production environment in which we live and how some of our food supply networks work. They will be creating their own menu for a fictitious restaurant. Similar to the television show ‘My Restaurant Rules’ they will need to think about all the aspects of their own restaurant and how menus can be developed to entice customers.

As part of the ‘Earth and Space’ Unit, Students in year 5 and 6 will be creating a model of an area of special interest to them within the Earth’s Solar System. I would recommend that students go to Google Images and view the many class projects and models on display to provide them with idea starters for their designs. Ideally their projects will be able to be hung from 5/6J’s classroom ceiling.

It would be extremely helpful if your child could bring in materials to help him or her complete the relevant project. There are no particular constraints for how these projects should be structured and the students will engage in several lessons at school to explore the design processes relevant to their particular unit of study.

These projects are designed to be an opportunity for your child to design and create projects that reflect the concepts he or she has been studying in class.

If you have any questions please feel free to come and chat with me about your child’s project ideas either before or after school.

Miss Huggins.
**Fitschool Dance Program**
Wallacia Public School will participate in a dance program run by *Fitschool* for all K-6 students. This program will begin in Term 3 and will run for nine weeks. The program will involve each class learning different routines which will culminate in a performance at the end of the nine week program. It will be a great opportunity to learn a variety of new moves, develop motor skills and enhance cooperation and confidence while also having fun!

**Cost:** The cost for each student for the nine week program is $40.00.

**Additional Information:** As this program is part of our mandatory curriculum, it is essential that all students participate in this dance program. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please speak with Mr Davies about the possibility of subsidy.

If your child has a medical condition that will preclude or limit involvement, **please indicate this in the following section**, which is to be **returned to school by Friday 27th June (last day of Term 2).**

Miss Laura Jackson  
Organising Teacher

Mr Mark Davies  
Principal

**Fitschool Dance Program**
Please return to the office by **Friday 27th June**

I hereby give consent for my son/daughter ................................................................. to participate in the Fitschool Dance Program.

Special needs of my child, of which you need to be aware (e.g. allergies, asthma, medication)

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To the best of my knowledge, he/she has no medical condition or injury, which puts him/her at risk in participating in this activity:
Yes: □  No: □

I understand that this program has the approval of the Principal.

I have made an online payment on DATE: _______ RECEIPT NUMBER_______

I enclose a total of ___________ ($40.00 per student)

Signature of Parent / Caregiver .................................................................

Date : .....................................