



Term 3

Week 6

Thursday, 19 August 2021

## Principal's Message

### Covid 19 Update

As of Monday, 16 August, 2021 Walhallow PS will be operating on Level 4 Restrictions- Learning from Home. See update below -

This morning the Premier announced that stay-at-home restrictions would be introduced from 5pm Saturday 14 August, 2021 until 12.01am Sunday 22 August, 2021.

This means if you are working from home, and your child is able to be educated from home, please keep them at home to minimise movement in the community.

Our school will be open with minimal supervision to support those students who cannot be educated from home, for example if their parent or carer is an essential worker. All students and families will be supported with learning from home materials and resources provided by your teacher.

Find resources to help you and your child learn from home at [education.nsw.gov.au/parents-learning-at-home](http://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-learning-at-home) and download the NSW school updates app onto your phone to receive the latest updates about the operational status of your child's school.

We appreciate your support with this Health Advice and realise how tricky it can be to have children learning from home (our own staff are juggling this as well). The staff are here to support you and will be touching base with you regularly to check on students and to deliver and collect learning from home packages.

### Quirindi Zone Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all of the students who competed in the Zone carnival on Friday, 6 August at Golland Fields.

All students tried their best and did a great job representing themselves and the school. Congratulations to our five students who made it through to North West Regional Athletics- date to be confirmed, Nerida, Jannali, Callum and Amarni won the small schools relay and Brody came second in the 9yrs 100m race. We cross fingers this event will go ahead later in the year.

### School Safety

We have completed our emergency drills for this term - Emergency Evacuation, Lockdown and Fire Drills. Please take time to discuss these drills with your children and plan a Fire Plan for your home as Walhallow is in a bushfire zone and bushfire season starts 1 September.

### Postponed P&C

Unfortunately due to restrictions we have to postpone our August meeting. We were hosting Michelle Clare our Aboriginal Learning and Wellbeing Advisor who was coming to speak to the committee about Acknowledging Country and Welcome to Country. We will reschedule as soon as our restrictions allow.

### Thank you Walhealth

The staff of Walhallow PS would like to thank the staff of Walhealth for organising our vaccinations and including the staff in your priorities. We are very appreciative of your efforts and professionalism.

### Covid Committee

I am again taking part in a Covid Committee formed to plan for the health and safety of Walhallow residents and students. There are many health agencies taking part in this Covid meeting and I will pass on any information I receive.

Please take care, stay safe and stay positive during these challenging times.

Skye Davis

*Friday, 20 August - Learning from Home  
Monday, 23 August - Watch and Wait  
Tuesday, 24 August - Watch and Wait  
Wednesday, 25 August - Watch and Wait  
Friday, 27 August - Watch and Wait  
Monday, 30 August - Yuluwirri 9.15am  
Tuesday, 31 August - Scripture K-2, Library Open Second Break, Community Craft  
Wednesday, 1 September - Scripture 3-6, Library Open Second Break  
Friday, 3 September - Sport with Sam, Father's Day Celebrations*



## The Yurrandaali (Goanna) Room

In the Yurrandaali class we have been exploring mass, volume, time, and working with money. Mrs Harris is very proud of our learning in Mathematics as students have been working with a positive mindset!

In English, Year 5/6 have started reading 'Once', by Morris Gleitzman. Once is the story of a young Jewish boy who is determined to escape the orphanage he lives in to save his Jewish parents from the Nazis in the occupied Poland of the Second World War.

We continue to look at informative texts, develop our research skills and students have been working independently on technology-based programs including Studyladder, Reading Eggs and Matific.

In Music, Mrs Harris has been teaching students chords on the ukulele, and some students have re-commenced piano lessons with Mrs Harris as well!

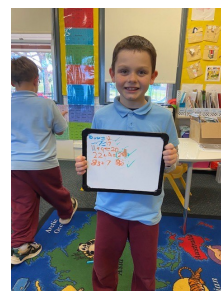
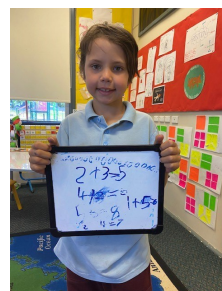
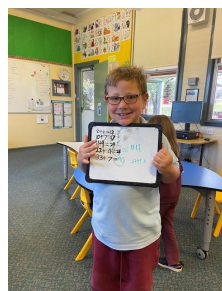
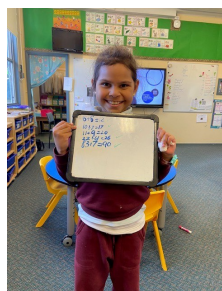
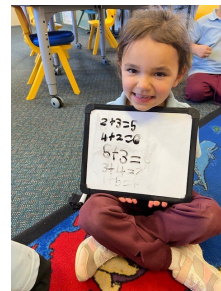
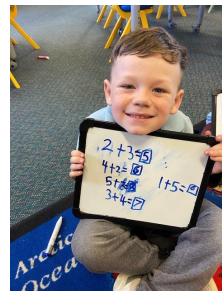
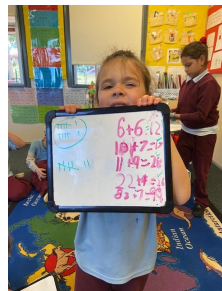
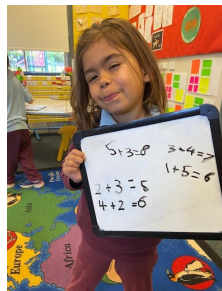
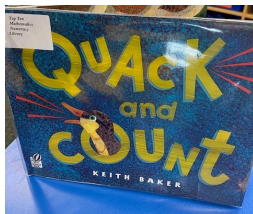
In fitness, we have been doing high jump, soccer, skipping, and other fun games involving team work.



## The Bandaarr (Grey Kangaroo) Room

Students enjoyed celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day - Proud in culture, Strong in spirit. Students discussed the meaning of the day and the theme with Miss Porter and made Johnny Cakes and Lemonade to enjoy at school and share with our families and community Elders. They were yummy.


We have been reading 'Quack and Count' in class and writing number sentences found in the book and extending on this idea.







News from our P&C and Community




## Next P&C Meeting

Monday, 23 August 2021  
2pm in the staffroom

Guest Speaker—Michelle Clare  
Aboriginal Education and Wellbeing Advisor

All welcome



POSTPONED



Aaron, Theo, Aleanah and Jalii



**Come along and join us!**  
Monday mornings 9.15am – 11 am

Mum's and Dad's play group.  
Play group is a great opportunity for children to participate in fine motor and gross motor activities whilst working on their social development.

**Everyone is welcome!**

Shoes must be worn and QR Code Check In on arrival.









Due to our state lockdown and Walhallow PS on Level 4 Learn from Home restrictions, our Yuluwirri Program will not take place this morning. Stay well and stay safe. See you soon.





# Mini Olympics

Over the last couple of weeks we have been inspired by the Tokyo 2020 Games and we decided to participate in a Walhallow Mini Olympics. Students were split into three countries; Scotland, South Africa and Italy. In groups they researched the flag, facts about the country, tourist spots, national anthems, Olympic Rings, Olympic sports. We then participated in an Olympic tabloid - obstacle course, hurdles and basketball. We awarded medals to the countries at the conclusion of the competition.

South Africa  won  gold, Scotland  won  silver and Italy  was awarded the  bronze. We had fun cheering on our teammates and striving to do our best.



## Zone Athletics

Congratulations to our students who participated in the Quirindi Zone carnival on Thursday 5 August 2021. You all did an amazing job. So lucky to have been able to go ahead in these crazy times. Well done!



Jannali, Nerida, Amarni, Callum and Brody  
Walhallow Regional Athletics  
Carnival Representatives



## Greater Bank's Greater New England Community Funding Program

Walhallow PS have been nominated for the Greater Bank Greater New England competition and by voting at <https://www.greater.com.au/greaternewengland> you could help us win \$5,000 in funding, which will be split between us and two other organisations, the winner being determined by a public vote.

**The competition and voting starts on Monday, 2 August 2021 and will run for the month of August.**

How the voting process works:

Voting is limited to one vote per hour per voter.

Our online voting system is secure and cannot be affected by hackers, bots or attempts to interfere with the legitimacy of the voting process. This is done via a number of online tracking measures, including but not limited to IP address. These measures are in place to ensure that regardless of what device type or connection you are on, voting is limited to one per hour. We also monitor voting throughout the month and manually check voting data if there are any unusual spikes in the number of votes received for a particular organisation. If Greater Bank has reason to believe the voting element of the competition is being misappropriated, we reserve the right to disqualify entrants at any time.



# WE'VE BEEN NOMINATED!

in Greater Bank's  
**#GreaterNewEngland**  
community funding program

VOTE BY THE END OF THIS MONTH  
at [greater.com.au/GreaterNewEngland](https://greater.com.au/GreaterNewEngland)  
HELP US WIN A SHARE OF \$5,000



## IN AUGUST

**One vote per hour  
per voter.**

**The more votes,  
the more money  
we can win!!**

**Get voting NOW!**

# VOTE FOR US!

## Good for Kids good for life

### USING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AS A REWARD

We all like to treat our kids with rewards when they have completed a task at home or performed well at school.

Here are some ideas on how to incorporate physical activity into your rewards:

- Visit a park that your child loves
- Instead of spending money on a food reward, why not get some new sports equipment for home (e.g. skipping rope, basketball, soccer goals, bouncy ball)
- Plan a special trip to an indoor active centre like rockclimbing, 10 pin bowling, putt putt or a trampoline park
- Go on a family bike ride or plan a family scavenger hunt
- Invite their friends over for a play in the backyard



## Good for Kids good for life

### INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

The United Nations has declared 2021 the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables!

Did you know that over 75% of Primary school aged children in NSW consume the recommended serves of fruit?!

BUT...

**Only 1 in 20 NSW primary school children eat the recommended amount of vegetables!\***

Pack vegetables for Crunch&Sip® at school each day. Here's a few ideas:

No preparation:

- Baby cucumbers or carrots
- Cherry Tomatoes
- Snow Peas
- Frozen Peas

Some preparation:

- Cucumber, carrot, celery or capsicum sticks
- Corn on the cob



INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF  
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES  
2021

## Nutrition Snippet

### HEALTHY SNACKS.



**Need some healthy snacks for the lunch box or after school?**

**Click on our 'Inspiration and ideas' tab for lots of easy recipes.**

For this and more visit:  
[healthy lunchbox.com.au](http://healthy lunchbox.com.au)

## Sunsmart Snippet

### It's still the same sun



**Cancer Council's Sid the Seagull 'Slip, Slop, Slap' message was first launched in the 1980s.**

Some things have changed since then but our sun is still the same. By using sun protection you are reducing your risk of skin cancer – including potentially deadly melanoma.

Using a combination of the five sun protection measures whenever UV levels reach 3 or higher, and getting to know your skin to check for any changes, are key.