



Term 2

Week 6

Thursday, 27 May 2021

Principal's Message

Welcome to Week 6.

National Reconciliation Week May 27- June 3, More than a word, Reconciliation takes action.

Congratulations to the students of Walhallow who participated in the Gunnedah Eisteddfod today. We participated in the Indigenous Section with a musical/dance item. The students were great, and it was a really positive way to start Reconciliation Week at Walhallow. Congratulations to all involved.

Last week Miss Allan, Miss Porter and myself attended a Reconciliation through Education, Yes we can! Conference last week. (See over).

Multicultural Public Speaking Competition

Last week, for the first time, students from the Yurrandaali Room took part in the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. Staff and families were so proud of each and every one of you for presenting a prepared speech as well as an impromptu speech on dreams. Thank you to Mrs Pollard from QPS for adjudicating the competition. Congratulations to Emily and Jalii for making the next round to be held at QPS on June 9. A special mention to Mrs Harris who was also the guest judge at QPS for their Multicultural Public Speaking competition also.

NAIDOC Plans are underway

It is this fabulous time again when we are planning for NAIDOC Week celebrations. We are consulting with P and C and have asked for any community suggestions to come forward. Miss Allan and Miss Porter are also planning a selection of fun activities to share with our friends at Blackville and Spring Ridge. As part of the Liverpool Plains Community of Schools – Warrama-li, we are also holding another exciting event – Star Gazing Night with Len Waters at Werris Creek Golf Club, this has been organised by Werris Creek Public School. All students and any interested families are invited to attend, see permission notes. This should be a wonderful night.

NAPLAN and Check in Assessments

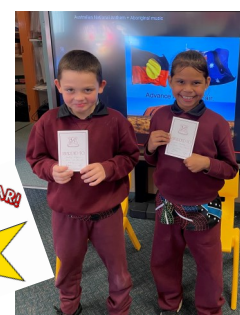
NAPLAN and Year 4 and Year 6 Check in Assessments have now been completed for 2021. The data collected by these standardised tests is useful to plan for the next steps in teaching and learning. Students tried their best in these assessment tasks. Please remember they are tests on one day and are only a snapshot of their progress.

Congratulations Touch Football Girls

Well done to Nerida, Eileena, Jannali and Amarni who attended the Touch Football trials in Tamworth on Friday. Unfortunately the girls did not make the North West team, but I am pleased to say that we have had two phone calls commending the girls on their behaviour and sportsmanship on the day. Congratulations to all of you!

Have a great week!

Skye Davis



Bradley and Lara

Friday, 28 May - Sport with Sam

Monday, 31 May - Yuluwirri, P&C Meeting 3pm

Tuesday, 1 June - Music, Scripture K-2, Library Open Second Break, Community Craft

Wednesday, 2 June - Scripture 3-6,

Thursday, 3 June - Reconciliation Week ends

Friday, 4 June - Sport with Sam

Monday, 7 June - Yuluwirri

Tuesday, 8 June - Music, Scripture K-2, Library Open Second Break, Community Craft

Wednesday, 9 June - Scripture 3-6, Library Open Second Break

Thursday, 10 June

Friday, 11 June - Sport with Sam



The Yurrandaali (Goanna) Room

What a busy time we have had at school with a range of Art, Drama, Technology, Sport, and Maths activities. Check out what we have been up to!

The K-2 students joined our 3-6 students to learn about Vincent Van Gogh and one of his most famous paintings, Starry Night. We listened to a song written about Vincent Van Gogh's life and experimented with small brush strokes to create swirls of wind.



Students were shown a 3D image on the board, which they had to re-create with connecting blocks. In groups they then had to make the model symmetrical by moving one block or by adding an extra block. Students had to find as many solutions as possible. The winning team found 11 solutions. Making the model symmetrical is super challenging



Technology lessons with Makey Makeys



Drama with Mrs Harris! Students had to create the perfect picture!



Athletics training with Sam



Learning about multiplication with chocolate. YUMMY!

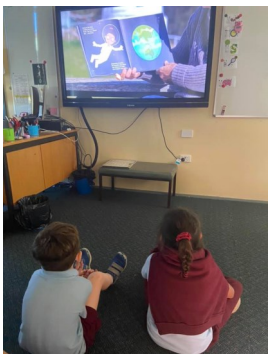
The Bandaarr (Grey Kangaroo) Room

We have been working on sequencing stories, reading books such as; There was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Fly, This is the House that Jack Built, Old Macdonald had a Farm and The Hungry Caterpillar. After ordering the events in the stories, they have been focusing on modelled and independent writing activities associated with the texts.

We have been playing dice games to increase automaticity in number recognition, subtraction and addition skills. Well done students!

Thank you to those students who have been completing homework and returning their books to school each week for marking. The support of parents is much appreciated with homework.

Last week we participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime 2021. The story was called Give Me Some Space by Phillip Bunting and the students enjoyed the Q and A session after the read, so many space facts! Students then showed off their clever drawing skills by drawing an astronaut. Check out our drawings in the pictures below!





News from our P&C and Community



Next P&C Meeting



Monday 31 May, 2021
3pm in the staffroom
All welcome

Position Vacant

Breakfast and Lunch Club position


Mondays
8.30-11am

Possible increase of days and casual days also.
Preferably already approved through the department but not necessary.

Up to one-page expression of interest to be handed to Skye Davis by Friday 4 June at 3pm

You may like to list any skills you have for the position – communication, food handling etc

Please contact the school for any further information 6747 4717



Reconciliation Through Education: Yes We Can!

Over the past two days staff at Walhallow have had the privilege of attending a LEAP conference in Sydney about Reconciliation through Education. Staff met Dr Chris Sarra from The Stronger Smarter Institute which was a thrill and Mrs Davis chaired a session with Michal Purcell from Stronger Smarter. Quirindi High School staff presented at the conference and Quirindi Public School staff also attended. We met with Reconciliation NSW staff and saw Anita Heiss present. The visit was topped off with a trip to Barangaroo to watch a digital Welcome to Country and we also, very excitedly, viewed our Reconciliation Art on display in the International Towers in the precinct. A great couple of days of learning, sharing and celebrating Aboriginal culture and reflecting on histories.





YULUWIRRI
Playgroup and Preschool

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Yuluwirri is a preschool and playgroup for parents, carers and children aged between 0-5 years old. It is a play-based morning for children to grow and develop skills.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.
For any questions, please contact Walhallow Public School on 02 6747 4717



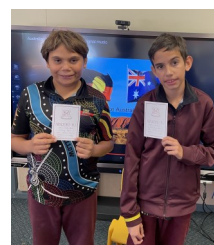
Mondays
9.15am - 11am
All Welcome!

Week 6

This week we have been focusing on our colour recognition. We used the textas to draw and talk about the colours. After, we developed our ideas by creating an art work using water colours. We discovered that if we mixed blue and red together that we would make purple. We also enjoyed our time out in the warm sun. We pushed our cars and prams all over the playground.



Multicultural Public Speaking Competition

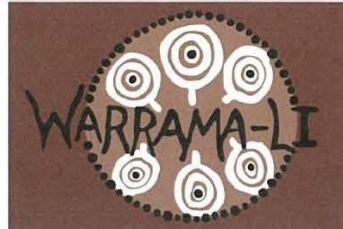


Multicultural Merit Certificate Awards
Steven and Callum





You are invited to our Liverpool Plains Small Schools'
Warrama-Li Learning Alliance



Star Gazing & Cultural Night with Len Waters



When: Thursday 10th June 2021

Time: Starts at 6pm. Finishes at 8:30pm

Free Sausage Sizzle available. Drinks available for purchase from the Golf Club.

Please note: This is an alcohol-free event.

Where: Werris Creek Golf Club - Gap Road

Please bring your own blanket or chair to sit on.



Quick everyday lunchboxes

It doesn't take a lot of time to pack an everyday lunchbox.

To save time try:

- Packing the lunchbox the night before
- Using leftovers from dinner in the lunchbox
- Packing whole fruit and vegetables, such as apples, bananas, cherry tomatoes or baby cucumbers.



For more time saving tips visit:

<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/primary-schools/swap-it/tips/tips-to-save-time/>



Makes 8 slices

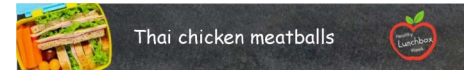
Ingredients

- 6 eggs
- 4 spring onions
- 2 medium zucchinis
- 1 large carrot
- ½ cup reduced fat feta cheese
- 100g reduced fat feta cheese
- 2 tablespoons plain flour
- Spray oil



Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C.
2. Chop spring onions.
3. Grate zucchinis, carrot and cheese. Crumble feta.
4. In a large bowl lightly whisk the eggs. Add the remaining ingredients to the bowl and mix through.
5. Lightly spray baking dish with spray oil. Transfer mixture into the baking dish.
6. Bake in oven for 40 - 45 minutes or until browned.
7. Cut into 8 slices and serve warm or cold.



Makes 24

Ingredients

- 500g lean chicken mince
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- ½ tablespoon of finely grated ginger
- 1 tablespoon self-raising flour
- 1 tablespoon oyster sauce
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- ½ cup coriander finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil
- Lemon or lime wedges to serve



Method

1. Combine the chicken mince, garlic, ginger, flour, oyster sauce, lime juice and coriander in a large bowl.
2. Using wet hands, roll level tablespoons of mixture into balls.
3. Heat a large fry pan to medium-high heat and add the sesame oil. Cook the meatballs for 5 minutes before turning. Turn and cook for a further 5 minutes or until golden and cooked through.
4. Serve with lime or lemon wedges.

Optional

Serve with a side salad or vegetables to make this a balanced main meal. Use this recipe to make healthy chicken burgers or wraps.

Healthy Lunchbox Week is an initiative of Health Australia
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TV FREE TUESDAY

You might have heard about 'meat free Monday', how about introducing TV-free Tuesday into your week?

A whole day with no screen time will provide encouragement for your kids to 'think outside the box' for activity ideas!

Some ideas include:

- Backyard Play
- Charades or board games
- Indoor or outdoor treasure hunt
- Writing and practicing a performance to showcase every Tuesday evening
- Art and craft
- Hula hoop competition
- A family game of Twister

Allow space for your kids to come up with their own idea. TV-free Tuesday can quickly turn into a family favourite tradition.



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START THE DAY RIGHT WITH BREAKFAST



We've all heard that breakfast is the most important meal of the day and it's true! Research has shown that children who eat breakfast before school have higher levels of concentration and are less likely to feel lethargic.

Below are some ideas for a nutritious breakfast:

- Wholegrain cereal such as Weetbix, Porridge and Sultana Bran
- untoasted muesli topped with low fat yogurt
- Wholegrain toast topped with avocado, tomato or low fat cheese
- Raisin toast
- Fruit & vegetable smoothies

If you're short on time, some quick ideas to send to school with your child includes: a tub of low fat yoghurt, cereal to munch such as fruity bites, breakfast drinks such as Up & Go or some fruit.



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