



Walhallow Public School Newsletter



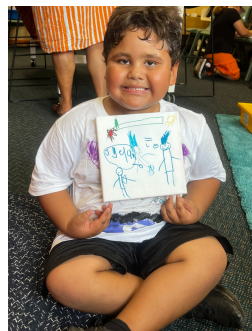
Term 1 Week 8

21 March 2024

We learn and play on Gamilaroi land. Always was, always will be.

Relieving Principal's Report

Yesterday our small schools alliance joined together to celebrate Harmony Day, a day advocating inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone, from the traditional custodians of the land to those who have come from many countries around the world. This year we learnt about Japanese culture, created a 'My heritage self portrait', learnt some Scottish inspired dance routines, and enjoyed a Kahoot based on the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. We would like to extend a special thank you to Erica from Encore Dance Studio, and Delicious Moments for serving us some yummy Gelati!



Indigenous Literacy Foundation

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation sent each of our students a book pack to take home and enjoy. With many of our students striving for reading with fluency and expression in their PLPs, these packages will ensure that the students can develop these skills at home.



Yiluwidi Awards

Congratulations to Lily and Lara - our Great Learner award winners.





Classroom news

Yurrandaali Room

Zones of Regulation

During this term our Stage 3 students have been immersed in opportunities to develop their skills in identifying their own and others' emotions, and self-regulation strategies to effectively use when feeling dysregulated. Over the coming weeks students will have further opportunities to participate in a variety of fun activities that will allow them to practise skills and strategies, whilst reflecting upon the impact behaviours have on others, in both a learning environment and social situations.





Classroom news

Biggibilla Room

Lots of fantastic learning has been happening in K/2 over the past couple of weeks. We have been busy learning about making patterns in mathematics. We have been working on word problems and how to use illustrations to help with the working out of the answer.

Our students have begun to learn about letters and sounds and have had fun writing a story about Alexander's Outing. The grapheme 'n' has been our focus letter. We have enjoyed reading 'Picasso the Green Tree Frog' this week, and have been exploring how animals can camouflage. They have been working on sharing their ideas using detailed pictures. Students have enjoyed reading this book to the class, as part of our speaking and listening.

Our library day is Tuesday and students will have the opportunity to borrow a book to take home.

Melissa Raymond



Last week at Yuluwirri we spent time painting outside and the children always love the play equipment, especially racing the cars down the slide! We are looking forward to our Yuluwirri friends joining us for our upcoming Easter celebrations at school on Thursday March 28 at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend our Easter Hat Parade.

Nerissa Riley





New Uniforms

School uniforms build a sense of community, belonging and should be worn with pride. After consultation with our P&C, and the whole school community, Walhallow Public School will be changing our school uniform colours to maroon and black. This means we will be phasing out the current grey shorts and maroon skorts, and replacing them with black shorts and skorts. Our new maroon school shirts are now available for purchase from the school office for \$15.00.

All students may wear black shorts, however grey shorts and maroon skorts are still acceptable.



Cultural Connections

We have been enjoying reading a book written in Gamilaraay language, 'Dhigaraa gagan.gagan', helping us to learn our colours in language. The students have made their own posters and have been put on display.

Zoe Allan



NW Basketball Trials

Congratulations to Jacob and Ashlyn for representing our school in the North West trials today. Both students showed improvement throughout the day and displayed great sportsmanship.

Easter Hat Parade

Our staff and students are busy preparing a wonderful parade for Thursday 28 March commencing 10.30am. Students will be creating their hats at school, ready to share their egg-cellent creations with everyone! This is always a fun day of celebration that the children thoroughly enjoy. Community are most welcome to attend. Don't forget to get you raffle tickets for the P & C Easter fundraiser. Tickets have been sent home with the students. Call into the office or Health Post if you would like some more tickets.





What works best in education?

Our school is committed to ensuring that how we teach your child is based on what we know makes the biggest difference to their learning. Some of the most significant research into effective teaching is detailed in a report called 'What Works Best' which outlines eight evidenced based practices that teachers can use in their classrooms to support improved student learning. In the upcoming editions of our newsletters, we will give our families a summary of the eight evidenced based practices and ways that you can check in with your child. Below is the second summary 'Explicit Teaching' from the eight 'What Works Best' practices for effective teaching, including some conversation tips to help you support these practices at home.

What Works Best Theme: Explicit Teaching

Students learn best when teaching is explicit, especially when learning something new. Explicit teaching involves teachers clearly explaining to students why they are learning something, how it connects to what they already know, what they expect students to do, how to do it and what it looks like when they have succeeded.

What Works Best Theme Questions: Check in with your child

Tell me about something you learnt today.

Did you find it easy to learn, or did you need to ask a few questions?

How could you tell when you 'got it'?

Attendance Matters

We want to do all we can to be sure your child achieves their potential and enjoys being in school. By attending school every day your child will get the most out of their learning and improve their career and life options. When your child is absent it is important you let the school know, including the reason why, on the day or the day before. This helps make sure we know where our students are and allows us to offer support for you and your family if needed.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

- Learn
- Make friends
- Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss weeks per year	and years over their school life
1 day per fortnight	4 weeks	Over 1 year missed
1 day per week	8 weeks	Over 2.5 years missed

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**Reminder for our
EASTER
CHURCH SERVICE
Monday 25th March 2024
9.00am
Walhallow Church
All Welcome**



Dates For Your Diary

Week 9

25 March Easter Church Service 9am
28 March Easter Hat Parade
29 March Good Friday

Week 10

1 April Easter Monday

Week 11

11 April ANZAC Day Service
12 April Cross Country

Holidays

Mon 15 April - Fri 26 April

SDD

Mon 29 April

Term 2 Starts

Tue 30 April

Community Notices

WPS NAIDOC COMMUNITY COOKBOOK Calling all Family and Community Recipes!

In light of this years NAIDOC theme 'Keep the fire burning. Blak, loud and proud.' WPS are creating a community cookbook to preserve our greatest memories. We are calling for all your favourite recipes and the memories that go along with them!

Anyone from, or connected to, the Walhallow community are encouraged to fill out the form attached and send it back to the school or via our Facebook page.

We can't wait to unlock old and create new memories in 2024!

For any further questions please contact the school.



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PLAYERS NEEDED

Werris Creek Minor League is looking for players to add to the following teams.

- ✓ Under 6's
- ✓ Under 8's
- ✓ Under 12's



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QFC 2024 JUNIOR REGO'S NOW OPEN

Sub Juniors (5-7 yrs) - \$70
Junior (8-11 yrs) - \$85
Intermediates (12-14 yrs) - \$100
(please contact us if you have a 15 yr old wanting to play)

\$10 off if you register by the 15th March

Don't forget to use your \$50 active kids voucher.

Trial games: Saturday 6th April
Comp starts: Saturday 4th May

The registration link can be found pinned to the top of our facebook page. Players need to be registered by the 31st March to play in the trial games.

Contact: 0449 190 220 or
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for more information.

