



# Walhallow Public School Newsletter



**Term 2 Week 10**

**4 July 2024**

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

## Relieving Principal's Report

Our fantastic NAIDOC celebrations this week marked the conclusion of another wonderful term filled with enriching learning experiences at Walhallow Public School. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our incredible, dedicated staff, both teaching and non-teaching for all that they do to support our students and families at WPS. I would like to wish you all a wonderful, relaxing, safe holiday and look forward to seeing you after the break.

## Boundary Rock Excursion

Last week we attended an excursion to Boundary Rock, near Moore Creek. Students were guided by Len Waters, who gave insightful information about this culturally significant site. We also enjoyed a walk around the Botanical Gardens in Tamworth and ochre art activities. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Len for sharing his knowledge with us.



**Roxanne Harris**



## Yiluwidi Awards

Congratulations to our Yiluwidi award winners this fortnight, Jyelan and Ashlyn for demonstrating our school learning dispositions.







### **Small Schools Athletics Carnival**

Our students are to be congratulated on their terrific efforts at the athletics carnival. They showed bravery and gave it their all. Thank you to Spring Ridge Public School for organising the carnival, and to our families for spending the day with us and cheering everyone on! Special mention to Ashlyn, who was the 11 Yr Girls Age Champion. Ashlyn came 1st place in discus and the 200m race. She came 2nd in the 100m race, long jump, and she came 3rd in shot put and the 800m race. Congratulations to Lara, Jahkoby, Jacoebi and Ashlyn for qualifying for the Zone Carnival to be held next term.







### Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

This week Ashlyn and Lara travelled to Gunnedah Town Hall to view a live theatre performance of Roald Dahl's 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. What an experience it was to see the stage sets, props, costumes, lighting and hear the performers sing 'I've got a golden ticket'! The Gunnedah Conservatorium production was performed by young students of the Conservatorium and it was great entertainment.



### Work Experience

Last week we welcomed Billy Brown on his 4 days of work experience. During his time at WPS, Billy had exposure to a career in teaching. Thank you for visiting Billy, good luck with your future endeavours!



### Attendance Matters

Regular attendance is essential for student success, as it allows students to build strong relationships with their teachers and peers, and to stay on track with their learning. If your child will be absent, please contact the school as soon as possible. Every day matters and we are here to support all students in attending and engaging with their learning every day of the term. Congratulations to our students for achieving above 90% attendance during Term Two.



### Semester One Reports

Semester one school reports will be sent home on Friday. This report details your child's achievements, areas of strength and areas for further improvement. Please contact the office if you require an emailed copy. Personalised Learning Pathways (PLP) meetings, with your teacher and child can be booked from early next term. This is an opportunity to find out more about your child's learning, particularly in reading and maths. Developing a growth mindset about learning remains a priority for the school, most importantly, developing an understanding that feedback, reflection and change are part of the lifelong learning process. I hope you enjoy discussing your child's academic and personal achievements as you reflect on these documents together.



What an exciting week we have had celebrating NAIDOC week for 2024! We believe that we 'Keep the Fire Burning' every day at WPS, through our weekly cultural and language lessons with Miss Allan, exploring culturally significant dates and our visits from Kayleb. NAIDOC Week for us is about celebrating the hard work of our students. We would like to thank all of the community members, special guests and families who came and celebrated with us this week.

### **Art Exhibition and Jewellery Making Workshop**

On Monday we celebrated with families and friends through a fun art workshop. We enjoyed weaving, beading, leaf painting, earring making and held our very own exhibition, featuring some amazing student and community pieces of art.

### **Movie Night**

Tuesday evening we braved the cold and enjoyed warm chicken curries and apple pie. We cooked Johnny cakes on sticks on the fire, and finished off the night by watching 'Storm Boy' with popcorn. Thank you to our staff for cooking the curries and to 'POP'N Around Town' for the special treats. Special mention to Daniel Thurlow for the firewood.

### **NAIDOC Assembly**

Wednesday morning we welcomed our community and special guests to our NAIDOC Assembly. Our students were proud to acknowledge Country to commence the assembly. We enjoyed a viewing of a video about the making of our Community Cook Book 'Our family can cook'. Jason Allan talked about this year's theme, reflecting on his personal journey, before we raised the flags. Lara, Ashlyn, Jyelan and Lilly performed in the dance circle with Kayleb and Reuben. Ray and Jyelan cut the cake and we enjoyed a lovely morning tea.

### **NAIDOC Cup**

On Thursday we hosted our annual NAIDOC Cup with our small schools coming together for some great games of OzTag in the spirit of NAIDOC Week. The sun was shining and the community were there to cheer us on. Congratulations to Willow Tree Public School for being awarded the 2024 NAIDOC Cup winners! Thank you to Blackville, Spring Ridge, Premer, Willow Tree and Werris Creek Public Schools for joining us and the Quirindi High School Clontarf Academy for making it such a fun day. We look forward to another successful year next year!





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# Community Notices



**FREE, ALL WELCOME**  
**NAIDOC**  
**Community Event**

Tuesday, 9 July 2024 | 9am - 2pm | 1 Hill Street Walhallow

- Official Welcome
- Cultural Performances
- Story Telling
- Traditional Food Tasting
- Walhallow Community Film
- Business Exhibits & Clinics
- Entertainment & Activities
- Burn on Country

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**KEEP THE FIRE BURNING! BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD**  
 7-14 JULY 2024

**COMMUNITY NAIDOC**  
**FAMILY FUN DAY**  
 The Nancy Gray OAM Pavillion, Quirindi

**Wednesday 10th July, 2024**  
 10am - 1pm

**FREE AND FUN EVENT**  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!**

**KEEP THE FIRE BURNING! BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD**



## Dates For Your Diary



Our next P & C meeting will be held on **Tuesday August 13 at 11am at the park** (across from WPS). All welcome to attend. Come along, enjoy some morning tea and have your say!

Term 3	
<b>Week 1</b>	
Monday July 22	Staff Development Day
Tuesday July 23	Students return
Friday July 26	100 days of School event
<b>Week 2</b>	
Thursday August 1	Zone Athletics
Friday August 2	Play School Live Concert (K/1 excursion)
<b>Week 3</b>	
Tuesday August 6	Spelling Bee