



# Walhallow Public School Newsletter



**Term 4 Week 2**

**25 October 2024**

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

## Relieving Principal's Report

What a great start we have had to Term 4! Term 4 is always an exciting and busy term in the school calendar. We have so many amazing things taking place this term and it will be a wonderful celebration and time for our entire school community to continue to come together and further engage and connect. There are numerous excursions booked for this term, and our students are looking forward to attending these. To assist with our planning, please ensure permission notes are returned promptly. Thank you for your cooperation.

## HEALTHY HAROLD

### Life Education

Healthy Harold and Kristy from Life Education visited our school this week. The Life Education program provides valuable lessons exploring healthy eating, personal safety, physical activity, positive relationships, cybersafety and the impact of alcohol and other drugs. We wish to thank Kristy and Healthy Harold for teaching us about being healthy and looking after ourselves.



## SENTRAL PARENT PORTAL

We now have over half of our families using the Sentral Parent Portal App! The Parent Portal is our new main communication tool. It is a secure online platform used to share student information between you and your child's teacher. For more information and support in setting up the App, please contact the office on 6747 4717. Together, we can support your child's success!

**Roxanne Harris**

## Yiluwidi Awards

Congratulations to our Yiluwidi Great Learner award winners this fortnight, Lily Johnson and Brody Ezzy for demonstrating our school learning dispositions.





## Community Consultation

### School Improvement

Now that the school has completed the validation of the past few years, our focus turns to developing our next School Improvement Plan 2025-2028. We have been working hard to complete a situational analysis. This will guide the decision making for our next plan. Community engagement is critical to building a culture of high expectations and inclusion. This week our parents and families have been sent information on how they can contribute to improving the progress, achievement and wellbeing of our students.



# Walhallow Public School





## Enrol now for Kindergarten 2025

### Kinder Club

Walhallow Public School would like to invite all 2025 enrolled Kindergarten students to our transition program.

All sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 10.00-11.30am on the following dates:

**August 14, 21 & 28**

**September 4, 11**

**October 23, 30**

**Nov 6, 13 & 20**

This transition program gives the students an opportunity to make friendships, familiarise themselves with the school and to connect with teachers and school staff. Tamworth Family Support Service will be holding parenting sessions to support families during this transition.

**Contact Information**

Please contact the office on 02 6747 4717 for any further information or to obtain an enrolment pack.



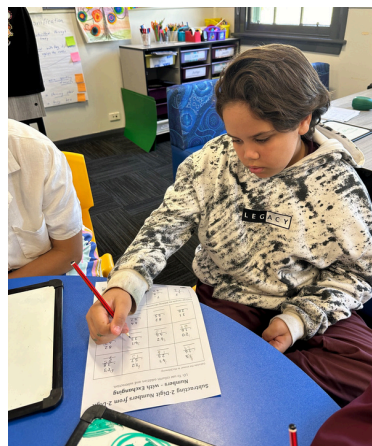
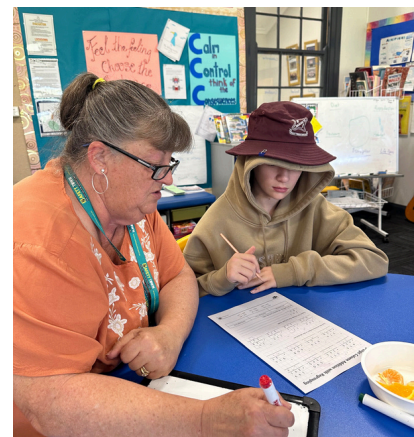
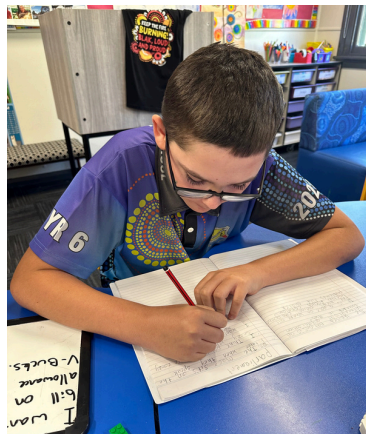
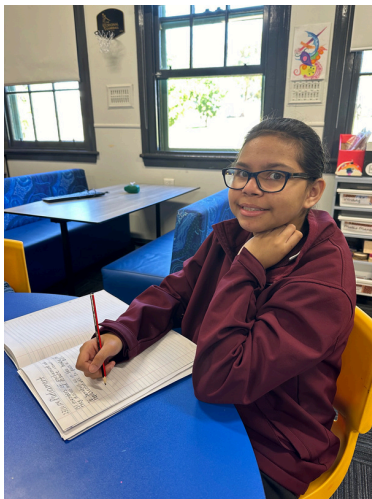


**Classroom News**

**Yurrandaali Room**

This fortnight in Geography, we have been learning about the United Nations, focusing on one of their most important documents, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In Mathematics, we have been concentrating on using formal algorithms to solve addition and subtraction problems efficiently. I am so proud of how the students have applied themselves during our mathematics lessons. In English we have been working on improving our comprehension strategies.

Next week we commence our final English Component B unit for the year using the mentor text 'The Little Wave'. Students will explore the textual concepts of 'perspective and context', 'characterisation' and 'theme'. With some great new equipment from Sam at Fun Fitness 4 Littlies, badminton has become a big hit in our fitness activities!







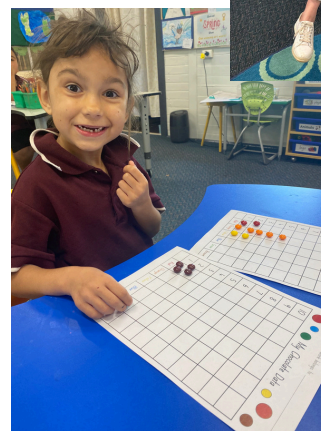
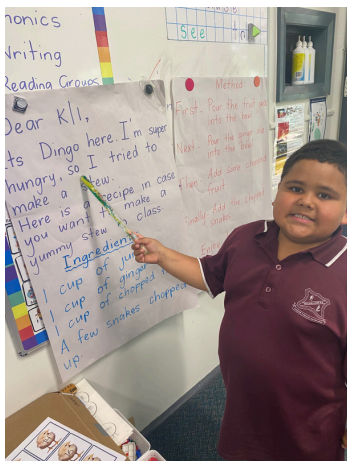
**Biggibilla Room**

Wow! What an awesome start to the term we have had. We have been back in routine and busy reading, spelling, and writing, every day. In writing, we have been focusing on adjectives and taking pride in our work. There has been very neat work and improvement in all our handwriting. We have also been learning factual information about different animals. The students have discussed and learnt about what these animals eat, what they look like and where they live. K/1 have written about, and drawn, snails to display in our room.

This week we had a visit from the dingo from the book 'Wombat Stew', and he left us a recipe to try. Everyone agreed it was delicious and fun to make.

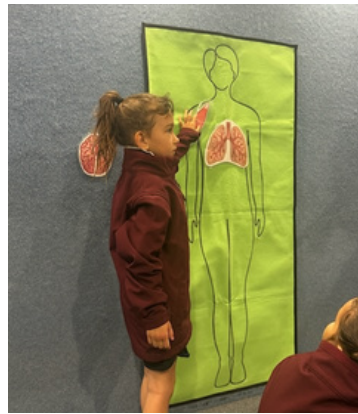
This week in Mathematics, students have been working on adding and data. To assist students understanding, we are using many hands-on materials. A fun interactive game that you can play online is 'Addition with Manipulatives' at <http://www.abcya.com/addition.htm>

Ms Raymond





# Healthy Harold Visit



## Exciting update for our weekly playgroup

Yuluwirri now starts at 12pm each Thursday. Starting at midday from now on, we hope this new time works even better for our families. Join us for fun activities, learning, and community connection!



**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

**WPS**

**Tuesday November 5**  
**9am**

Students should come dressed in their full summer uniform: maroon school shirt, black shorts or skirt, and black shoes.





# Community Notices

## Dates For Your Diary

### Term 4

#### Week 3

Wednesday Oct 30

Kinder Club 10am

After School Wellbeing - Balabalaah Maaru  
4.30pm

Thursday Oct 31

P and C Meeting 11am

Yuluwirri - 12 pm

#### Week 4

Monday Nov 4

Responsible Pet Program

Tuesday Nov 5

School Photos

Science Afternoon @ QHS (K-6)

Wednesday Nov 6

Kinder Club 10am

After School Wellbeing - Balabalaah Maaru  
4.30pm

Thursday Nov 7

Yuluwirri 12pm

Friday Nov 8

Remembrance Assembly 11am (Community  
welcome)

**Good for kids**  
good for life



### Keep an eye on screentime

Screens have increasingly become part of children's lives and can often be helpful and enjoyable for families. They can offer children opportunities to connect with friends and extended family, express creativity and learn.

Children and young people aged 5-17 years should limit sedentary recreational screentime to no more than 2 hours per day (excluding schoolwork).

While screen time has many benefits, long periods of time spent in front of screens can impact a child's growth and development including:

- Physical health
- Mental wellbeing
- Ability to form social connections
- Sleep

Switch the screen for other activities:

- Games
- Sports
- Bike riding
- Dancing
- Puzzles
- Walking



Source: The Sydney Children's Hospital Network ([www.schn.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.schn.health.nsw.gov.au))

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Good for Kids acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as the first people of this country, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.



## Extraordinary P & C Meeting

Thursday October 31  
@ 11am

All welcome to attend