



The Breeze

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 1 Week 10

BUY A BALE DAY

WOW! What a fantastic day we all had yesterday as we gathered with students, staff and parents from Wallabadah Public School to raise funds for the Buy a Bale Campaign.

What fantastic community support and spirit was shown as parents and grandparents from our school also joined us to raise funds for this worthy cause. The day commenced with students participating in rotational activities, there were sheep to be made, clucky chickens, scarecrows and a lesson on water cycles. Students enjoyed fresh fruit at morning tea as well as being able to purchase yummy cupcakes made by our parents. After the activities students and parents displayed some great dancing in the hay arena followed by a sausage sizzle with ice-cream. The afternoons activities were a great deal of fun, students paid to enter various competitions from the egg toss to the gumboot toss, an egg and spoon race/relay and pin the tail on the cow. Imaginary cowpat lotto was a great success as was the guessing competition where competitors had to guess the number of skittles in the jar!

Prizes were awarded to the winners of each of our competitions. Congratulations to Jack Swain who was the closest to guessing the number of skittles in the jar!

Stirling Gallagher was the winner of the imaginary cowpat lotto. Katie Martin was successful in the infants egg toss challenge, whilst Giulia and Zara were just outrun by Wallabadah's Jock and Brock to take out the egg and spoon relay. Congratulations to Brodie from Wallabadah who threw a massive 19+metres in the gumboot toss to take the win. It really was a fun filled day with students making extra effort to come dressed in 'country theme'. We had cowboys, cowgirls, cows and even Ned Kelly made an appearance. A massive thank you to all the parents who cooked cupcakes and came to help with the BBQ throughout the day. We were extremely humbled by the community response and support too. Jim and Lyn Harris donated 21 bales of Hay to be sold with all profits going towards the campaign! This was a fantastic gesture and we thank them as well as Mr & Mrs Barnett who purchased the hay. A huge thank you must also go to the community members who generously donated throughout the day. After the counting Willow Tree and Wallabadah School's together have raised **\$1,643.50**. What an outstanding effort. We are absolutely blown away at the response and are proud to be able to contribute to help our fellow farmers in their time of need.

STATE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Good luck to Aleeci, Annabelle, Tara, Zara Giulia and Sam as they all compete at the State Swimming Carnival at the Olympic Stadium in Homebush next week. We wish you all the best of luck!



Calendar

APRIL

- 4th – Cross Country
- 9/10th – State Swimming
- 11th – Last Day Term 1
- 25th – ANZAC Day
- 28th – Term 2 resumes

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NAPLAN

A reminder to parents who have children in years 3 & 5 that the days for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will take place on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May. If you have any queries or concerns with regard to this please do not hesitate to contact the school.

NORTH WEST SOCCER TRIALS

Good luck to Sam Avar and Zara McCarthy who will both be travelling to Armidale tomorrow to participate at the North West Soccer Trials to be held at the UNE Sports Union. We wish you both the best of luck.

TEDDY BEAR DOCTOR VISIT

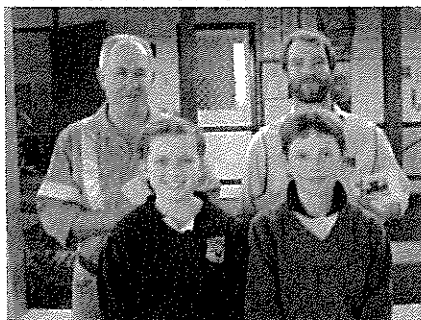
Last week the K/1/2 class were lucky enough to receive a visit from some doctor students from the University of Newcastle. Students were asked to bring in their teddy bears so the Doctors could complete an examination to help determine what was wrong with the bear and let the student know what they could do to help their teddy. The teddies were x-rayed before being referred to another doctor for diagnosis. Some teddies were very unfortunate and had even broken both of their legs! We would like to thank the visit Doctors and wish them all the success for their future careers, our students had a blast having their teddies diagnosed and treated. This program is aimed at reducing the levels of anxiety children face when visiting doctors.

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

On Monday 31st March, Annabel Sevil, Tara Barwick, Zara McCarthy, Billy Swain, James Redgrove, Jack Swain and Sam Avar along with 6000 other participants attended the Halogen National Young Leaders Day at Darling Harbour in Sydney. Students were engaged by the key speakers who shared their stories about their lives and achievements and spoke to the students about how they too can achieve anything they want to. The students were lucky enough to be able to purchase signed books by well-known children's author, Andy Griffith and even participated in a Tai-Chi lesson. Thank you to the parents who took the time to transport their students to the event. It really was an amazing experience for our students.

RAIL SAFETY

Thank you to members from ARTC who attended last Friday's school assembly to talk to the students about 'Rail Safety' and the importance of staying safe when travelling over a railway crossing or when waiting for a train to pass. It is important that our students are aware of this when there is a crossing so close to our school.



CANTEEN

Mon 7th April –
Jodie Martin

Wed 9th April –
Tracy Swain

The canteen is currently asking for volunteers to fill the roster for term 2. If you are able to volunteer a day please contact Val Davis – 0427 840420



SCHOOL SPECTACULAR ASSEMBLY

Term 2 Week 2
Friday 2nd May

Zara McCarthy, Annabelle Avar, Ned Swain, Stirling Gallagher, Kyle Sternbeck

The Cancer Councils Biggest Morning Tea

The Warrah Creek Committee invite you and your friends to
Our Biggest Morning Tea

At

Warrah Creek Hall

Wednesday 14th May 2014
10am

Guest Speakers, Produce

Stalls and Raffles

RSVP – 8th May

Dawn-67471733

Margaret-67471319

Elizabeth-67471727 or

Ann-67471264

Week 9 Awards

Hosts: Tara Barwick & Jack Swain

School Spectacular Assembly

It was a fantastic start for our first 2014 School Spectacular Assembly. Well done to the following students who presented various items.

Annabel Sevil – for an amazing performance of magic tricks using a deck of cards and a ring and string

Jack Swain – for an excellent recital of poems with an amazing tongue twister by Mrs Jenkins

Brayden Soley – for bringing in his skateboard and showing us some tricks that he can do on it

Aleeci Francis – for a terrific presentation about Fiji – showing us lots of interesting items

Class Awards:

K/1/2

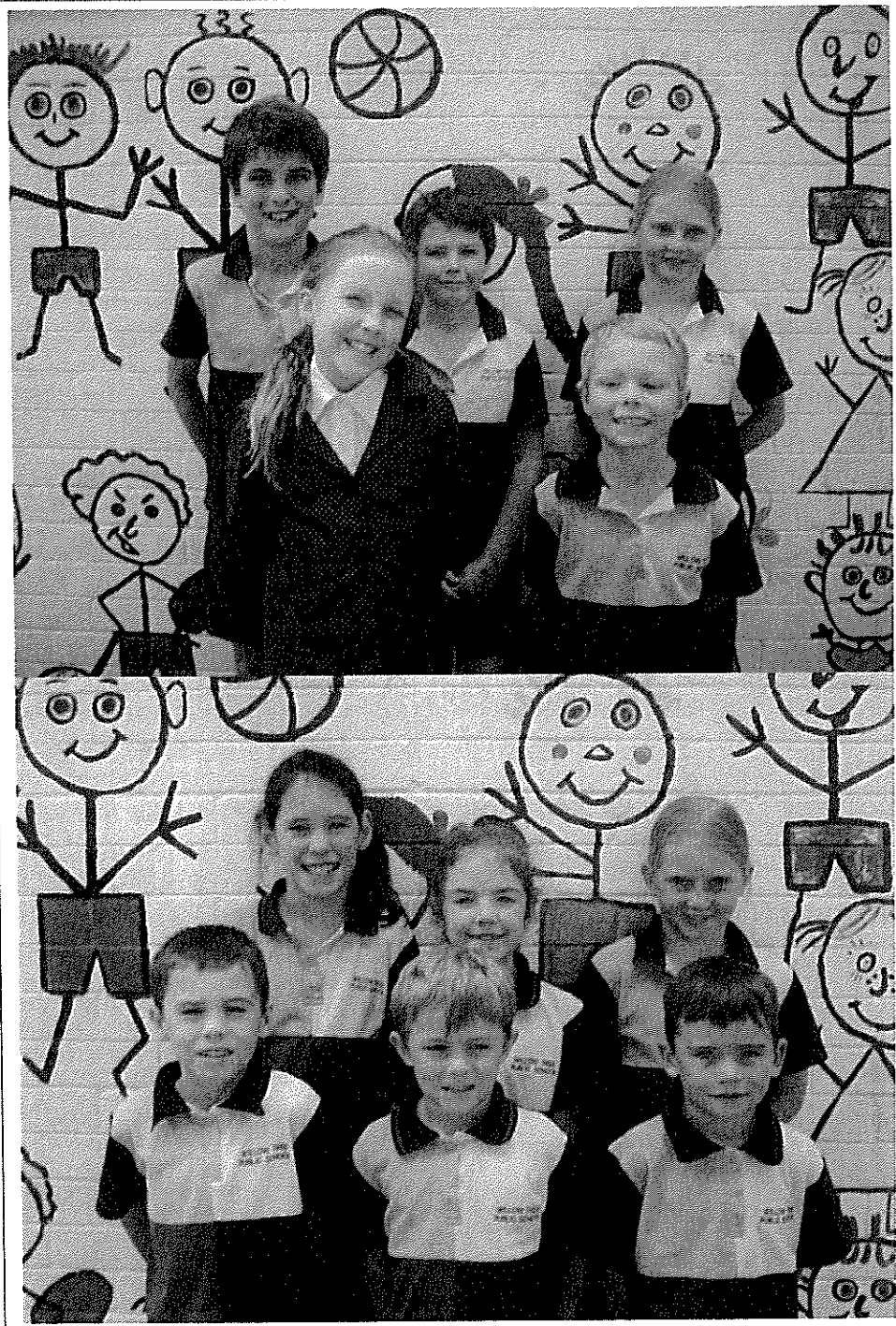
Brad Johnson - for a good story about his Teddy with a great illustration too.

Cody Sternbeck – for good work with groups of 10 and neat presentation of work in his math book.

3/4/5/6

Aleeci Francis – for an excellent poem about a cycling accident called 'Lucy's Bike Problem!' Fabulous effort!

Hannah Watts – for a very well written poem about a cycling accident called 'Lucy's Bike Problem'.



Sports Award

Annabelle Avard – for helping clean up the sport shed

WILLOW TREE PUBLIC SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Tomorrow our school cross country will be held at the Willow Tree Recreation Ground. Students are asked to be at the grounds by 8.45am ready to walk the course at 9.00am. Please make sure you pack your child/ren plenty of water, sunscreen and their hat. Sports uniform is to be worn. A canteen with morning tea will be available. Donations of slices would be greatly appreciated.



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