



Dear Wallaroo families,

What a fabulous fortnight of learning we've had at Wallaroo. All students have settled into their 2024 classes wonderfully! Walking through the classrooms daily, I see students engaging in our new Explicit Direct Instruction. Students are busily writing their thinking on whiteboards, discussing content with their partners, and tracking along with their teachers. The confidence shining from the students as they engage with this new model is a joy to see.

The senior students were lucky enough to have some famous visitors last week; having the opportunity to listen to the players from the St. Kilda Football Club talk about their careers and the highlights of being an AFL player. Students had the opportunity to get players autographs and ask the players a range of questions.

Our Healthy Eats program has kicked off with a bang this year. We warmly welcome Kasey Brouwer who is our new Healthy Eats coordinator. Kasey is certainly spoiling us with some delicious nutritious food. On Tuesdays, the students from years 4-6 have their lunch together in the common room. Wednesday is soup day for everyone with Pea and Ham soup on the menu this week and on Thursdays the years 1-4 students have the opportunity to share a yummy meal together. On Friday's the Prep and Year 1 students are experiencing new and healthy food. Tacos last week were definitely a hit! Kasey bakes lovely birthday cups cakes for those having a birthday at school, making it a extra special day!

Healthy Eats timetable	
Tuesday	4/5R & 5/6R
Wednesday	Soup day—all students
Thursday	1/2CA & 3/4 G
Friday	Prep/1 E

Last week at assembly we officially revealed the 'Be Free to Read' Hub. A big congratulations to Zarlee for winning the naming of our hub competition – a perfect name Zarlee! This hub can be found in our common room, and is open to all Wallaroo families to take books to keep and enjoy at home. We are grateful to 1,2,3 Read 2 Me for donating some fabulous books for all to enjoy. Make sure you pop in for breakfast one morning or after school and check out the range of books.

Just a reminder that all schools in Victoria have been asked to track students with increased absences or students with 'unexplained absences'. An unexplained absence is recorded only when a parent/carer does not notify the school that their child is absent and the school does not know why the student is not present for the day. All parents/carers must notify the school each day their child is absent. You can record your child's absence via Sentral Parent Portal. If you require support completing this, please contact the office. Thank you for your assistance regarding notifications.

We are looking forward to another exciting fortnight ahead,

Kind Regards

Kieran Walta

Acting Principal

Dates to remember:

28 Feb	Prep rest day
1 March	Assembly—3/4G presenting
4 March	Prep students full time
8 March	World Maths Day
	Open classrooms 2.30pm
11 March	Labour Day Public Holiday

Student Work Showcase



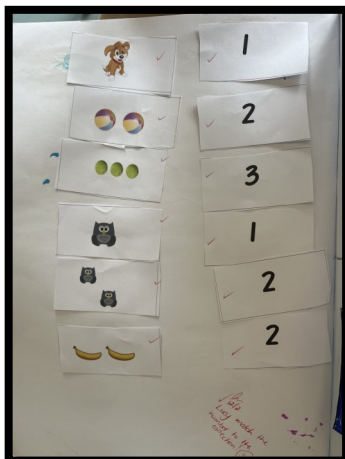
Each and every day our students display positive behaviours for learning! This week we celebrate...

Prep / 1 E

Lucy

In Maths, Lucy has been focusing on counting. She's has been identifying written numerals and matching them up with a collection of the same amount. Well done Lucy, keep up the great work!

-Mrs. Evans & Carlie



Year 1/2 CA

Everly

1/2CA celebrated 'Random Act of Kindness' throughout last week. We had a conversation about what kindness is and encouraged one another to demonstrate acts of kindness. Everly enjoyed creating a bee and wrote about how she can 'BEE' kind to others. Keep up the AMAZING work Everly!

-Mrs. Clark-Allison & Maria

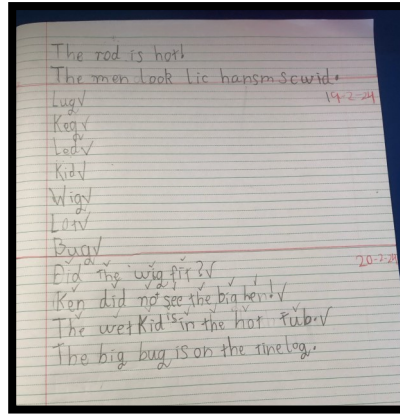


Year 3/4 G

Riley

The 3/4's have been working hard during our new literacy block, learning new protocols and following direct instructions. Riley has done a wonderful job of ruling up his page, writing the date and using neat and careful handwriting. Riley, you have made a great start to the year, keep up the great work!

- Mrs. Graham & Jack

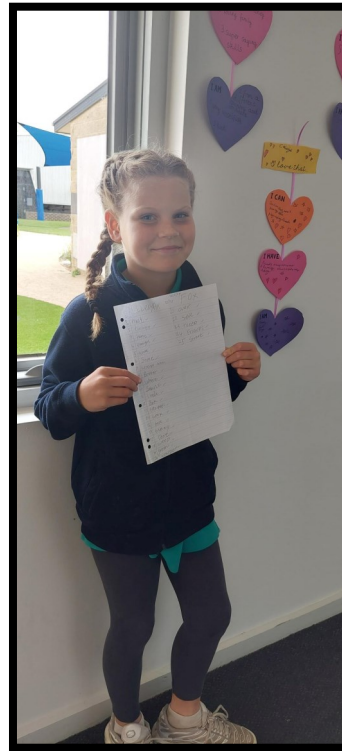


Year 4/5R

Alleeyah

This week, we continued with Spelling Mastery, and Alleeyah was among the students who achieved an impressive 100% on her spelling test. Her dedication and excellent performance are truly commendable.

-Mrs. Resuggan, Mrs. Ritchie & Corinna

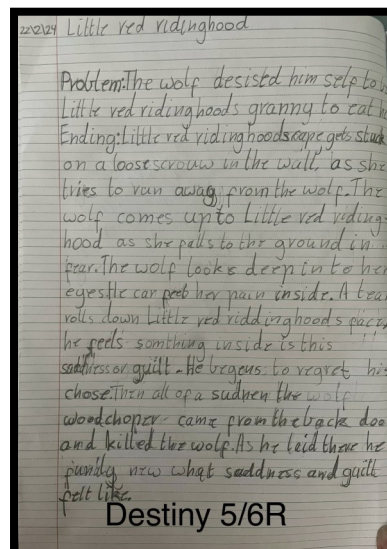


Year 5/6R

Destiny

5/6R have been learning about narratives, adding tension to them, seeing different characters' perspectives and writing alternate endings. This piece is a wonderful example from Destiny of all that we have learnt so far.

- Miss Rogers & Deb



Open Classroom afternoon at Wallaroo – Let's come together to Celebrate World Maths Day!

World Math Day is a celebration of the wonders of mathematics. Each year, the world unites to inspire excitement and engagement in math for all. This year, Wallaroo is thrilled to host our own World Maths Day event on Friday, March 8th, 2024. We warmly invite all families to join us for an interactive afternoon of mathematical fun during our open classroom session. It's a fantastic opportunity for families to explore their child's classroom while also participating in various math activities and games.

Get ready for an exciting afternoon of dice rolling, problem-solving, and games as we celebrate the joy of mathematics! Remember, everyone can be a mathematician!






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Wednesday 6th March
5.00pm-7.00pm

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School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- ⇒ **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- ⇒ **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

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- Be 18 years or older
- Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

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February

Student Birthdays

5th Ella

9th Lily

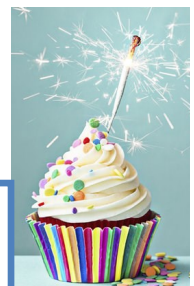
15th Imogen

20th Parker

24th Hayley

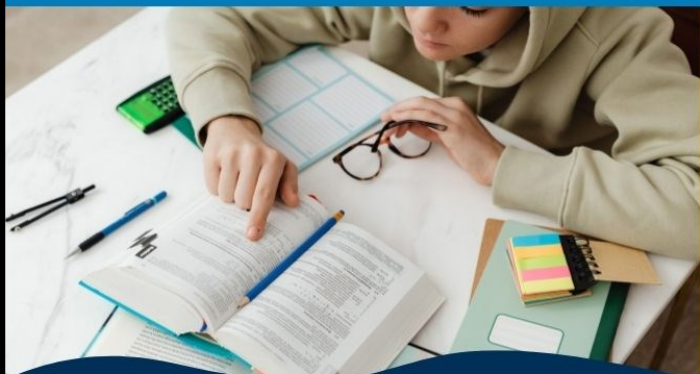
25th Akuol

26th Ollie



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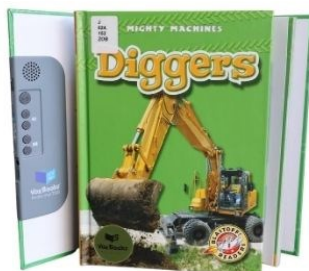
Intergenerational Art

Join our [Intergenerational Art Program](#) to learn various artistic techniques. This program actively involves older adults and younger generations, encouraging them to break down barriers and discover common ground.

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1/2CA Backpage

The Best Part of Me...



The BEST PART of ME
 The best part of me is my heart because I care for others. I do every day every.



The BEST PART of ME
 The best part of me is my ears because I can hear people talk. I also like my eyes because I can see the world. I also like my ears because I can hear my friends.



The BEST PART of ME
 The best part of me is my ears because I can hear people talk. I also like my eyes because I can see the world. I also like my ears because I can hear my friends.



The BEST PART of ME
 The best part of me is my legs because they hold my body and they help me walk. I also like my eyes because I can see the world.



The BEST PART of ME
 The best part of me is my eyes. They let me play the PS5.



The BEST PART of ME
 The best part of me is my nose because I can smell my food. I can hold me up because it is so strong.



The BEST PART of ME
 The best part of me is my ears because I can hear people talk. I can do a ruzzle. I can eat with my hands.



The BEST PART of ME
 The best part of me is my brain because it helps me think. I have ideas and function.



The BEST PART of ME
 The best part of me is my eyes because they help me see. I also like my ears because I can hear my friends.



The BEST PART of ME
 The best part of me is my nose because it helps me smell. I also like my eyes because they help me see.



The BEST PART of ME
 The best part of me is my hands because I can play with my toys. I can hold me up because they are so strong.



The BEST PART of ME
 The best part of me is my legs because they help me walk. I can do a ruzzle. I can eat with my hands.



The BEST PART of ME
 The best part of me is my neck because it holds my head. I can do a ruzzle. I can eat with my hands.



The BEST PART of ME
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1/2CA have been getting to know each other and what makes us special and different from others.

We listened to a story called 'The Best Part of Me' by Wendy Ewald.

We took a minute to think about the best part of ourselves and wrote about it.