



Dear Wallaroo Families,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope this message finds you well and ready for another productive and exciting term ahead. With regular communication through Compass keeping everyone informed and engaged in the happenings of our school community, we will now be sending out newsletters monthly.

I am thrilled to announce that our school bus is now fully accredited and ready for use! This is a significant milestone, as it will greatly enhance our ability to provide safe, efficient and cost effective transportation for our students. I want to extend my gratitude to everyone involved in making this achievement possible.



Another exciting development is the progress on our Indigenous mural and totem poles. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Aunty Marg and Di for their dedication and artistic talent in bringing this project to life. It's a beautiful representation of our commitment to celebrating and honouring Indigenous culture within our school community.

We want to inform you that on Friday, May 17th, there will be a Curriculum Day, which means it's a pupil-free day for students. Our dedicated staff will be engaging in Professional Learning sessions focused on Reading Comprehension and language development throughout the day. We appreciate your understanding and support as we strive to enhance our teaching practices for the benefit of our students.

I want to extend a warm thank you to everyone who attended our first Community Breakfast. It was wonderful to see so many people come together, and I look forward to many more gatherings like this in the future.

As we dive into Term 2, let's continue to work together to create a supportive and inclusive learning environment where every student can thrive.

Regards

Kieran Walta

Acting Principal

Dates to remember:

6 May	School Council meeting
9 May	District Cross Country
	Mother's Night
10 May	Mother's day community breakfast
	Mother's Day stall
	Do It For Dolly Day
17 May	Curriculum Day
22 May	5/6R Funky Farm excursion
23 May	1/2C Funky Farm excursion
24 May	4/5R Funky Farm excursion
29 May	3/4G Funky Farm excursion
30 May	P/1E Funky Farm excursion

Curriculum News @ Wallaroo: Core Knowledge Units

Students have settled into classroom routines very well this term and the new Explicit Direct Instruction has enabled students to confidently transition back into learning.

Through our literacy program, we have an array of engaging units of work called Core Knowledge Units occurring. The purpose of Core Knowledge units is to enhance student vocabulary and reading comprehension. The units cover a broad range of subjects, including language arts, mathematics, science, history, geography, and the arts building a strong foundation of essential knowledge and skills across different subject areas. This serves as a scaffold for future learning and comprehension. Core Knowledge units include content that exposes students to important cultural concepts, events, figures, and literary works. This helps develop cultural literacy. By engaging students with interesting and relevant content, Core Knowledge units aim to instil a passion for learning and exploration. Through hands-on activities, discussions, and projects, students can develop curiosity and enthusiasm for academic subjects.

Term 2 Core Knowledge Units: The focus throughout the school this term is Geography.

P/1E: Let's Explore the World

Students will learn about maps with an emphasis on world maps and globes. They will travel around to the different continents and learn about the special features of each country.

1/2CA: Exploring the Continent

Through the classic Allison Lester book 'Are we there yet?' students will be travelling around Australia, learning about the different states.

3/4G: Australia

Students will explore the different countries and places of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples throughout Australia using the indigenous Australian map. They will study different traditions of nation groups of Aboriginal Australia. While exploring maps they will learn all about map features such a scales.

4/5R: World Lakes

Students will be introduced to the various lakes around the world, emphasising their geographical significance, ecological importance, and cultural relevance. Through this unit, students explore different types of lakes, their formation processes, and the diverse ecosystems they support.

5/6R: Natural Disasters

Students will learn about the various natural phenomena that can cause widespread destruction and disruption to human communities. Through this unit, students explore the causes, effects, and mitigation strategies related to natural disasters, fostering an understanding of the Earth's dynamic processes and the importance of preparedness and resilience.

Whitbourne's Wellbeing update

Values Shop

Students are earning Values Token at an unprecedented rate, meaning the items being purchased at the values shop are getting bigger and bigger. In the first few weeks of this term, I have seen students purchase scooters, teddies, Lego and other amazing items.

Equine Therapy

We are extremely lucky to be able to offer 8 Year 5 students an opportunity to participate in the 'Racing Hearts' program. Racing Hearts offers Equine Assisted Therapy programs to students. It is the first organisation of its kind in Australia, offering retired racehorses a new lease on life through retraining and integration to equine assisted therapy programs for children. The selected students will complete 8 one-hour sessions on a weekly basis. During this time students will set goals to achieve during the program, while developing a relationship with the horses.

Social and Emotional Learning program

Kash has begun taking groups of students for her Social and Emotional Learning program and it's fair to say the kids are excited about it. She will be working with the students on understanding their emotions and the emotions of others and building and maintaining friendships.

Egg and Bacon Mondays

We have our 'Egg and Bacon' Monday mornings which is only possible due the generous donations from the Rotary group.

Kitchen Garden Program

Our Kitchen Garden Program is now running with all students participating in both food prep and gardening each term. Students will work with Kasey to prepare lunches for other students within the school and soup for the whole school community.

Mother's Day Movie Night

With Mother's Day fast approaching, we are getting prepared for our very special evening. On the 9th of May we will be hosting a Mother's Day Movie night. We will be providing the wonderful Mothers/Special People and their students pizza for an early dinner and snacks for the movie.

Indigenous Garden

As most of you have probably noticed, the painting of the Mural and Totem Poles is well underway. It is already clear that this is going to be an amazing space, where all students are going to have the opportunity to learn. It will also be an incredible spectacle for our school.

Inclusive Learning Coach

Wallaroo Primary is extremely excited to announce that we have secured an Inclusion Outreach coach partnership. Sarah Leef will start working with the school from May 20th on a fortnightly basis. She will be working with the PBL team looking at the whole school practices around inclusion, looking at our intervention model and helping us set up an action plan.

ANZAC DAY 2024

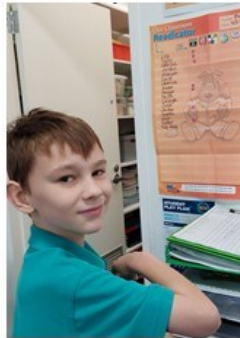


The 3/4's acknowledged ANZAC Day this year by learning about why it is an important day for Australian and New Zealand people. We read the story ANZAC Ted and discussed some words to describe the service men and women who served in the war. The students then drew their own ANZAC Ted's.



READING

Kaden and Jaidyn reached 50 nights of reading at home. What a great effort!



All students have enjoyed practicing to tell the time. We made the most of the sun and headed outside to play some dominoes and bingo.

MATHS



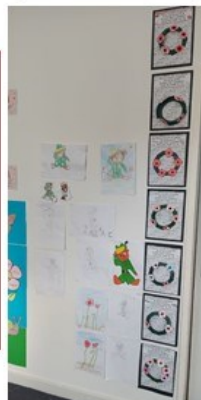
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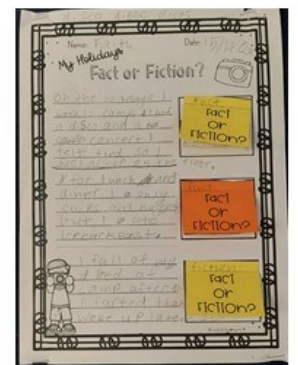
WRITING



To commemorate ANZAC Day, 45R made ANZAC biscuits together. Caleigh and Tayla are displaying the goods before sharing with their peers. Students also read ANZAC Ted and the Poppies, then created some artwork.



Our holiday recount had a twist – we wrote 2 truths and a lie about our holidays. Faith had fun getting creative with her lie.





GRADE 5/6 CITY CAMP



ANZAC DAY

On ANZAC Day, Wallaroo Primary School commemorated the solemn occasion by participating in a ANZAC service. Led by the student leader, students gathered together, adorned in their uniforms, to honour the brave men and women who served their country. We marched proudly through the streets, displaying unity and respect. With each step, they paid homage to the sacrifices of past generations and honoured the ANZAC legacy. Our student leaders, Paige and Hayley laid a wreath to honour those who had fallen. The atmosphere was one of reverence and reflection as the community came together to remember and acknowledge the profound significance of the day.



Message from SRC

Get ready to spread kindness and stand up against bullying on Do It For Dolly Day! Let's paint Wallaroo blue by wearing your favourite blue outfits, as we honour the memory of Dolly Everett and show that kindness always wins. Together, we can create a world where everyone feels valued and respected. Your gold coin donation will go towards raising funds to stop bullying.

#Be Kind

Student Birthdays

May

- 11th Kayden
- 18th Kaden
- 20th Jaylee
- 23rd Caleigh
- 29th Abbey



Don't forget your birthday book from Mr Walta!

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

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.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

