



Dear Wallaroo Families,

What a fabulous Term 2 we've had! Our students have come a long way in their learning with such wonderful growth to celebrate! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Wallaroo staff, students and their families for creating such a supportive space for all. Next term, we are excited to welcome back Stacey Manning who will step into the PE role and support Literacy intervention. We would also like to welcome Adrienne Harris, who will step into the Assistant Principal role. Her role will be specifically in developing curriculum and assessment across the school.



Mural

Our mural is complete—Wow! We can't thank Di Aiello and Aunty Marg enough for the beautiful mural and totem poles they have created for us in our new garden. What a culturally rich and colourful area we have to share and gather in now. All students and staff had the opportunity to contribute to the mural by adding their hand prints to the totem poles this week as part of NAIDOC week celebrations. We would like to thank Dulux for their kind donation of paint for our mural. On the second week of the holidays, jump onto Dulux socials to see a showcase of the Wallaroo Primary School mural.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all the families who attended the parent teacher interviews on Wednesday. Building strong connections between families and teachers are so important for your child's wellbeing and intellectual growth. These interviews were a great opportunity to celebrate successes and set goals for the remainder of the year.

Morning Routine

If you would like to meet with your child's teacher in the morning, could you please book in a time via SeeSaw. The mornings are a busy time as the teachers need to prepare for the day of learning, so scheduling a time will allow for smooth mornings for all. From 8:50am, we ask that all parents leave the curriculum building to help the students settle into their morning routine. Thank you for your understanding.

2025 Enrolments

Enrolments for Prep 2025 are now open. If you know any local families with children starting school in 2025, please encourage them to come for a tour and pick up an enrolment pack. Our website also contains enrolment and curriculum information. Our school community is growing, and we look forward to welcoming new families. **Our first transition session for our 2025 preps will be Tuesday 6th August 2.15pm**

As we head into the school holidays, I wish all our Wallaroo families a safe and restful break. We look forward to seeing everyone back, refreshed and ready for Term 3, which starts on the 15th of July.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Warm regards,

Kieran Walta

Acting Principal

Dates to remember:

15 July	Term 3 begins
19 July	Assembly 5/6R presenting
24 July	Winter Concert at WPSC
29 July	School Council meeting
2 August	Assembly P/1E presenting
5-16 August	Book Fair

Curriculum Report: Spelling @ Wallaroo



At Wallaroo we use the spelling program known as Spelling Mastery. This program builds dependable spelling skills for students in Prep to 6 through a highly structured direct instruction method that blends the following approaches:

Phonemic approach:

Helps beginning spellers learn the relationships between spoken sounds and written letter and then apply them to spelling.

Morphemic approach:

Exposes advanced spellers to prefixes, bases and suffixes.

Combine words and word parts to spell multisyllabic words using a small number of reliable rules.

Whole-word Approach

Gives spellers at all levels the meaning and root of a word and shows how the word's spelling is influenced.

Spell common, high-frequency words which are irregular in their letter sounds.

Commit these potentially troublesome words to memory.

Spelling Mastery interweaves these three approaches according to students' skill development and provides straightforward lessons to help effectively teach the spelling skills students need to become proficient readers and writers.

Students in Prep to 6 participate in three 20 minutes Spelling Mastery lessons each week. Explicit instruction, careful selection of spelling words, and repeated and cumulative practise help students master each concept and reinforce and retain key information.

How you can help at home...

To support your child with their spelling at home, you can ask them to spell words in the books they read. For students in year Prep to 2, their take home books have word lists on the back page. Here is an example using the three Spelling Mastery approaches:

Example word: **unpack**

Phonemic approach:

The sound /u/ is spelled with the letter u

The sound /n/ is spelled with the letter n

The sound /p/ is spelled with the letter p

The sound /a/ is spelled with the letter a

The sound /ck/ is spelled with the letter ck

Therefore unpack is spelled u-n-p-a-ck

Morphemic approach:

Ask your child..."how many morphemes in the word unpack?"

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Unpack has the prefix 'un' and the base 'pack'

Ask your child..." what does the prefix 'un' mean?"

It means 'not'

Whole-word Approach

Asking your child to spell high frequency words from the books they are reading at home. **Examples: I, the, my, he, she, some, you, play, look**

Wellbeing Report

We encourage all our students to contact Kids Help Line over the holidays if they need to reach out and talk to a counsellor. Kids help line is there 24 hours to speak with children about any of the following:

1. **Emotional Support:** They may feel sad, anxious, or upset and need someone to talk to who can listen and provide comfort.
2. **Bullying:** If they are experiencing bullying at school or online, they can get advice on how to handle it.
3. **Family Issues:** They might have problems at home, such as arguments with parents or siblings, and need guidance.
4. **Friendship Problems:** They might be having issues with friends and need advice on how to resolve conflicts.
5. **School Stress:** If they are feeling overwhelmed with schoolwork or exams, they can get help managing their stress.
6. **Mental Health Concerns:** They might be experiencing feelings of depression or anxiety and need professional support.
7. **Safety Concerns:** If they feel unsafe or are in danger, they can get help to stay safe.
8. **Advice and Information:** They might need information on various topics like health, relationships, or personal development.

Kids Helpline is a free, confidential service. The number to ring is 1800 55 1800

feeling worried?
you can talk to us

RACING HEART
FEELING SICK
JELLY LEGS
TUMMY
BUTTERFLIES

1800 55 1800
kidshelpline.com.au

anytime, any reason.

SRC Term 3 Fundraiser

SRC members recently discussed with their class what fundraising they would like to do and what events that could be held to raise these funds. The decision was made that next term, the SRC will be running a fundraiser for Mission Australia, a foundation that helps support the homeless. The classes have voted, and they would like to run a teachers versus students game!

Who do you think will win?! It's your decision...

All you have to do is place your donation in one of the money boxes at the front office. One box will say "teachers" and the other will say "students." If you think the students will win, place your donation in the student money box. If you think the teachers will win, place your donation in the teacher money box.

Thank you,

Paige Fox and Hayley Egan
SRC Representatives

Student Birthdays

July

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| 1st Riley | 25th Zaire |
| 4th Harmony | 27th Anabel |
| 6th Sierenaity | |
| 8th Alleeyah | |



Don't forget your birthday book from Mr Walta!



Life Education 2024



Last week, all our students participated in the Life Education program to learn about healthy living and making good choices.

P/1E learnt about personal hygiene

1/2CA learnt all about build friendships

3/4G and 4/5R learnt about emotional regulation

5/6R: learnt about the damaging impact of vapes



Celebrating NAIDOC

Keep the Fire Burning!



NAIDOC weeks is about celebrating and recognising the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples . A big thank you to Di Aiello for all the work she put into making NAIDOC week a memorable experience for Wallaroo students.





7:00 AM START
6:00 PM END

PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9AM ON EXCURSION DAYS

IN-HOUSE INCURSION EXCURSION

MON · 1st JUL	TUE · 2nd JUL	WED · 3rd JUL	THU · 4th JUL	FRI · 5th JUL
Storyland Adventure	Inside Out 2	Winter Olympics	Pottery Creator	Olympic Fun
Embark on a whimsical journey with Storyland Adventure! Dress up as your favourite book character and dive into your own fairytale. Today we'll write our own unique stories, do some arts and crafts, and take home a magical mixed fairy tale book.	Are you ready for an emotional rollercoaster?! TeamKids is off to see 'Inside Out 2'. Join Joy, Sadness, and the whole gang for a heartwarming sequel full of new adventures and feelings. It's a journey you won't want to miss! *PG Film.	Get ready to embark on a Winter Olympics adventure! Join us for an action-packed session of fun activities including sport, games, relay, and arts and crafts! We'll be feeling all the Olympic excitement today.	Dive into the world of being a Pottery Creator! Children will spin and shape clay masterpieces using ceramic wheels. Unleash your creativity and have a blast creating unique artworks. *Activities may get messy, please wear appropriate clothing.	Experience the Olympic Fun with our mini-Olympic incursion! It's a day of excitement and friendly competition with relay races, games, and a mini winner's ceremony. Don't miss this opportunity to experience the Olympic feeling.
Daily Fee \$94	Daily Fee \$124	Daily Fee \$117	Daily Fee \$109	Daily Fee \$105
After Max CCS* \$9.43	After Max CCS* \$12.43	After Max CCS* \$11.73	After Max CCS* \$10.93	After Max CCS* \$10.53

MON · 8th JUL	TUE · 9th JUL	WED · 10th JUL	THU · 11th JUL	FRI · 12th JUL
Go Yoga-migos	Rock Climbing	Despicable Me 4	School of Wizardry: Potions	Basketball Mania
Time to get twisted! Twist, bend, and stretch your way to becoming a true yogi master! Learn cool breathing tricks and smooth body moves that will make you feel like a superhero while getting fit and flexible!	Today, we're making our way to the top of the world as we go Rock Climbing! We'll learn the ropes & then there'll be countless climbing challenges for us to complete. How high will you go? *Closed shoes are required.	Get ready for mischief and mayhem as TeamKids joins Gru & the Minions in 'Despicable Me 4'. We're in for a wild ride, facing off against a mischievous new rival. Don't miss out on this exciting adventure! *PG Film.	Calling all Witches and Wizards! It's time to unravel the mysteries of magic and learn the tricks of the trade during this Potion Making Workshop! We'll conjure up slime and create Dragon's Milk fireworks!	Today TeamKids will be BBBouncing about the basketball court! We'll be practising our hand eye coordination and footwork skills as we learn some new tricks and games with basketballs! *Closed toe shoes reqd.
Daily Fee \$86	Daily Fee \$126	Daily Fee \$124	Daily Fee \$111	Daily Fee \$106
After Max CCS* \$8.63	After Max CCS* \$12.63	After Max CCS* \$12.43	After Max CCS* \$11.13	After Max CCS* \$10.63