Today our school participated in the annual “Clean up Australia” day campaign. Each year the children walk about the streets of Wallabadah collecting rubbish that has blown out of bins or that people have dropped out of their car, and each year they find there is less rubbish.

In 1989 an 'average Australian bloke' had a simple idea to make a difference in his own backyard - Clean Up Sydney Harbour. The event received an enormous public response with more than 40,000 Sydneysiders donating their time and energy to clean up the harbour. The next year Clean Up Australia Day was born. It’s is this simple idea that has now become our country’s largest community environmental event, and our students are proud to be a part of it every year. Last year’s Clean Up Australia Day over 588,000 volunteers across Australia picked up 15,560 tonnes of rubbish.

"For 200 years we've been conquering nature. Now we're beating it to death."

— Tom McMillan

Christopher Jackson
Principal

Small school “BIG” opportunities!
**TERM 1**

March 2013

Regional Swimming Carnival  
5th March

Harmony Day- An African Experience  
11th March

**Lunch Orders**

Lunches will be on Monday 4th March, Mandy Smith is rostered on for canteen duty. Thank you to Amanda Young and Natasha Payne for making lunches on Monday. If you are interested in volunteering for school lunches on a Monday please contact Cheryl Bray on 67465521 or Jaime at the school on 67465512.

**Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to Ashton Sweeney and Brodie Nankivell who both celebrated birthdays this week.

**Zone Tennis - By James Sherwood**

On Monday the 25th James Sherwood and Henry Saunders went to Zone Tennis to represent the school at Werris Creek. James won two out of twelve games and Henry won five out of twelve games. We had a great day and a wonderful experience.

**Canteen**

Children need to quickly select their orders. The captains are spending all their recess serving canteen.

**Clean Up Australia Day**

Due to wet weather Clean up Australia Day was cancelled.

**Thank you**

Thank you to Amanda Young for her kind donation of exercise books.
A Visit from Mike Gemmell

On Thursday Mr Jackson’s Class had the privilege of meeting Mike Gemmell, a previous principal of Wallabadah Public School from 1986-1993. Some of you may have been taught by Mr Gemell. He was able to provide insight into aspects of Wallabadah history which we are studying in HSIE.

There was no Assembly this week.

Awards

K-1-2 Class
- Logan Hall for working hard in all subjects this week.
- Dempsey Smith for Great reading and stories this week.
- Zack Sweeney for completing all work with care.

Mrs Roseby
- Cloe Hancock for beautiful presentation of Science work.

3-4-5-6 Class
- Joshua Hall for considerable effort in completing tasks.
- Sasha Mackay for great thinking in Human Society and its Environment.

Wallaby Week Ahead Term 1, 2013

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New Smoking Laws
Each week we will be including important changes made on 7\textsuperscript{th} January by the NSW government about new requirements in NSW making smoke free outdoor areas.

P&C News
Easter is lurking just around the corner! We are running our annual Easter Raffle again and asking for all families to please donate something “eastery” to go with the wonderful Easter Egg Marie Blundell is making for us like every year. Please bring it to the school in the next two weeks. The tickets will be coming home soon. Thank you for your Contribution and don’t forget the P&C AGM coming up on 18\textsuperscript{th} of March. All positions will be vacant and we allocate the funds raised during the year. A meeting not to be missed! Thank you!

Cheryl will be reordering new pavers for those who missed out last year and wish to have their family/child’s name included in the school beautification project. If anyone is interested in ordering please contact Cheryl by Friday 8\textsuperscript{th} March.

COMMUNITY NEWS

QUIRINDI & DISTRICT SOCCER
ASSOCIATION INC
(Quirindi Junior Soccer 0-18yrs)
Annual General Meeting
7.30pm Thursday 7 March 2013
Tony Caine Room, Quirindi RSL Club
All interested parents are invited to attend.
For further information contact:
Richard Stinson (President) – 67471791
Michelle Gallagher (Secretary) – 67463505

Quirindi Junior Minor League
Registration Day
Saturday 2\textsuperscript{nd} March
No 1 Oval
5 years and up.
$90.00- Includes shorts, training shirt and socks.