Anyone who’s seen our students on the schools fixed equipment at lunchtime knows most are naturally physically active and love to move around. But what might not be apparent is that climbing to the top of a slide or swinging along the flying fox can help lead kids to a lifetime of being active. At Wallabadah Public School we encourage our students to be physically active and “get involved” with extra curricula activities such as sports carnivals, community events and performances.

Theses extra curricula activities are very important for the development of our students in lots of ways. Not only will each child have the opportunity to learn new skills and work on social skills, but they also will benefit from increased physical activity and a positive change in attitude. Just cast your minds back to last Thursday with our Cross Country and Easter Hat Parade. Every child who attended completed the course and they were all encouraged and clapped over the finish line. The artistic array of hats in the afternoon showed just how creative our children are and how much fun they had parading around showing them off. Children who participate in extra curricula activities have the chance to interact with other children and learn important aspects of communication.

Our “Ten Point Plan” aims to acknowledge children who have been involved in all aspects of our school life. It not only includes these extra curricula events but rewards them for the normal school routines such as homework, school uniform, library borrowing and practicing their reading at home. According to an article I read recently, when a child participates in extra curricula activities, they are able to give their brain a rest from studying and doing homework, allowing them to retain more information that has been learned throughout the school day. A child has the opportunity to learn in an alternative manner when participating in these activities.

When a child participates in extra curricula activities, they are able to interact with other children. Most activities allow children to explore their interests and relax once school has ended. Your child will have the chance to express themselves, which may bring a more positive attitude toward school and home life.

“Participation, I think, or one of the best methods of educating.”

Tom Glazer

Christopher Jackson

Principal

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

April 2013  
- Last Day of Term 1  12^{th}  
- Anzac Day  25^{th}  
- Students return  1^{st}

May 2013

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**Lunch Orders**

Lunch orders on Monday 8^{th} will be made by Cheryl Bray.

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**Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to Joshua Hall who turned 9 last week.

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**Anzac Day**

On the Thursday 25^{th} April students are invited to participate in the Anzac Day March and Service. Students are to meet a staff member at 10.45am in front of the Quirindi Post Office. The Anzac Day March will start at 10.55am. Students are to wear full winter school uniform.

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**Poetry Assembly**

Zack, Eve and Henry hosted this weeks assembly. These are some examples of their work.

**Water**

- Puddles splash!
- Waves crash
- Rivers run
- Waters fun!

*By Zack Sweeney*

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Henry Saunders made a speech on `Motorbikes'
A Poetry Assembly was held this week. Host were Zack Sweeney, Eve Porter, Henry Saunders and Ben Hawthorne.

Awards

K-1-2 Class
Logan Hall for trying very hard to now write independently!
Joey Reedy for having a great attitude towards all school activities.
Zack Sweeney for improvement in oral subtraction questions.

Mrs Roseby
Patrick Penick for showing enthusiasm for all Literacy work.

3-4-5-6 Class
Emily Cronin for consistant effort and help in the classroom.
Andrea Makeham for cooperation and help in the classroom.

Sasha, Henry, Ben and Brodie at Southern Regional Soccer Trials in Gunnedah. Well Done!

P&C News

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 or collect a form from Jaime at the office. Orders will need to handed in next week.

Wallaby Week Ahead Term 1, 2013

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Winner of the NSW Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities award for Cultural Heritage 2013

APRIL 2013

Movies

Saturday 13th
3.00 pm Goddess PG
5.30 pm Beasts of the Southern Wild M

Sunday 14th
3.00 pm Goddess PG
5.30 pm Beasts of the Southern Wild M

Saturday 27th
3.00 pm Cloud Atlas MA15+
5.30pm A Good Day to Die Hard

Sunday 28th
3.00pm Cloud Atlas MA 15+
5.30pm A Good Day to Die Hard M