

WALBUNDRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL

14 Queen Street, Walbundrie, NSW

RESPECT. RESPONSIBILITY. RESILIENCE.



ATTENDANCE

It's always wonderful to have our students in classrooms, ready to engage and learn. Our teachers and school staff are committed to fostering growth and opportunity, and we are here to work with you to support your child to reach their full potential.

Consistently going to school has countless benefits – from learning, to creating social connections and improving wellbeing through access to support and quality education.

Students are required to attend school every day, whether it's the first or last day of the term, Mondays, Fridays or days dedicated to sports carnivals, school excursions and incursions.

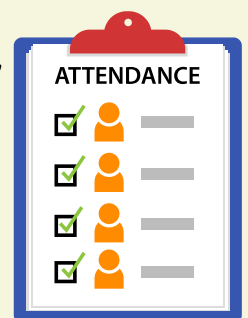
As we look ahead to the remainder of the school year, I'd like to remind our school community that we are here to work with you to support your child to thrive. We know that families experience a variety of challenging circumstances, and we are committed to working with you to address any barriers to regular attendance.

If your child is absent from school, please let us know why as soon as possible, even if it's just a few minutes at the start or end of the school day. Of course, there will be times when your child is unable to be at school, like when they are unwell. Medical appointments should take place outside school hours where possible, and family holidays should be taken in term breaks.

If your child is feeling anxious about coming to school and you need support, please reach out to your child's teacher or to me directly. There are also helpful resources for parents and carers on the NSW Department of Education website.

Thank you for being a part of our school community and for partnering with us to ensure students access the endless benefits of regular school attendance.

Our school attendance rate is 94.5%, compared to the state average of 89.4%. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done and thank you for valuing your child's education.



HIGH POTENTIAL & GIFTED EDUCATION POLICY

The Department of Education recognises that all students should be known, valued and cared for. Every child should be given the opportunity to be engaged and challenged at school so they can grow. When schools focus on high expectations, a whole school learning culture which appreciates quality learning is created and all students benefit.

Students with high potential are found in all schools and from all backgrounds. Curriculum for students with high potential builds on a quality curriculum for all students.

By targeting students' individual needs, learning can be grouped in useful ways (called differentiation) and all students benefit. Schools implementing talent development programs across different areas of potential can capitalise on the variety of student interests, improving student engagement across the school.

SIGNS OF HIGH POTENTIAL

High potential and gifted children tend to:

- be intensely curious
- learn new ideas or skills quickly and easily
- display a good memory
- ask complex questions
- be creative
- enjoy thinking in complex ways
- require fewer repetitions when learning new things
- become intensely focused in their area of interest or passion.



The policy can be viewed by going to the following link:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2004-0051-03>

P&C MEETING

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The next P&C Meeting will be held in Week 5 on Wednesday 28 May at 9am. The meeting will take place in the school library.

All parents and members of the community are invited and welcome to attend.

PERSONAL HYGIENE

In PDHPE students will be learning the importance of personal hygiene. In this we will cover topics such as:

- proper handwashing
- daily bathing
- brushing teeth
- keeping hair clean and neat
- wearing clean clothes
- covering mouth and nose when sneezing and coughing



With the onset of winter brings new bugs and germs so we have already started practicing good handwashing techniques. Please ensure you are discussing this with your children and supporting this at home.



UPCOMING EXCURSIONS

We have several excursions coming up this Term. Starting Week 4 with a visit to Bonegilla Migrant Experience which allows students to immerse themselves in a personal journey of consideration, understanding, empathy and cultural awareness. Unique individual stories put students in the shoes of the 320,000 migrants who came through the camp to Australia.

Then on Thursday 22 May our students will be attending a performance of "Madagascar - A Musical Adventure Jr" by Scots School Albury.

In weeks 6-8 each Thursday the students will be participating in sessions at Flyaway Gymnastics, so it's a busy Term for everyone.

Expression of interest notes were also distributed on School Bytes for our Stage 2 overnight excursion to Melbourne in Term 4. This is for students in Years 3 & 4. Please complete the online form and deposit for this by Friday 6 June.

Planning for the Stage 3 excursion is underway and expressions of interest notes will be sent out this term. The excursion will be to Bendigo and Ballarat, with dates and costings still to be finalised.

WINTER UNIFORM

With the recent change in weather, and given the unpredictability of each day, we ask that students are sent to school wearing their winter uniform or layers of clothing that can be changed as the weather changes.

We have new and second hand uniforms available for purchase from the office.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Thank you to the Piney Range Roadhouse for sponsoring our Student of the Week and providing them with a free lunch order. Your support is very much appreciated.



WEEK 1

Congratulations to Mia Phillip for being our 'Student Of The Week' first week back at school, your helpfulness and kindness shown to all students doesn't go unnoticed.

🥳🎉 Well done. 🥳🎉

WEEK 2

Congratulations to Dylan for being our student of the week. You have been setting a great example of determination with your learning for other students to follow, well done.



We Remember **ANZAC DAY**



Students from our school marched and participated in the ANZAC day service at Walla Walla. Well done to all that came and a special thank you to Dylan and Harry for leading our school and laying our wreath.
Lest We Forget



**Never forgotten. Always remembered.
Let us give thanks to all fallen heroes.**



SPORT NEWS



2025 NSW PSSA TENNIS

Last week, Harry & Daisy Kohlhagen attended the NSW PSSA Tennis trials in Bathurst.

They had a fantastic time and competed in many games over the week. Making new friends and having lots of fun.

What a wonderful achievement and experience for them.

Congratulations to Harry & Daisy.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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EXHIBITION

WHEN:

Saturday 23rd August 9am - 4pm
Sunday 24th August 2025 9am - 3pm

WHERE:

Wagga Wagga RSL,
30 Dobb Street, Wagga Wagga

TICKETS:

\$8.00 Online or \$10.00 at the door
(Under 3 years free)

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LEGO® based School Holiday Program Brick Envoy LEGO Holiday Program Highlights

Welcome Activities:

Name tags and mini-LEGO figure coloring to start the day.
Build your own LEGO figure to unleash creativity.

Exciting LEGO Challenges could include and not limited to:

"Build-in-the-Bag" challenge: Assemble a LEGO set inside a snap-lock bag!
"Musical Monsters" and group volcano builds (with real eruptions!).
Car-building and racing competitions.
Mosaic building (time permitting).

Skill-Building Fun:

Socialization, teamwork, cognitive skills, creativity, and concentration.

Big smiles and fun Guaranteed!

School holiday week 1

Tuesday 8th July
Thursday 10th July

School holidays week 2

Tuesday 15th July
Thursday 17th July

Where:

RSL Wagga
Wagga

Time:

1:30-3:30pm

Provided

Snacks:

Fruit and water
for a refreshing
break

Minimum number 10 per
session, maximum 20 per
session



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to secure your child's spot,
spaces are limited

Costs:
\$50.00 per child

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MICROWAVE DAYS 2025



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
EVERITT	AMARANT	MANN/SUTTON	KOHLHAGEN	ORDERING PINEY ROADHOUSE
McMASTER	TRETHOWAN	WALSH	PACKER	
NEWTON	PATRICK-BEALE	PHILLPS	POPE-SMART	



Library Days

Monday 5 May
Monday 19 May
Monday 2 June
Monday 16 June
Monday 30 June

Reminder - Upcoming Dates

Friday 16 May

WSSN Athletics Carnival

Monday 19 May

Bonegilla Migrant Experience

Thursday 22 May

Madagascar Performance - Scots School

Thursday 5 June

Flyaway Gymnastics

Friday 6 June

Stage 2 Excursion to Melbourne - Expression of Interest notes & payment due