



Walhallow Public School Newsletter



Term 3 Week 2

30th July 2025

We learn and play on Gamilaroi land. Always was, always will be.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 3! We hope you had a wonderful break and are ready for an exciting term ahead.

As we embrace this new term, we look forward to celebrating National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day on the 4th of August, a wonderful opportunity for us to acknowledge and appreciate the rich culture and heritage of our Aboriginal students. Additionally, Book Week in Week 5 promises to be a fantastic celebration of literature and the joy of reading, and we encourage all families to get involved.

I would like to inform you that I will be on leave from August 1 to August 15. During my absence, Melissa Raymond will be stepping into the principal role, and Tenesha Clark will be teaching our K-2 class. I am confident that they will provide excellent support and leadership.

Lastly, thank you to all the parents who attended the recent parent-teacher interviews. Your involvement is crucial for our students' success, and we appreciate your commitment to their education.

Wishing everyone a fantastic Term 3!

Warm regards,
Janet Bhardwaj
Relieving Principal
Walhallow Public School



IMPORTANT

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander viewers are warned that this newsletter may contain images of deceased persons which may cause sadness or distress.

Monday 28th July

*Sport
QHS Experience Day*

Tuesday 29th July

Scripture

Wednesday 30th July

Library

Thursday 31st July

Friday 1st August

QHS Experience Day



On Monday, Lara joined numerous other local Year 5 and 6 students at the QHS Experience Day.

She engaged in a range of enjoyable, hands-on, and educational activities that offered a glimpse into high school life. Activities included science experiments, a survivor challenge, and general knowledge trivia.

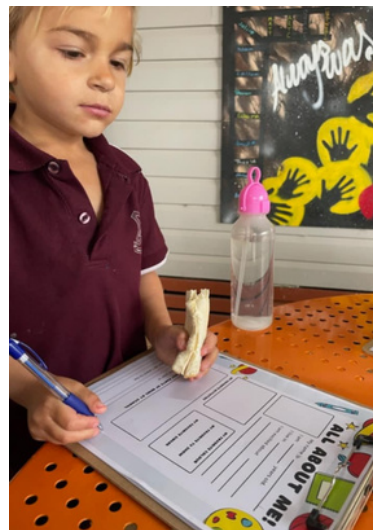
A heartfelt thank you to all the staff and students at QHS who helped make the day a tremendous success!



Lunch Time Get Togethers

This week we started our "Deadly Music and Yarns". Every fortnight we will be listening to a new indigenous artist - this week we are focusing on Troy Cassar-Daley. Students get to choose their yarning topics and this week they have decided to focus on 'All About Them', in particular their favourite things.

If your child has a favourite indigenous artist they would love to share with everyone please let Nerissa or Mrs Seymour know so we can organise some music.



NAIDOC week wrap up

We kicked off our first day of celebrations by welcoming our neighbouring Small Schools, Elders Groups, community and special guests to our Opening Ceremony.

We then moved on to our Annual NAIDOC Cup Tournament where Walhallow, Werris Creek, Spring Ridge, Willow Tree, Blackville and Premer battled it out for the Oztog shield.

Congratulations to our 2025 shield winners: Werris Creek.

Thank you to Jason Allan for funding this event through the Girls in Sport Initiative.

Finally, a huge thank you to Ray and H, Lorraine Nean, Stevie and Tyril from TAMS, Steven and Wesley from Clontarf and Dena from Fillies and Colts for helping making this years' event such a success!







Whats on for the Term

Term 3 2025	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3 4 th Aug - 8 th Aug	Sport National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day	Scripture School Spelling Bee	Library		
Week 4 11 th - 15 th Aug	Sport	Scripture	Library		
Week 5 18 th - 22 nd Aug	Sport Netball 3-6 at Willow Tree	Scripture Book Week	Library		
Week 6 25 th - 29 th Aug	Sport	Scripture	Library Science Day Tamworth excursion		
Week 7 1 st Sep - 5 th September	Sport	Scripture	Library		
Week 8 8 th - 12 th Sept	Sport	Scripture	Library		
Week 9 15 th - 19 th Sept	Sport	Scripture	Library		
Week 10 22 nd - 26 th Sept	Sport	Scripture	Library		Last Day Term 3

Blast from the Past

Mrs Cronin has done it again get ready for a nostalgic laugh with our “Blast from the Past” Photo Feature!

Prepare for a delightful blend of heartfelt chuckles and nostalgic cringes as we dive into our “Blast from the Past” photo series! This fortnight, we’re digging up treasures from our school’s history that remind us of the amazing times we have all shared across the years at Walhallow Public School.

If anyone has any stories or photos they would like to share please let us know.



Attendance Reminder

Community Notices

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

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Good for kids
good for life



Crunch on Vegetables!

Primary school aged kids need up to 5 serves of vegetables every day.

A serve is half a cup of cooked vegetables or one cup of raw salad vegetables.

School is a perfect time to increase vegetable intake! Pack more vegetables for school with these tips:

- 1 Chop carrot, cucumber, capsicum or celery into vegetable sticks.
- 1 Pack small, bite sized vegetables in containers. Try snow peas, cherry tomatoes, baby cucumbers or broccoli.
- 1 Cook extra vegetables the night before and store them in the fridge ready to be added to the lunchbox.
- 1 Let your child help choose, prepare and pack the vegetables.



Hunter New England
Local Health District

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<https://goodforkids.nsw.gov.au>

Good for Kids acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as the first people of this country, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

Yuluwirri Playgroup

At Walhallow Public School Library
Mondays and Tuesdays
12pm - 1pm



We invite families to join us in building strong connections within our community and school. This playgroup is designed to create a welcoming environment for children before they start school, fostering a sense of belonging and ease during their transition. Through engaging activities and shared experiences, families will have the opportunity to connect with each other and with the school community, laying a solid foundation for their children's educational journey. Come be a part of this enriching experience, where connections grow and friendships flourish!



Communities
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