



# Walhallow Public School Newsletter



**Term 3 Week 6**

**25th August 2025**

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

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy 2 weeks we have just experienced here at Walhallow Public School! Our students have been engaged in a variety of exciting activities and learning opportunities that have enriched their educational journey. From hands-on projects in the classroom to outdoor explorations, it's been a time full of growth and discovery.

Our recent Book Week celebrations were a tremendous success, with students and staff alike embracing the theme and bringing stories to life in the most creative ways. The parade was a delightful spectacle, with costumes ranging from classic literary characters to imaginative new creations. The joy and enthusiasm were palpable, and it was a wonderful reminder of the power of reading to inspire and unite us all.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting Science Day excursion planned for Wednesday this week at the Tamworth Astronomy Centre. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our students to delve into the wonders of the universe and ignite their curiosity about the stars and planets.

I also want to take a moment to remind everyone about our Responsible Pet Ownership visit, which promises to be both educational and fun for our students. It's a great way for them to learn about caring for animals and understanding the responsibilities that come with pet ownership.

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.



**What's on Week 6**

**Monday 25th August**  
Sport

**Tuesday 26th August**  
Scripture  
Playgroup 12-1pm

**Wednesday 27th August**  
Science Day excursion:  
Tamworth Astronomy centre  
No Library

**Thursday 28th August**  
Responsible Pet Ownership  
visit

**Friday 29th August**

# Award Winners



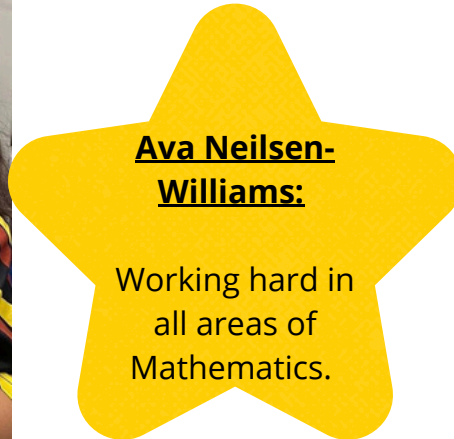
**Lily Johnson:**

For her efforts in all  
Math and English  
tasks



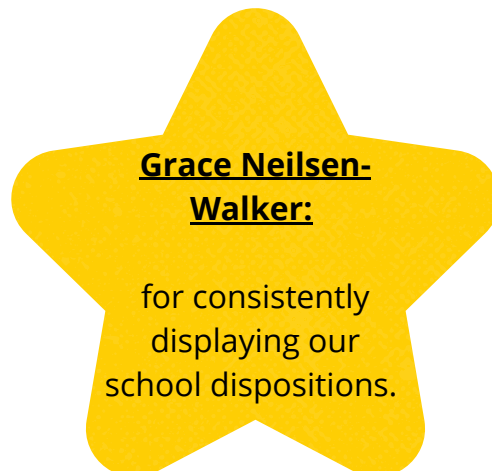
**Ava Neilsen-Williams:**

Working hard in  
all areas of  
Mathematics.



**Grace Neilsen-Walker:**

for consistently  
displaying our  
school dispositions.





# *Book Week 2025*

## *Book an Adventure*

A time to dress up, dive into stories, and celebrate the magic of reading! Because every book is a new adventure waiting to begin...

On Tuesday we certainly had plenty of fun and adventures! With passports in hand we headed off to Italy, Norway, Japan and also explored our very own country, Australia.

At each stop over we engaged in stories about each country and engaged in meaningful activities unique to each destination, which included making masks and origami as well as playing trivia and science experiments.

And what's a travelling adventure without devouring a delicious treat or two! We tried panacotta, sushi, devilled eggs with caviar, waffles with berries and cream as well as an Australian party favourite - freddo frogs in Jelly cups!

A parade was also a must to show off all our wonderful costumes and dance moves as we strutted out stuff.

We also welcomed our Yuluwirri playgroup friends today. Thank you for joining us and being part of our parade.





# Project based learning



## Yuluwirri Playgroup

Yuluwirri playgroup fun! Join us every Monday and Tuesday at 12pm.  
Activities for kids and adults. Drop in for a cuppa and a yarn.





## *Blast from the Past*

Dive Into the Past with Mrs. Cronin's Photo Feature!

Get ready for a mix of laughter and nostalgia as we revisit our "Blast from the Past" series! This week, we're showcasing cherished moments from Walhallow Public School's history.

Got stories or photos to share? We'd love to hear from you!



# Whats on for the Term

<b>Term 3 2025</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Week 7 1 <sup>st</sup> Sep - 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Sport	Scripture Playgroup 12pm-1 pm	Library		
Week 8 8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Sport Playgroup 12pm-1 pm	Scripture Playgroup 12pm-1 pm	Library		
Week 9 15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Sport	Scripture Playgroup 12pm-1 pm	Library	Sport Netball 3-6 at Willow Tree	
Week 10 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Sport	Scripture Playgroup 12pm-1 pm	Library		Last Day Term 3
Holiday week 1 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct					
Holiday week 2 6 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct					



# Attendance Reminder

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

education.nsw.gov.au



# Understanding Absences: Your Support Matters!

We understand that there are various reasons why a child may be absent from school, such as illness, family emergencies, or religious observances. Providing explanations for these absences helps us better understand and support your child's individual needs. We appreciate your cooperation in notifying us as soon as possible when your child will be absent. This not only allows us to mark attendance accurately but also enables us to offer any necessary assistance or resources upon their return. If you have any questions or need guidance on how to report an absence, please feel free to reach out. Thank you for your support!

**Good for kids**  
good for life



### Game: Tricky Catches

Try this activity at home to challenge your coordination and practice the skill of catching.

You will need:

- 1 Different items to catch (e.g. a tennis ball, bean bags, frisbee, soft ball, large ball or a rolled up pair of socks).

How to play:

- 1 Find a space away from others and hold your throwing object.
- 1 Throw your object into the air and do a trick before catching it.

You could:

- See how many times you can spin in a circle
- See how many times you can clap
- Try to do a burpee
- Do a dance



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.

## Healthy Lunchboxes

**swop it**  
everyday in the lunchbox

### 4 simple steps to a healthy lunchbox

Packing an everyday lunchbox is as easy as:

**Step 1:** Pack vegetables for Veg & Fruit Break (e.g. carrot sticks or cherry tomatoes).

**Step 2:** Pack fruit and an everyday snack for recess (e.g. popcorn, reduced fat yoghurt, rice crackers and cheese).

**Step 3:** Pack a sandwich, wrap, roll or leftovers (e.g. pasta, rice or roast vegetables) for lunch.

**Step 4:** Finish with water as the perfect thirst quencher.

Don't forget to pack an ice brick to keep food safe!



Carrot sticks



Banana  
Reduced fat yoghurt



Vegetable fried rice



Water

# Community Notices

## Yuluwirri Playgroup

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



COME & CELEBRATE

## FATHER'S DAY

7 SEPTEMBER 2025

@QUIRINDI HERITAGE VILLAGE  
& MINIATURE RAILWAY



- BBQ
- TUG OF WAR
- TRAINS
- SACK RACES
- 3-LEGGED RACE
- SCONES



TRAINS 10AM TO 1PM

SINGLE TICKET \$4.00  
ALL DAY TICKET \$10.00

BBQ FROM 11AM

BACON AND EGG ROLL \$6.00  
DOUBLE BACON AND EGG ROLL \$8.00  
SAUSAGE SANDWICH \$4.00  
SAUSAGE AND EGG \$5.00

COFFEE SHOP MUSEUM  
10AM TO 2PM

## Willow Tree Lions Club Inc Warrah Creek Charity Run

### ***RUNNING SCHEDULE & TIMES***

Location : Warrah Creek Hall

#### ***Registration & Signing of Waivers from 9am***

All who have nominated online must present to the registration desk to sign a waiver

BOTH 5KM & 1KM EVENTS WILL BE HELD ON A NEIGHBOURING PROPERTY IN A CROSS-COUNTRY STYLE COURSE. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING SPARE SHOES AS THE TERRAIN MAY BE UNEVEN AND MUDDY!!

GOWINGS TOYOTA  
5KM RUN

Entry fee \$15

Marshall 10:15am  
Start 10:30am

HUTCHEON & PEARCE  
1KM RUN

Entry fee \$5

Marshall 11:45am  
Start 12pm

CLUB WILLOW TREE  
TEAM RELAY

Entry fee \$20  
per team

Marshall 1pm  
Start 1:15pm

**PRESENTATION FOR ALL RACES AT 2:30PM**

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY  
DRAWN DURING PRESENTATION

DOG JUMP 3pm  
Cash & Prizes to be won

Live Entertainment from 9am

