



Walhallow Public School Newsletter



Term 2 Week 6

3rd June 2025

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

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this message finds you well! As we reflect on the past fortnight, we are excited to share the wonderful learning experiences our students have enjoyed.

On Monday, May 26, we acknowledged Sorry Day, a significant occasion for reflection and recognition of the history and impact of colonisation on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. In celebration of Reconciliation Week, our students participated in a workshop led by the talented author Corey Tutt from Deadly Science. This engaging session highlighted the importance of science and connection to culture, fostering a deeper understanding among our students.

Additionally, we were privileged to have Jason Allan visit our school to teach us about the Yurrandaali, the totem of the Kamilaroi region. This enriching experience allowed our students to connect with local Indigenous culture and gain insights into the significance of the Yurrandaali.

For this fortnight's homework, we encourage students to engage in conversations with their families about their own family totems. This activity aims to deepen their understanding of cultural heritage and personal identity.

As we approach the end of Term 2, we would like to remind you that school reports will be sent home at the end of the term. Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place in the first two weeks of Term 3, providing an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's learning plans and goals. We encourage all parents and carers to participate in these valuable discussions.

We are also excited to announce that a school playgroup will commence formally in Term 3, running on Mondays and Tuesdays for one hour each day. Please keep an eye out for more information regarding this initiative, which aims to support our youngest learners and their families.

Lastly, we warmly welcome three new students to Walhallow Public School! They have settled in beautifully, and we are thrilled to have them as part of our school community.

Thank you for your continued support, and let's look forward to another fantastic fortnight of learning!

Warm regards,

Janet Bhardwaj
Relieving Principal
Walhallow Public School



What's on Week 6



NSW Public Schools Survey.

In Term 2, we are offering our students the opportunity to participate in the NSW Public Schools Student Survey. The survey gives students the chance to share their thoughts and feelings about life at school, including questions about their engagement, learning experiences and wellbeing at school.

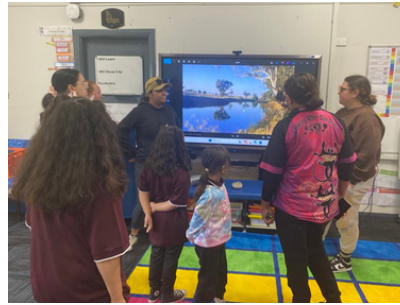
Hearing directly from our students will help us understand what's working well and where improvements can be made to our school. The survey is confidential, takes around 10 to 15 minutes to complete, and will be conducted online during school hours.

Participation is voluntary. If you prefer your child not to participate, please complete the opt-out consent form, which will be sent home, and return it to the school. Further information about the survey is available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/npss>

Mooki River & community

Collaboration

Recently, Walhallow Indigenous Rangers, Michelle, Terrie, Brooke and Emily visited our school to share their knowledge and stories about the Mooki River. Engaging with the Walhallow Indigenous Rangers to learn about the Mooki River and its significance to the local community is a fantastic way to incorporate Indigenous knowledge and perspectives into the curriculum. They talked about the natural landscape as well as man made infrastructure, in particular reference to the bridge.

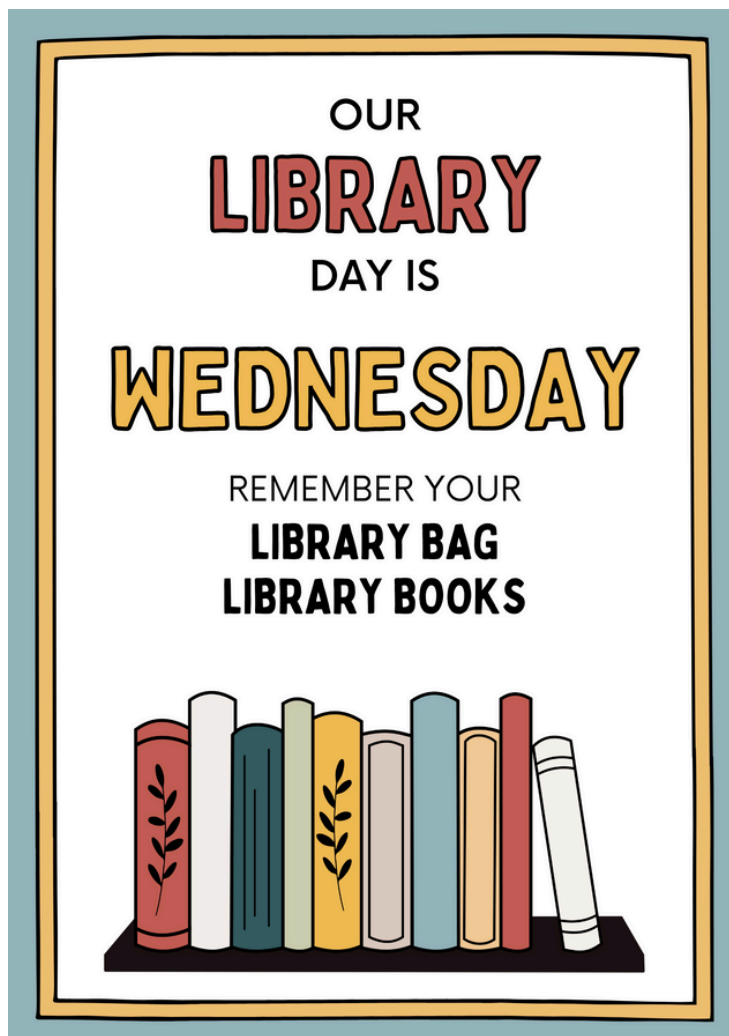


A little sneak peek of the students creating their own landscape paintings of the Mooki River, which will be featured in our NAIDOC art gallery at the end of this term. We are also looking forward to cooking up some yella belly from the Mooki during NAIDOC week. The students' landscape paintings and the planned cooking of yella belly during NAIDOC week will surely enhance their appreciation and understanding of the river's cultural and ecological importance.



Whats on for the Term

Term 2 2025	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 7 9th - 13th June	Public Holiday	School Photos Scripture	Library		
Week 8 16th - 20th June	Sport	Scripture	Library		Assembly
Week 9 23rd - 27th June	Sport	Scripture	Library		Small Schools Sports Carnival
Week 10 30th June - 4th July NAIDOC Week	NAIDOC Assembly NAIDOC Cup	Scripture	Library NAIDOC Art Show		Assembly Last day Term 2



Merit Awards



Congratulations to our award winners:

Class Awards

Lily Johnson: Participating in classroom discussions

Lara Johnson: Participating in classroom discussions

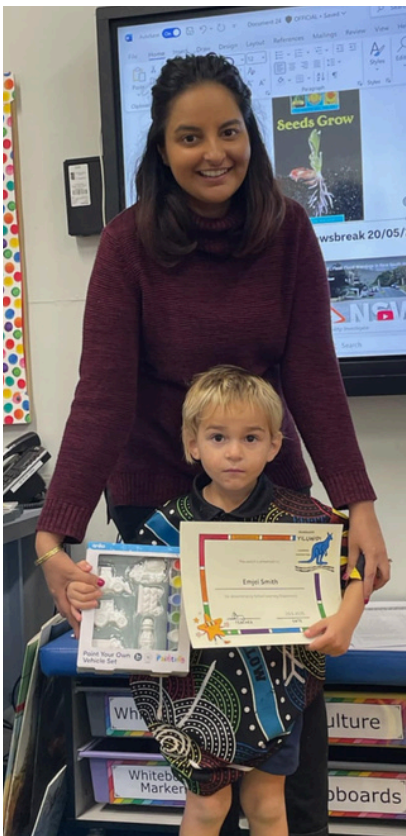
Sports Award

Lilly Smith: participating in cross country

Emjei Smith: participating in cross country

Values Award:

Birthday Award:



National Sorry Day



STEAM Activities



Play based learning



NAIDOC Week Information



2025 Annual NAIDOC Cup



(The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy)

**Walhallow Public School
is seeking interest for teams to
participate in our
Annual NAIDOC Cup!**

When: Term 2 Week 10 Monday 30th June 2025

Time: 10am - 2pm

Location: Walhallow Public School



Lunch available for \$5 per person

RSVP: Week 6, Monday 2nd June 2025

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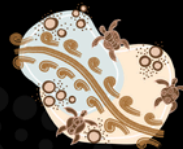


Walhallow Public School's NAIDOC Art Exhibition

Walhallow Public School invites all students participating in the NAIDOC Cup to take part in our NAIDOC Art Exhibition as well.

Students are encouraged to create a piece of art using a medium of their choice that reflects their personal interpretation of this year's NAIDOC theme,

'The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy'.



**Artworks to be submitted
to WPS by:
Term 2 Week 8
Monday 16th June 2025**

*Art Exhibition will be open for viewing during the NAIDOC Cup

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Easy, simple lunchboxes

Fussy eaters can be overwhelmed by having too many options in their lunchbox. Keep the lunchbox simple for easy, healthy lunches that kids can eat before they run off and play.

Remember an everyday lunchbox is made up of:

Drink
Water and/or reduced fat plain milk

Lunch
A meal made with everyday foods, such as a sandwich, wrap, salad, pasta or rice dish

Recess
Vegetables or fruit + 1-2 everyday snacks

Veg & Fruit Break
Vegetables or fruit

Check out some extra tips for fussy eaters at www.swapit.net.au/fussyeating

Lunchbox Ideas