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The inclusive and caring school where expert staff support students to achieve excellence.

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NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 8

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Reporting on student progress

Semester 1 reports will be issued at the end of the term.

Please note that due to the unexpected change of teacher, HB16 reports will be issued at the beginning of Term 3.

Staff Updates

- As a result of Mrs Wood's new position as a Curriculum Advisor, Mr Adam Nutt will be teaching HB2 every Thursday and Mrs Davies will be teaching HB4 every Monday.
- Mrs Gillan has commenced maternity leave and we welcome Mrs Michelle Morrison who has joined us teaching HB10.

Sport News

PSSA Netball

On Wednesday 5 June, our PSSA netball team played the first three rounds of the NSW PSSA knock out competition in a gala day. The team of Chloe, JoJo, Laila, Ebony, Hannah, Zoe, Lily and Keyarn were outstanding and were successful on the day to come away undefeated. They will now await results of other games to see who they will compete against in round 4. Thank you to Robyn Robson and Jade Patterson who helped with some pointers for the girls while Mrs McLean was running the gala day. Well done, girls!

Chloe and Laila recently attended trials for the Sydney North netball team. Although they were not selected we congratulate them on making it through to this selection process as members of the Wallarah zone team. Well done to both girls.

Jilliann McLean

Netball Coordinator

Boys Soccer

Our boys' soccer team played their first round of soccer against Blue Haven Public School. The boys played strong, cohesively and showed outstanding sportsmanship. With this, they were able to take home a convincing win.

Congratulations to the boys and good luck in your next game.

Bianca Baker

Boys' Soccer Coordinator

Presentation Day Review Survey

This year we will be holding our 20th Presentation Day, so it's timely to review our practices and procedures and get all stakeholders thoughts. At the end of the newsletter is a survey for parents to complete. Students and staff will also complete the survey and then I will collate the results and let you know the outcomes. **At this stage I only have 1 parent survey returned.**

The survey has 3 boxes in each area. The first box is our current practice, the second box is another option, and the third box is for your ideas of another option. Please circle one box in each area and if you have further comments or ideas write them in the third box or on the back of the survey. **Please return the completed survey to the front office before the end of term.** Paper copies are available in the front office if you don't have access to a copier at home.

Mrs Sharon Buhr
Deputy Principal.

Kindergarten Excursion

On Wednesday 12 June, Kindergarten students attended their first excursion to Wyong Art House to view "The One Who Planted Trees". Students enjoyed the bus trip, enjoyed the puppets and were well behaved. Students learnt about the importance of trees.

We are looking forward to our next excursion in Term 3 when we will be visiting The Hunter Valley Zoo. Further details will be sent out next term via Sentral.

Mrs Sharon Buhr
Deputy Principal

Aboriginal Education and NAIDOC Day

On Friday 5 July (Term 2, Week 10), Woongarra Public School will be celebrating NAIDOC Day. All families are invited to attend the morning smoking ceremony and assembly from 9:15am. Our didge group will be performing, and our Cultural Group students will be performing a traditional dance that they have been learning with Jono from Dhinewan Mentoring.

All students will be participating in activities across the entire school day. Some of the activities include: traditional dance, art, storytelling, and Indigenous games. Please help celebrate by wearing black, yellow and/or red.

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

About this year's theme: "Blak, Loud and Proud" encapsulates the unapologetic celebration of Indigenous identity, empowering us to stand tall in our heritage and assert our place in the modern world. This theme calls for a reclamation of narratives, an amplification of voices, and an unwavering commitment to justice and equality. It invites all Australians to listen, learn, and engage in meaningful dialogue, fostering a society where the wisdom and contributions of Indigenous peoples are fully valued and respected.



KEEP THE FIRE BURNING! BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD

7-14 JULY 2024

Bianca Baker
Aboriginal Education Coordinator

Transition News

- Congratulations to Ebony in Year 6 who successfully auditioned for entry into Hunter School of Performing Arts for Year 7 2025.
- Wadalba Parent Perceptions survey for Year 6 parents and carers – see following

At Wadalba Community School, we are committed to continuously improving our services to meet the needs and expectations of families in the local area. As part of this ongoing effort, we developed the WHY WADALBA Parent Perceptions survey, which aims to gather valuable feedback on factors influencing parents' decisions regarding high school choices.

Our 5 minute survey focuses on understanding the reasons parents choose Wadalba as their child's local high school, as well as reasons why they might not choose Wadalba. By sharing your insights, you will help us identify strengths and areas for improvement, ultimately enhancing our transition program and the educational experience for students within our community of schools.

Click on the link to access the survey <https://forms.gle/HPVVGyD4bnkGusWCA>

Please note: Respondents will be required to sign in to Google. Upon completion of the survey, your email will go into a draw for a chance to win one of three \$50 WCS uniform vouchers! As a further incentive, we are gifting a beautiful book pack to all participating schools! All responses will be treated confidentially and the feedback received will be used solely for the purpose of improving our educational services. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Wadalba Community School office on 4356 2888.

From the e-safety Commissioner

Parents and carers, technology can impact your child's wellbeing and safety. eSafety is here to help your family thrive online. At eSafety you can find:

- Guidance on parental controls for your family. Learn how to block, filter, monitor and limit your child's online activity
- Advice on keeping kids and young people safe online
- Free webinars for expert tips on supporting your family's online safety
- Assistance in investigating reports of serious online harm and removal of this content.

Term 2 Upcoming Events

Event	Date
K-6 Assembly Hosted by HB12	21st June 2024
Student Parliament Meeting	24th June 2024
Wadalba Community School Targetted Sports Meeting	25th June 2024
Central Coast Dance Festival - Boys Group	25th June 2024
Spelling Bee Finals Assembly	26th June 2024
Central Coast Dance Festival - Girls Group	26th June 2024
K-6 Assembly hosted by HB8 and silver awards	28th June 2024
Central Coast Dance Festival - Stage 2 Group	01st July 2024
Stage 2 Bouddi National Park Geography Excursion - Year 4	01st July 2024
Stage 2 Bouddi National Park Geography Excursion - Year 3	02nd July 2024
Sydney North Boys Football Trials (Soccer Gala Day)	02nd July 2024
Olympic Day Country Meeting	03rd July 2024
K-6 Talent Quest	3rd July 2024
NAIDOC Day Activities	05th July 2024

Stage 3 Great Aussie Bush Camp

Just a reminder that final payment for Stage 3 Camp is due on Friday 21st June 2024.



Olympic Games Day

The Be Skilled and Be Fit company will be back to visit our school in Term 3 for an Olympic Day on Friday 26 July (Week 1, Term 3). Students will be allocated to a country before the end of this term and will learn about the country they will be representing. The countries are Greece, Brazil, Canada, Great Britain, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, South Africa, United States of America and France.

On the day, students are to wear their sports uniform. In the morning, students will be involved in an Opening ceremony with the Olympic flag, Mascot and torch arriving. Students then participate in sporting activities to gain points for their country. K-2 will have sporting activities in the morning session and Years 3-6 will have sporting activities in the mid-session. After lunch we will all participate in the closing ceremony and announce the winning country.

We look forward to a great day of sporting fun and sportsmanship.

Mrs Sharon Buhr
Deputy Principal.



P&C News

Comedy Night

Are you looking for a fun night out?
Join us for our Comedy Night!!

We have a hilarious line up from both Sydney & Melbourne Comedy Festivals.
This event will be held in the school hall so most of our guests can walk to and from.
Come early when the doors open to grab yourself some yummy Pizza from Sirones Pizza Van & drinks will also be available from The Kombi Van they will be serving beer & wine.

Date: 10th August
Time: Doors Open at 6pm for Food & Drinks
Cost: \$30 per ticket

The last comedy night we held was so much fun. Please share and bring a few friends to support our school and whilst having a great night out!

<https://comedyforacause.net/tc-events/wpspc/>

Online P&C Meeting

June 17th at 7pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwscO6prj0uG9Z9Cibnwn5w76rZCoUbaFJA>

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Thank you
Michelle Gatt
President



WALLARAH ZONE FACEBOOK PAGE UP AND RUNNING!

Like the new Wallarah facebook page to stay up to date with information about trials and carnivals within the Wallarah Zone.



Scan the QR code or search for **Wallahah PSSA** on facebook to find us!



Get kids active!

A FREE 10-week program for children aged 7-13 and their families to learn fun ways to get moving and eat well.



Term 3 2024

Central Coast Local Health District



Reduce screen time



Eat more veggies



Build your confidence



Be more active as a family



Make new friends



Drink more water

Program	Location	State date	Day	Time
Go4Fun	The Entrance Community Centre	24 July	Wednesday	4.00–6.00pm
Aboriginal Go4Fun	Gosford Olympic Pool	25 July	Thursday	4.00–6.00pm
Go4Fun	1st Woy Woy Sea Scouts	29 July	Monday	4.00–6.00pm
Go4Fun Online	Online	Every term	Various	To suit you

1800 780 900 or go4fun.com.au to register

Go4Fun



Presentation Day Review.

It is time to review our Presentation Day format and we are welcoming student, staff and parent/carer feedback. Please read each section and circle one box in each section and return to Mrs Sharon Buhr via the front office.

Thank you.

1. Presentation Day organisation.

Separate K-2 (about 40 minutes) and 3- 6 (about 90 minutes) Presentation Day assemblies	K-6 Presentation Day assembly Would be about 2 hours long	Other option. (please specify)
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2. Presentation Day awards

Book vouchers	Medals	Other option. (please specify)
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3. Class awards

4 per class	1 award per 5 students in each class	Other option (please specify)
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4. Class award categories

Academic Citizenship Excellence in (specific KLA) Teacher's award	Dux in class Citizenship Most improved Teacher's award	Other option (please specify)
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5. Sports Awards

Senior Girl/Boy Champion – Swimming & athletics Junior Girl/Boy Champion – Swimming and Athletics	Age champions/boys and girls/ swimming and athletics and cross country.	Other option (please specify)
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6. School Awards

Dux of the school 2 x citizenship awards Sporting Blue	Dux of the school First in English, Maths etc. 2 x Citizenship awards Sporting Blue	Other option (please specify)
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7. House Captains and School leaders

Announced and badges presented at Presentation Day.	School leaders presented at Presentation Day.	Other option (please specify)
SRC announced following year and presented at Induction Assembly.	House Captains and SRC announced in following year.	

Any other ideas or thoughts?