Cross Country

Thank you Sam and Russell for allowing the school to once again use your property for the school’s annual cross country. It’s a great venue and very suitable for such an event. Thank you to all our wonderful parent helpers, you really make an event like this so much easier to organise and manage on the day. An enormous thank you to Mr Walsh for all your organisation, another fantastic effort and a well-run activity.

Congratulations to all students for their efforts on the day.

Good luck to the following students who will represent the school at the Zone Cross Country next Friday, 5th April.

8/9 yrs: Alex Stafa, Jai Davies, Zinc Bosco, Sia Emmett, Emma-Leigh Green, Ayeisha Thomas, Ruby Taggart

10 yrs: William Lambkin, Murray Ede, Rose Worgan, Shae-Lea Thomas, Ruby Ede

11 yrs: Ben Bannister, Tyron Lawler, Eva Boticki

12 yrs: Kobe Davies, Andy Lambkin, Olivia Lambkin
Uniform
It is lovely to see so many students wearing the new uniform, it looks very smart. The jackets and track pants are available at Flanagans. Please name your child’s items very clearly, as they are a uniform they are easily misplaced or mixed up with other peoples belongings.

A new jacket, belonging to Jasmine Turnbull, has gone missing. If your son or daughter has accidently taken it home could you please return it to the office. Jasmine’s name was on a label and on the inside back of her jacket. It could be in the bottom of a bag or under a bed, please check your son or daughter’s belongings, it would be very much appreciated.

Senior Citizens Concert

Congratulations to the Wallaby students for their entertaining rendition of ‘Rock around the clock’ and ‘Take me home country road’ last Friday. Thanks to Miss Cunningham for your preparation of the students, from all accounts the students ‘rocked’ last Friday!

Grandparents Day, Book Fair and Open Classrooms

To celebrate Grandparents Day we are having an Open Day on Friday 3rd April (Term2 Week 1). Please come along and share a picnic lunch with the students, visit the Book Fair in the Library and have a walk through the classrooms.

10:15am Open classrooms
11:00am Picnic Lunch & visit the Library & Book Fair
11:45am Classes resume

Principals Conference
I will be attending the Hunter Central Coast Principal’s conference next Thursday and Friday. The theme of the conference is “The Winds of Change”. Speakers at the conference include the Director General of Education, Dr Michelle Bruniges, the Deputy Director General or Education, Professor Gregory Prior as well as other leading educational and motivational speakers. Ms Adams will be in the Bilbies Class and Mr Walsh will be in charge whilst I am away.

Debating
On Monday a group of year 5 and 6 students attended a debating training day at Singleton Heights PS. The day was aimed at improving debating skills and providing knowledge on the structure of a debate. The students are now more familiar with the roles of each speaker, how to construct a persuasive argument and how to present a convincing rebuttal. At the end of the day the students presented a debate on the topic “School should be longer”. After each speaker, the presenter gave the students feedback on their speech to assist them in improving their debating skills.
Bilbies
What an exciting and enthusiastic group of kindergarten students in the Bilbies class! They actually cheered when homework was distributed last Monday! I hope the enthusiasm lasts. Kindergarten have been working on the ‘d’ sound and Year 1 the ‘dr’ sound. In maths we have been looking at equal and not equal halves of groups and items. A wonderful group of Wallaby students joined our class on Monday whilst Miss Cunningham and a group of senior students attended the debating day at Singleton Heights School. The senior students were great buddies throughout the day and helped the Bilby students with their mosaic art works. Thanks to the senior students for being such wonderful role models. Enjoy the Easter break!

Mrs Nott

Koalas
Half the time this week we have been doing fractions and decimals. We have been dividing pizzas and other shapes into equal portions. The other half of the time we have been concentrating on spelling and writing expositions. The daily fitness regime has been paying off for all of our students with an increase in high energy playing. Well done everyone.

Mr Walsh

Wallabies
This week in the Wallabies class we have been revising multiplication and division. We have also been focusing on writing persuasive arguments in our expositions. This week the students were given the topic children should participate in team sports. The students came up with some interesting arguments for this topic and most students wrote well structured and convincing expositions. In cogs this week we have looked at the different forms of transport in Ancient and Modern China. The students were also given a tangram which they had to manipulate into a form of transport. Some students created boats and others created planes and cars.

Miss Cunningham
Weekly Award Winners

Principals Awards

Bilbies
Chelsea Maloney for perseverance in completing all tasks with a broken arm.
Taylor Grant for a fantastic improvement in attention to detail in all tasks.

Koalas
Josephine Green for a consistent effort in spelling.
Clancy Lambkin for trying very hard in reading groups.

Wallabies
Jake Stampton for being a polite and friendly member of the Wallabies class.
Dylan Bellamy for having a more focused approach to his learning.

Student of the week

Bilbies
Damien Stafa for a tremendous effort in all activities.
Taya Gittoes for always trying her best to complete all tasks.

Koalas
Ocean Taggart for focusing hard on reading.
Zarlie Gittoes for a consistent effort in class.

Wallabies
Ruby Ede for working well in reading groups.
Ben Bannister for writing a convincing exposition.

Merit Awards

Bilbies
Lilly Fernance for being a kind and helpful member of the Bilbies class.
Orlando Emmett for working well on reading tasks.

Koalas
Jai Davies for an excellent effort during PE and Sport.
Emma-Leigh Green for an excellent commitment to all sport activities.

Wallabies
Andy Lambkin for always working consistently in all subjects.
Shea-Lea Thomas for excellent results in the times tables challenge.

Playground Ethics Award
Ellie Wilson for outstanding playground ethics.
Jake Stampton for outstanding playground ethics.