



WALLAROO MINES PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From The Principal ... Mrs Keleher

Week 6 already!

We are halfway through the term already and it is all systems go. Where is this term going! This week we have the Music is Fun Band visiting on Thursday afternoon. The students have been learning songs ready to get involved in this dynamic performance. Families are welcome to come along and enjoy the performance which will begin at 1:40pm. Unfortunately I am on long service leave for the week and will miss it.

Pupil Free Day

A reminder about our Pupil Free Day this coming Tuesday on 12th of June. Staff will begin the day in their Network Learning Groups and then work in groups on collaborative moderation with teachers from other sites who are teaching the same areas or year levels. Teachers have collected work from students to create portfolios and are really looking forward to sharing with teachers from others sites to make sure our judgements are consistent.

Reconciliation Week

This year we continued our tradition of celebrating Reconciliation Week with an afternoon of Better Buddies organised by Mrs Mads and Renee Butler. It is a time when we come together to think about the Indigenous Australian Culture and how we can celebrate and move forward together. It is about acknowledging our past which makes this year's theme so perfect, "Don't Keep History a Mystery". Mrs Mads did a great deal of work prior to this day ensuring that all classes were not keeping the history a mystery. It was great watching the students interact with each other while working their way through a range of cultural activities.

Assembly

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend our first assembly for term 2. It was a jam packed assembly that not only acknowledged our Aboriginal Culture through each class performing but also student achievement. I feel so proud at these events to see students faces when they are up in front of their peers performing or coming forward to receive an award.

Attendance

It's a known fact that children who attend school are more equipped to succeed in life. Attendance is a requirement, not an option and it is our role as a team of parents and teachers to ensure we have students coming to school each day. The Department for Education has a 95percent attendance target for every enrolled child. We are very close to this which is pleasing to see. My concern at the moment is lateness and students arriving well after the bell. Which means that they are not a part of their class morning routine, they are interrupting what the teacher and the class are doing, and they are missing essential instructions and learning. **Hope you all enjoy your extra-long weekend with family and friends**

Triangle 37 Burger bar/Boutique: Love to think that they can make a change in our local community. That's why they are going to donate \$1 from every coffee to the school of your choice for the month of June. So please pop in, grab a coffee and of course tell them that you're from the Wallaroo Mines Primary School.

Dates to Remember

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6	04/06	05/06	06/06	07/06 Music is fun Band 1:40pm	08/06
7	11/06 Public Holiday Queen's Birthday	12/06	13/06	14/06	15/06
	18/06	19/06	20/06	21/06	22/06 Free Positive Parenting Program

Free Positive Parenting Program



Do you sometimes find you have questions about your child's behaviour and development and are not quite sure where to turn?

On **Friday 22nd June from 9-11am** there is a **free workshop** for parents where we will discuss and learn simple and practical strategies to confidently tackle parenting challenges.

The workshop will be delivered by DECD's Positive Parenting Team. WMPS is the only school on the YP at this stage to offer the workshop, so it would be great to see you there!

Light refreshments and a crèche will be provided, if needed.

Please let Tanya Stevens or Kris Strauss-Scott if you would like to attend.



Room 6

On Friday the 1st of June, the children from Room 6 walked to the Kadina Library for a session with Tiffany. She read us stories and we made cardboard monsters. We had a quick snack before walking to the Copper Coast Sports and Leisure Centre for a Kindergym session with Liz. This time we used lots of gymnastic equipment: the parallel bars, balance beams, uneven bars, climbing frame, swing rope, mini tramp, large mat, ride on bee, tunnel, building pieces, musical instruments, bean bags, targets and parachute. We had lots of fun.

This excursion was made possible by the parents who were able to walk with us and help keep us safe. Thank you Mick, Mary, Di, Bronwyn and Kristy.





Reconciliation Week

Reconciliation Week was acknowledged at Wallaroo Mines Primary, not just last week but also in the weeks leading up to our special assembly and whole school activities on Tuesday. Students in each class have been learning about Aboriginal cultures and history. Students shared some of their learning at the special assembly. A special thank you must go to Sam Rudd, our very talented Performing Arts teacher. Mrs Rudd put together the performance 'From Little Things Big Things Grow' with the Room 1 and 4 students. The focus on learning for each class was:

Room 6: Using Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives in Maths, and learning about the Torres Strait Islands

Rooms 2 and 5: Learning about the connection to Country/Land that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures have. We read Dreaming Stories, made puppets and learnt Aboriginal symbols.

Room 3: Learning about the many Aboriginal language groups, and how to say hello in different languages.

Rooms 4 and 1: Learning about Aboriginal history and a focus on Vincent Lingiari.

One of the activities was building humpys (traditional shelters) out of natural resources found. This activity was very popular and the students built some amazing humpys. Other activities included making musical instruments, playing traditional games, reading Aboriginal books, flag collages and learning a range of symbols used in Art. With more than 15 activities on offer the students were certainly busy and all enjoyed themselves.

Don't forget to submit answers to the quiz from the Week 4 Newsletter.



Assembly Award winners

