

# WALBUNDRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Newsletter

Term 3 – Week 4  
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### Education Week 2019

As part of our Education Week celebrations we hosted an Open Classroom and Morning Tea on Wednesday 7 August. We would like to thank everyone who was able to attend. There was a fantastic turn out and we loved being able to involve our families and friends with our learning!

### Hitting the right note ...

As part of our Creative and Performing Arts syllabus, our students will be taking part in music lessons every Thursday from 8 August (Week 4). Last week we had our first lesson with Christie from Murray Conservatorium. We are very excited to be learning something new: the glockenspiel (Wattle) or boomwackers (Banskia).

### Wirraminna Excursion

As part of our Inquiry unit on Living Things this term, all students attended an excursion to Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre on Tuesday. While there, students were able to experience and gain hands on interactive knowledge of lifecycles, native habitats and increased their environmental awareness. A big thank you to the Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre for allowing us to visit.

### P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held Tuesday 20 August at 3:15pm (after our Book Week Character Parade and afternoon tea). It would be great to see as many parents as possible attend.

### Book Week and Book Fair

This year our Book Fair will be held during Book Week. Book Week runs from 17 August to 23 August 2019. Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia spend a week celebrating books, and Australian authors and illustrators. This year's theme is 'Reading is my super power'. Keeping with this theme we are encouraging our students to come dressed as their favourite superhero (or villain) on Tuesday 20 August. Please bring a super-themed plate to share at our afternoon tea and parade (to be held before our P&C meeting). The Book Fair will be available for purchasing items from Monday throughout the week.

Yours in Education  
Kirrilee Twyford  
PRINCIPAL

### Exploring the Environment



### Upcoming Events

#### Friday 16 August

Bernie O'Connor Football and Netball Carnival @ Yerong Creek

#### Monday 19 August - Friday 23 August

Book Week

#### Tuesday 20 August

Book Character Dress Up Day  
P&C Meeting 3:15pm

#### Wednesday 21 August

Gymnastics Commences

#### Thursday 22 August

Music Lessons

#### Tuesday 27 August

Gymnastics

#### Friday 30 August

RPSSA Athletics Carnival

#### Wednesday 4 September

Gymnastics

#### Thursday 5 September

Music Lessons

### Reminders:

Have you paid for your uniform? If not, please contact the office to check your outstanding balance.

### Our Program & Resource Fee is now due.

Cost per child is \$40.00. Thank you to those families that have already paid.

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# Sport

## **Bernie O'Connor Football Netball Carnival**

It's that time of year again! The annual Bernie O'Connor Football Netball Carnival will be held on Friday 16 August. Those students 8 years and older have been invited to participate as part of the Walbundrie Small Schools Network. The aim of the carnival is participation and enjoyment as each team competes against each other in a round-robin throughout the day.

A mouthguard is compulsory for those students playing Football.

We have been advised by Yerong Creek Public School that parents and families are no longer allowed to park inside the sportsground due to safety reasons with children and vehicles. All cars can park outside the sportsground fence along Cole St/ Yerong Creek-Mangoplah Rd, (there is plenty of room). Students can then be escorted inside the ground by parents, carers and friends.

## **Flyaway Gymnastics**

Students will once again be given the opportunity to take part in gymnastics sessions at Flyaway Gymnastics this term. These sessions aim to foster the development of lifelong skill, physical literacy and healthy habits of movement for all participants.

To reduce the disruption to classroom learning these sessions will run back to back on four days with the students taking part in two sessions each visit.

The sessions will be:

Wednesday 21 August

Tuesday 27 August

Wednesday 4 September

Tuesday 10 September

The school has received funding under the Sporting Schools Program to cover the cost of transport and sessions at Flyaway Gymnastics. There is no cost to parents.

A reminder to ensure your child is in their sports uniform on the days we are having gymnastics.



*Well done to our Stage 2 Tennis Stars who won at the Todd Woodbridge Tennis Knockout on Friday 2 August!*

# Is Your Child Ready?



Now that we have had notifications that the Year 3 and 4 Excursion is this term, and the dates for the Year 5 and 6 Excursion next term - it is time to prepare your child for some time away.

School excursions are an important stepping-stone for children to stretch their wings and explore and learn beyond their home, school and neighbourhood. But it's normal for children to feel a little anxious before their first school excursion – particularly if it's their first time away from home. However, with a little bit of preparation parents can help children prepare for their school excursion, to give them a greater chance of settling in quickly and enjoying the new experience.

It is important that your child is independent and responsible in some aspects of the trip. By fostering these skills, parents will help their child grow their resilience and confidence. It can also minimize anxiety as they feel that they will be able to cope on their own.

Some things that you may be able to work on with your children before the excursion are:

- Be able to use cutlery and cut up own meals for examples meat, schnitzels, etc.
- Be responsible for their own belongings especially packing bags, etc.
- Turn on and use showers independently, dry themselves, etc.
- Personal hygiene i.e. brush their teeth, wash face, brush and do their hair, etc.
- Get clothes out of bag and dress themselves.
- Tie their own shoe laces.
- Keep their room tidy and organized.



School excursions are a great opportunity for children to reach outside their comfort zone, discover new friends and experience outdoor adventures first hand. Parents have an important role to play in helping them to be prepared physically, emotionally and practically.





## HITTING THE RIGHT NOTE



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# Education Week - Open Classroom

It was wonderful to have so many friends and family come and visit our classrooms!



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# Superheroes ... Assemble!

We are calling on all our super-individuals for a mighty mission.

Help us celebrate Book Week and our Book Fair by coming to school dressed as your alter ego on Tuesday 20 August!

Bring a hero/villian inspired plate to share.

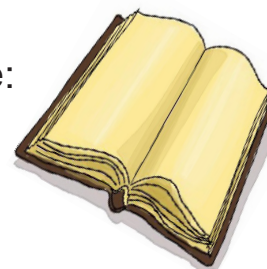
Friends and family are invited to attend our afternoon tea at 2:30pm.



Walbundrie Public School P&C  
We have the following items for sale:

Walbundrie Crossroads     \$20.00  
School Hats                     \$15.00

Payable to P&C



## Kindergarten 2020 Transition Program

We invite your child into the class each of the four sessions to be involved in activities, establish new friendships, become familiar with Mrs Twyford, Mrs Chang and Mrs Gales and learn about what it will be like at school next year.



It is also a valuable time for our teachers to get to know your child before the first day next year. We look forward to seeing you.



### Session Times

Session 1 - Tuesday 22 October  
9:00am - 12:30pm

Session 2 - Tuesday 29 October  
9:00am - 12:30pm

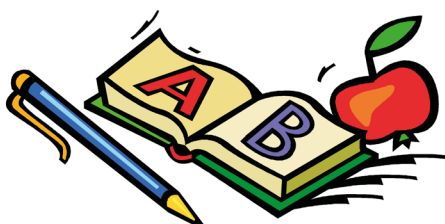
Session 3 - Tuesday 5 November  
9:00am - 12:30pm

Session 4 - Tuesday 12 November  
9:00am - 3:00pm

### What should my child bring?

We suggest each child should bring the following to each session:

Bag  
Hat  
A piece of fruit (cut)  
Lunch and recess  
Drink of water  
Change of clothes



# Walbundrie Whereabouts



Term 3	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	22/7 <b>SDD</b>	23/7 First Day of Term 3 for all students	24/7	25/7	26/7 Bernie O'Connor Training @ Walbundrie
	2	29/7 School Library	30/7	31/7	1/8	2/8 Todd Woodbridge Tennis Knockout
	3	5/8 Mobile Library	6/8	7/8 Open Classroom 10:30am	8/8 Music Lessons	9/8
	<----- Education Week ----->					
	4	12/8 School Library	13/8 Wirraminna Excursion	14/8 Bernie O'Connor Training @ Burrumbuttock	15/8 Music Lessons	16/8 Bernie O'Connor Football Netball Carnival @ Yerong Creek
	5	19/8 Mobile Library	20/8 Book Week Dress Up Day Parade and Afternoon Tea 2:30pm P&C Meeting - 3:15pm	21/8 Gymnastics	22/8 Music Lessons	23/8
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	6	26/8 School Library	27/8 Gymnastics	28/8	29/8 Music Lessons	30/8 RPSSA Athletics Carnival
	7	2/9 Mobile Library	3/9	4/9 Gymnastics	5/9 Music Lessons	6/9
	8	9/9 School Library	10/9 Gymnastics	11/9	12/9 Music Lessons	13/9
	9	16/9 Mobile Library	17/9	18/9	19/9	20/9
	<----- Stage 2 Excursion ----->					
	10	23/9 School Library	24/9	25/9	26/9 Music Lessons	27/9 Last Day of Term 3