

WALBUNDRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL

14 Queen Street, Walbundrie, NSW

RESPECT. RESPONSIBILITY. RESILIENCE.



Congratulations to
our Award recipients
for Week 10



Things got a little muddy
during the Stage 2
Excursion to Borambola!

Stage 2 Excursion

Our Year 3 and Year 4 students had so much fun this week at Borambola. Students got the opportunity to have a go at archery, pioneering, circus skills and got nice and muddy in a mud run. It was a jam packed overnight excursion! It was a excellent opportunity for our younger students to reach outside their comfort zone, discover new friends and experience outdoor adventures first hand.



We had so much fun
trying new things at
Borambola this week!



Footy Colours Day

As part of our end of term activities we dressed up for Footy Colours Day today. Every dollar raised supports Fight Cancer Foundation's education programs to help kids with cancer continue with their education during treatment and recovery.



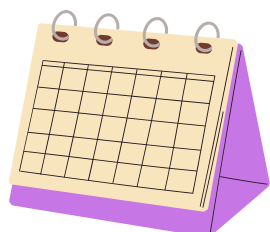
... Not long now

We say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Chang as she spends the last few weeks preparing for the new addition to the Chang family. We can't wait to meet the new baby!



Looking forward to Term 4

Wow the year is simply flying by! Only Term 4 to go and we will have had another busy year at Walbundrie Public School. In Term 4 our students will have a go at golf for sport, perfect their acting skills with drama workshops, welcome our future kindergarten students and prepare to farewell our Year 6 students as they set off to high school.



Parent Feedback Survey

Thank you to those parents who completed our survey. By completing this form you give us valuable feedback, that we can evaluate and action in the future.



"The Alphabet of Awesome" Performance

Last Friday we attended the "The Alphabet of Awesome" at the Cube in Wodonga. We got to experience 26 quirky scientific demonstrations – that squished and squirted, floated and flew, erupted and exploded.



Stage 3 Excursion: 14 -16 November

It's only a handful of weeks away, but our Year 5 and Year 6 students are excited to be heading to Canberra for our Stage 3 Excursion. Just a reminder that approximate cost for this excursion is \$275.00 (excluding the \$50.00 deposit already paid) per student. All money needs to be paid or arrangements made with the school, prior to the excursion. Further information will be emailed out closer to the date.



On behalf of the staff of Walbundrie Public School, we wish all our families a safe and restful break. We look forward to seeing you all in Term 4. Enjoy the next two weeks, rest, relax and come back ready to learn!

Holiday Break

Upcoming Dates

Monday 10 October

First Day of Term 4

Monday 17 October

Kindergarten Transition -
Session 1

Wednesday 19 October

NSWPSSA Primary Athletics
Championship

Thursday 20 October

NSWPSSA Primary Athletics
Championship

Monday 24 October

Kindergarten Transition -
Session 2

Monday 31 October

Kindergarten Transition -
Session 3



**Our Program and Resource
Fee for 2022 is now due.**

Cost per child is \$45.00

**Thank you to those families
who have already paid.**



Library Tracker

**Thursday 13 October:
School Library**

**Thursday 20 October:
Mobile Library**



Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful (IER) Schools Package

The Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful (IER) Schools package was announced in February this year by NSW Minister for Education and Early Learning, Hon Sarah Mitchell.

It centres on three new policies and procedures and a framework that together set the guidelines for how we ensure all children and young people can learn through public education in a safe and engaging way. The IER Schools package includes the:

- Inclusive Education Policy for students with disability
- Student Behaviour Policy and Procedures
- Restrictive Practices Framework and Restrictive Practices Reduction and Elimination Policy and Procedures.

With these new policies, we want all students to:

- be included in all aspects of school life and supported to learn to their fullest capability
- be supported in engaging, respectful, and effective classrooms with positive and inclusive practices
- feel welcomed, valued and safe in our schools and classroom

Two of the policies are new: the Inclusive Education Policy; and the Restrictive Practices Framework and policy. Both clarify existing legal obligations, effective, appropriate and prohibited practices, and the rights of students, parents and carers.

The Student Behaviour Policy replaces the Student Discipline in Government Schools and Suspension and Expulsion Policy. The key change is the approach all NSW public schools will take to address disruptive or inappropriate behaviour by a student. The duration of a suspension will be reduced along with the number of suspensions across a school year. Every school will be able to draw on the support of a range of staff including behaviour specialists to effectively address issues resulting in these behaviours in order to prevent future escalations. We will continue to work closely with you and all our families.

It does not mean, however, that students who are violent or seriously disrupt the learning and wellbeing of others will be kept at school. Any student who puts the safety of other students, teachers and staff or visitors at risk of harm – will be suspended until it is safe for them to return.

The Inclusive Education Policy for students with disability and the Student Behaviour Policy become operational in Term 4, 2022 and the Restrictive Practices Policy becomes operational in Term 1, 2023.

All our staff are reviewing our current approach to all of the areas covered by these policies, and wish to share any changes we believe need to be made with you next term.

Our school already takes a strong, positive student-centred approach, but we want to work with you to ensure, together, every student has the right support at the right time to help them grow into confident, resilient adults.

For more information on these policies, please visit the NSW Department of Education website.

Bushfire Season 2022-2023

Our school is in a bushfire prone area and has been listed as **Category 1** on the NSW Department of Education's bushfire risk register.

To ensure the health, safety and welfare of students and staff, the Department has determined that **on days when NSW Rural Fire Service declares a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating for Great Hume Shire, our school will temporarily cease operations for the following day.**

In addition, our school may be made non-operational due to changing higher risk conditions and advice from Emergency Services and the State Emergency Operations Centre.

We recommend that you download the Parent App and select to monitor advice from our school which will push notifications to you advising that the school is non-operational.

The Fire Danger Rating does not mean there will be a bushfire, but rather weather conditions that could pose a high risk for a bushfire event. The measure is proactive to ensure staff, students and the community remain safe.

Our school will inform our school community after 4 pm if there is a change to the operational status of the school for the following day. To assist the school in contacting all families please ensure that you have provided us with up-to-date contact details.

Further information on up-to-date communication of school operations, can also be found through:

- Our school website or Facebook page.
- NSW Department of Education's School Safety website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety>
- NSW School Updates app: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/nsw-school-updates-app>, and
- Social media.

We recommend that all of our families follow the advice of the NSW Rural Fire Service and ensure that your family knows what to do if there is a fire.

It can take as little as five minutes to make your plan. Discuss it with your family so you know what you will do in the event of a fire. <https://www.myfireplan.com.au/>

October is Cyber Security Month!

So, we're taking the opportunity to shine a spotlight on online security and safety for the whole family.

Join Trent Ray (Cyber Safety Educator) and Luca Gennai (Cyber Security Officer) from the Cyber Safety Project team in this FREE online workshop as they share important insights and helpful tips to level up your family's online security and safety.

Tune in as a family... parents, kids (9+), grandparents and carers are all encouraged to participate.

In this highly interactive online session you'll work together to create a safe online environment for the whole family.

We've got some BIG topics to make sense of, including:

- Why is it important to care about cyber security?
- Who can really see us online and how can people gain access to our personal and secure information?
- What are the most common cyber crimes, and how can we avoid the risks of being scammed and extorted?
- What are the easiest ways we can level up our family's online security?
- Where can we get help and support if things go wrong?

REGISTER NOW >



<https://tinyurl.com/5a5b6dx6>

Facilitators

TRENT RAY | Managing Director & Cyber Safety Educator, Cyber Safety Project

Trent has over 15 years experience working as a primary/secondary school teacher and leader in Victorian Schools. More recently, Trent's roles include Co-Founder of the Cyber Safety Project, Director of Collective Education Australia and working in partnership with the Education team at Microsoft Australia.

LUCA GENNAI | Cyber Security Officer, Cyber Safety Project

Luca is our resident tech guru recently graduating with a Bachelor Degree in Computer Science and a fresh perspective of all things cyber security. His experience working at Telstra and vast technical insights strengthens cyber security education for stakeholders in our community.

Guest Speaker

RYAN MACALLEF | Cyber Security Assurance & Testing at Telstra

Ryan is an Ethical Hacker who is passionate about supporting companies to improve their security and prevent attacks from online criminals. With their permission, companies allow Ryan to ethically hack the people, processes and technologies within the company to uncover where cyber criminals may find ways of breaking through their network.



Is your child ready to start
Kindergarten in 2023?

Or do you know someone who is?

**WE ARE NOW SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
FROM PARENTS WHO ARE LOOKING TO ENROL THEIR
CHILD IN KINDERGARTEN IN 2023.**

Walbundrie Public School prides itself on being a dynamic and progressive rural school that provides a safe and positive learning environment that caters for the individual needs of all our students.



We want to make sure you, your child and your family are well equipped for a smooth and happy transition to school.


Our Kindergarten Transition Program allows your child to experience 'big school' in safe and happy surroundings.



If you or someone you know has a child ready to join our Walbundrie Public School family in 2023, please contact our school office for more information.



Kindergarten 2023 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 Charlton and Miss Purves 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

What should my child bring?



Session 1	Monday 17 October 9:00am - 12:30pm
Session 2	Monday 24 October 9:00am - 12:30pm
Session 3	Monday 31 October 9:00am - 12:30pm
Session 4	Monday 7 November 9:00am - 3:00pm

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

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What to do if my child is sick?

If your child is unwell they must remain at home.

Symptoms include:

- fever (37.5 degrees Celsius or higher)
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath (difficulty breathing)
- runny nose
- loss of taste
- loss of smell.

Other reported symptoms include:

- fatigue
- acute blocked nosed (congestion)
- muscle pain
- joint pain
- headache
- diarrhoea
- nausea/vomiting
- loss of appetite.

If my child is ...	You must
Unwell and displaying COVID-19 symptoms	Keep your child at home. Notify the school via phone, email or Skool Loop. Continue to conduct daily RATs.
Unwell, but testing negative on 2 or more daily RATs	Keep your child at home. Notify the school via phone, email or Skool Loop. Take your child to get a PCR Test.
Unwell and tests positive on a RAT or PCR at any point	Notify the school via phone, email or Skool Loop. Register the positive RAT via the Service NSW website or app. Follow NSW Health advice ensure your child isolates for 5 days from the positive test result.

From 12 January, you must report a positive rapid antigen test result:

- within 24 hours of getting the result.
- every time you get a positive result.

If you have tested positive and reported your result, you can:

- quickly understand your relative level of risk based on your personal circumstances
- access support services available from NSW Health

When you register your positive rapid antigen test (RAT) result online or over the phone, you will be asked to answer questions that help determine whether you are at higher risk of severe illness. If you had a positive PCR result, you will be sent a link to similar questions by SMS. Please reply to these questions as soon as you can.

You will also be sent advice on self-isolation and how to look after your illness at home. If you are at higher risk of severe illness, NSW Health will ask you some more questions. This is to check if you're eligible for antiviral or other early treatment for COVID-19.



My child has completed their 5 days of isolation - what happens next?

If your child is symptom free:	If your child is still displaying symptoms:
<p>Students may return to school.</p> <p>Students must wear a mask if they have completed their 5-day isolation period and are no longer showing symptoms for an additional 2 days (from days 6 – 7 after receiving a positive COVID-19 result).</p>	<p>If a student is still displaying symptoms on day 5 of their isolation period, they need to remain in isolation until 24 hours after their symptoms have resolved. If symptoms persist, NSW Health advise that individuals should consult a GP, who will be able to provide further support related to individual circumstances</p>

CLOSE CONTACTS

Households are one of the highest risk settings for spreading COVID-19. After being exposed to someone with COVID-19 you are at risk of illness for 14 days. Most people who develop COVID-19 will get symptoms in the first 7 days, however some people will develop symptoms between day 7 and 14.

While you are legally required to follow NSW Health guidelines for 5 days, it is recommended that you continue to monitor for symptoms and take precautions for 14 days to help protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

What to do if my child is a close contact?

If my child is ...	You must
A close contact and has no symptoms	<p>Notify the school via phone, email or Skool Loop.</p> <p>Continue to conduct daily RATs and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 school days.</p> <p>Wear a mask indoors except when eating or exercising.</p>
A close contact and has symptoms	<p>Keep your child at home until symptom free.</p> <p>Notify the school via phone, email or Skool Loop.</p> <p>Take your child to get a PCR Test.</p> <p>Isolate.</p>