

# WALBUNDRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL

14 Queen Street, Walbundrie, NSW

RESPECT. RESPONSIBILITY. RESILIENCE.



Well done Eli, Oscar, Riley and Ruby on your efforts at the NSW PSSA Athletics Championships!

Our amazing runners managed to place 8th in the NSW!



## Welcome to Term 4!

Welcome back to our final Term for 2022. We hope everyone was able to rest and recharge over the holiday break. This term is normally a busy one - already we have had Kindergarten Transition start, our relay team head off to the NSW PSSA Athletics Championships and gotten back into our school routines. We have a busy term ahead, as we prepare to celebrate another year of learning, farewell our Year 6 students and get ready for 2023!



We had fun and games with our future Kindergarten students!

## NSW PSSA Athletics Championships

Well done to Riley, Eli, Oscar and Ruby on their efforts yesterday! You should be extremely proud of your achievements. A huge thank you to our parents who made the long trek to Sydney and back so our relay team could compete - without you it would not have been possible.



## Adding a little Drama ...

This term we have secured an external Drama instructor to help us improve our dramatic skill sets. Over the next few weeks in the lead up to our end of year concert, students in both classes will have lessons on voice projection, moving in a space and characterisation to improve our concert.



## P&C Meeting

A reminder that our next P&C Meeting will be held next Thursday 27 October at 3:15pm. It would be great to see as many parents attend as possible.



Our garden was bursting with growth over the break!



## Taking a swing at it

Students have had the opportunity to take part in our first golf session this week (after our wash out last week!). Students will do golf for sport for the first four weeks of this term.

## Kindergarten Transition

We had our first Kindergarten Transition on Monday. It was great meeting Jordan, Will, Turk and Hunter. Mrs Charlton has been busy planning lots of fun activities for each of the sessions, which we are sure everyone will enjoy! There are two more short sessions before our new friends get to spend the whole day with us here at school.



## Stage 3 Excursion: 14 -16 November

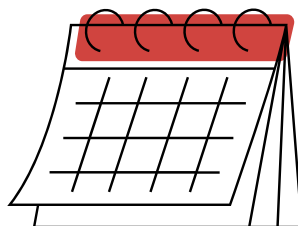
It's only a handful of weeks away, but our Year 5 and Year 6 students are excited to be heading to Canberra for our Stage 3 Excursion. Just a reminder that the cost for this excursion is \$275.00 (excluding the \$50.00 deposit already paid) per student. All money needs to be paid or arrangements made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



## Save the Dates:

Our final term for 2022 will be a busy one - here are some important dates to add to your calendar:

- Monday 14 November - Stage 3 Excursion
- Tuesday 15 November - Stage 3 Excursion
- Wednesday 16 November - Stage 3 Excursion
- Presentation Night - Friday 9 December
- Year 6 Farewell Dinner - Monday 12 December
- Community Morning Tea - Wednesday 14 December
- Last Day of Term 4 - Friday 16 December
- Staff Development Day 1- Monday 19 December
- Staff Development Day 2 - Tuesday 20 December



## DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

*1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but...*

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of school that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

If you want your child to be successful at school then  
**YES, attendance does matter!**

**EVERY DAY COUNTS!**

## Upcoming Dates

### Monday 24 October

Kindergarten Transition -  
Session 2  
9:00am - 12:30pm

### Thursday 27 October

Assembly 3:15pm

### Monday 31 October

Kindergarten Transition -  
Session 3  
9:00am - 12:30pm

### Monday 7 November

Kindergarten Transition -  
Session 4  
All Day

### Thursday 10 November

Assembly 2:45pm

### Monday 14 November

Stage 3 Excursion

### Tuesday 15 November

Stage 3 Excursion

### Wednesday 16 November

Stage 3 Excursion



**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 27 October:  
School Library**

**Thursday 3 November:  
Mobile Library**

# CULCAIRN

## Street Party

**FRIDAY**  
**18TH NOVEMBER '22**  
**5 - 9 PM**

**MARKETS**  
**MUSIC**  
**FOOD**

**FIREWORKS**  
**FAMILY FUN**  
**KIDS ENTERTAINMENT**



# SUSSAN LEY'S Christmas Card Cover Competition

## About the Competition

The annual Christmas Card Competition is back for 2022. I am inviting our younger locals to get creative and submit either a **drawing** or **photograph** with the theme "Christmas in Regional Australia".

**There will be a total of three winners, one from each category:**

- Kinder to Year 1
- Year 2 to Year 3
- Year 4 to Year 6

Each winner will receive a \$50 book voucher and their drawing/photograph, name, age and school will feature on my Christmas Card's, which will be distributed throughout my electorate of Farrer.

**ENTRIES CLOSE MON 21 NOVEMBER 2022**

Please send entries by email to **farrer@aph.gov.au** or by post to **PO Box 517, Albury NSW 2640**

**Winners to be announced on 30 Nov 2022**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Draw your image here

or

along with this form, send/email your drawing

on separate A4 paper



**SUSSAN LEY MP**  
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# 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/>

# 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.



# 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

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

## 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

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.