

WALBUNDRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL

14 Queen Street, Walbundrie, NSW

RESPECT. RESPONSIBILITY. RESILIENCE.



Kindergarten Transition

We have only one more Kindergarten Transition session remaining with our future Kindergartners! It has great getting to know Jordan, Will, Turk and Hunter. Just a reminder to our new parents, our final session on Monday is an all day event - giving your child a taste of big school. A big thank you to Mrs Charlton who has made a huge effort to make these sessions so much fun!



Concert Costumes

All parents received an email last week regarding their child's assigned costume for our "Shrektacular" performance. Please ensure all costumes are at school no later than Friday 18 November to allow us plenty of time to practise!

Christmas Hampers

It's that time of year again! Our P&C are seeking donations of Christmas themed or gift items (i.e. napkins, candles, lights, non-perishable special occasion food, etc.) to fill out our hampers. All donations can be left at the office up until Tuesday 6 December. The hampers that are made from your donations are raffled off as prizes to be drawn at our Presentation Night celebrations.



We're really getting the swing of golf, don't you think?



Assembly

Our final assembly for 2022 will take place on Thursday 10 November at 2:45pm. Parents are welcome to come along.



Stage 3 Excursion: 14 -16 November

It's only two 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.



P&C Meeting

A reminder that our final P&C Meeting for 2022 will be held Thursday 24 November at 3:15pm. It would be great to see as many parents attend as possible.

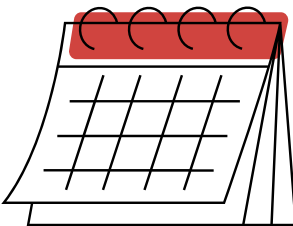
A welcome addition

We are proud as punch to announce that Mrs Chang had a gorgeous, healthy baby girl last week - welcome Emily Sally Chang! Both mum and bub are doing well - we even got to meet her this week!



Save the Dates (Updated):

Our final term for 2022 will be a busy one - here are some important dates to add to your calendar (please note some of the previous dates have changed):



- 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 - Tuesday 13 December
- Fun Day - 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 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

Thursday 24 November

P&C Meeting 3:15pm

Friday 9 December

Presentation Night and
Concert 6:30pm

Monday 12 December

Year 6 Farewell 6:00pm

Tuesday 13 December

Community Morning Tea
11:00am

Wednesday 14 December

Fun Day

Friday 16 December

Last Day of Term 4



**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 10 November:
School Library**

**Thursday 17 November:
Mobile Library**

Walbundrie Public School

proudly presents:

SHREKTacular

Friday 9 December 2022
6:30pm

Walbundrie Hall



CULCAIRN

Street Party

FRIDAY
18TH NOVEMBER '22
5 - 9 PM

MARKETS
MUSIC
FOOD

FIREWORKS
FAMILY FUN
KIDS ENTERTAINMENT



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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.