

Respect

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Resilience

Compassion

A Strong Beginning for a Great Future

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Attendance

Beginning at the end of Term 2 2018 the Department of Education now requires schools to send them attendance data to them EVERY DAY! This means that if we don't hear from you via phone or in advance via diary eg for appointments and so on, as to why your child is absent then myself, Meredith or Erin we will contact you on the day.

The reasons for this are so everyone knows where your children are at any given time and also because every child needs to be at school every day to ensure the best and most consistent education for your child.

University of New South Wales Mathematics Competition

If you would like your child to participate in this activity can you please let me know as soon as possible. This is the last competition left – the entry dates for the others have passed by. I will print off the 2019 dates soon so we know what is coming up for next year.

Assemblies

We will be having an assembly in the old school building every Wednesday at 12.45pm. We would love it if you would like to join us at any time. The assembly will be to give awards, share happenings and to share how each class has been going for the week. The captains will be running the assemblies.

Book Fair

Please find attached a flyer for the upcoming Book Fair during August ! There will be a dress-up day on Wednesday August 8th from 10.30am. Thank you to Anne for organising Book Fair and the related celebrations. We are all looking forward to it!

PLAY Resilience Day

This Tuesday, 24th July our Grade 5 and 6 students will be attending a PLAY Resilience Day held at Corryong College. This will be a good opportunity for our students to see more of the college. Thank you to the parents who will be driving the students on the day.

Timetable

Please find attached the weekly timetable for the school this term. This may be subject to slight variations due to last minute commitments. Please contact us if you have any questions about it.

Professional Development

Erin participated in a training update day last Tuesday, July 17th, with the Department. I will be attending two training days this week around finances and Literacy Leadership, both held in Benalla. Next week I have a Principal's Area Forum on Thursday August 2nd.

There are great demands on Principals to attend training and Principal's meetings these days. Even though it is quite beneficial and essential to carry out the Principal roles effectively I do regret the time it takes me away from the children. Luckily they are in good hands with Meredith or Emily Bowman who is already booked in for some upcoming PDs and leave days.

Charities

Our Humanities unit this term is Charities. The children will be looking at various long serving charities in Australia and also what charities do and how they raise their money. We are also considering a charity we would like to support in an ongoing way.

Walwa Primary School Parent Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All of our parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 23rd July to Sunday 26th August**. You will be emailed a copy of the survey to be completed by the above dates.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September. We will share the results at the next School Council Meeting after that. Last year the school used the survey results to plan for targets in our Annual Implementation Plan.

A letter will go home tonight with more details.

Thank You

Thank you to the families, students and community members who have welcomed me to Walwa. I am really enjoying it here so far and am sure that will continue!

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Charley for last Monday, July 16th. Charley turned 10 and brought in a marvellous chocolate mud cake for us to celebrate!



Curriculum

The whole school will be studying a Science Unit called 'Material World' this term where we learn about the various materials that things are made of. We will also do some work in the garden and some cooking on alternate weeks.

In Maths we are studying Numeration and base ten and how to manipulate these numbers and what amounts they are made up of.

In Reading we have been setting personal goals for the next three weeks. I have been impressed with the students' abilities to reflect upon their own learning and what goals would be relevant for them. I also like how the students are helping each other to choose good books and also focus in class.

We are continuing with the regular spelling program though last week our scores were down. We need to focus on practising this week.

Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival will be held in Corryong at the Football / Netball grounds on Friday the 7th of September. There will be NO BUSES running on this day. The students started training for the athletics today – making the most of a warm, sunny afternoon! I will send more information closer to the date.

Thanks, Meredith

Footy Tipping

Only six rounds to go – how sad!

82 – Taprell, Haugen

81 – Demosani

80 - Edwards

78 - Drummond

77 - Scheitler

76 – Baxter

72 - Whitehead

70 – Brett

67 - Jewell

65 – Jeffs

Dates to Remember

Monday 23rd July to Sunday 26th August – Parent Opinion Survey (see attached letter)

Tuesday 24th July - Play Resilience Day, Corryong College, 5/6s

Thursday 26th July – Principal Training day @ Benally (Mrs Haugen filling in for Mr Lynch)

Friday 27th July – Principal Training day @ Benalla (Ms Boumann filling in for Mr Lynch)

Monday 6th to 10th August – Book Fair

Thursday 2nd August - Principal's Area Forum

Wednesday 8th August – School Council

Tuesday 4th September – Mrs Haugen on LSL till the end of term

Friday 7th September – Athletics day @ Corryong

Tuesday 11th September – School Council

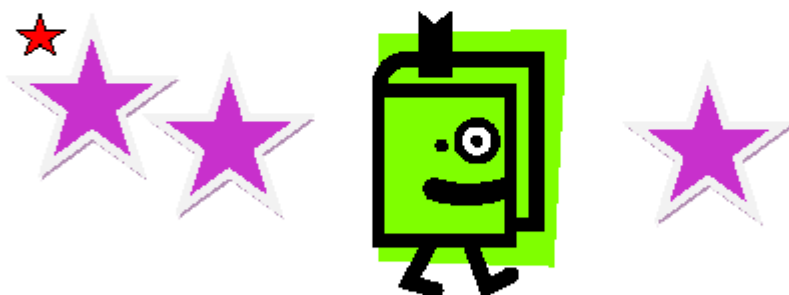
THE BOOK FAIR

Walwa Primary School

6th-10th August

9.30-1pm

Lots of lovely books



Please come and support our eleven students for "Book Character Day". Have a cuppa while you listen to stories and then judge the costumes

EVERY SALE BENEFITS OUR SCHOOL

WALWA PRIMARY SCHOOL TIMETABLE – Term 3 - 2018

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Morning Sport (Mr Lynch) Mathematics	Morning Sport (Mr Lynch) Mathematics	Library (Anne) Mathematics	Morning Sport/Walk (Mrs Haugen) Mathematics	Morning Sport/Walk (Mrs Haugen) Mathematics
RECESS	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS
Writing	Writing	Writing	Literacy	Writing
Reading	Reading	Reading	Indonesian Cultural Program (Mr Lynch)	Reading
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
P-6 Science/Cooking (Mr Lynch)	History (Mr Lynch)	Geography (Mrs Haugen)	Music/ART (Irene/Mrs Haugen)	Whole School Sport (Mrs Haugen)
End of Day Jobs	End of Day Jobs	End of Day Jobs	End of Day Jobs	End of Day Jobs