



WHALAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Our school is built on Darug land

Monday 8th August 2016

Dear parents and carers,

Last week we celebrated Education Week in a number of ways throughout the week. I was privileged and proud to see a large group of students representing our school in performances at Westfield Mt Druitt and Rooty Hill RSL and they wowed the audience each time. Congratulations to all performers and the staff who rehearsed tirelessly with them to polish the performances.

In the last newsletter a few staff changes for this term were outlined. I now need share some additional information. Mrs Jenny Keeghan will be relieving Assistant Principal for the rest of the year, in Mrs Tamsett's absence. In order to complete her executive responsibilities Mrs Keeghan will work in an administrative role for much of the week, so Miss Aimee Puflett will teach KK for part of each week.

I will be taking Long Service Leave later this month, and will be away for the rest of the year, leaving the school in extremely capable and experienced hands. In my absence Helen Polios will be relieving Principal and Lee Mackenzie will replace Helen as relieving Deputy Principal. They will be well supported by the rest of the staff. I will find it very difficult to stay away but I look forward to hearing about our students' growth in learning and their amazing performances at school events later in the year, and perhaps dropping in for a visit now and then.

REMINDER: Don't forget to complete the national census tomorrow night, Tuesday 9th August.

Mrs Lock
Principal

A Message from Mrs Polios

Last week, we celebrated Education Week and we did it with style!

Congratulations to our choir, junior and senior dance groups and our Polynesian dance group who all performed at Mt Druitt Westfield last Wednesday.



Congratulations to our Polynesian dance group who opened the Public Education Concert last Thursday! Well done also to Cheree Turner and Sonny Farrell who represented our school as emcees at the concert.

Congratulations to all of our students who shared their classroom Wisdom Story with parents and community members. If you didn't get a chance to visit your child's classroom last Monday morning, you might like to visit our website and read our school's Wisdom Stories.



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We extend a huge thank you to members of Agape's family (mum, dad and grandmother) who came along and told stories to our students throughout the week. The students were mesmerised as they listened to *The legend of Vaea and Apaula* and *The legend of Sina and the*

Tuna (not the kind that swims!)



At the end of the week, students were entertained by a performance of 'story through dance' – Jannawi.





Our library now has two large displays of a variety of resources that represent our Indigenous and Islander communities. Last week, many families took the opportunity to visit the library and view the displays. If you didn't get

a chance to do this last week, you might like to pop in sometime over the next couple of weeks.



Expert learners at Whalan

Students in all classes are learning how to be **'expert' learners**. The skills of expert learners are classified in these 4 categories:

- *Self-Manager
- *Resourceful learner
- *Team Work
- *Reflective Learner

In upcoming newsletters we will share more about the skills that students are learning in each category.

Mrs Polios
Deputy Principal



5/6L

We are expert learners, sharing, questioning, investigating, and reflecting as we continue to develop and support each other.

Wondering



Investigating



Business Managers





At the end of last term, notices about overdue Library and Twilight Tales books were sent home.

It was great to see many books that were long overdue, returned to our library.

Our school has many wonderful resources for students to borrow and enjoy but it is important that they are returned to school so other students can also enjoy them. **Many students still have overdue books and may need help to look for these at home.**

If a book cannot be found or it has been damaged, it is the family's responsibility to let the school know.

Damaged books need to be returned to school so they can be accounted for in our library computer system.

If you have any questions about overdue books please contact Mrs Emmett in the library.

AUSTRALIA : STORY COUNTRY



This is the theme for Children's Book Week 2016.

Thousands of stories have been told and written

about Australia: the land, its people and its animals.

Australia is a Land Of Stories!

Throughout Term 3, classes will be reading some of the many books written and illustrated by Australian authors and

illustrators. Students will be encouraged to borrow and enjoy the many picture books and novels in our library and in the classroom Twilight Tales boxes. All across Australia this term, schools will be celebrating Australian Literature.

Whalan's Book Week celebrations will take place on our **Community Day Wednesday 31st August** when everyone will be encouraged to dress as a book character.

More details next week.

A **Book Fair** will also be held on this day.

Have you visited our

Library lately?

Come on in and see our **Yarning**

Circle and the wonderful

Aboriginal resources we have



and our new **Islands Of The Pacific Corner**. Many thanks to Mrs Neesha for using her creative skills to transform this corner with its coconut tree and bright island sunset painting. Thankyou too to the families that have contributed their time and loaned resources to this new corner in our library.

School Leader Launch

Handball and Football rules

Term 3 Week 5 **Wednesday 17th August** 2-3pm

Come join the fun as we launch the
new rules for playing handball and football in the
playground.

We listened to what you had to say and have worked hard
to put the fun back into these games!

Student vs student **Student vs teacher**
Student vs parents

Afternoon tea
provided



Can't wait to see you all there!
Your school leaders: Mindy, Elina, Leeroy,
Connor, Aaron, Arvyn, Angelica, Kiara, Jade,
Kiana and Griffin

See form on last page of newsletter

COMING EVENTS

August

Week 4, Term 3

Tuesday 9th August

P&C meeting

K & 1 assembly

1T presenting; KA performing

Wednesday 10th August

K-6 Athletics Carnival

Thursday 11th August

Thai-riffic performance (years 5 & 6)

Week 5, Term 3

Wednesday 17th August

Launch Day (School leaders)

Handball and Football rules!

Friday 19th August

PSSA semi finals

Week 6, Term 3

Book Week

Monday 22nd August

2 - 6 assembly

5/6K presenting; 5/6L performing

PaTCH session 1.00 – 3.00pm

Tuesday 23rd August

Mt Druitt Athletics Carnival

K & 1 assembly

KA presenting; 1W performing

Wednesday 24th August

Mt Druitt Athletics Carnival

Friday 26th August

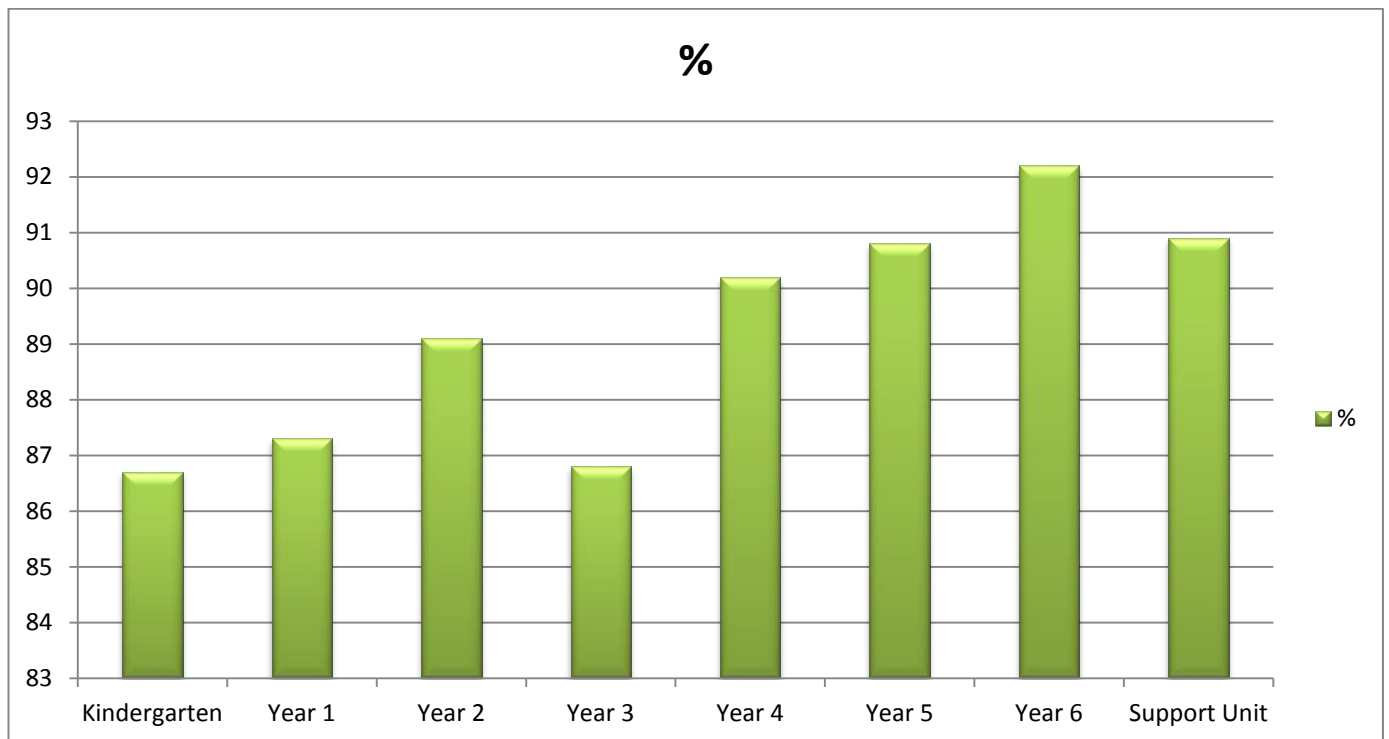
PSSA grand final

What does our school attendance look like now?

*The bar represents 100%. The shading represents what our school percentage for attendance is now, **after 111 days of school (89%)***

Attendance by grade

Year 6 still is maintaining its lead!



Congratulations to **Year 2** who have increased their attendance by 1% in the last fortnight!

Term 3 Week 2 Best attending classes		Term 3 Week 3 Best attending classes	
KC	87%	KC	80%
KK	83%	KK	85%
KA	86%	KA	82%
1W	93%	1W	84%
1T	96%	1T	82%
1/2S	90%	1/2S	90%
K-6M	100%	K-6M	91%
2/3K	89%	2/3K	94%
2/3N	88%	2/3N	93%
2/3R	84%	2/3R	70%
3/4C	94%	3/4C	89%
4B	87%	4B	87%
5/6L	83%	5/6L	89%
5/6K	96%	5/6K	81%
K-6K	97%	K-6K	97%
3-6T	89%	3-6T	97%
3-6F	94%	3-6F	86%
Congratulations K-6M & K-6K!		Congratulations K-6K & 3-6T!	

PSSA Friday 29th July

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSITION</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>RESULT</u>	<u>Player of the Match</u>
Netball (Junior)	<i>Noumea</i>	<i>3-6</i>	<i>Loss</i>	<i>Cheree Turner</i>
Netball (Senior)	<i>Noumea</i>	<i>7-4</i>	<i>Win</i>	<i>Ellen West</i>
Soccer (White)	<i>Rooty Hill</i>	<i>0-0</i>	<i>Draw</i>	<i>Solomon Farrell</i>
Soccer (Green)	<i>Rooty Hill</i>	<i>1-0</i>	<i>Win</i>	<i>Sonny Farrell</i>
Soccer (Senior)	<i>Rooty Hill</i>	<i>8-1</i>	<i>Win</i>	<i>Courtney Lee</i>

PSSA Friday 5th August

PSSA called off due to ground closures

Whalan Public School

Our school is committed to **excellence**, **equity** and **humanity**. We have talented and innovative teachers and support staff who care about educating and engaging students in quality learning programs.



Enrol now for
Kindergarten 2017



For further information, go to
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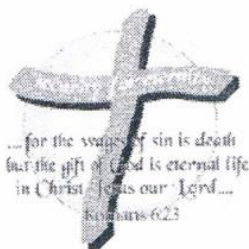
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Congratulations to the following students, who have earned **5 Connected Certificates** and are on the way to a Whalan Medal. They are also eligible for a prize:

- 1W** – Joylene Atua; Declan Austin; Tahlia Morse-Hawes; Taylor Martin
- 1T** – Kyle Wilkinson; Tua Taripo
- 2/3K** – Kayden Khan; Eugene Kahi
- 2/3R** – Richie Papafofo; Zeeshaan Ali; Celeste Togise; Jaslene Euese; Ryen Sayeed; Braylen Jones; Laylah Gale-Adriano; Tarneka-Lee Gough; Dezil Misky; Jayden Hoskin-Iddles; Aleyah Fekitoa; Damian Clottin; Jarvis Isa'ako
- 3/4C** – Zak Donnelly; Dionte Etuale; Dion Coleman; Mia Portors
- 5/6L** - Shikyla Newcombe
- 5/6K** – Natalie Lee; Tyler Buist; Aaron Marks; Griffin Pynor; Ashton Pollard; Fatima Al Assadi; Emily Hadden; Chelsea Dale; Sam Perez-Mato; Nathaniel Fakaosilea; Jason Lansdowne; Matthew Biulailai; Arvyn Angeles

When students receive **10 Connected Certificates**, they are eligible for a medal. At that time, they will complete their **Whalan Medal goals** form. The completed form and the 10 Connected Certificates are given to the Principal for approval. Upon approval, the student is awarded their Whalan Medal at one of our assemblies



St James Anglican Church Mt Druitt
Corner Karangi Road and
Halinda Street Whalan

FREE COMMUNITY HOT DINNER

All Welcome

DATES FOR 2016

1st Wednesday 7.00PM of the month
[Arrive at 6.45pm to order free food parcel]

2nd March

6th April

4th May

1st June

6th July

3rd August

7th September

5th October

2nd November

7th December

[Special Christmas Event]

18th December

**Children's Nativity Play, Carols and Free
Christmas Dinner**

Enquiries:

Mr Doug Hurlstone 0410 648 211

Children's Worker:

Elizabeth Bognet 0409 590 051



Communities for Children

What's on in Term 3, 2016

Contact us at c4cMtDruitt@missionaustralia.com.au or 8886 6300

All activities free!

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MONDAY

FREE

TUMBLE & PLAY

An hour of physical activities for 2-5yr olds with a focus on balance, coordination and motor development.

Mondays: 9:30-10:30am
Madang Ave Public School
In the Hall

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A 6 week pre-employment program

Looking for a job?

Thinking of going back to work?

10-11:30 am (1/8 - 29/8)

28 Ayres Grove, Mission Australia
Mt Druitt

Childcare available with prior registration

familylinks 9625 0422

KidsXpress

Group Expressive Therapy Program for 4-12 year olds on Mondays, at:

Whalan Public School 11:30am-1:00pm

Willmot Public School 1:45pm-3pm

Contact: David Anthony (Program Manager)

sydney.west@kidsxpress.org.au or
phone 9380 9220 / 0458 024 763



TUESDAY

FREE

WHALAN WOMBATS SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP



0-6 Year Olds
Independent play, storytime, craft
move & groove and group time.

Tuesdays: 9-11am
Whalan Public School
Community Room

familylinks 9625 0422

COFFEE & CHAT

DROP IN SESSIONS

Tuesdays: 2-3PM
Whalan Public School
Community Room

Come in to have a chat, get
information, seek referrals and to learn
about local services.

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Hook'd Up

At Madang Ave Public School

Tuesdays

3pm-4.30pm

Call Janice

0406 483 574

KidsXpress

Group Expressive Therapy Program for 4-12 year olds on Tuesdays, at:

Blackett Public School 11:45am-1:00pm and
1:30pm-3pm

Contact: David Anthony (Program Manager)

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WEDNESDAY

FREE

LITTLE LIONS SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

0-6 Year Olds
Independent play, storytime, craft,
move & groove and group time.

Wednesdays: 9:15-11:15am
Hebersham Public School
In the Old Hall

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Sing & Grow provides a safe space for
children and their carers to explore the
use of music in a fun and
developmentally stimulating way.

3rd Aug - 7th Sept

Wednesdays: 10-11am
Hebersham Public
School

familylinks 9625 0422

Hook'd Up

At Noumea Public School

Wednesdays

3pm-4.30pm

Call Janice

0406 483 574

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL GROUPS!

- Call to book and confirm your place before start dates
- Limited child care available so you MUST book in prior to programs starting
- You may lose your place if you miss 2 sessions without notifying facilitators



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Thursdays: 9-11am
Blackett Public School
In the Community Room

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COFFEE & CHAT DROP IN SESSIONS

Thursdays: 2-3PM
Blackett Public School
The Hub Room

Come in to have a chat, get information, seek referrals and to learn about local services.

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Kids Gym
Playgroup for children 2-5 years and parents/carers

Run by therapists, focusing on fine and gross motor skills

Mount Druitt community health
Morning and afternoon groups available.

Bookings essential.

Call 9881 1220

Limited childcare available



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FREE SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

0-6 Year Olds
Independent play, storytime, craft, move & groove and group time.

Fridays: 9-11am
Shalvey Public School
In the Gulyangarri Room

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COFFEE & CHAT DROP IN SESSIONS

Fridays: 2-3PM
Shalvey Public School
Community Room

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Venues

Blackett Public School - Boldrewood Rd, Blackett
Madang Ave Public School - Mimika Rd, Whalan
Whalan Public School - Karangi Rd, Whalan
Shalvey Public School - Laver St, Shalvey
Noumea Public School - Noumea St, Shalvey
Hebersham Public School - Andover Cr, Hebersham

Other

Mission Australia - Building B, 28 Ayres Grove, Mt Druitt
Mt Druitt Community Health - Cnr Buran & Kelly Close, Mt Druitt

KidsXpress Program:

By using music, art, drama and play, children's stories and emotions can be brought to life, allowing them to gain a better understanding of what is going on in their life and explore new ways of viewing and coping with their experiences and building better relationships.

C4C is a partnership program funded by the Australian Government.



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Local Health District



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24TH AUGUST 2016

DAWSON P.S. COMMUNITY EXPO



2:30pm – 4:30pm

- A free community event, showcasing the services and organizations that are available to the citizens of Dharruk and surrounding suburbs.
- All members of the community are welcome to attend.
- Children are most welcome, however need to be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Refreshments are available to be purchased. Toilet facilities present.
- Plenty of seating room and street parking.

Free Entry

Meet the
community of
Dharuk and
surrounding
suburbs

Heaps of
Expo Stalls

Live
Entertainment

Food & Drinks
available to
be purchased

VENUE DETAILS

- DAWSON P.S.
Stuart Rd,
Dharruk
- Wednesday
24th August
- 2:30pm – 4:30pm



Baabayn

Wirringas & Booris

Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation is forming a Young Mum's Group and would like to welcome any Aboriginal Women with children who would like to attend.



Wednesdays 10:30—2pm
Baabayn meeting place
50 Sorenson Cres, Blackett

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Local Health District

- Counsellor
- Child minding
- Excursions
- Play area for Bubs
- Sexual Health Yarnin
- Free Child & Family Nurse
- Nutritionist
- Arts & crafts
- Yarn with Elders

Free Lunch Provided
Transport available



Call Karen 0424 322 791 for more information

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Baabayn Wirringa Booris



Lethbridge Park Little Athletics Club

Come and join our fun family orientated club

Registration Fees: Tiny Tots - \$80 under 6 – 17 \$90

Uniform is club singlet \$20 and any plain black pants

We will still be taking registration on orientation night and at our first couple of competition nights so it's not too late to come and sign your children up. Cash only.

Orientation Night:

Friday 9th September 2016 between 6:00pm @ the Fields Franklin Crescent Blackett.

First Competition Night:

Friday 16th September 2016 registration will be taken between 5:30pm-6:15pm @ the Fields Franklin Crescent Blackett with completion starting at 6:30pm.

Or any other Competition Night between 5:30pm – 6:15pm @ the Fields Franklin Crescent Blackett.

For any other information please contact the club Registrar Nicole Castle on 0432402016 or (email) nicolecastle89@yahoo.com.au

You can also complete your registration online: @ www.littleathleticsNSW.com.au

School Leader Launch

Handball and Football rules

We would love you to join in the
student vs parent games!

Please let us know so we can make the teams
Complete this form and return to the office by
Monday 15th August

Name: _____

Child name: _____ Class: _____

Please circle the games you would like to participate in:

Handball

Football