

HAPPY AND SAFE STUDENTS

28 September 2018

NEWS AND VIEWS OF YOUR LOCAL CENTRAL SCHOOL

FATHER'S --DAY-- BREAKFAST



On Friday 31 August, Walcha Central School hosted its annual Fathers Day Breakfast. This year the event was open to all students in the school and their guests.

Approximately 60 dads, uncles, grandfathers and pops were treated to a bacon and egg sandwich, while there were plenty of pancakes for the students.

A big thank you to all those who assisted on the day and an even bigger thank you to those who attended. We hope all the dads enjoyed their Fathers Day!

Mel Benson



Year 3/4 Thalgarrah Excursion

On Thursday 6 and Friday 7 September, Year 3 and 4 students attended an overnight excursion to Thalgarrah Environmental Education Centre.

Students participated in activities that involved team building, experimenting, investigating and orienteering. All students had a fantastic time with the overall favourite activity being tribes and territories which turned the students into their very best warriors.

Students would love to thank Kit Dawson for his amazing cooking expertise and assistance while on camp.

Kristy Lawrence



CANTEEN ROSTER - Week 1 Term 4, 2018

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As promised a few weeks ago, we are happy to share with you the vast array of activities and achievements of our students with you in this newsletter.

Farewell Year 12

This week, we farewelled Year 12 at an assembly and our Year 11 students received their seniors' badges.

It is always an occasion of mixed feelings where the excitement of completing high school competes with the uncertainty that awaits once school is left behind. We wish all our of Year 12 students the very best for their forthcoming examinations and for whatever field they choose to pursue.

This year, our Year 11 students will also sit HSC subjects. We wish them all the best for their forthcoming examinations and look forward to their return in Term 4 to commence the second part of their HSC studies.

Student leadership

This week, we announced our K-12 leadership team for 2019. Our secondary leaders were inducted at Wednesday's assembly and our primary leaders will be inducted on Presentation Day.

Congratulations to all who were chosen to fill leadership roles in 2019. Your election is a compliment to yourself and your family and I am confident that you will bring credit to yourself and the school through the execution of your duties.

Congratulations must also go to all students who nominated for these positions, it is not an easy thing to do and you are commended for your efforts and your willingness to contribute to your school community.

Student success

Congratulations to all students who have represented the school at various events this term. We have achieved some amazing results.

Details of these achievements have been included in this edition of the newsletter.

Josephine Wants to Dance

On Friday 14 September, students from Kindergarten and Years 1 and 2 travelled to Tamworth to the Capitol Theatre to see a live production of the play, Josephine Wants to Dance.

Cultural experiences such as this provide exciting, enriching and important learning opportunities for our students.

Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our school community, staff, students and parents for their contributions this term. It is this level of commitment and dedication that provides our students with the learning activities and opportunities offered at Walcha Central School.

Have a safe and relaxing break, ensuring that you recharge, ready for Term 4.

Simon Warden
Relieving Principal

Josephine Wants To Dance



On Friday 14 September, students from K - 2, Mrs Rogers, Mrs McAlister and Mrs Notley travelled to Tamworth to attend the theatre production *Josephine Wants to Dance* which was performed by the Monkey Bar Theatre Company. Josephine is a kangaroo who dreams of dancing, however her brother, Joey, and her friends, discouraged her and told her she couldn't. All students were mesmerised by the changing props and the quality of the dancing. Especially the amazing costumes!



After the show, we all had lunch and a play at the park and watched the ducks. Our last adventure was to the Tamworth lookout where we saw the amazing views of Tamworth.

A big thank you to Mrs McAlister for all her organisation and commitment for getting everyone to a wonderful show and to the bus driver for transporting us all safely.

Alyce Notley



Liverpool Plains Equestrian Interschools



Congratulations to Charlize Haling who recently attended the Liverpool Plains Equestrian Interschools event at Quirindi.

Charlize was awarded Highest Pointscoring Dressage Champion in the 10 - 13 years age group and also came first in the dressage phase of the One Day Event.





Some of our WCS students have taken on the mammoth responsibility of helping raise a number of poddy lambs on the school farm. Students are helping feed the lambs before school, recess and lunch.

Our lambs are even enjoying weekend stays at students homes!

Students are learning valuable skills in caring for orphaned animals including mixing powdered milk rations, using colostrum supplements, weaning onto and off milk, provision and dosage of medications, and obviously providing lots of love and cuddles.



Tamworth Show

Friday 31 August saw 17 students from the Walcha Central School Livestock Team travel to the AELEC at Tamworth for the Tamworth Show. We had students participating in a number of competitions including junior sheep meat and ram judging, junior cattle judging, cattle paraders, steer classes and F002 parading Sydney Royal qualifier.

Under extreme conditions of wind and torrential rain our students achieved some amazing results. Hannah Dunn qualified to attend the Sydney Royal in the F002 parading competition. In the junior paraders competition Olivia Bruce placed 5th, while in the intermediate paraders, Abbey Mackaway received 2nd place and Hannah Dunn 4th.

Students are looking forward to competing at the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza in late October as our final competition for the year.

Samantha Reeves



SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT FOR 2020

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered on the combined results of the Selective High School Placement Test and school assessments.

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held for interested students on Thursday 14 March 2018.

To apply you will need to register and apply through the High Performing Students website - <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

Applications open **9 October 2018** and close **12 November 2018**.

You must apply online before the closing date.

For photos, notes, information and more, visit our school website <http://www.walcha-c.schools.nsw.edu.au>



Tournament of Minds

Challenging the World

Walcha Central School entered 2 teams into this competition. Our primary team members thoroughly enjoyed the experience and for their first year of competing, were acknowledged for their understanding of mature concepts and their capability to think deeply about how the word *freedom* can be interpreted. The primary team consisted of: Ali Nivison, Charlotte Overton, Ryley Smith, Isabella Crawford, Samuel Swain, Isabella Mooney and Phoebe Fenwicke.

The secondary team was unable to compete on the day, however their efforts and preparation also need to be acknowledged. The secondary team consisted of Amber Britten, Sarian Andrews, Dacian Andrews, Troy Hawkins, Chloe Swanton, Chloe Cox and Austin Heazlett.

A huge thank you to the parents who supported the students in the process. This competition can not be completed during school hours and all team members displayed an amazing level of dedication and commitment to be performance-ready in such a short time. Congratulations to the above students for helping the school establish this competition. WCS plans to enter even more teams next year to provide students with authentic, challenging learning experiences.

Brenda Watkins



Questacon

Questacon recently visited Walcha Central as part of their Touring School Workshop where students were treated to a taste of virtual reality and an engineering challenge that required them to work collaboratiely to build a marble run with a variety of materials.

Students found the activities extremely fun and challenging!



The Aboriginal Culture Centre and Keeping Place (ACCKP) is once again running a Holiday Program for primary school children from Monday 8 October to Friday 12 October. The program will run from 9.00am to 12 noon and is open to all children of primary school age.



The theme for the October Holiday Program is '**Prepare for Christmas**'. Children will have the opportunity to learn and carry out activities surrounding this theme.

The cost for the morning tea, supervision, materials and activities will be covered by the ACCKP. This holiday program is being funded by the Department of Education.

Please pick up and complete a registration form from the ACCKP by 1 October 2018 to ensure your child/ children's place is confirmed.

Book Week 2018 – Find Your Treasure

The theme for Book Week this year was *Find Your Treasure*.

All K-6 students entered a writing competition based on the theme *My most treasured book, character and/or scene*. Book prizes were awarded for each class.

On Monday 20 August our local author, John Heffernan, visited the K-6 students encouraging them to become authors.

On Tuesday 21 August, students in Years 7 and 8 participated in the Children's Book Council poetry workshop which was sponsored by the New England Writers' Centre and University of New England. Writer John Ryan, led the students in looking closely, using their senses and taking a walk as ways to begin writing nature poems. At the end of the session, each student wrote at least 4 lines of poetry.

The popular Book Week parade was held on Thursday 23 August with students dressing up as their most treasured character out of their favourite book. As always, the costumes were fantastic and judges had

the difficult task of awarding prizes.

Parents and students also had the opportunity to browse and purchase books from the Book Fair organised by Scholastic.



Good for Kids good for life

MASTERING THE OVER-ARM THROW

Over arm throwing is one of many Fundamental Movement Skills which requires practice. Fundamental Movement Skills are taught at school but you can help teach your child these important skills at home.

To master the over arm throw:

1. Focus eyes on target area throughout the throw.
2. Stand side-on to target.
3. Throwing arm moves in a downward and backward arc.
4. Step toward target area with foot opposite to throwing arm.
5. Hips, then shoulders rotate forward.
6. Throwing arm follows through, down and across body.



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5BW daffodil day Cancer Council

Giving back to the community is a strong focus at Walcha Central School. On Friday 24th August, students from Year 5 took turns in supporting the lovely Quota Ladies in manning the Walcha Daffodil Day stall in the main street of Walcha.

The following students learnt a lot about helping others and volunteering for a worthy cause: Isabella Mooney, Jemma Warden, Ali Kealey, Oliver Overton, Shaun McKenna, Robert Gardiner, Jazz Hayton, Harriet Crawford, Emily Blake and Tia Lloyd.





CALENDAR

See website for more details
<http://www.walcha-c.schools.nsw.edu.au>

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| 15/10/2018 | First day of Term 4 |
| 17/10/2018 - 19/10/2018 | Oorala Junior Girls Camp @ UNE |
| 18/10/2018 | HSC exams begin |
| 18/10/2018 | Far Out Science-Years 5 & 6 |
| 19/10/2018 | Far Out Science-Secondary |
| 19/10/2018 | eGATS Celebration Day @Thalgarrah, Armidale |
| 19/10/2018 | Years 3 & 4 excursion to see Big Bad Wolf |
| 25/10/2018 - 28/10/2018 | Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza @ Scone |
| 26/10/2018 | Musica Viva |
| 31/10/2018 - 1/11/2018 | NSW PSSA Primary State Athletics @ Sydney Olympic Park |
| 5/11/2018 - 9/11/2018 | Years 5 & 6 Canberra excursion |
| 12/11/2018 - 16/11/2018 | Year 11 Sydney excursion |

Kevin Anderson visits Stage 3

In Week 8, State MP Kevin Anderson visited students from Years 5 and 6 as part of our civics and citizenship units of work.



Students asked a variety of questions, finding out about how he came to be in parliament, what it takes to be a good member of parliament, what his most expensive project to date has been and what he saw in Walcha's future.

Barnaby Joyce will visit us in Week 10 to answer similar questions from a Federal Government perspective.

Aidan Williams

PSSA North West Athletics

On Friday 21 September, eight WCS primary students travelled to Tamworth to compete at the PSSA North West athletics carnival.

Results from the day were as follows:

Jemma Warden - 1st in 800m

Emily Blake - 4th 800m

Stephanie Blake - 2nd in 800m, 1st in 100m, 4th in longjump.

Isabella Crawford - 4th in 800m

The relay teams ran well, however, were unlucky to miss out on a spot in the finals.

Congratulations to Jemma and Steph who will now compete at the PSSA State Athletics Championships which are to be held at Sydney Olympic Park, on 31 October - 1 November 2018.



Walcha Central School Student Scholarship Program

For many years, Walcha businesses, organisations and individuals have been generously supporting students at Walcha Central School through a scholarship program. This year, some students will receive this support by way of a prize at presentation day or reduced excursion or activity costs, while others have the opportunity to apply for scholarships targeted at assisting with different aspects of school life.

At the beginning of Term 4, all students will receive a nomination form outlining the scholarship opportunities. We encourage all students to apply.

For successful students, the scholarship funds are held by the school. They can be transferred directly across to school-based expenses such as school fees and excursions (if scholarship conditions allow) or receipts can be presented for reimbursement.

Nominations are due by Friday 26 October.

Farewell and Good Luck

Congratulations to the Year 12 class of 2018 who have now officially finished their secondary education.

A farewell assembly was held to celebrate their achievements and award a number of significant certificates and prizes.

It is with pride that we send the year group out into the real world to reach for their goals and demonstrate the amazing young adults they have all become here at Walcha Central.

*Samantha Bayley
Year Advisor*



Orientation Days for Year 7, 2019 Students and Parents



Two orientation days for students starting Year 7 in 2019 will be held on Wednesday 21 November and Thursday 22 November 2018. Both days commence at 9am in the library and conclude at 3:10pm.

Parents are invited to attend the morning session on Thursday 22 November 2018 which concludes with morning tea with the executive staff at 10:50am.

Students are encouraged to wear their sport uniform as they will be participating in activities throughout the day. Students are also advised to bring their recess and lunch or order from the canteen.

OCTOBER 2018 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**Oct2-
Oct5**

KIDS GAMES (Kindergarten-Year3) & KG2018 (Year 4-Year 8)

Time: 9:30am-12:45pm daily

Location: Anglican Church Hall

Organised and run by Walcha Churches

Contact: Ben France 6777 2543

Aboriginal Art Workshop - Boomerang Painting, Stone Painting & Canvas Painting

Location: Walcha Handmade

Time: 10am-12pm

Age: 8+

**Oct
5**

**Oct
8**

Games, Lego & Afternoon Tea

Location: Community Care Meeting Room, 11S Middle Street

Age: All ages

Time: 2-4pm

Paper Mache Workshop

Location: Walcha Handmade

Time: 10am-2:30pm (please bring own water bottle and lunch)

Age: 7+

**Oct
9**

**Oct
10**

Music workshops

9am-11am 5 to 7 years

12pm-2pm 8 to 12 years

3pm-5pm 12 to 18 years

Location: Community Care Meeting Room

11S Middle Street

Story Hour

Location: Walcha Library

Time: 10am-11am

Age: All ages

**Oct
11**

**Oct
12**

COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT (The Greatest Showman)

Location: 110 Angle Street (Walcha Central School MPC)

Time: Doors open at 6pm, movie will start around 7pm

Age: All ages

Bookings are essential

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