



2024 TERM 1 - ISSUE 2

# NEWSLETTER

WALLISTON PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Dianella Road, Walliston, WA 6076

## From the Principal

### Dates to Remember

Thursday 29 February  
• Ride to School Day

Friday 1 March  
• Assembly - Room 10

Monday 4 March  
• Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday 5 March  
• WPS Band 2:30-3:30pm

Friday 8 March  
• Choir Starts Yrs 3 to 6  
• Crazy Hair Day

Tuesday 12 March  
• Yr6 Stirk Cricket @ Maida Vale Reserve  
• WPS Band 2:30-3:30pm  
• P&C Meeting

Friday 15 March  
• Faction Swimming Carnival at Bilgoman Pool Yr 4-6

Tuesday 19 March  
• WPS Band 2:30-3:30pm  
• KSHS Parent Info Night Yr4-6

Wednesday 20 March  
• Newsletter

Thursday 21 March  
• Stirk Swimming Carnival at Bilgoman Pool Yr 4-6

Friday 22 March  
• Assembly Room 7

Monday 25 March  
• Yr 6 Leadership Breakfast & Camp

Tuesday 26 March  
• WPS Band 2:30-3:30pm

Wednesday 27 March  
• School Photos K-6

Thursday 28 March  
• Easter Hat Parade  
• WAMO Reward Day

Friday 29 March  
• Good Friday Holiday  
• School Holidays

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

#### WE ALL SURVIVED INTERM SWIMMING LESSONS.....JUST!

It has been another wonderful and busy past few weeks at Walliston Primary School. A huge thank you extends to our dedicated parents/carers and staff members for their invaluable support and commitment in facilitating our students' swimming lessons. Your involvement not only ensures the safety of our students in aquatic environments but also contributes significantly to their overall well-being and development. The time, effort, and care you invest in organising (finding towels, bathers and goggles every day) and for staff accompanying students to these swimming lessons are deeply appreciated.

#### THE RETURN OF COVID STRIKES BACK

As we continue to navigate the world of COVID, it is important to prioritise the health and safety of our school community. The school is aware that COVID is still playing a part in the health of our students and staff. If students and our staff experience symptoms associated with sickness or COVID, we encourage them to look after their health and well-being and stay home. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and commitment to keeping our school community healthy and safe during these unusual times.

#### SCHOOL UNIFORM GUIDELINES

I would like to thank all parents for making sure students arrive to school on time and in school uniform. Our School Uniform Guidelines can be found on our school website. A one page infographic on our Uniform Guidelines can also be found in our last newsletter. Please remember that non-school jumpers should not be worn to school, hair below the shoulder should be tied up and students should not be wearing any jewellery, except earrings that are studs or sleepers. Students who wear smart watches (including Spacetalk/Apple watches) should have their watch on 'school' or 'flight' mode. Maintaining our school uniform expectations not only supports students' safety, but also provides students with a sense of pride, around our school expectation of 'We are Respectful'.

#### P&C 2024

Our school P&C met on Tuesday 20th February in our school library. It was great to see a large number of parents attending the first P&C meeting for 2024, with a few new faces volunteering to support the P&C team. Not only were positions filled on the executive team, but momentum is well underway with the organisation of the Wally Boys Car Show for 2024. Congratulations to the 2024 office bearers and special thanks to the parents who have volunteered as our 2024 P&C Class representatives. See P&C News (page 7) for 2024 Committee Members.

#### SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are planned to go ahead on Wednesday 27th March. Notes from Midland Photography will go out this week. Please remember that all students will need to be in their maroon school uniform. No faction shirts on this day please.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS**

- Students who are wearing their school hats while playing outside.
- Students who are reading each school night or completing their homework.
- Students who have recently used beautiful manners in the front office and around the school.

This week I have been inundated with outstanding stories on how hard students are working hard to meet our school expectations of We Are Respectful, We are Learners and We Are Kind! Students are really settling in and working solidly across the school. Both Mr Gilders and I are very much looking forward to our next school assembly this Friday 1st March, where students from Room 10 will host our first classroom assembly for 2024.

*Craig Mainard*  
Principal

## Chaplain's Chat



This term the Student Leaders have offered 'Icy Poles' for sale in the undercover area each Friday. It has been a nice option for the hot days we have had and hopefully everyone has enjoyed one or two each week. This Friday is our last 'Icy Pole' day and will be available at recess and lunchtime until they are sold. All money raised goes towards the Year 6 camp 😊.

The Student Leaders are also planning and organizing a 'Crazy Hair and Sock Day' for Friday 8th March, this time raising money for the 'World's Greatest Shave'.

We ask students to get creative and come to school with Crazy hair and/or socks. A fun way to raise awareness and money with a gold coin donation.....

Thank you

*Adrian Wilson*  
School Chaplain



## Italian News

Ciao a tutti!

Mi chiamo Martina, ho 27 anni e vengo dall'Italia. Sono la nuova assistente di lingua italiana alla Walliston Primary School e sarò qui per un anno!

Sono nata a Roma e sono cresciuta a Grosseto, in Toscana. Poi il mio percorso di studi mi ha riportato nella bellissima Roma, ed è diventata la mia seconda casa: è una città bellissima piena di monumenti, storia e ottimo cibo! La lingua inglese è sempre stata la mia passione e ho quindi deciso di laurearmi in lingue, studiando inglese, giapponese e francese. Poi ho capito che mi sarebbe piaciuto insegnare ed ho quindi frequentato un'altra università per poter diventare insegnante di inglese e di italiano per stranieri!

Oltre allo studio ho altre passioni: ascoltare la musica (il mio genere preferito è il pop/punk), andare a vedere concerti e musical, e guardare serie tv (la mia preferita è Sherlock). Adoro anche andare al karaoke!

Sono arrivata qui a Perth il 20 gennaio: da un giorno all'altro sono passata dall'inverno italiano all'estate australiana! Anche se sono qui solo da due settimane, già mi piace moltissimo: è piena di parchi e di spiagge e mi sento sempre circondata dalla natura!

Sono felicissima di essere qui e non vedo l'ora di conoscere tutti gli studenti di lingua italiana e di poter essere per loro un valido aiuto e supporto!

Hi everyone!

My name is Martina, I am 27 years old and I'm from Italy. I am the new Italian Language Assistant at Walliston Primary School and I will be here for one year!

I was born in Rome and grew up in Grosseto, in Tuscany. Then my studies brought me back to beautiful Rome, and it became my second home. It is a beautiful city full of monuments, history and great food!

English has always been my passion, so I decided to graduate in languages, studying English, Japanese, and French. Then I realised that I liked to teach, and so I attended another university in order to become an English and Italian for foreigner's teacher!

Besides studying, I have other passions such as listening to music (my favourite genre is pop/punk), going to concerts and musicals, and watching TV series (my favourite is Sherlock). I also love going to karaoke!

I arrived here in Perth on January 20 and in one day I went from the Italian winter to the Australian summer! Even though I've only been here a few weeks, I already love it. It's full of parks and beaches and I always feel surrounded by nature.

I am very happy to be here, and I can't wait to meet all the Italian students and be a valuable help and support for them!

*Martina Verdinelli*  
*Italian Language Assistant*



# Congratulations!

## Merit Award Winners

Rm	Name
Rm 1	Rafael W Alana M
Rm 2	William R Zayah D
Rm 3	Tristan D Theodore R
Rm 4	Emilee T Luke G
Rm 5	Sarina S Ashton H
Rm 6	Lucy P Ben R
Rm 7	Clarence W, Arkyn C Broc B
Rm 8	Domenic F Dean H
Rm 9	Dexter B Graysen M
Rm 10	Natalia B Vicky C
Rm 11	Ailish C, Echo P Leo B

## WAMO Award Winners

### 10 BRONZE

Leo M  
Nate H

Rm 3  
Rm 3



## P&C Committee - 2024



WALLISTON PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION INC.

### P&C ASSOCIATION POSITIONS 2024

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the parent volunteers who generously nominated themselves for a position on the school P&C. Your dedication to our school community is truly appreciated! Here are the roles for 2024. Support and guidance will be provided in all aspects.

#### P&C Executive roles:

President	Rachel Boyes
Vice President:	Meghan Vivian
Secretary	Caroline Loughrey
Treasurer	Stephanie Mania
Executive Committee Member	Amy Fitzpatrick
Executive Committee Member	Colby McGuire
Executive Committee Member	Helen Hardman

#### Coordinator roles:

Uniforms Coordinator	Colby McGuire
BookClub Coordinator	Sarah Greenway
Fundraising Manager	Fundraising Sub Committee: - Lucy Owen - Taylor Longo - Flora Adamson - Rhiannon Tropiano
Volunteers Coordinator Committee Members + Volunteers:	Linda Robinson - Lindsay Aldrick - Kelly Giles - Kelly Burgess - Alexandra Ridgeway

#### Assistant roles:

Secretary Assistant	Linda Robinson
Thank you Officer	Linda Robinson
Treasurer Assistant	Michelle Shields
Uniforms Assistant	Amy Fitzpatrick
Grants & Funding	Kaz Wellington (with support from Colby McGuire)
Permits Officer	Kaz Wellington
Marketing / Curator / Social Media	Chantelle Morfitt & Lexi PP
Passive Fund Raisers Manager	
Entertainment Book	Fundraising Sub-Committee
Newsletter	

#### Additional General Helper roles:

Errands	Kellie Burgess
Printing	
Donations	Shared with Grants & Funding (for big sponsorship requests) AND Fundraising sub-committee.
Weekend helpers	
Shifting & Lifting	
Supplier	

## Your Classroom Reps - 2024

Room 1 - Nicole Whitehouse  
 Room 2 - Marrisa Bailey/Issy Watson  
 Room 3 - Fiona Mann  
 Room 4 - Toni Hockley  
 Room 5 - Caroline Loughrey  
 Room 6 - Alisa Bain  
 Room 7 - Kylee Shier  
 Room 8 - Rachel Boyes (*filling in*)  
 Room 9 - Michelle Reed  
 Room 10- Amanda Della Franca  
 Room 11 - Flora Adamson  
 Room 12 - Leanne Toolan

THANK  
YOU



## Community News

**GIRLS FOOTY**  
PLAYERS NEEDED FOR  
YEAR 3/4 TEAM  
&  
YEAR 5/6 TEAM




KEEN TO PLAY FOOTY?  
**COME AND GIVE IT A GO!**  
LEARN NEW SKILLS & MAKE NEW FRIENDS  
**KALAMUNDA TIGERS**  
LOCATED AT KOSTERA OVAL  
**EMAIL: [FEMALEFOOTY@KDJFC.COM.AU](mailto:FEMALEFOOTY@KDJFC.COM.AU)**

**Become a  
Puppy Raiser  
and help  
change lives!**

As a Puppy Raiser, you'll provide a loving home to an adorable 8-week-old pup, and provide them basic obedience and socialisation skills to prepare them for becoming a future Guide or Assistance Dog.

*You can help make a difference,  
one pup at a time!*




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