Week 9 Term 4 Tuesday 1st December 2015

Dear Parents and Friends,

The end of the school year is fast approaching and I have decided not to return to Walla Walla Public School next year. After seven years as Principal I believe it is time for me to leave and for the school to have a new leader, who, I am sure, will work with the staff and students to raise the standard even further.

I have enjoyed my time here and know that the school is a place where students learn happily together and where the staff are always working hard to improve student outcomes.

I appreciate all of the support I have received from school families, community and staff since 2009 and now look forward to a new chapter in my life.

Mr Peter Smith, Director of Schools, will appoint an Acting Principal to my position from the beginning of the 2016 school year.

I look forward to this year’s Presentation Night and hope that all of the students practise hard so that they can show the community what a great school we have and how lucky they are to be a part of it.

Year 6 Farewell

Everyone is invited to come along to the school at 11.00 am on Tuesday December 8th to say farewell to Kelsey Lieschke, William Klingsporn, Milly Kohlhagen, Flynn Trimble, Jesse Turner, Antonia Wenke, Carl Wenke and Luke Wenke.

Please bring along a plate of food to share.

Year 6 students are reminded to invite their family members to make this day even more special.

Class Dojo Pool Afternoon

Early next week Mrs Noll will send out a permission note for the children who have reached 200 Class Dojo Points and have therefore earned the special reward of an afternoon at the Walla Walla Swimming Pool.

This is a reward for those students, not a punishment for those who have not reached 200 points.

Miss Widdison and Mrs Noll will accompany the students to the pool.

Visit by Canberra University Staff

Last Thursday Mrs Noll, Miss Widdison and myself were interviewed by three staff members from the University of Canberra. They are completing a study of Sustainability in Rural Areas within the Murray Darling Catchment Area.

The staff also attended a community meeting after school. By the end of the meeting everyone seemed to agree that towns like Walla Walla need to have their own identity, care for their environment and provide education, housing, support services and employment for their residents. Everyone thought that the local community needed to support local business and that lifelong friendships develop throughout people’s lives when they grow up in a rural area.

Thank you to the P&C for their excellent catering. The food was delicious!

Student Reports

Student reports will be sent home on Monday December 14th.

Billabong High School Orientation

Year 6 students planning to attend Billabong High School next year are invited to an Orientation Day on Thursday December 3rd.

We only found out yesterday that the date has been changed from the 2nd to the 3rd. If you require further details, please contact Billabong High School.
**K/1/2 News**

This is the last week of home reading. Please check at home and return any school readers so I can do the annual tidy up.  
A note about clothes for the concert is attached to this newsletter.

**Library**

Library borrowing has finished for this year. Please check for any school library books and return them to me.

Thank you.

*Mrs Noll.*

**Excursion to Albury**

On Friday 11th December the whole school will be travelling to Albury for our end of year excursion.

The students will be watching the movie “Hotel Transylvania 2”. This will be followed by lunch at QE11 Square. We will end the day with a visit to the Albury Art Gallery, MAMA.

Students will be departing school at 9.40am and will return by 3.15pm.

Please find attached a copy of the permission slip which needs to be returned by **Tuesday 8th December**.

Thank you to the P&C for offering to pay for the bus and movie. We appreciate your kind support. What a great way to end another fantastic school year!

*Miss Widdison*

**Jelly Cup**

Don’t forget your Jelly Cup order for Canteen. Please return to school by Friday, so that the jellies can be made by Monday.

**P & C News**

- A big thank you to all who made slices etc for the Sustainability catering, and to all those who came along to help. As usual, your assistance is greatly appreciated.
- Christmas Hamper—don’t forget to bring in some Christmas Goodies to add to our steadily growing hamper.

Thank you,

*Shelley Schilg.*

**Dates for the Diary**

*Tuesday December 8th* - Year 6 Farewell  
*Thursday December 10th* - Class Dojo Reward  
*Afternoon at the pool.*  
*Friday December 11th* - Whole school excursion to Albury  
*Wednesday December 16th* - Presentation Night 7pm  
*Wednesday December 16th* - Last day of school for students  
*Friday December 18th* - Last day of school for teachers.

**Canteen Roster**

*December 7th:* Karen Wenke, Karla Lieschke  
*December 14th:* Karen Ofak, Kristie Heir

**School Banking**

Every Monday morning. Bank books to be handed in at the Front Office. Books are returned on Tuesday.
End of Year Excursion to Albury

Friday December 11th 2015
Years K – 6

Travel to Albury by bus, leaving Walla Walla Public School at 9.40am, returning by 3.15pm.

Students will be seeing the movie “Hotel Transylvania 2” (rated PG) at 10.30am, followed by lunch at the Albury QE11 Square and a visit to the Albury Art Gallery (MAMA).
Students are to wear full school uniform and bring recess, lunch & drinks.

There will be no cost to the students for this activity.

Please return the permission note below by this Tuesday 8th December.

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I give permission for my child/children ..........................................................

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(Name/s)

To travel by bus to Albury on Friday 11th December to see the Movie “Hotel Transylvania 2” followed by lunch at the Albury QE11 Square and a visit to the Albury Art Gallery (MAMA).

Signed............................................................ Date ......................

(Parent/Caregiver)