

Wednesday 17th February

Rest Day for all Foundation Students



February	HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL FROM THE WALLARANO SCHOOL COMMUNITY
11th	Rebecca Pauv 3/31
13th	Rosana Kouch 0/33
14th	Cecilia Poon 4/09, Elwin Yang 6/24
15th	Anjileah Tsioulakas 0/06, Chelsea Ros 3/30, Celeste Galban 4/09, Taylen Min 4/10, Isabella Delic 5/16, Ethan Vo 5/16, Mai Murdoch 5/18
16th	Daniel Sljivar 0/06, Chouy Ing Pung 0/08, Kailani Kong 0/34, Bryant Kray 2/01, Jabien Tara 3/29, Jullius Ngatokorua 6/24
17th	Nathan Nin 0/08, Kingsley Hom 0/33, Ryder Arai 5/17

Wallarano would like to wish all members of our community who celebrate Lunar New Year a very happy and joyous time over the next 16 days. Please find below some interesting information on this very important celebration. We must all continue to share and learn about each other's culture, religion and traditions. Knowledge develops Understanding that generates Respect and results in future generations living in Harmony. Let's continue to do this for our children's future!



Lunar New Year 2021 falls on Friday, February 12th, 2021, and celebrations culminate with the [Lantern Festival](#) on February 26th, 2021.

Celebrations last up to 16 days. Chinese New Year marks the transition between [zodiac signs](#): 2021 is the [year of the Ox](#); 2020 the [year of the Rat](#).

The zodiac signs include the rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog and pig.

Each year has a different sign, meaning each person is represented by one of the 12 animals.

However, the years run from the end of January one year to the beginning of February in the next.

The worshiping of animals is called zoolatry, and dates back to the Qin dynasty more than 2,000 years ago.

Year of the Ox

The Ox is the second of all zodiac animals. According to one myth, the Jade Emperor said the order would be decided by the order in which they arrived to his party. The Ox was about to be the first to arrive, but Rat tricked Ox into giving him a ride. Then, just as they arrived, Rat jumped down and landed ahead of Ox. Thus, Ox became the second animal.

The Ox is also associated with the Earthly Branch (地支 / dì zhī) Chǒu (丑) and the hours 1–3 in the morning. In the terms of yin and yang (阴阳 / yīn yáng), the Ox is Yang.

Oxen are the hard workers in the background, intelligent and reliable, but never demanding praise.

In Chinese culture, the Ox is a valued animal. Because of its role in agriculture, positive characteristics, such as being hardworking and honest, are attributed to it.

Paired with the Celestial Stems (天干 / Tiān gān), there is a 60-year calendrical cycle. Although chǒu is associated with earth, the years also cycle through the five elements of nature (五行 / wǔ xíng).

Personality and Characteristics

Oxen are honest and earnest. They are low key and never look for praise or to be the centre of attention. This often hides their talent, but they'll gain recognition through their hard work.

They believe that everyone should do what's asked for them and stay within their bounds. Though they are kind, it's difficult for them to understand persuasion using pathos. Rarely losing your temper, they think logically and make great leaders.

Men born in the Ox year are reliable and trustworthy. They put their entire heart into everything they do. They feel great responsibility towards their family as well. However, due to their confidence (almost arrogance), they don't allow anyone to go against their rules. They hold your children to high expectations, even though it might be unrealistic.

Women born in the Ox year are calm and gentle. They will never surrender to fate and rarely think of choosing an alternative. This no doubt leads to a life of struggles. But no matter what, they will walk down the road they choose until the end. Despite this stubbornness, they think and react quickly.

What does the year of the Ox represent?

The Ox has traits of strength, reliability, fairness and conscientiousness, as well as inspiring confidence in others. This means those born in the year of the Ox - 2021 as well as 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009 also share these traits - according to the Qin legend. They are also thought to be calm, patient, methodical and trustworthy - although also very opinionated, strong-willed and potentially stubborn.



The Lunar New Year was traditionally intended as a solemn day to pray to the gods for a good planting season and a bountiful harvest.

The family is of great importance as it is the foundation of society. The significance of the family is most apparent in the Lunar New Year food they prepare during what they consider to be the most important holiday of the year.

Celebrating New Year's Eve dinner with the entire family is a necessity. Every member of the family has to be present. In fact, when some members are away, the rest of the family still have to leave space for them and place a set of utensils where they should be.

The Spring Festival is a season for change and new beginnings. Consistent with most activities on the occasion, wearing new clothes represents leaving the old and welcoming the new. They also add to the festivity and are believed to protect you from evil spirits!



Peach blossom and kumquat are well regarded for inclusion in **Lunar New Year flower** arrangements as they signify longevity and good fortune. Gold, significant of prosperity and wealth, is also a common addition to flower arrangements for the **Lunar New Year** so yellow **flowers** are also popular, particularly when paired with their red counterparts.



Similar to other cultures, children receive gifts- often red pouches or red pockets that contain luck money. This tradition represents the transfer of fortune from the elders to their children. However, people can also give them to friends, colleagues, and superiors.

Homes are adorned with red decorations on Lunar New Year. It is common to find red lanterns and strings of red chili hung up on doors and windows during the Chinese New Year. People have also become accustomed to wearing red clothing for the festival.

Western astrology has a total of 12 zodiac animals with one for every month of the year. There is also the same number of zodiac animals in lunar astrology, but they each go for an entire year. 2020 is the Rat and their positive traits are bestowed upon people born that year. The zodiac animal can determine your career, health, and relationship



The lion dance is a **traditional dance** performed on big occasions, such as the Spring Festival for good luck, as it is believed that the lion is an auspicious animal. The lion symbolizes **power, wisdom, and superiority**. People perform lion dances at festivals or big occasions to bring good fortune and chase away evil spirits. The lion dance is one of the most important traditions at Lunar New Year. It is performed to **bring prosperity and good luck** for the upcoming year. The lion dance is also a way to create a festive atmosphere and bring happiness. **Performed** in a lion costume, accompanied by the music of beating drums, clashing cymbals, and resounding gongs, lion dances imitate a lion's various movements or demonstrate martial arts agility, depending on the style.

Enjoy the weekend!

Gail Doney

We Are Always Better Together!



Community Support Team

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Is Your Family Struggling?

Anglicare are again reaching out to local schools to offer their support to families in the community who may still be facing hardship due to COVID-19.

It's been tough especially as the new school year begins and Anglicare endeavour to offer assistance by working one on one with families to assess their overall needs and fill in the gap by providing them with some material aid.

If any families are finding these times particularly difficult please contact the school or Anglicare directly on **community.support-south@anglicarevic.org.au** with the following information:

Full Name

School Name

Contact Number (they can also include a preferred call back time)

Anglicare will then reach out to have a conversation to understand your needs and support you from there. There are a limited number of vouchers so each family situation will be assessed to determine their eligibility.

Anglicare continue to work with their internal programs, such as Financial Wellness and Counselling, Emergency Relief and Family Services programs which are available to support also at this time.

We rocked our first week of school!

The foundation students have made a terrific start to their first year of school at Wallarano. They have been busy making new friends, meeting all of the teachers, going on tours around the school and attending different specialists. The Foundation teachers are so proud of how brave they have been and all the amazing efforts they have put into their first week of school. Well done everyone!



Grade 1 2021

The 2021 Grade One students have had a wonderful start to the year. With a focus on getting to know their new classmates students have been participating in many collaborative activities. One activity required students to work together to keep a balloon off the ground while only using their hands! Wow! Congratulations to all Grade One students on a fantastic first week, we hope you are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.



The Grade 2 Team

We have had a wonderful start to the year in Grade 2! The children have settled back in to school routines really well and have been enjoying our language experience lessons as part of our Literacy program. A highlight this week was making koala biscuits after reading 'Don't Call Me Bear!' by Aaron Blabey. The children loved decorating their own biscuits and came up with fantastic adjectives to describe the experience, ranging from 'sugary' to 'delicious'. The recipe can be found here for any families wishing to make their own koala biscuits at home:

<https://www.kidspot.com.au/kitchen/recipes/koala-biscuits-australia-day-recipes/qjbkdfbn>

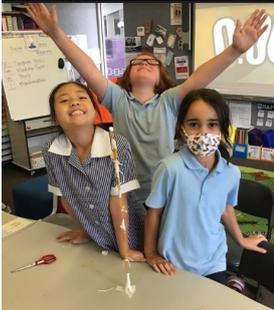


Grade 3 Back to School – What we are doing?

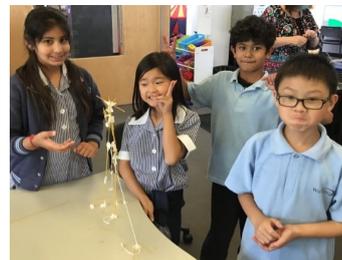
The Grade 3 students have settled in well to their new classrooms. In Grade 3 Room 29 Matisse is reading a recount of her holidays. In Grade 3 Room 30 Manal is showing her toy bird from home. In Grade 3 Room 31 Kara is ordering the animals of the Chinese Zodiac that completed the Great Race. In Grade 3 Room 32 William is reading a book from Epic which is an educational App we use. Have a great year Grade 3!



Grade 4's Marshmallow Challenge



A part of starting off in a new room with different class mates is all about team work. This week, the Grade 4's participated in the Marshmallow Challenge. Team work was vital to create a free-standing tower made out of spaghetti, tape and a marshmallow. The team with the tallest tower won!



Grade 5 team building activities

The Grade 5 students have spent the first few days of the new school year getting to know each other and building on their teamwork skills. They are all excited to be back with their friends and eager to improve their learning.



SUPER SIXERS SUPER NEWS!

Welcome back to school, Year 6, for what is sure to be a super exciting (and super busy) final year of primary school! This week, we kickstarted our Year 6 journey with the Aspire Higher incursion. The crew from UPP visited us to teach our students about leadership, challenging our own limitations, supporting each other to be our best and how to set a positive example to the other students of Wallarano. Students learned that **leadership is not just for those who have badges, or are 'special people' – everyone can be a leader.**

The challenge is now for the Year 6 students to take these lessons forward to have a positive and successful 2021, and set themselves up for future success!



Ar+ SMOCKS



Dear parents/carers,

Reminder: Due to Covid safe practices students cannot share the smocks we normally have available to them in the art room.

Please make sure your child brings an old shirt, T-shirt or smock to school for your child to wear during art lessons.

Kind Regards,
Kalya Gower and Stephanie Frost
Visual Arts teachers

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Lots of fun and enjoyment was also had a water activity come evident during the school in, where the children had the holidays. We had wildlife opportunity to get wet from the incursion come in where the water and play water-based children were able to touch the games. Lots of fun was evident animals and ask various as well as enthusiasm and questions about the animals. We persistence.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

-  **WELCOME TO EDUCATOR MARK!**
A warm welcome to Gnesina our casual educator.
-  **WELCOME TO EDUCATOR MARK!**
To our new children especially Foundation

-  **WELCOME TO EDUCATOR MARK!**
A warm welcome also to Kelly Sutherland.
-  **WELCOME TO EDUCATOR MARK!**
Welcome to all New & returning Families.

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COMING UP

12
Feb

Chinese New Year

14
Feb

Valentine's Day

14-
20
Feb

Random acts of Kindness Week



RECIPE

Something to Make Banana Smoothie!

Ingredients

- 1 Banana
- 1 cup cold milk
- Squeeze of Honey

Peel your banana and break into pieces into the blender. Add milk and a good squeeze of honey.

Whiz the Blend until the banana is smooth and the shake is frothy. Pour into a glass.

Tips Mango's and strawberries can be a tasty addition to this smoothie.



PHOTO GALLERY



POLICY CORNER

SUN SMART

Hi Parents,

Please ensure that your child brings a hat to Osh Club.

This hat will be kept at the program in a snap lock bag.

The bag will have your child's name on the outside of the bag that is clearly seen.

It is important to supply your child with this as we are a sun smart program.

Sunscreen will be made available for your children to put on prior to outdoor activities.

