

Tuesday 30th November	G2 Excursion - Rickett's Point
Thursday 2nd December	Foundation Excursion—Mordialloc Beach
Friday 3rd December	Books in Home - Presentation



NOVEMBER	HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL FROM THE WALLARANO SCHOOL COMMUNITY
25th	Cameron Heang 1/26
26th	Jordan Puc 0/33, Danny Quach 5/15
27th	Brendan Fernandez 2/03
28th	Dylan Chhin 3/30, Tenessa Va 4/12
30th	Denis Poznanovic 5/16, Brendon Choeun 6/21
DECEMBER	
1st	Archer Souliyavong 1/25, Savannah Kaduruwewa 1/28, Varonica Tann 4/09

From the Principal

Next week we all move into the month of December. It is hard to believe we are close to the end of 2021. In some ways it has been an incredibly long year and in another ways it seems to be coming to an end quickly.

Student Enrolments for 2022

Please enrol your child for 2022 as soon as possible. Also let the office know if you are moving and do not intend to attend Wallarano next year.

We have worked very hard to plan for 2022 and need to have a very clear idea of how many children we will have at each level Foundation- Grade 6.

Foundation Transition Program- Parent Tours

This week many of our future Foundation students attended a session in the classroom to prepare them for school. We were very pleased with how confident the children were so congratulations to the parents and the kinder teachers for doing such a great job!

The parents all joined in very small group tours, and we thoroughly enjoyed getting to know these families and look forward to having a positive relationship with them throughout their child's journey through primary education.

Another Foundation Transition video went out on social media yesterday and we are looking forward to Orientation Day on the 7th December.

Grade 6 Transition

We are very busy organising a very fun filled farewell to our Grade 6 students: excursions, disco and graduation. On Tuesday 7th December all Grade 6 students will be attending their future secondary schools. Many students become nervous and anxious at this time so please support them and encourage them to be brave and face the future with hope, high aspirations, and a strong belief that they will be fine.

Wallarano School Review

This week Wallarano completed a very successful Review by the Education Department

These were the main questions they asked:

1. *How effectively and consistently do teachers implement the instructional model, school curriculum and moderation practices to ensure a differentiated learning program that meets the needs of all students?*
2. *To what extent does the school have an aspirational and innovative curriculum that develops the whole child?*
3. *To what extent are there tiered and personalised strategies that enable every student to strengthen their wellbeing, to have agency over their learning and to achieve the highest levels of learning growth?*

We will receive the final report shortly, but the panel agreed that the school does an excellent job in all areas, particularly in STEM, Numeracy and Reading – listing them as our highlights. We agreed that Writing was very difficult to teach online and we will make every effort to continue to improve our students in this area.

I would like to thank all the staff, students and parents who participated in the conversations with the Review Panel members and for their constructive and positive feedback.

Student Leaders for 2022

The aspiring Student Leaders for 2022 have presented their oral presentation to their classmates and those classmates have voted. Based entirely on those votes the top 20 students were informed today that they have been shortlisted. The next step in this selection process is each shortlisted applicant will be interviewed next week. We will be looking for students with a strong and clear understanding of what leadership is and those that have creative and innovative ideas for 2022.

After the individual interviews all shortlisted applicants will participate in a 'Group Activity' that will be observed by the selection panel. This panel will include 2021 student leaders who will have a large input into who will be chosen for the positions of 2022 School Leaders. There will not be a gender balance – 6 girls and 6 boys – children will be chosen for their leadership capabilities and skills.

Facebook and SkoolBag

I encourage all families to upload and join Wallarano SkoolBag and Facebook to continue to be well informed about the school activities and plans.

Herald Sun

The Herald Sun photographer came out to Wallarano last Friday and took several pictures of some of our Grade 6 students. These students were also interviewed over the phone by one of the Herald Sun journalists and asked what their ambitions for the future were and why. This article is for Future Victoria, but we are yet to see anything published. I have contacted the Herald Sun and they promised to get back to me. I will keep you all posted.

Practise random acts of kindness: *Random acts of kindness have been scientifically shown to increase the happiness and wellbeing of both the giver and the recipient. Do something nice for a different colleague or friend every day this week.*

Keep safe and have a great weekend!

Gail Doney