



Wadja Wadja High School Newsletter

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Penned from the Principal Mr Hector Costello

Term 4 this year at Wadja Wadja High School came to a sad conclusion with the passing of our beloved teacher's aide, Kathryn (Kacey) Williams on 13th November. Kacey was a valuable staff member at the school for the last 3 years and her 'larger than life' personality impacted upon students and staff in a most positive way. She will be deeply missed in our school community. Our deepest and sincerest condolences are extended to her family at this time of loss. Next year the school will plan a permanent memorial to recognise her contribution to the school.

Despite the impact of this sad occasion, we were able to celebrate the achievements of our students during the last week of school. I would like to make special note of the outstanding achievements of our students in the QATSIF art awards. This competition was a statewide competition involving around 240 schools and perhaps thousands of students. Wadja scored 2 first places and numerous other awards, an excellent effort for a school of our size. In addition to those being awarded, I congratulated all of our students for their increased engagement in their learning that I observed this year as I returned to the school this year as Acting Principal. I would also like to thank the Community Spirit Foundation for their involvement in our awards day and for their continued support of Wadja Wadja High School during 2023.

We look forward to 2024 as the school looks to continuously improve all aspects of the school. As indicated in this newsletter, the Board continues to upgrade facilities and this will continue in 2024. I would like to announce to our community that the Board has chosen an experienced principal, Mr Paul Ryan as a permanent appointment commencing on the 15th January.

Newsletter Articles

- Penned from the Principal
- Social media outlets
- Student birthday's
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- Deadly choices visit
- World Teacher' Day
- Art Museum Visit - Biloela
- Community Spirit Foundation - Starting Block Awards
- Awards Day Lunch
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Social Media Outlets


  Wadja Wadja High school

  <https://www.wadja.com.au/>
VISIT OUR WEBSITE

  Coming soon.

Student Birthdays



OCT	NOV	DEC
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BUILDING'S AND GROUND'S

- Miscellaneous painting across the school grounds
- Routine building and maintenance
- Gardening
- New school branding sign.
- New flooring in VET kitchen, outdoor area and Year 7 and 8 Classroom.

Enrol NOW for 2024
Interviews commence 16th January

PAINTING REFRESH OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS



FLOORING REFURBISHMENT



NEW SCHOOL ENTRY BRANDING SIGNS



Deadly Choices Visit

Deadly Choices run a healthy choice program every Friday called DC Fit Program. Deadly Choices is a health promotion initiative of the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health (IUIH). Their aim is to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to make healthy choices for themselves and their families.



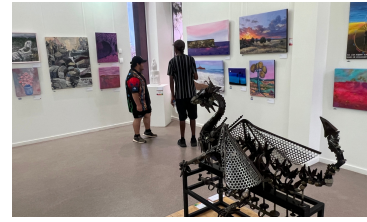
World Teacher's Day

On 30th of October, a morning tea was held to say "Thank you" to all our Teachers for their hard work and support to our students. Your dedication and passion inspire us all and make for a wonderful place to work.



Art Museum visit - Biloela

A Visit to the Biloela Art Gallery was filled with different art perspectives that promote ideas for future assessments in the CERT II in Visual art. The students were mesmerized and engaged with the different sessions that the manager designed for the day. In Term 4, the students worked on a denim design. Next year, the students can look forward to ceramics amongst various other mediums in art.



Community Spirit Foundation Starting Block Awards

Term 4 Attendance Awards

Give me 5 - These students have attended school and received 50 - 60%

90% - 100% Attendance

GRADE	STUDENT	ATTENDANCE DATA	PRIZE
YR 7	K'Sharna		Pencil case set
YR 8	Oron		Pencil case set
YR 9	Christopher	50 - 60%	Pencil case set
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YR 9	Dar'anangan		Pencil case set

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GRADE	TEACHER AWARD		GIFT
YR 7	Miriam	For an improved effort in her schoolwork and an eagerness to learn.	Nike travel bag
YR 8	Maudesta	For a kind and caring heart that always seeks to help and include others.	Nike travel bag
YR 9	Sharika	For her consistency, and for trying her best at school. It is a pleasure to have her in class.	Nike travel bag
YR 10	Rebis	For encouraging other students to attend school and leading the way as an example.	Cup puzzle ball
YR 11	Patrick	For pushing himself outside of his comfort zone and growing in confidence, especially with his social skills in and outside of the classroom.	Cup puzzle ball



Awards Day Lunch

The 22nd of November was a time to reflect and congratulate students on their hardwork for 2023 by presenting awards to students, sharing a roast lunch and lolly stand for desserts.

QATSIF Art Awards

1st Place:

Year 7 Painting - Justin

Year 8 Painting - Shakiah

2nd Place:

Year 7 Painting - Damien

Year 7 Poster Art - Miriam

Year 8 Painting - Evarnia

Year 9 Painting - Christopher

3rd Place:

Year 8 Poster Art - Renee

Highly Commended:

Year 7 - Leatisha | K'Sharna | Clarice | Carol

Year 8 - Pearl

Year 9 - Danielle | Lesley | Steven | Sylvia

Year 10 - John | Rebis

Year 11 - Clinton | Mathew | Patrick



Special Attendance Award - Shakiah

AVI30419 Certificate III in Aviation (Remote Pilot) - Mathew

Darumbal Annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Academic Award - Patrick

Student Award Winners

Year 7 Awards

Highest Achiever Award - K'Sharna
Most Improved Award - Damien
Encouragement Award - Carol



Year 8 Awards

Highest Achiever Award - Evarnia
Most Improved Award - Shakiah
Encouragement Award - Virginia & Brayden



Year 9 Awards

Highest Achiever Award - Rebis
Most Improved Award - Rebis
Encouragement Award - Joseph



Year 10 - 11 Awards

Highest Achiever Award - Rebis
Most Improved Award - Rebis
Encouragement Award - Joseph

Highest Achiever Award - Te Ohaki
Most Improved Award - Patrick
Encouragement Award - Edward



On behalf of Wadja Wadja High School Staff,

we wish you a
Merry Christmas
&

Happy New Year



2024 School calendar Queensland state schools

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School terms
 School holidays
 Public holidays
 Staff professional development/student free days

 Part public holiday after 6 pm

Term 1, 2024 Date Claimers

Monday 22 nd of January	Term 1 Commences
Thursday 25 th of January	Wet fun day / Lolly stand at WWHS
Friday 26 th of January	Public Holiday – Australia Day
Thursday 1 st of February	School Excursion – Rockhampton Zoo, Botanical Gardens and Quay Street Art Museum
Friday 2 nd of February	School Excursion – Rockhampton Swimming Rockpool
Monday 12 th of February – Friday 16 th of February	School Camp – Rockhampton Caves
Thursday 15 th of February	Day Trip - Great Keppel Island
Friday 16 th of February	School Excursion - Rockhampton Dreamtime Centre

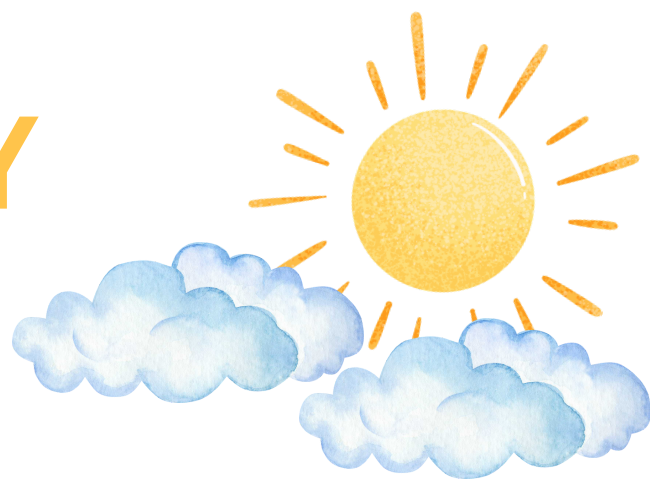
Term Dates for 2024

Term 1	22 nd of January – 28 th of March
Term 2	15 th of April – 21 st of June
Term 3	8 th of July – 13 th of September
Term 4	30 th of September – 13 th of December

FUN WET DAY

Thursday 25th of January

Come spend a fun day at Wadja with slippery slides, water balloons with a lolly stand.



What to bring:

- Towel
- Hat (Broad brim)
- Sunscreen
- Closed in shoes & thongs



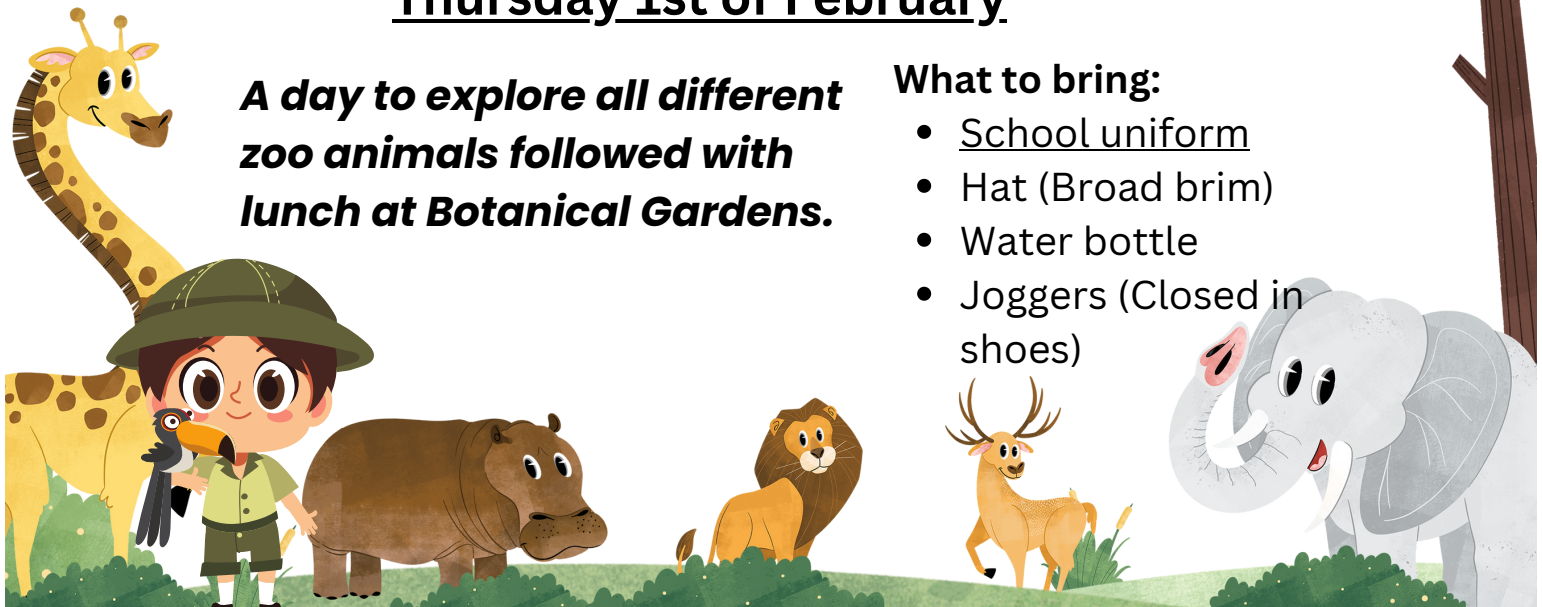
Rockhampton Zoo & Botanical Gardens lunch

Thursday 1st of February

A day to explore all different zoo animals followed with lunch at Botanical Gardens.

What to bring:

- School uniform
- Hat (Broad brim)
- Water bottle
- Joggers (Closed in shoes)





Rockhampton Museum Excursion

Thursday 1st of February

Day trip to the new Art museum opened in Quay Street, Rockhampton. (Main Mall)

What to bring:

- School uniform
- Hat (Broad brim)
- Water bottle
- Joggers (Closed in shoes)



Rockhampton Northside Rockpool

Friday 2nd of February

Spend a whole day at Northside Rockhampton Rockpool for fun waterslides and mini golf.

What to bring:

- School uniform
- Hat (Broad brim)
- Water bottle
- Joggers (Closed in shoes)



Rockhampton Capricorn Caves

Monday 12th of February
- Friday 16th of February



5 Day trip to Rockhampton Caves with a multiple activities each day



What to bring:

- Hat (Broad brim)
- Water bottle
- Sun protective clothes to last 5 days
- 2 x Towels
- Pillow & sleeping bag
- Joggers (Closed in shoes)
- Spare bag for wet clothes

Thursday 15th - Day trip to Great Keppel Island.

Great Keppel Island lies 15 kilometres from the coast off Yeppoon in the Shire of Livingstone, Queensland, Australia. It is part of the Capricorn Coast of Central Queensland. The island's traditional owners are the Woppaburra people.



Friday 16th Last Day - Trip to Dreamtime Centre.

The Dreamtime Cultural Centre is an Indigenous cultural arts and education centre.

