Wallerawang Public School Newsletter Term 4 Week 7, 24th November 2010

Advent Pageant SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE

This Friday, 26th November, the school will be involved in a joyful celebration of sharing the Christmas message with the community of Wallerawang.



Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 will have a quick fruit/drink break then leave the school by bus at 9:30am We will assemble in front of the Butchers for a Pageant down Main Street stopping at several locations to sing a Christmas Carol and share a child centred Christmas message with our local community. The Pageant walk will conclude at Lollipop Junction and the children will return to school by bus for recess.

As we spread the Christmas message parents and younger children are invited to join the Advent Pageant walking down Main Street and/or come to the school for the special service which Stage 1 & 2 are preparing.

DRESS – Stage 1 children

The children are asked to wear school uniform with a very simple advent dress up costume over it or some simple hand held props to add atmosphere to the event. Shepherds can have a towel around their head, cloak, Angels – wings or tinsel in their hair. Props to carry could include a star or staff, a baby doll wrapped in a cloth, toy animals as in the stable etc. Please keep it simple and encourage the children to participate. Children with special roles already have a note about their costume.

Stage 1 children will arrive back at school for recess. After recess (11:40am), Stage 1, 2 and Stage 3 children who did not attend the Sydney Excursion will assemble in the hall for a special Christmas Scripture assembly led by Ron and Merle Clark representing Fusion Australia.

Lunch Arrangements

A sausage sandwich, cake and drink, will be served for lunch to each child who has ordered, progressing through the classes with staff and visitors being served after the children. Cost is \$3.00.

NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE CANTEEN

If your child does not wish to order a sausage sandwich they will need to bring their own lunch from home.

The canteen will be available as normal for recess. Parents & Carers are also welcome to join us for lunch.

Swimming Scheme

The 10 day School Swimming Scheme begins next Monday 29th November at the Lithgow Olympic Pool.

Children enrolled in the program need to bring along their swimmers, towel, hat and sunscreen. After an early recess the swimmers will depart the school at 11:15am and return by 12:45pm in time for lunch.

Year 5 – Leadership Speeches

On Thursday 2nd December, Year 5 students will present their leader's speeches in preparation for the Year 6 2011 School Leaders elections. The speeches will commence at 9:30am in the school hall and parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Voting will take place after the speeches have all been presented.

Leaders for 2011 will be announced at the school assembly on Friday 3rd December.

Year 3 2011 Bus Travel - Reminder

Families of Year 2 students are reminded that their updated bus travel applications are due back at school TOMORROW

P&C Christmas Raffle

Please return your tickets, sold or unsold, by Wednesday 1st of December 2010 to allow for a smooth organisation of the raffle draw. The prize is a huge Santa sock full of lots of fabulous goodies which is currently on display in the school office foyer! Tickets cost 3 for \$1.00 and the raffle will be drawn on Presentation Day. Thank you to all families who have already returned their tickets and money.

School Planning Surveys

A reminder to parents and carers to return the two surveys by this coming Friday.

Questions about Teaching and Learning and Community Engagement are the content of the surveys and all responses will greatly benefit the students by providing us with information to assist us in catering for the children in our school.

Surveys can also be completed on line. Go on to the school website;

www.wallerawan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Click on the SURVEYS tab at the top of the page, and then scroll down to the links "Community Engagement Survey" and the "Teaching and Learning Survey."

Thank you for your support!

School Assembly

There will be no school assembly this Friday due to the Stage 3 excursion and the Advent Pageant Christmas Service

Library News

Could everyone check at home for library books and return these to the trolley inside the door of the Tiered Learning Area OR give them to Mrs Nancarrow.

If you can't remember what you borrowed at the start of Term 3, please see Mrs Nancarrow.

It is exciting to see the new library almost complete. Unpacking of books should commence just before the holidays!

Dates for your blary		
Swimming Scheme commences	29 th Nov	
Year 5 Leaders Speeches	2 nd Dec	
School Assembly 9:10am	3 rd Dec	
House Captain 2011 Elections	6 th Dec	
Presentation Day 2010 - 10-12noon	7 th Dec	
Stage 2/3 End of Year Pool Party	9 th Dec	
Stage 1 End of Year Party - Movies	10 th Dec	
Reports home to parents	10 th Dec	
Swimming Scheme finishes	10 th Dec	
Year 6 Farewell Dinner	13 th Dec	
2010 School year finishes	15 th Dec	
School Development Days	16 th &	
	17 th Dec	

Dates for your Diary

Canteen Roster 2011 – Volunteers Needed

The Canteen Committee are currently drawing up a volunteer roster for 2011. Nomination forms were sent home last week. Please indicate your preferences even if you have been on the roster previously so that the roster clerk can update records and organise the new roster as soon as possible. Our school is one of the only schools left in the state where its canteen is entirely run by volunteers. This benefits all families as well as the school, where the costs of menu items are kept to a minimum and all profits are given back the school. We would like to keep our canteen run by volunteers so your help in volunteering for as little as once a month would be greatly appreciated.

"Wang's Big Bang" Term 3 School Newspaper now on sale -\$2 A great keepsake of events and children's work from Term 3 2010 Visit our school website at <u>www.wallerawan-p.schools@det.nsw.edu.au</u> to view the weekly newsletter in full colour!

Canteen Roster

Thu 25 th Nov	J. Barnes
Fri 26 th Nov	K. Phillips, R. Phillips
Mon 29 th Nov	J. Redding, S. Howarth
Tue 30 th Nov	T. McMillan, S. Beecroft
Wed 1 st Dec	K. Lane, L. Anderson

<u>Thank you</u>

Our school has been presented with a certificate of appreciation for supporting Heart Kids in recognition of our valuable contribution in helping raise \$26 425.64!

Uniform Shop - Closed

The uniform shop is closed this Friday 26th November as Mrs Lewis is at the Stage 3 excursion!



Lithgow High School Attention students of Year 6

Lithgow High School is very excited to announce Alinta Apparel, our **new** on campus LHS uniform shop. Appointments for fitting times can be made on line at <u>www.alintaapparel.com.au</u> or by phone on **63 52 3494** Shop opening hours during School Term **Tuesday, 8am - 10am** & Thursday, 1pm - 3pm

Week 6 Assembly Photos

Class Citizenship Awards



Academic Awards



Captains & Prefects Awards



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TOP LEVEL – LOOK WHO IS FIRST IN 2010 Step Up – Level 8 CONGRATULATIONS – TOP STUFF!



Honour Awards



Welcome to our School!



Level 7 Step Up Awards



Stage 3 Scrap Bucket Award















COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lithgow Swimming Club is holding a Triathlon on Sunday 5th Dec 2010. The Triathlon comprises 3 different distances to cater for all fitness levels and ranges of ability.

One of the events is called the Try-a-Tri and is aimed at children 10yrs and under. Kids can use a kick board if necessary. The "Have-a-Go" preliminary event is aimed at Yr5-6 children The event is really about encouraging participation and getting our community and kids active.

For more information contact Mitch or Karen Luka <u>wetravel@bigpond.com</u>

For Sale

Yamaha P.W.80 Motorbike <u>Excellent Condition</u>. Has had very little use. Great first bike. \$1500. Ono Phone 63 557 556

LJ Hooker Lithgow

MARQUEE Available free to schools, sporting clubs and charity events For bookings phone: 63512548

SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS 4 KIDS

Crusaders are running 20 awesome Christian camps for kids in school yrs 3-12 in the summer holidays.

Activities include: sailing, swimming, theme nights, abseiling, rock climbing, sand boarding, horse riding, beach days, HSC study, new friends and more!

For a free brochure or to register visit <u>www.crucamps.com.au</u> or call (02) 9874 8933. 'CRU Camps' is a division of the Crusader Union of Australia which has 80 years experience running safe, Christian camps for kids.

Child Behaviour and Parenting Survey

Assessing child behaviour and parenting accurately is vital if the issues that parents are concerned about today with regards to their children are to be adequately addressed. The Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland has developed a new questionnaire to assess various child behaviour and parenting strategies and experiences. We are seeking parents of 2 to 12-year-old children to share their thoughts in an online survey, which takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. Please visit the website at http://exp.psy.ug.edu.au/parentingsurvey to find out more and take part in the survey.