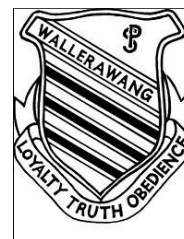


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NEWSLETTER WEEK 6 TERM 4, 16th November 2011



Dear Parents/ Carers,

As another week passes the children of Wallerawang have been involved in many different experiences in the school setting.

Canberra Excursion

On Friday night I welcomed back some very tired, but satisfied staff, students and parents from the Canberra excursion. Reports indicate the children's behaviour was outstanding in all situations and they were very well prepared for 'question' time at Parliament House. The parents in attendance were an asset, being of great assistance throughout the 3 days. I am sure that a couple of these parents wiped away a tear as the bus pulled into the school as they experienced their last Wallerawang School excursion as their youngest child in the family moves on to high school. I am sure these experiences will remain in their memories for many years to come. Acknowledgement and thanks goes to Mrs Combey for her organisation over many months to make the trip so successful and to Mrs Williams and Mr Morrow for their support during this process. This is another fine example of staff at Wallerawang always willing to give that little extra.

Remembrance Day Assembly

The short Remembrance Day assembly on Friday organised by Mrs Pangas was very moving and involved a small selection of our students making presentations and distributing poppies. Thank you to Emma Sheehan for the presentation of a poem called "In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae and to Jack Carter for reading the script below about his Great Grandfather supported by his very proud Mother and Grandmother. This is a significant part of our local history and it is important that our students have the opportunity to share this knowledge with their peers on special occasions.

'My great grandfather Thomas Cambridge was a POW (Prisoner of War) in Changi. He was in the in the 4 2/29th A.I.F that was the ill fated 8th division that capitulated at the fall of Singapore.

My Great Grandfather helped to organise and build the POW memorial on the Scenic Hill in Lithgow. My great grandfather along with a number of POW club members built the memorial for the doctors and nurses during the imprisonment by Nipponese between 1942-1945.

What's Happening?

Special School Assembly

Rob Morrow's Retirement

Friday 18th Nov 9:30am

Early Bird Kindergarten
Transition Program Day 5
Monday 21st Nov

Uniform Shop
Now open on Mondays from
11:30am—1:00pm

Infants Local Excursion
Tuesday 22nd Nov

School Swimming Program
10 day program
28/11/11—9/12/11
Years 2, 3, 4 & 5

Advent Pageant
Friday 25th Nov

Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Monday 12th December

Presentation Day
Tuesday 13th Dec 10am



Car Show BBQ

Many thanks once again go to our hard working P&C. Kim Heath, Di and Michelle Van Der Velden, Debbie Holder, Belinda Wootton, Renee Edwards, Di Lewis, Jocelyn Barnes, Katena Taylor and Tony and Laura Luchetti for committing to catering for The Mountain Cruizers event at the school on Sunday. The day was extremely successful and the money raised goes directly to the school.

Assessments

As this week wraps up so do the majority of assessments as teachers prepare to collate data and begin the process of writing reports.

Special Assembly

Mr Morrow's retirement assembly is drawing closer and we look forward to celebrating his teaching career and achievements with him. Remember, everyone is welcome to join with us this Friday 18th November at 9.30am in the school hall.

As the end of the year fast approaches many of our ex students are eagerly awaiting HSC results and the results of job applications and their induction into leadership roles. It is pleasing to hear the success that our students are experiencing at different stages in their lives. I have been made aware that Jack Neale, Josh Quinn and Luke Williams have been offered electrical apprenticeships. I congratulate them all and wish them well.



Congratulations to Cassie Houston who broke the 12 years girls Lithgow swimming club butterfly record.

Hopefully the lovely summer sunshine will continue as you all enjoy opportunities that present themselves during the week.

Jenny Lamborn
Relieving Principal

Library News

This week is the last week for library borrowing. All books need to be returned by Friday 25th November. The library will be closed from this date onwards to do a full stocktake. Overdue book notices will go home early next week.

Please check at home for any books with Wallerawang Public School barcode stickers on the back cover.

Thank you for your help getting ALL library books returned by the end of Week 8.

Mrs Nancarrow

Teacher Librarian

2011 Local Aged Care Christmas Appeal

This year the school will be taking part in the Mayor's Aged Care Christmas Appeal. Lithgow City Council have been working with the aged care facilities in the Lithgow Area to have the Mayor visit each of the facilities and present residents with a small gift for Christmas. Many of the residents of these centres have no family locally or are unable to leave their facility on Christmas Day.

Students are invited to bring in a small wrapped gift and marked whether it is for a male or female. Below are some suggestions for gifts.

Non- allergenic personal care products

Soft lollies or chocolates

Or gifts that provide visual and sensory stimulus for Alzheimer's patients.

Students can bring in the gift and give to the class teacher. The gifts will then be passed onto the Council for distribution.

Gifts can be sent to school up until the 25th November.

Thank you for your support.

Carolyn Warner
Coordinator

KR's Information Reports about Koalas

As part of our HSIE unit Places We Know: Australia, KR have been busy learning about important Australian symbols, places, fauna and flora. The unit has also been integrated into literacy and creative art lessons. During Reading to Learn lessons, children have been reading and writing information reports about Australian animals. Below are some of our information reports about Koalas.



Koalas are very cute and cuddly. They eat juicy green leaves. Their babies are called Joeys. They live in a pouch.

By **Jorden**



Koalas have silver fur and big fluffy ears. They have sharp claws. Koalas eat eucalyptus leaves off trees. Babies are called Joeys.

By **Bailey**



Koalas are covered in fur. Koalas have sharp long nails. They have two thumbs. They eat eucalyptus leaves.

By **Kendall**



Koalas are silver and they have tiny eyes. They have furry ears. Koalas eat gum nuts and get water from juicy leaves. Koalas sleep in the day.

By **Wil**



Koalas are soft. They eat little gum nuts. They drink water from the leaves.

By **Malakye**



Koalas have a pouch to keep their babies safe. Koala's eyes are round. They eat gum leaves. They climb gum trees.

By **Jacova**



Koalas are silver and they have tiny eyes. They have a big wet nose. Koalas eat eucalyptus leaves.

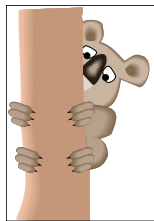
By **Ebony**



Koalas have fur all over their bodies. They have tiny round eyes. Koalas eat gum leaves and they get water from the leaves. When they are born they do not have any fur.

By **Jackson**

Koalas are fluffy. They have a pouch. Koalas eat gum nuts and leaves. They live in gum trees.



By **Cheyenne**

Stage 3 Personal Development Lessons

Year 5 and 6 students will be learning about Personal Development in Lifeskills lessons commencing next week. A separate information note has been distributed to Stage 3 today.

School Swimming Program

There are still five spaces available in the 10 day swimming program which commences on Monday 28th November. Please return your child’s permission form along with payment to secure their place in the program.

Sports Photos

Orders for student sports photos and Year 6 in their jumpers are due back at school by Friday 25th November. The photo display is in the school entry foyer.

Year 6 Farewell Dinner

The Year 6 farewell dinner will be held on Monday 12th December at the Wallerawang Bowling Club. RSVPs are due along with payment of \$25 per head by Wednesday 30th November.

Newsletter Tips

Getting organised

On the School A to Z website, listen to Shannon Lush’s advice about how to organise your household in a way that will leave you with more time to enjoy your family.

Go to: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/web/dec-schools-a-z/homework-and-study/homework-tips/organising-the-home-for-a-smooth-school-run

Toy recycling

With Christmas fast approaching, have you considered donating your youngest child’s unwanted toys to charity? Many families feel the pinch over this time and donations to all charities are much appreciated. A new resource for quality used goods is Second Chance Toys

(www.secondchancetoys.com.au)

an Australia-wide community initiative to rescue and recycle gently used plastic toys by donating them to children in need. Check out the website for more information, or donate at your local op shop, charity or drop off bin.

Uniform Shop News

Polo shirts in sizes 6, 8, 10 and 12 are all sold out. Orders in particular for these sizes need to be placed by Monday 21st November to be included in the **LAST** order for this year. Expected delivery early 2012.

Canteen Roster

Thursday	17/11	K. Giffney, J. Barnes
Friday	18/11	S. Giles, A. Whyte
Monday	21/11	S. Sheehan, A. Seymour
Tuesday	22/11	A. Jackson, F. Logue
Wednesday	23/11	K. Seton, S. Best

Community News

Pictures at Portland

Fri 9 Dec 8pm Real Steel (PG)

Sat 10 Dec 2pm Spy Kids 4 (PG)

Shopping Trip

SPACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE

On Sunday 27th November, we are holding a factory outlet tour to a variety of outlets in Sydney including: KB Toys, Home & Giftware, Manchester Warehouse, Cronulla Surfwear, Envy u Clothing, Linen one, Kids Fashion House, Christmas Warehouse Puma and New Balance.

The cost is \$64 per person which includes lunch. Departure will be from Wallerawang School (time to be advised).

All welcome—grandparents, friends, neighbours and other family members.

For more information call Renee on 6355 1915.

Wallerawang Bowling Club

Dining room open for eat in or takeaway Wed-Fri-Sat-Sun Nights from 6pm. Takeaway Pizzas also available fresh from the kitchen

Wednesday Night BINGO & Meat raffles

Friday Night Market night—over 30 prizes

Concert DVDs

now on sale

\$15.00 each

From the school

office



Wallerawang Bowling Club
Celebrate Lithgow Charity
Road Bike Challenge 2011

Sunday Nov 20th

Lake Wallace Wallerawang

8am start

Courses ranging from 22km
thru to 90km—Not a race

Food Vendors, music, ute
muster, jumping castle, su-
pervised activities for kids, a
family friendly day

Register now, download an
entry form from

[www.lithgowbusinessassocia-
tion.com](http://www.lithgowbusinessassociation.com)

Phone enquiries to Glen on
6355 1714 or Robyn on
0419 551 714

This year's major charity is
the local VRA

FOR SALE

GIRL'S FURNITURE



Table & Chairs

\$25



Doll's Cradle

\$15

Doll's
Highchair

\$15



Buy the lot for \$50

Contact

Bev Nancarrow

63344732 or

0429350931



Want to give your child a successful start at school?

(Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters - HIPPY)

HIPPY is a free, government funded program, new to Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland designed to help parents prepare their children for school.

Materials, guidance and home tutor support are all provided. The focus is on parents spending about 10 minutes a day doing the interactive activities with their children, to build pre-literacy and numeracy skills. HIPPY aims to further develop parents' skills and confidence to better help their children prepare for a successful start at school.

Employment opportunities are also available to parents.

Centacare requires part time Home Tutors to assist with delivering the HIPPY program.

Centacare is accepting enrolments for 2012 from families living in the Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland areas with children in the **year prior to starting school**, usually around 4 years of age (Note: Children must turn 4 years on or by the 31st July 2012).

Interested parents / caregivers can contact the Program Coordinator, Leanne Walding on telephone: 6352 4868 or mobile 0409 362 663 or email hippy@centacarebathurst.com.au

HIPPY Bowenfels is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations through the Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters.