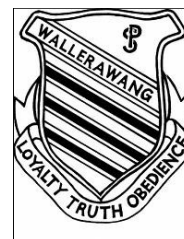


# Wallerawang Public School

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## NEWSLETTER WEEK 7 TERM 4, 23rd November 2011



### Dear Parents/ Carers,

As I wrap up my last week as Relieving Principal I wish to acknowledge the support of the students, staff, parents and wider community. My time has been very busy, filled with lots of opportunities and all focused around the children of this wonderful school. I look forward to returning for special events as the year winds up and then in 2012 in the role as Relieving Principal to maintain the expectations and traditions of this well established educational facility.

On Friday students, staff and the wider community celebrated Mr Morrow's teaching career with him. It was a very special occasion, with staff, ex-students, students and community members sharing their memories. Special gifts were presented on behalf of the school and P&C association, a slide show of photos was presented and a cake was cut and shared with all the students. Mr Morrow responded and everyone present had the opportunity to see Mr Morrow's purple singlet which was part of teaching attire in the 1970's.

On Saturday night staff and the wider community shared a meal at Black Gold Country cabins where Mr Morrow has a wing named after him. Speeches were made from a variety of people, including Rob Cluff. Rob shared with the audience present that it was an 'off the cuff' comment on a school excursion in the 1990's with Mr Morrow suggesting to Rob and his wife Linda to purchase the 'Old School'. This comment certainly captured their interest and they ironically ended up purchasing the property. On behalf of the school and wider community I wish Mr Morrow health and happiness in his retirement and look forward to his continued involvement as a parent in the school.

### What's Happening?

School Assembly

Stage 2 and 3

Friday 25th Nov 9:10am

Uniform Shop

Now open on Mondays from

11:30am—1:00pm

School Swimming Program

10 day program

28/11/11—9/11/11

Infants Advent Pageant

Friday 25th Nov

Year 6 Farewell Dinner

Monday 12th December

Presentation Day

Tuesday 13th Dec 10am



### **Early Bird**

Early Birds transition to school program finished on Monday with the last of the five sessions. I am extremely proud of the program we have established and I thank Miss Reid, who was well supported by Mrs Neale, Mrs Walsh and Vanessa from Pied Piper Preschool for their continued commitment to providing our Kindergartens for 2012 with a quality program. The parent information session was well supported with parents keen to know and understand the school and the programs that we provide. I look forward to their continued involvement at Wallerawang School.

### **Leader's Luncheon**

Tomorrow with the support of Mrs Dianne Lewis I have decided to initiate a Leader's Lunch for all the Western Gateway Primary Schools. We look forward to the guest speakers sharing their experiences in the public education system and success in their chosen careers.



It has been a pleasure to have children visit me to show examples of quality work they are undertaking in the classroom. Thank you to Salvatore Manna and Andrew McManus for their handwriting samples and Sam Lane for his creative lighthouse. I encourage all children to continue working hard throughout the weeks leading up to the end of year and all the exciting things that happen as a part of the festive season.

**Jenny Lamborn**  
Relieving Principal

### **Infants Local HSIE Excursion**

Unfortunately once again the Infants excursion was cancelled yesterday due to the wet weather. The excursion will not take place this year due to other term commitments. Money paid for the excursion will be deducted off the price of the planned end of year activity day at Portland Cinema for children in Early Stage 1 and Stage 1.

### **Drop Off Zone Reminder**

Once again, parents and carers are urged to not park in the drop off zone in the staff car park when bringing children to school and picking them up. The car park becomes extremely congested and dangerous for all pedestrians. Please park in the stadium car park or along Barton Avenue and use the supervised pedestrian crossing.



### **School Assembly**

Parents and carers of Stage 2 and 3 children are invited to attend this Friday's assembly at 9:10am. Level 7 step up certificates and honour certificates will be presented.

### **Christmas Raffle**

Christmas raffle tickets are now on sale with ticket books sent home with children last week. The raffle will be drawn at the presentation day ceremony. Tickets are 3 for \$1.00

1st Prize: Massive Christmas Stocking full of lots of exciting gifts, vouchers, toys etc.

2nd Prize: Decanter Set

3rd Prize: Hair product pack with style vouchers



**News From KW**

KW have been busy learning about Australia in HSIE. They have studied important places in Australia as well as Australian flowers



and animals. In Reading to Learn, children have been reading about Australian animals using both factual and narrative texts. Students have been developing their writing skills when writing information reports. Below are some of the student's information reports about echidnas.

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Echidnas have long spiky spines. It has a sticky tongue. It has a long nose. It has strong claws for digging and can roll up into a spiky ball.

**Jacey Coote**

It has long spiky spines. It can roll into a spiky ball. It has a long nose. It has a long sticky tongue.

**Harrison De Rooy**

Echidnas roll up into a ball. They have a long sticky tongue and a long nose.

**Sophie Lane**

Echidnas roll up into a ball. Echidnas have sharp claws. An echidna has a long nose. Echidnas have sharp spines on their back.

**Charlotte Dunn**

Echidnas have long spiky spines on their back and a sticky tongue. It has a long nose and strong claws and rolls itself into a spiky ball.

**Tylah Piggott**

Echidnas have sharp claws and long sharp spikes on their backs.

**Brodie Rhodes**

Below are pictures of some of KW students displaying their draft writing tasks.



### **Library News—Stocktake**

The school library will close on Friday for the annual stocktake. All books must be returned by tomorrow. Overdue notices will be sent home at the end of tomorrow with children who still have borrowed books and not returned them.

I really appreciate your support in ensuring our school library is fully stocked with all books accounted for.

**Mrs Nancarrow**  
**Teacher Librarian**

### **School Swimming Program**

Only three spaces are 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.

### **2011 Local Aged Care Christmas Appeal**

We are currently 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 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you for your support.

**Carolyn Warner**

**Coordinator**

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### **School facilities standards review**

You can now have your say on the classrooms of the future by participating in an online survey as part of a comprehensive review of the School Facilities Standards. The standards, developed during the 1970s, outline how school facilities are designed and built. The review will consider changes in the way education is delivered, technological advances and increased community expectations.

Your ideas will be used to assist in creating design standards that will inform the development or refurbishment of schools that are appropriate for the future. The survey takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and is open until November 28.

[www.surveymonkey.com/sfparent](http://www.surveymonkey.com/sfparent)



**Canteen Roster**

Thursday	24/11	L. Houlison, S. Burns
Friday	25/11	J. Fraser, L. Holt
Monday	28/11	T. McMillan, S. Beecroft, S. Ward
Tuesday	29/11	B. Wootton
Wednesday	30/11	M. Core

**Community News**

**Pictures at Portland**

**Fri 9 Dec                    8pm   Real Steel                    (PG)**  
**Sat 10 Dec                   2pm   Spy Kids 4                    (PG)**

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For Sale

Yamaha PW 80, 2008 model, near new condition, only one owner.

Great 1st or 2nd bike

\$1200.00

Phone Jo—63557556

Some MX gear for sale as well—Armour, jersey, pants & boots

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**Swimming Lessons / Stroke Correction**

Hi, I'm Barb and I'm coming to Portland Pool for swim lessons and stroke correction. I have been instructing for 5 years and are Austswim qualified. I teach ages from 6 months to 100years, infants classes, children's classes and stroke correction ready for the swimming carnivals.

Call me on 0417 688 262 for further information

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**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*



**P&C Shopping Trip**

**Sunday 27th November**

The bus is all ready to go and is just over half full.

All participants need to be at Wallerawang School by **5:45am** for a very early start as it will be a huge shopping day! The anticipated return time is 8pm.





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November 2011  
11am—3pm**

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