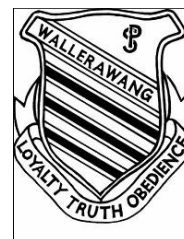


# Wallerawang Public School

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## NEWSLETTER WEEK 8 TERM 4, 30th November 2011



### Dear Parents and Carers

Returning to Wallerawang this week has been smooth and positive for me. I need firstly to acknowledge the great work performed by all staff during this term as they have diligently worked their way through excursions, special events, lesson planning and delivery, assessment tasks and marking, and so much more. Special thanks is extended to Mrs Lamborn who returned from maternity leave to relieve in my position since mid September. Mrs Lamborn has done a tremendous job managing all aspects of the school during this time.

Term 4 is nearing the end and staff are very busy finalising pupil reports and preparing for end of year activities.

### Swimming

The swimming program is now underway and 20% of the students head off each day to participate in the swimming lessons at Portland Pool.

### K-2 End of Year Activity Day—Tuesday 6th December

Information and permission notes have been distributed today and are due back on Friday. Apologies are extended to parents from Infants staff for the short notice, however, the original set date in the last week was unsuitable with other venues.

### 2012 School Leaders Election Speeches

These will be held on Thursday 8th December from 9:10am in the hall. Year 5 students who have earned their way to Level 7 and Level 8 on the Step Up system are eligible to stand for election and all children, Kindergarten to Year 5 will participate in a voting process straight after the speeches. Notes have been issued to all eligible Year 5 children outlining expectations and arrangements for the day.

## What's Happening?

School Assembly

Friday 2/12/11 9:10am

Uniform Shop

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

School Swimming Program

10 day program  
28/11/11—9/12/11

Infants End of Year Activity

Portland Cinema

Tuesday 6th December

Year 6 Farewell Dinner

Monday 12th December

Stage 2 and Stage 3 End of  
Year Activity Day

Pool Party - Portland Pool  
Wednesday 14th December

Presentation Day

Tuesday 13th Dec 10am



### **School Assembly this Friday**

A component of this week's assembly is to officially open and acknowledge the new additions to our school that were provided by the Federal Government under the "Building the Education Revolution" (BER) Program.

Parents and carers are invited to attend from 9:10am.

### **Year 6 Farewell Dinner**

The Year 6 farewell dinner will be held on Monday 12th December at the Wallerawang Bowling Club. All RSVPs and payment of \$25 per person were due back today.

### **Presentation Day**

The annual Presentation Day Ceremony will be held on Tuesday 13th December at 10am in the School Hall. Parents, carers, grandparents, relatives and friends are warmly invited to attend. Presentation Day acknowledges students who have demonstrated academic improvement and sporting excellence throughout 2011. Dozens of local businesses sponsor our Presentation Day providing donations towards books, trophies and prizes for students.

### **End of Year Party Day—Year 3-6**

Students in Years 3,4,5 and 6 will celebrate the end of year with a pool party at the Portland Pool on Wednesday 14th December. Information and permission notes will be distributed next week.

### **Last Day—Mufti Day**

On Friday 16th December children are encouraged to bring a gold coin and wear casual clothes as everyone celebrates the end of the year together. Funds raised will support Stewart House.

### **Drop Off Zone Reminder**

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, especially young children.

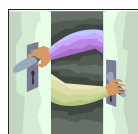


Please park along Barton Avenue and use the supervised pedestrian crossing.

### **Duncan Auld**

### **Principal**

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### **Canteen Closure**

The school canteen will be closed for 2011 from Tuesday 13th December. All students will require a packed recess and lunch from home for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the last week of school.

### **P&C Christmas Raffle**

The raffle will be drawn at the presentation day ceremony.

Tickets are 3 for \$1.00

1st Prize: Christmas Stocking

2nd Prize: S+P Decanter Set

3rd Prize: Shmik hair products & Shampoo, Haircut and Blowdry



## Leader's Luncheon

Wallerawang Public School recently held a very successful 'Young Leaders Lunch' involving leaders from the Western Gateway Educational Community of Schools. The idea of the lunch was to provide 'Young Leaders' with the opportunity to hear guest speakers from our local area talk about their school experiences in the Public Education system in Leadership roles and the positive influence this has had on their lives and in their future careers. All the speakers had strong messages to impart about the privilege and importance of being a leader in a school and beyond. Messages about leading by example, supporting your peers, being able to do what you put your mind to and the responsibility and commitment of a leader kept the children's interest and also gave the adult audience time to reflect about their own school experiences. The students had been earlier encouraged to enter a competition 'LEADERSHIP in 6 words'. Three winners were chosen and a High School pack donated by Portland Real Estate was presented to Sam Gray and Grace Jeffrey from Coerwull and Brianna Giffney from Wallerawang. Wallerawang Public School as a member of the Western Gateway Schools would like to thank the guest speakers, Mr Snow Livingstone, Sergeant Mark McCulkin, Mrs Barb Moran and Miss Jessica Heath for giving the children this important opportunity. Dianne Lewis and her team of committed helpers provided children with a 'Lunchtime Fair' where they were able to meet and socialise with peers from other WGEC schools.





## Christmas Advent Service

Last Friday students, staff and community members had a lovely time at the Christmas Advent Service and barbeque. Guest speaker Father Owen shared a Christmas message with students. Stage 2, Stage 1 and Kindergarten students presented items and lots of Christmas carols were enjoyed by all. Many thanks to all the parents and scripture teachers who helped on the day and also to St. Vincent's parish for the generous donation of food and drink for our Christmas celebrations.



Father Owen spoke about Christmas



Stage 1 students sang an item to the audience

## The Wisemen bringing gifts to the baby Jesus



Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus



MERRY CHRISTMAS!





# Photo Gallery

Term 4

Week 7 Awards





**Canteen Roster**

Thursday	01/12	A. Forrest, K. Houston
Friday	02/12	K. Heath, D. Lewis
Monday	05/12	K. Lane, L. Anderson
Tuesday	06/12	M. Van Der Velden, D. Holder
Wednesday	07/12	K. Woolsey, S. Scanlan
Thursday	08/12	K. Phillips, R. Phillips
Friday	09/12	T. Brown
Monday	12/12	K. Seton, S. Best
<b>CANTEEN CLOSED 13/12, 14/12, 15/12 &amp; 16/12</b>		

*Concert DVDs*

*now on sale*

*\$15.00 each*

*From the school*

*office*



**Community News**

**Pictures at Portland**

**Fri 9 Dec                      8pm   Real Steel                      (PG)**

**Sat 10 Dec                     2pm   Spy Kids 4                      (PG)**

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**Wallerawang Bowling Club**

**Steak n Rib Night**

**Saturday 3rd December at 6pm**

**Bookings Preferred**

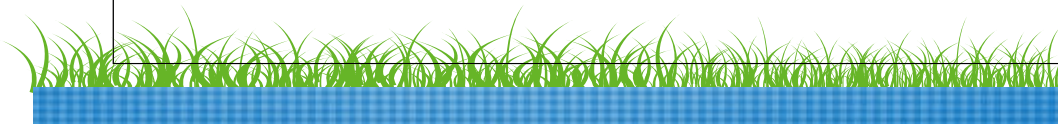
Dining room open for eat in or takeaway Wed-Fri-Sat-Sun Nights from 6pm. Takeaway Pizzas also available fresh from the kitchen

**Wednesday Night BINGO & Meat raffles**

**Friday Night Market night—over 30 prizes**



**Lithgow Valley Springs donated 10 cartons of water to our School Fete and the Car Show! Students and staff sincerely thank the Schindler family for their continual support and generosity.**



## Australia Day film and photography competitions

Two competitions are currently open that celebrate what it means to be Australian.

The Australia Day Council's Living Australian online photography competition is running with the theme of 'Make your Mark Australia' for 2012. The junior division prize is \$1000 and a Canon EOS 600D DSLR Camera. The open division carries a cash prize of \$4000 with the winning image immortalized on an Australian stamp. The Reel Australian Short Film Competition is also open. Students can submit an original short film in response to the question: 'What makes a mark on your Australia?'

There are three divisions: junior, open and mobile with prizes including cash, an iPad2 and a camera.

Both competitions close on 6 December. More info at:

[www.AUSSIEVAULT.com.au](http://www.AUSSIEVAULT.com.au).

## Healthy lunchbox ideas

We are all so busy in the lead up to Christmas, but it is still important to provide your child with healthy, nutritious and filling lunches and snacks at school.

The School A to Z website has some great quick and easy lunchbox ideas.

The site has printable recipes and food tips as well as allergy buster lunches for the most sensitive.

And remember as the weather warms up, freeze a water bottle and place in the lunchbox (wrap in a cloth to keep food dry) to keep food at a safe temperature for consumption.

Go to [www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/recipes](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/recipes)