



Wallerawang Public School Newsletter



November 6 2013 Term 4 Week 5

Dear Parents & Carers,

Well it is week 5 already with the term rapidly flying by! Everyone is busy and preparing for events that are happening between now and the end of year including Australia Extravaganza, swimming school, Canberra excursion, Christmas Pageant, 2014 leaders' speeches, sporting captains, presentation day and year 6 farewell. This is always an exciting time of the year with so much happening.

I was delighted to have feedback from Mr Whippy and his wife about the positive behaviour and manners of our students at the fete on Friday. It certainly is apparent to us daily, but it is nice to see it transferred to other situations. With the expectations set the students rise to meet them regardless of the occasion.

School Fete

On Friday another successful school fete was held, which is the undertaking of our incredibly supportive P&C association. It was a small, hard working group that pulled it together this year. Thanks go particularly to Leanne Houlison, Katena Taylor, Anna Fitzgerald, Sharon Rushworth, Debbie Holder and Simone Burns, along with all the helpers who volunteered to man stalls and the canteen during the day. Thank you to all the businesses and individuals who donated to ensure the fete was successful and contributed to the Christmas stocking. Tickets for the stocking continue to be on sale and will be drawn at the end of the term. Winners of the 100 club were Skye Bracken and Clare Taylor. Thank you to everyone who supported with your attendance and purchase of goods. Money raised from the fete goes back into the school to support areas of priority.

Early Birds

The third session of Early Birds continued on Monday with over 40 eager students spending an hour in the classroom with teachers and support personnel. It is great to be able to continue our positive links with Pied Piper as our Early Childhood educational setting and have a teacher in attendance during these sessions. It certainly supports the children and contributes to a smooth transition for the children. Miss Reid and Mrs Warner have done a great job facilitating this program, with a focus in school routine and pre literacy and numeracy activities. It is great to see all the enthusiastic children, supported by keen and eager parents.

Australia Extravaganza—Program included!

With only 2 weeks to go this is shaping up to be a great event, once again thanks to a very small group of volunteers and the support of businesses, companies and individuals. I continue to be humbled by the generosity and enthusiasm of people to support our great school and provide opportunities for our students. Staff and parents are working behind the scenes on a variety of different things. I cannot believe the talent that is shining through and the enthusiasm of all involved from staff to students, parents and the general community.

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What's On? When?

**Uniform Shop Opening
Hours
MONDAYS
2:00-3:00pm**

**Friday Assembly
9:10am**

**Early Bird Session 4
Monday 11th November**

**Australian Extravaganza
15th November**



**10 day Swimming School
Monday 18th November
to Friday 29th November**

**Annual Presentation
Day 2013
Tuesday 10th
December 9:30am**

**Year 6 Farewell
Dinner Monday
16th
December**

"Australian Extravaganza"


Program of Events


Friday 15th November 2013


5pm-6pm Wallerawang Public School Student performances, concludes with kids & Chris Van Der Velden on harmonica


6pm  Lithgow Pipe Band

6:15 Adults & Kids Thong Toss Competition, Greg Anderson on guitar

6:30 Bailey Brown Whip Cracking, wood chopping, wheel barrow races, Chris Van Der Velden – harmonica. 

6:45  Teacher & student R & K Workwear & Eves Fashion Parade, Kelly Gurney "Your the Voice"

7pm Prudence Schwarz Academy of Dance, Kids Sack races, Greg Anderson on guitar. 

7:15 Courtney Clarke sings, Adults & Kids Gum boot races, Chris Van Der Velden - harmonica 


7:30 Ekky Thump Band, Wood chopping, preschooler's egg n spoon race 

7:45 Emma Guffogg sings, Ekky Thump, Adults & Kids Horse Shoe Toss

8pm  Coal Shovelling Competition, Ekky Thump till close

Free Entertainment

Music Wallerawang Sailing Club vessels on display
Fashion Parade 

Lithgow Pipe Band Old tractor and machinery on display
Cullen Bullen Speedway Cars 

Girl Guides


Holden Cars

Fire Brigade

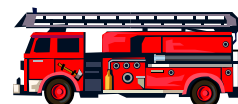
Face Painting

Spinning

Wheel display

 Aussie Photo Competition Display Army Truck CWA Stall Big Rig
Clown with treats

Baby Chickens Homemade jams & pickles 100 club – Win \$50 iTunes card 



Competitions

WIN

\$50 load and Go Visa cards, **\$30, \$20, \$10** Good earth Vouchers **\$20, \$10 & \$5** iTunes vouchers, heaps of **\$10** Bunning's Vouchers, **\$5 & \$10** Target Vouchers, caps, beanies, key rings, stubby coolers and lots more

Coal Shovelling – **First Prize \$150 cash** – Entry prior to the night only



ENTRY FEE



Thong Toss - Adults \$1, Kids 50c

Wheel Barrow Races Adults \$5-00,(team of two) kids \$2(team of two)

Kids Sack Races \$1

Gum Boot Races Adults \$3, Kids \$2

Horse Shoe Toss Adults \$1, Kids 50c

Preschool egg and spoon race 50c

HUGE Thank you to all of our Sponsors

Wallerawang Post Office, Goodearth, Lidsdale Couriers, Lithgow Valley Springs, R & K Work wear, Eve, Wallerawang Chinese, Rushworth Water Cartage, L J Hooker Lithgow, Bowyer & Livermore, Bouquets by Design, Lithgow Locksmiths, Bunning's, Centennial Coal, M & N Produce, Cup Cakes by Renee, Wallerawang Bowling Club, Gloss Creations, Dick Smith, Reece Plumbing



Australiana Extravaganza cont.....

A BIG THANK YOU to Leigh Fitzpatrick who is pulling it all together, along with Simone Burns who is coordinating the food aspect, along with Mrs Warner and Ms Graham and Miss Gurney who really can bring out the creative talents in children. Miss Lang has been busy creating 'Australiana' paintings like the opera house and harbour bridge and students in stage 2 have been contributing by painting bats and cockatoos to hang in trees.

Please nominate in the various competitions that are available and this will add to the atmosphere of the evening.

The last meeting before the event will be held this Friday at 8.30am. I encourage your reply to attendance ASAP, particularly for catering purposes. It will be a great night and support for these events ensures their continuation. We will require support on the evening for a variety of different things, so please indicate if you are available and can offer your support.

Eskbank House art Exhibition

Last Thursday I attended the annual art exhibition at Eskbank House with year 6 students Emma Sheehan and Erin Rainsford. All local schools were given the option of entering, although nominations were down. It was great to see our students work framed and displayed. Students who had work entered were Monique Gearside, Andrew Brasher, Taylor Zorz, Cooper Sutherland, Erin Rainsford and Emma Sheehan. Thank you also to Taylor Zorz and her family for attending, along with our Resident Potter Pauline Wellfare.

Mayor Maree Statham opened the exhibition and afternoon tea was provided. The exhibition will remain on display for the next couple of weeks. Over the December/January holiday period our student's pottery will be on display at Eskbank house. Thank you to Miss Lang for coordinating our artwork for this exhibition.

State NAIDOC Public Speaking Challenge

As winners of the 2012 Western Area NAIDOC Public Speaking Challenge and participants this year, Stage 3 students Ebony Seymour and Matilda Cafe have received a special invitation to compete in the finals of the inaugural State

NAIDOC Public Speaking challenge next Monday. They will present their 4 minute speech on 'The History of the Yirrkala Bark Petitions 1963' which they have been busily fine-tuning. This is a very prestigious opportunity for the girls, with the finals being held at NSW Parliament House in Sydney. They will be competing against students from all over NSW and will also watch some excellent debating between high school finalists from across the state. The night before the finals they will be enjoying a Tribal Warrior cruise on Sydney Harbour, with all of the participants and their teachers. Mrs Dick is delighted to be accompanying the girls to these exciting events. We wish Ebony and Matilda all the best and know that they will do our school proud.

District Cricket Trials

The boy's district cricket trials will take place on **Friday 22nd November** at the Glanmire cricket nets in Lithgow at 1:00pm. Please let Ms Graham know if your son is interested in trying out for the squad.

Swimming School

Our 10 day swimming program is still not full with 18 spots still up for grabs. Please return your child's permission form if you are interested.

Pittwater High School Performance

On Monday we had the pleasure of Pittwater High School band attending our school. This was a very enjoyable concert and we thank them for taking the time out of their busy schedule to entertain us and teach us about a variety of different instruments. Every second year they tour Western NSW and the alternative year they travel overseas and perform. The school obviously has an outstanding music program and it clearly showcased the talents in our Public School system.

Mr Campling provides a more detailed account of the performance on page 4.

As it gets to an extremely busy time of the year in schools. I am reminded of the following quote by Audrey Hepburn

"Nothing is impossible; the world itself says 'I'm possible!'"

Jenny Lamborn

Anzac Biscuits

To contribute to the theme of our Australian Extravaganza evening it would be great if there are some mums, dads and grandparents who would be happy to cook a batch of Anzac biscuits which could be served with tea and coffee. If you are able to do this could you please ring the school office and leave your name. The biscuits could be dropped to school on the Thursday 14th or Friday 15th November. Your support for this would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Warner

Advance Notice

***The School Canteen will be CLOSED on Friday
15th November AT RECESS AND LUNCH
due to the Australiana Extravaganza***

Australiana Photography Competition

Students and community members, **be sure to enter your favourite 4x6 photo conveying the Australiana theme, in our Australiana Extravaganza Photography Competition.**

ALL DETAILS AND AN ENTRY FORM ARE ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

A big thank you is extended to **Wallerawang Chinese Restaurant, Cupcakes by Renee** and **Wallerawang Pharmacy** for generously donating the great prizes for the photo competition.

Stage 3 Giant Dinosaurs VC

On Monday the students in Stage 3 were treated to a free Video Conference run by the National Dinosaur Museum. The VC was an opportunity to gain a greater understanding of dinosaurs through the ages prior to their visit to Canberra in the coming weeks. The students were engaged in learning about Megafauna and the study of Palaeontology. They thoroughly enjoyed the high tech experience and we look forward to visiting the museum in Week 7.

Pittwater High Performance

On Monday the 4th of November, a Symphony of 38 students from Pittwater High School per-

formed for all students, teachers and present community members. The symphony was conducted by Mr Hardy, the Head Teacher of Pittwater's music program. The Pittwater students showed great enthusiasm and skill playing pieces familiar to their audience such as Skyfall and Pirates of the Caribbean as well as solos riffs from songs such as Smoke on the Water and Jingle Bells. Our students were not only entertained by the music, but Mr Hardy's sense of humour was also very amusing. Participation was highly encouraged with 'guess the song' quizzes, clapping the beat as well as dance shuffling on the spot. Ashton Kenniff in 3/4C was also fortunate enough to be selected to conduct the symphony for a piece. He definitely looked the part! Wallerawang was the first stop of Pittwater's week tour of the Gateway and Bathurst schools. We look forward to musical performances from Pittwater in the future.

Mr Campling

**WANG'S BIG BANG MAGAZINE TERM 3 EDITION
NOW AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE or
\$4.00 EACH for a paper copy from the school office**

Worms

Included with today's newsletter is an Information pack on the prevention of threadworms. The packs have been provided by Johnson & Johnson Pacific and include a colouring in competition which can be completed and returned directly to Johnson & Johnson. Our school could win an earthworm farm!

Lost Property

Two size 6 polar fleece jumpers are missing both embroidered with "E. Boyling". A USB memory stick with a red and black strip has been also lost. Please return to the school office if you find these items.

Stewart House School Clothing Appeal

Stewart House clothing appeal bags have been distributed today and need to be returned to school by Monday 25th November 2013. Thank you for your support with this worthy appeal.

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

This excursion date is drawing nearer and full payment for the 3 day excursion to Canberra is required by the end of Week 5 (8th November). The complete cost of the excursion is \$250.00.

Book Covering Helpers Needed

We are seeking volunteers to cover the new Stage 1 readers. Please call in to the office if you would like to help.

Canteen News

All Canteen Volunteers are invited to attend our Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, 17 December, 2013. Please add your name to the list in the canteen.

Apple & Blackcurrant Juice is **\$1.20**

The canteen has apples, oranges and bananas available for 50 cents.

TOMORROW: English muffins topped with ham and cheese will be available at recess time for 60cents each.

P & C News

Another very successful fete was held last Friday. The fete began an hour earlier this year, much to the children's delight. The weather was perfect and the rock climbing wall was a hit! A huge thankyou to all who attended the fete, without your support these events would not be a success.

I would like to pass on my personal thanks and gratitude to all of the helpers, to those who provided assistance in the lead up to the day, gathering donations and sponsorship, taking part in the street walk. To those who gave up their time on the day to be on a stall, cook the BBQ or serve in the canteen, without your help the fete would not be able to be held. I appreciate your ongoing support. I would also like to thank the teachers and support staff, who always give the P&C the support that we require to hold events within the school.

Katena Taylor
President



Uniform Shop News

The uniform shop will be placing orders with their suppliers on Monday 11th November. If you require any items for the start of next year please send in your order with the minimum \$10 deposit so your order can be processed. The uniform shop carries minimal stock therefore if you don't order you may miss out.

Reminder: If you have a lay by please remember to make regular payments. Lay bys require payments to be made at least fortnightly.

Leanne Houlison
Uniform Coordinator

Canteen Roster

Thursday	7/11	R. Bradford, L. Bradford
Friday	8/11	S. Rushworth, S. Scanlan
Monday	11/11	K. Williams, A. Younger
Tuesday	12/11	D. Holder, S. Christie, A. Williams
Wednesday	13/11	J. Taylor, A. Star

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Meet the Principal” Morning Teas and School Walks Year 5 and Year 6 transition program

Lithgow High School will be running these sessions throughout Term 4 2013. You are cordially invited to join in on the 11th November, 25th November and the 9th December

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR ALL DATES LISTED ABOVE

We would like to welcome you and assist you in getting to know your local community high school. Book your tour with Sam Luchetti, LHS CLO on 63521422.

Mu Yeh Taekwondo

Do you want to improve your self-esteem, self-confidence, self discipline and general fitness? Learn the exciting Martial Art and Self Defence system of Taekwondo! We cater for juniors, seniors, or the whole family! Mu Yeh Taekwondo specialises in street-wise, women’s and children’s self-defence. Enquire about our new Little Dragons class for 4-6 year olds! For more information phone Head Instructor Steve Ashbridge, 6th Dan Black Belt, on 0409305327. Classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at Wallerawang School Hall. You can also visit their website at www.muyehaekwondo.com



**Office of
Communities**
Sport & Recreation

Nominate A Volunteer!

Sport and Recreation are holding the Central West Winter Sporting Spirit Volunteer Award to recognise the effort of volunteers in the sporting community. Volunteers are the life-blood of grassroots sports and we invite you to nominate a worthy candidate.

In 100 words or less tell us how your volunteer is a stand-out. Examples might be the extensive time they dedicate to the club, the positive attitude they bring to the sporting arena, being a positive role model for younger club members.

Download nomination forms from the Sport and Recreation website <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/volunteeraWARD/index.asp> or call 6362 6623.

Nominations close Friday 8th November 2013.

**REFLECTIONS
and RECOLLECTIONS
of LITHGOW and
DISTRICT.
NOVEMBER
4th to 29th
AT
LITHGOW CITY
LIBRARY.**

2013 Mayors Christmas Appeal

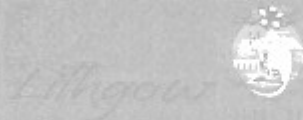
Mayor Maree Statham invites everyone to donate to the annual Christmas Appeal for our Nursing Home Residents.

Donations of anonymous gifts may be dropped off at the Council Administration Centre, Lithgow Library Learning Centre or Wallerawang, Portland and Rydal Libraries.

Gifts will be distributed by the Mayor at functions to be held at local nursing homes; Coolinda, Tanderra, Three Tree Lodge and Tabulam Cottage during December.

For suggestions on suitable gifts go to Council's website www.lithgow.nsw.gov.au or contact Deborah or Gerda at Council on 6354 9999.

*Let's make this Christmas,
a wonderful Christmas,
for everyone!*



Lithgow Library Youth Book Club



Do you like books and reading? Do you want to have a say about the books the library purchases? Do you want to get recommendations on great books to read? Then the Youth Book Club is for you.

Lithgow Library is holding an introductory Youth Book Club on Friday the 15th of November between 4-5pm.

The purpose of the introductory session is to gauge the interest for the group, and to determine if there is a demand for separate groups for primary and high school ages. The aim is to run the book club on a monthly basis, with participants contributing ideas for how the group runs and also to help select books and resources for the library. If you can't make it on the day or would like to make suggestions for the group please contact Sharon

Lewis on 63529100 or on the library email, lithgow.library@lithgow.nsw.gov.au

Coming soon! Dead Bones Society

A creative writing group for boys only, aged 7-14. Author Paul Stafford runs the Dead Bones Society from the Fossil and Mineral Museum in Bathurst and uses the exhibits to inspire creative writing. Lithgow Library will soon be joining these sessions via video conference. To register your interest please contact Sharon Lewis on 63529100 or on the library email, lithgow.library@lithgow.nsw.gov.au

SEAL SWIM SCHOOL

Swimming lessons available at Lithgow Swimming Pool
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays or
at your home pool during school hours.

Classes available: - Parent and Babies, 3 years old to adult and private one on one lessons.

Lessons conducted by an Austswim qualified Swim Teacher.

Contact Debbie Holder on 0447 551438 to discuss details and make arrangements.

Be Water Wise and Swim Safe !!!



Australiana Photography Competition

'Everything Australian'

Calling all budding photographers!

As part of our up-coming Australiana Extravaganza we will be having a photo competition with an Australian flavour. Enter your favourite shot which conveys the Australiana theme. This is limited only by your imagination, but entries could include landscapes, wildlife, buildings, Aussie holidays, activities and icons etc. The entries and winners will be displayed at the Extravaganza on November 15th.

WPS Student Category (K-6)

1st Prize - A digital camera

2nd Prize - Voucher for 1 dozen cupcakes from **Cupcakes by Renee**

3rd Prize - \$10 voucher at **Wallerawang Pharmacy** for developing or general purchase

School Community Category - open to everyone else.

1st Prize - \$50 dinner voucher from **Wallerawang Chinese Restaurant**

2nd Prize - Voucher for 1 dozen cupcakes from **Cupcakes by Renee**

3rd Prize - \$10 voucher at **Wallerawang Pharmacy** for developing or general purchase

Entry Fee- \$1 per Photograph

Photos are to be standard 4x6 size prints.

Students, **please write your name and class on the back of each photograph** so they can be returned to you. Community members, please include the name and class of the student we can return the photo to.

Photos entered are to be accompanied by a completed entry form and \$1 per photo and may be handed in at the front office or to class teachers. Additional entry forms are available from the front office.

Entries close Wednesday, 13th November.

'Everything Australian' - Photography Competition

Category (Please Circle) **Student** or **Community**

Name.....

Class/Child's Class.....

Number of Photos..... \$..... Enclosed
