



Wallerawang Public School Newsletter



November 13 2013 Term 4 Week 6

Dear Parents & Carers,

The excitement builds as the week culminates with our Australiana Extravaganza after many months of organisation and planning. I continue to be amazed at the talent, creative ability and sheer willingness to help on so many levels from students, staff, parents and community members. This is despite everyone always being so busy. The students have been busily preparing their items in stages with their wonderful teacher's support and individual and group performances have been working with Miss Gurney to refine parts of their performance. Teachers have been organising costumes and masks amongst their already busy schedule. I was amazed watching Ms Foster last week sewing Wiggles costumes including 'Wags the Dog' and 'Henry the Octopus', they are very authentic as you will see. On Friday Mrs Gale and Ms Lang spent the afternoon re-creating the Opera House. I cannot thank Leigh Fitzpatrick enough for the time that she has given bringing this event together, along with Simone Burns and Mrs Warner who have worked tirelessly on the catering aspect. Miss Gurney is our creative support with her musical talent guiding students and nurturing talent. Shireen Sheehan has been working with the dance groups after school hours once again offering students opportunities and encouraging talent. Mr Campling has been experimenting with the new sound system to ensure the sound is as clear and crisp as possible. The continuing offers of support to ensure the event is successful is extremely encouraging. Please support the event by entering events on offer. We are still encouraging entries in the photo competition and the coal shovelling competition prior to the night. This all adds to the atmosphere of the evening. It is wonderful to see the results you get when you open up students' opportunities and give them choices. It allows imagination to flourish and creative talents to shine. This approach of giving students choice and allowing creative thinking fits with 21st century learning. It is great to see so many students with motivation and interest. Please see the final evening program in this newsletter and an acknowledgement to our sponsors and supporters. I look forward to seeing everyone on Friday evening. If you are able to help in any way please let a member of staff know or Leigh herself. I hope the weather stays kind.

Staff Professional Learning

Last Friday Wallerawang hosted Professional Learning led by Vicki O'Rourke on the new English syllabus. Ms Foster, Mrs Fraser, Mrs Brown and Miss Reid attended in order to facilitate further training within our school. Teachers and executive staff from Coerwull, Millthorpe, Denison College, Zig Zag and Cullen Bullen attended. They were treated to a lovely morning tea and lunch provided by our P&C association and canteen committee who continually support the school on so many levels. Thank you to Tylah Piggott, Maddy Burns and their support dances for entertaining at the lunch break.

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What's On? When?

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

Friday Assembly
9:10am

Early Bird Session 5
Monday 18th November

Australiana 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, Coal Shovelling Competition  
- 7:15 Courtney Clarke sings, Adults & Kids Gum boot races, Chris Van Der Velden - harmonica, Adults and Childrens horse shoe toss.
- 7:30 Ekky Thump Band, Wood chopping, preschooler's egg n spoon race 
- 7:45 Emma Guffogg sings, 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 \$2.00 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

Williams & Sons Butchery Portland, Portland Produce, Wallerawang Post Office, Goodearth, Lidsdale Couriers, Lithgow Valley Springs, R & K Work wear, Eve Creations, Wallerawang Chinese, All Day Water Carters, L J Hooker Lithgow, Wallerawang Pharmacy, 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, Wang Village Meats, Eastern Creek Karts P.L.



Australiana Extravaganza—Dress Rehearsal

A full dress rehearsal will be held on Thursday 14th November. Children need to remember to bring all their items & clothes they need on this day.

State NAIDOC Public Speaking Challenge

Congratulations to our 2 very talented public speakers in Matilda Cafe and Ebony Seymour who presented at the State NAIDOC Public Speaking Challenge on Monday. The girls competed against 8 other schools who were all finalists from their respective areas. It was a privilege for them to be given the opportunity and I know they appreciated it too.

The overall winner of the competition was Wattle Grove Public School from South Western Sydney, with three schools given a special commendation including Wallerawang. Well done to Matilda and Ebony. I am told both of them did an outstanding job, which demonstrated clearly that they had earned their place in the finals competition. What an honour for them! We are all so very proud of their achievements in this competition stemming back to last year. I also wish to pay special acknowledgement to Mrs Dick, whose knowledge and expertise in this area has extensively supported the girls. She has committed many hours in preparation and on behalf of the school and families I wish to thank her for this. Also to both families for their support and encouragement of their daughters. This is another great example of a strong partnership and opportunities that are provided at Wallerawang PS. Matilda and Ebony will give a detailed recount of their experience in next week's newsletter.

Tanvir Singh – Western Region

Last week Tanvir was in Bathurst playing in the Western Region cricket team as part of the NSWPSA competition. Tanvir demonstrated what an outstanding bowler he is taking 3 wickets for 9 against Barrier. Tanvir has really stepped up to the mark on so many levels this year and I am very proud of the contribution he is making to Wallerawang Public School. Well done Tanvir.

Remembrance Day

On Monday the whole school came together to remember. Dylan gave a short introduction, before everyone stood in silence for 1 minute and Tahnee concluded with the ode. It was lovely to also have our Early Bird students in attendance and parents who had come to collect the children. Australia's national story is littered with significant occasions

that have fallen on November 11. It is well worth taking the time to read the information in the following link, I am sure that you will find it very interesting, as significant moments in history occurred on the 11th day of the 11th month.

http://theconversation.com/the-other-australia-day-november-11-throughout-history-19891?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest+from+The+Conversation+for+11+November+2013&utm_content=Latest+from+The+Conversation+for+11+November+2013+CID_d2bd20dfo11cbea7a7501bode15c563c&utm_source=campaign_monitor&utm_term=The%20other%20Australia%20Day%20November%2011%20throughout%20history

Canberra Excursion

Next Wednesday Stage 3 students and parents will leave for their excursion to Canberra. Mrs Fraser has worked extremely hard pulling this all together, with a very busy itinerary. I am sure that the students will enjoy this opportunity to learn and consolidate areas of learning for the term as well as an important social opportunity. I thank Mrs Fraser and Mrs Quinn, along with Mrs Walsh and parents who will support students over the 3 days.

Swimming School

The 10 day swimming program commences next Monday and there are currently 10 vacancies still up for grabs. Please return your child's permission form by this Friday to be eligible.

Early Birds

It was lovely being involved in Early Birds with the pre-schoolers on Monday morning. They worked through Early Literacy activities with Miss Reid, including modelled reading, a smart board activity which involved matching animals to noises and animals to sentences and then returning to their desks to use their fine motor and matching skills cutting and pasting the animals to match the correct sentences. I am very impressed with the quality and variety involved in the transition program and the time the teachers take in preparation to ensure the students are engaged and settled during the session. A big thank you to Jodie Millis from Pied Piper who has been a familiar face and a great support over the last 4 sessions.

"Think like a person of action, act like a person of thought" Author unknown

Jenny Lamborn

School Leaders 2014

Captain and prefect nominations for 2014 are due back by Tuesday 19th November. If nomination forms are not returned then the student will be unable to stand for election.

Canberra Excursion

Information for the Stage 3 excursion was sent home today. Please complete the medical form and return to school by Friday 15th November.

Final payment for the excursion for both students and attending parents must be made by this Friday 15th November.

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.

School Pedestrian Crossing

For the safety of themselves and others, children are not permitted to ride their scooters and bikes across the crossing. They are required to **WALK** their scooters and bikes across and stay behind the yellow line! This rule applies to parents, carers and siblings.

P&C News—Christmas Stocking Raffle

Raffle books were sent home last week, thank you to those who have already returned sold or unsold books. Please remember that if you do not wish to sell the raffle tickets you need to return your book as raffles are a public activity that legally requires all books be accounted for.

If you wish to sell extra tickets there are more books available from the office.

Raffle books and money are due back Friday 29th November.

Tickets 3 for \$1

Prizes include:

Push Bike, Tools, Pig Ornament, Cd Case, Bubble Bath, Boy & Girl gift pack, Back pack, Holden bar pack, Shabby sheik frame, Owl money box, Sun glasses, Sports power pack, Keyboard, Car robot, Make up pack, Eszence \$100 voucher, \$20 Target voucher, Cupcakes by Renee voucher, Vanilla café voucher, Butchers voucher, Credit Union voucher, 2 x Adult pass Featherdale, 2 x \$25 Workies voucher, 1 x Family Pass Jenolan Caves, Nepean Belle Voucher, Boys & Girls Wallets, Clutch Bag, Greeting Cards Pack, Silhouette Beauty Voucher.

!WOW!

Fundraising BBQ—Helpers needed
The P&C are running a fundraising BBQ on Sunday 17th November at Wallerawang Bowling Club 10am-3pm during the Tour De Range, if you are able to spare an hour or 2 please leave your name at the office or message Leanne 0400312197



**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**

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.

Stewart House School Clothing Appeal

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

Lost Property

We have a toddler stroller (Baby Club) waiting at the office to be claimed. It was left after the Early Bird session on Monday.

Book Club

The last book club order for this year was distributed today and is due back Friday 22nd December.

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.

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

New smaller size Mrs Mac Spinach & Ricotta Cheese rolls (140g) for \$2.20 available from the canteen.

Uniform Shop News

Reminder: All lay-bys need to have payments made at least fortnightly. If you have a current lay by it will need to be finalised by the end of week 10.

Leanne Houlison
Uniform Coordinator

Wallerawang Lidsdale Progress Association Inc.

The local Progress Association are calling for nominations for Citizen of the Year which will be announced at the Australia Day celebration 26th January 2014. A copy of the nomination form is available from the school office on request. Our community has many worthy nominees and your input will ensure they are recognised for their contribution and the volunteer work they undertake.

Nominations close 20th December 2013. Please consider nominating someone you know that makes a difference within the Wallerawang community. Nomination forms can also be picked up at the Bowling Club.

NAIDOC Public Speaking Challenge at Parliament House Sydney



**Matilda Cafe & Ebony Seymour with Director of
Schools, Mr Peter Harvey**



Aboard the "Tribal Warrior" on the Sydney Harbour

Canteen Roster

Thursday	14/11	M. Schindler, T. McMillan
Friday	15/11	T. Brown, J. Smith
Monday	18/11	R. Edwards, A. Forrest
Tuesday	19/11	K. Gunnulson, K. Williams
Wednesday	20/11	K. Desch, J. Trestrail

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

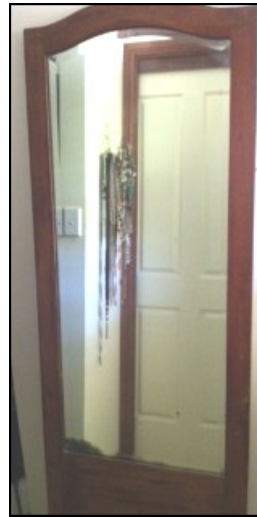
Lithgow High School will be running these sessions throughout Term 4 2013. You are cordially invited to join in on the, 25th November and the 9th December

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

FOR SALE



Bunk bed and desk, mattress included \$60. Antique free standing mirror \$50. Good condition 0428889200

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 2014 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 before the 31st July 2014).

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



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 TOMORROW

'Everything Australian' - Photography Competition

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

Name.....

Class/Child's Class.....

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