



# Wallerawang Public School Newsletter



November 27 2013 Term 4 Week 8

**Dear Parents & Carers,**

With a break in the newsletter last week due to Stage 3 enjoying themselves in Canberra there is so much to catch up on.

## **Australiana Extravaganza**

Over a week has passed now since this wonderful event and people are still passing me in the street commenting on what a wonderful event. Regardless of what we do it never ceases to amaze me how incredibly generous people are. This event would not have been the success it was without people coming forward on so many different levels. It reinforced clearly the strong community partnership and as I was walking around I overheard a comment that I think summed it up when they were talking about the event and the large number of people in attendance 'this is just what Wang is'.

Where to start? I sincerely hope that in all that was happening I haven't forgotten to note someone down.

The idea to hold an Australian based 'fair' was put to me by our event coordinator Leigh Fitzpatrick when we discussed it as an executive team it was decided that this would enable us to do it on a smaller scale than last year's restaurant. Well I am convinced Leigh has missed her calling in life and would be able to organise weddings and corporate events for hundreds of people on a large scale because what she was able to pull together was absolutely amazing. All with such enthusiasm to ensure that a great program of events was put in place for everyone's enjoyment. Simone Burns supported Leigh and took over the organisation of the catering with Mrs Warner's support. This was an extremely hard job deciding what to cater and for how many and required many meetings and discussions. Simone certainly is a worker who never stops and she clearly made a path from canteen to BBQ over the course of the evening.

The school performance was the culmination of many individual rehearsals coming together fully with 2 whole school performances prior to the night. Miss Gurney's creative talents with the support of Mr Campling brought the whole performance together. Classroom teachers ensured items were well prepared and varied and ensured costumes and masks were made. The extra time and energy given to these events by teaching staff is always done without any complaints with opportunities provided for students the priority. Shireen Sheehan choreographed dances for groups and provided her time for afternoon practice sessions. Our new sound system thanks to the expertise of Mr Campling in balancing the sound and making sure the set up was just right clearly showed what a good investment it is for the school. Mr Campling spent many hours working out how to use this and the transportable aspect and outside speakers means it is a very versatile package.

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## **What's On? When?**

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

**Friday Assembly  
9:10am**

2014 Leader's Speeches  
Monday 2nd December  
9:30am

Special Assembly  
Wednesday 4th  
December 9:10am  
Announcement of School  
Leaders for 2014

Advent Pageant  
Thursday 5th December  
Special Scripture  
Assembly 11:35am  
School Hall

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

Year 6 Farewell Dinner  
Monday 16th  
December

The entertainment from the students was outstanding and what we can clearly see across the school is many talented children who like to perform and entertain in a very encouraging environment. I am particularly proud of the opportunity events like these provide for our students which take on a different dimension. Congratulations to all the students for their contribution to the evening's entertainment and for demonstrating what can be achieved as a team. It was lovely to have the whole school come together to sing 'I am Australian' with an added touch having Chris Van Der Velden playing harmonica in the background.

From Friday morning helpers were in action to support Leigh in the set up for the day. They worked tirelessly throughout the day whilst watching the sky continuously in hopes that the rain would hold off. Josh Way and Mr Tilley ensured the Opera House and Harbour Bridge were firmly in place and were there to offer assistance in any way possible. These two Sydney icons were constructed by talented artists Mrs Gale and Ms Lang.

Ann Forrest, Gail Monaghan, Sharon Lambert, Michelle Van Der Velden, Sharon Rushworth, Karen Desch, Kerrie Carter and Sheree Scanlan transformed the school grounds. Balloons were blown up and hung on the front fences, signs were displayed, chairs positioned and the list goes on. This continued throughout the day so everything was in order to start the evening. As set up was happening a steady stream of displays entered the ground transforming it into everything that is Australian.

Meanwhile Simone Burns and Mrs Warner were busily collecting and preparing food to feed hundreds of people. Assisting in this process were people working behind the scenes to ensure traditional Australian food was on offer. Mrs June Lincoln along with her daughters Julie and Jenny Clark spent Friday making over 250 mini dampers for our enjoyment. With fresh cream, jam and syrup being offered as toppings. Kimberley Gunnulson was equally as busy providing the same number of pavlova shells made fresh and from scratch. Along with so many of you who made ANZAC biscuits and

dropped them into the school, providing a plentiful supply for the evening.

Supporting on the night in the canteen and on the BBQ while everything else was happening around them these people were ensuring the crowds were being fed as quickly as possible. John Burns, Julie and Cain Trestrail, Leanne Houlison, Angela Seymour, Phil Warner, April Taylor, Alana Star, Debbie Holder, Sharon Rushworth, Sharon Giles, Tania McMillan and Rebecca Auld and, I must not forget Di Van Der Velden as strong in support as ever as our coin collector and wherever else she was needed.

Events were organised by teachers with the support of parents to run them so they were able to efficiently get through the evening proceedings. These included face painting, coal shovelling, thong and horse shoe toss, gum boot and wheel barrow races. Helpers on the evening were: Shaun McMillan, Mel Schindler, Ash Phelan, Janelle Fraser, Katena Taylor, Marty Rushworth and Michelle Luchetti. These were all a lot of fun, with some great prizes on offer.

Mrs Dick coordinated the photo display, with over 70 entries overall in a children's and community section. These were judged by Sam Bodnar and Elizabeth O'Mahony.

The outdoor entertainment took place on the back of the truck provided by Sharon Rushworth's dad, John Grant, with gum leaves attached and the Australian flag flying. This entertainment was a great mix of Australia and I am sure one that any event organiser would be envious in getting hold of. The generosity of people to share their talents free of charge is overwhelming. Lithgow Pipe band always draws the crowd and it is great to see their ongoing commitment to community events. Chris Van Der Velden is a real entertainer and his talent on the harmonica is known far and wide. It is always great to hear Chris play.

Bailey Brown can certainly crack a whip and this is not an easy thing to do. He looked very flash in his moleskin jeans and checked shirt. I know his school friends were very impressed. Dad Chris along with Shane Monaghan, Abbey & Becky's dad organised an entertaining wood chop and commentary, along with Owen and Brett Monaghan.

The fashion parade was a real hit, well at least for those watching with Eves and R&K Work Wear supporting this with a selection of clothes.

Miss Gurney displayed her talent showing everyone she can not only train students to perform but she is a performer herself along with local Dance Academy students taught by Prue Schwarz dancing for the crowds entertainment.

Grandparent Greg Anderson played and sang with a rendition of old favourites certainly fitting the theme of the evening.

Courtney Clarke and Emma Guffogg displayed what talented young ladies they are, with Bob Sutor playing the didgeridoo and offering a rare insight into a traditional Aboriginal instrument.

Jason Shanahan and his band "Ekky Thump" returned for the third time to entertain us free of charge which is outstanding support. They have supported us by playing at last year's restaurant and the community fundraiser for Pacey Stockton. I love their raw talent, their ability to draw crowds and for being so accommodating and supportive.

It was wonderful to see the community get involved with providing an array of things for display from vehicles to homemade goods, chickens and a spinning wheel. Peter Desch's old Lanz bulldog was a crowd pleaser, along with his display of old relics, this along with Todd Nyitrai's Holden cars and Cullen Bullen speedway cars, the girl guides wandering around handing out stickers and brochures, the fire brigade and the local highway patrol competing with the sound of the bulldog. Adrian Schindler with his army truck that the children had fun climbing all over and the shiny rig of Carl Forrest which stood proudly at the front of the school. Robyn Morris and her lovely miniature ponies so beautifully groomed. Amber Cafe and her well received chickens along with the homemade relish, pickles, jams and sauces of Sue and Corby Coleman from Lotamore Farm Harvest and the CWA ladies adding to the atmosphere of the evening including the traditional spinning wheel which is a fine art provided by both the CWA and Kaye Jenkins

from Violet Hill.

Many thanks are also extended to the Sponsors of the evening:

**Williams & Son's Butchery Portland, Portland Produce, Wallerawang Post Office, Lidsdale Couriers, Lithgow Valley Springs, R & K Workwear, Eve Creations, Wallerawang Chinese Restaurant, All Day Water Carters, LJ Hooker Lithgow, Wallerawang Pharmacy, Bowyer & Livermore, Bouquets By Design, Lithgow Locksmiths, Bunning's, Centennial Coal, M&N Produce, Cupcakes by Renee, Wallerawang Bowling Club, Gloss Creations, Dick Smith, Reece Plumbing, Wang Village Meats & Eastern Creek Karts PL**

They enabled great prizes to be presented for the different events, sausages for the BBQ, drinks and the models for the fashion parade looking gorgeous.

On behalf of the students, staff and school community I wish to sincerely thank everyone involved in the night's proceedings, without your support, initiative, generosity, talent and sheer willingness to give, this event would not have been the overwhelming success that it has been. We are a unique community in so many ways, with a clear purpose and identity and spirit to be very proud of. You would go a long way to find the enthusiasm and interest that this community holds. The partnership is a strong one always with a purpose and that is doing the very best for the students and providing them with opportunities to shine and succeed with genuine care and interest. What more can I say except WOW! What an evening that will be remembered for a long time to come.



### **Early Birds**

Early Birds concluded after a very successful 5 week program led by Miss Reid and Mrs Warner. The program focussed on school routine, along with pre literacy and numeracy skills. The quality of the program was very impressive with the children accessing a range of different technologies and equipment. I would like to thank Trudy Magus and Angie Collins for their information sessions for parents which provided valuable information about getting ready for 'big school'. We look forward to welcoming all the new Kindergartens of both new and existing families into our supportive school environment.

### **Aboriginal Message Sticks**

I wish to acknowledge and thank Owen Smith from the Lithgow AECG for making and donating 4 pairs of clapping sticks to the school. Owen had previously made a didgeridoo which is on display in our school foyer. Owen did this for us on very short notice to support Stage 1 in their 'Old Man Emu' performance. Wallerawang Public School acknowledges the support from the local Aboriginal community and the Lithgow AECG.

### **Canberra Excursion**

On Friday night I met a tired, but contented group of Stage 3 students, teachers and parents after 3 days in Canberra. This was a fun and educational opportunity for the children, with a packed itinerary. I thank Mrs Fraser for her many hours spent in the organisation of the excursion and Mrs Quinn and Mrs Walsh for their support. As with all these activities so much has to be done to ensure that all areas are accounted for. The parent support with the excursion is also acknowledged as it allows students to be directly supervised in smaller group situations. We are very lucky to have such a supportive parent community.

### **Swimming School**

Swimming school continues this week. Thank you to Ms Gurney for her coordination of this and all the swimming teachers who are supporting this program. The weather hasn't been the best, but the students are trying hard to improve their swimming skills. Thanks to work

experience students Jackson Hawes (last week) and Kaitlyn Best (this week) who have helped out with the program and who have also been of great assistance across the school.

### **School Leaders 2014**

A reminder that year 5 students eligible for standing will present their speeches to the school on Monday and the announcement will be made at a special assembly on Wednesday. It is very encouraging to see the students who are seeking election who will all be outstanding school leaders and role models for the students in the school. The students are wished all the best and are encouraged to seek assistance from school staff in this process if they are unsure.

### **Stage 2 assembly leaders**

Congratulations to stage 2 students who were in control of Assembly on Friday. An excellent job was done leading the Assembly, with the support in preparation from Mr Campling. It was also great to see the support and encouragement from families.



### **Personal Thank you**

I wish to offer my personal thanks to Chris Brown, Sharon Lambert and Mrs Fraser for helping with a medical emergency in the school. Their support was very much appreciated and is another clear example of the willingness of people in our community to look after others.

Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value. –Albert Einstein

*Jenny Lamborn*

## Australiana Extravaganza Photo Competition

### Community

1st Prize: Jenny Clark

\$50 Voucher Wallerawang Chinese

2nd Prize: Karen Desch

Voucher for 1 dozen Cupcakes by Renee

3rd Prize: Sharon Rushworth

\$10 voucher Wallerawang Pharmacy

### Student

1st Prize: Hannah Whyte 5/6Q

Water proof digital camera

2nd Prize: Aidan Fitzpatrick 1/2B

Voucher for 1 dozen Cupcakes by Renee

3rd Prize: Holly Mason 1/2B

\$10 voucher Wallerawang Pharmacy

### Buy One Get One Free Book Fair

Due to our wonderful success at the Book Week Book Fair we have been offered a "buy one get 1 free bookfair." This will open straight after Presentation Day on Tuesday 10th December. It will stay open for Wednesday 11th December until 3:30pm. For every book purchased you get one for free, eg: Buy 5 books and get 5 free!

A great idea for Christmas presents!

### Canberra Excursion

Our most recent Stage 3 excursion to Canberra was once again a reflection of a high degree of planning and organisation. Feedback from our accompanying parents confirmed the value of the excursion for our students and the community appreciation of these initiatives. We were also very fortunate to secure some Australian Government funding through the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (**PACER**) initiative to assist in reducing the cost of this excursion for our families.

Students had the opportunity to visit Parliament House, The Australian Electoral office, The War Memorial, Cockington Green, National Dinosaur Museum, Questacon, The Australian Institute of Sport and also went on an Embassy tour.

The students were wonderfully behaved and had a fantastic time. They enjoyed staying in their own private villas and sat down to great

meals each day. The excursion gave students the opportunity to learn about our nation's capital and our system of government. It was delightful to see the kids have such a lovely time and their smiles and conversations certainly reflected their excitement.

Our parents did a great job supporting school staff and I would like to personally thank them for their hard work on the excursion. I would also like to thank Mrs Quinn and Mrs Walsh for their outstanding support. It was a fantastic excursion and one that our students will definitely remember for a long time to come.

**Mrs Katrena Fraser**





### Advent Pageant

On Thursday 5th December the school will be involved in a joyful celebration of sharing the Christmas message with the community of Wallerawang. Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 will travel by bus to Main St Wallerawang and visit the Post Office and the Supermarket. They will sing Christmas Carols and share a child centred message with our local community. They will then return to school at recess time for a combined K-6 special Scripture Assembly where each stage will present an item. For the cost of \$3.00, each child will receive a sausage sandwich, ice cream and drink. The school canteen will only be open at recess on this day. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join the pageant in Main St and come to school for the assembly and lunch.

**Year 6 Farewell Dinner**  
***A reminder that all RSVPs and payments for the Year 6 dinner are due this week. Please return your RSVP slips so that numbers for catering can be finalised.***

### Sports Photo Orders

Orders and payments can now be placed for the sports photos taken in October. Order forms are available on request at the front office. Payment is due by 5th December.

**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**

### Canteen News

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

**TOMORROW** - English Muffins topped with ham and grilled cheese for 60 cents will be available for recess.

**New smaller size** Mrs Mac Spinach & Ricotta Cheese rolls for \$2.20 from the canteen.

A Sausage sizzle lunch will be provided to all students on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2013. No other lunch orders will be available from the canteen. Recess will be available as normal.

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### Advance Notice

***The School Canteen will be CLOSED FOR 2013 at the end of Week 10 (Friday 13th December) Recess and lunch will need to be brought from home in the last week of term.***

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### P&C News—Christmas Stocking Raffle

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.



## Canteen Roster

Thursday	28/11	K. Taylor, S. Giles
Friday	29/11	S. Scanlan, L. Bradford, A. Star
Monday	2/12	K. Seton, S. Best
Tuesday	3/12	G. Wardle, A. Fitzgerald
Wednesday	4/12	J. Clarke, M. Miles

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Lithgow High School has been running these sessions throughout the term. You are cordially invited to join in on the 9th December.

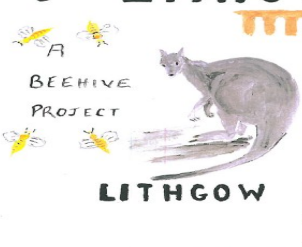
#### BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

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](http://www.muyehaekwondo.com)

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



A BEEHIVE PROJECT

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:hippy@centacarebathurst.com.au)

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



CULLEN BULLEN  
PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

CHRISTMAS STREET  
PARTY

GET-TOGETHER

CHOCOLATE WHEEL  
MEAT TRAYS, HAMS

CHILDREN'S PRIZES

BBQ  
CULLEN BULLEN FIRE  
BRIGADE

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2013  
6.00PM

## Books for the Philippines

Steven Foo, martial artist and Manager at Automation Security in the Philippines, started this project after a group of IT Professionals in Manila spoke out about a Government plan to give computers to schools. Members of the Computer Professionals Union pointed out that most schools in poorer areas of the Philippines don't even have books, let alone computers.

Steve discussed the problem with Australian disabled martial artist Peter Lee, who set up the task of collecting as many books as possible to send to the Philippines.

We are seeking the assistance of your school community in helping to gather books. Other schools in Lithgow have donated their old library books and old readers. It would be great if we could leave a box in your foyer for parents and children to drop in books, both old and new, that will benefit entire generations of Filipino school children.

Peter Lee can be contacted on 0433 820 815

Come to our  
**Buy One, Get One  
FREE**  
Book Fair!

Dates / Times / Place

Tues 10-12-13 12 noon-3:30pm

Wed 11-12-13 8:30am-3:30pm

Library

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\*All free books must be of equal or lower value than the ones you buy. Titles vary by Book Fair.

## CHOOSE FROM 100s OF BOOKS AND BUILD YOUR HOME LIBRARY

Scholastic Book Fairs is coming to our school with a Buy One Get One Free! Book Fair! This special event offers a great opportunity for you to add twice as many books to your child's home and classroom library.

For every book purchased you receive a second book of equal or lesser value FREE to give as a gift to a friend, teacher, donate back to the library or keep yourself.



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HUMOUR • FAMILY & FRIENDSHIP • NONFICTION  
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