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# Wallerawang Public School Newsletter



March 19 2014 Term 1 Week 8

## What's On? When?

**School  
Assembly**  
Fri 21/3 —9:10am  
All welcome!

**Uniform Shop  
opens**  
TUESDAYS  
2:00—3:30pm

**Western  
Basketball**  
Thurs 20/3

**Lithgow High  
School Science  
Visit**  
Thursday 20th  
March

**Stage 2 Colonial  
Day Thursday**  
27th March

**Stage 3 Bathurst  
Goldfields  
excursion Friday**  
28th March

### Dear Parent/Carers,

The term continues to pass us by with the weeks flying past. Thank you to Mrs Lewis for her work in the office while Mrs Auld has been on leave. The office is always a very busy place, with lots happening as with all areas of the school.

### Staffing update

The ground work has started for the 2<sup>nd</sup> demountable to be moved in. We are waiting on delivery of the demountable from the Cessnock area and hope that it will be on site by the end of term, with furniture for the classroom following not long after. With the increase in numbers obviously there is the increase in staffing. We are pleased to be able to offer Ms Lang a full-time temporary position on Reading Recovery and Learning Support, Miss Gurney will resume as a classroom teacher on stage 3 and Mrs Jenkins will be working across the school on Learning Support and Release Face to Face 3 days a week. I am also pleased to welcome back to Wallerawang School after a break Mrs Elizabeth Bennett who will be working on 5/6F on a Friday while Mrs Fraser works on English across the school.

### Grandparents Morning

We will be holding a Grandparents morning early in term 2. This will involve an assembly, followed by classroom visits and a morning tea. I know that we have outstanding involvement from our Grandparents and this is a way of recognising in a small way the contribution they make to our school community. As this is senior citizens week it is pertinent that we recognise those who have and continue to give to our community. Thank you to one & all. The part that Grandparents play in our children's lives is significant and valued.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on the 31<sup>st</sup> March and the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> of April. Please ensure that you return the slip with your preference times. We have evaluated our procedures with feedback from parents and have decided to trial having parent/teacher interviews term 1.

### District Soccer Trials

The following children were a part of the Western Region Soccer trials conducted by Christine Wren from Lithgow Primary. Congratulations to Brittany Griffith, Eamyn Quinn and Lachlan Taylor who will move to the Western Region selection trials.

### District touch football and Rugby League trials

Next Friday the district trials for both Touch football and Rugby League will be held on the school oval. Touch football will commence at 12pm this is being organised by Lithgow Primary and Rugby League following after, which is Wallerawang's job to organise. Thank you to Chris Brown, Marty Rushworth and Corey Stockton who have offered their support with selection. A lot of years knowledge & experience in Rugby League combined.

### Welcome

This week we welcome Summer Mason, a new Kindergarten student to our school. Summer has already settled in very well with school routines.

### Ground Work

We are slowly catching up with maintenance jobs around the school thank you to the support of Josh Way who has been very proactive in his thinking and Jeff Fraser who has supported with his equipment. Our jobs go beyond the classroom and it is good to have people making suggestions of how things can be improved & how to overcome problems. We have also had some suggestions about how we may be able to make our fish pond safer. We will trial a couple of things before a final decision is made. Thank you to the parents who have come forth with their suggestions. It is a lovely facility and all of us would hate to see it go, but it is important that we are following regulations. On behalf of the school I would like to thank Josh and Jeff for committing their time and expertise to support the school.

### Principal Network Meeting

Today Mrs Fraser & I are at a Principal Network Meeting in Bathurst. Greg Prior DDG Public schools NSW will be in attendance for the day where a variety of different speakers will provide information and we will be involved in reflective learning during the day.

### Teacher Professional Learning

Ms Foster is in Sydney this week undertaking facilitator training in the TEN program. Ms Foster will join 50 other teachers from across NSW. We are very lucky to have an opportunity to send someone with the level of experience Ms Foster has in Numeracy to such a course to further expand her qualifications.

### District PSSA Grants

Thank you to Mr Campling for applying for a grant to support Lithgow PSSA. This grant is to support the 'revitalisation of programs' and \$6,000 will be managed by Wallerawang to support the Lithgow District on a variety of much needed projects.

### Parking

Please park in the designated parking areas only near the school and in the school car park and not facing the incorrect direction. No parking is permitted in the school drop off zone area between 8:40am and 9:10am. If parking spaces become limited please park along Barton Avenue and use the school pedestrian crossing.

### Wallerawang/ Lidsdale P&C association

Thank you to everyone who attended the P&C AGM last night. It was great to see new faces in attendance as well as our old faithfuls who are always supportive of our school. A HUGE THANK

YOU to our outgoing executive, canteen & general committee who have supported the school in so many ways during their term. We farewelled treasurer Sharon Morris who has been an active member on the P&C for many years and the contribution that she has made to the school community is valued. I welcome all new executive, canteen & general committee members and look forward to a positive and active working relationship. Enjoy your week. Here is a quote that sums up the way we are working to support the students. It is humbling to see the collaboration between staff all with the one ultimate aim and that is to do the very best for all the students in our care.



*Jenny Lamborn*

*Relieving Principal Wallerawang Public School*

### Library News

There will be no library lessons in week 10 due to parent teacher interviews. Mrs Nancarrow will be relieving teachers involved with the interview schedule.

### School Administrative & Support Staff (SASS) Professional Learning

On Monday of this week I attended a training seminar in Sydney on the new DEC Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR).

Later this year and into 2015, LMBR will bring changes to the school environment that will impact on every aspect of the day to day running of school systems. LMBR will deliver the tools that will support learning and management in schools by way of updated processes and modern technology systems to support the many aspects of teaching and learning comprising integrated finance, HR/payroll and Student Administration and Learning Management. It will impact every facet of school functions from student enrolment and administration to finance.

It was a very comprehensive outline of the systems being deployed under LMBR.

Further training will be delivered this year by DEC on 'Core Financial Literacy for NSW public schools' which is aimed at Principals, Executive and Admin Managers. The course will provide participants with an opportunity to gain further experience in financial literacy.

**Rebecca Auld**  
**Admin Manager**

### Adamoriginal- Aboriginal Performance

**On Monday afternoon students from K-6 watched a performance by Adam Hill a multi-talented Dhungatti Aboriginal artist. The performance was interactive with students involved throughout the performance.**

Adam shared his knowledge of a variety of Aboriginal languages teaching the students many new Aboriginal words. He also showed the students a variety of aboriginal musical instruments and encouraged the students to use different parts of their body to make percussion like instruments. Students were exposed to different stories that showed Aboriginal culture and students were engaged as Adam showed them how to play the didgeridoo. This was a lively and engaging afternoon and a learning experience for all those that attended.



### **P&C News**

#### Presidents Report

The P&C Annual General Meeting was held on Monday night, it was pleasing to have so many people attend, with lots of new faces. All positions were declared vacant by Jenny Lamborn. The new committee was successfully elected for 2014.

President : Katena Taylor

Vice Presidents: Leanne Houlison & Jocelyn Barnes

Secretary: Gabe Wardle

Treasurer: Karen Desch

Uniform Coordinator: Leanne Houlison

Canteen Buyer: Debbie Holder

Canteen Conveners: Lorraine Bradford & Ashleigh Morris

Canteen Rep's: Infants: Sharon Rushworth & Renee Bradford

Primary: Simone Burns & Kimberley Gunnulson

Canteen Roster Clerk: Kimberley Gunnulson

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new committee members, as well as our committee who are continuing in their positions. Your time and effort is always appreciated and as a team the P&C continues to be very successful.

A special thankyou to our outgoing committee member, **Sharon Morris**, who has finished her association with Wallerawang School at the end of 2013. Sharon has been a long standing member of the P&C over the years and her contribution is acknowledged and appreciated. We wish her and her family all the best for the future.

I also thank Jenny Lamborn and the entire staff of Wallerawang School for their ongoing partnership with the P&C, without your cooperation a lot of our fundraising events would not be possible.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May in the school library, new members are always welcome. I look forward to what 2014 will bring!

Thankyou,

**Katena Taylor—P&C President**





4/5Q



4/5Q have been learning about characterisation in quality literature, British Colonisation of Australia and the Gold Rush. We have looked at how authors and directors develop characters in their stories. Students have been learning how to develop their own fictional characters using descriptive language and simile to entertain an audience. Linking our literacy and HSIE, students were asked to develop a character from the convict times if they were in year 4 and the Gold Rush if they are in year 5.

These are some examples of the students work.

**Lisa** is a girl who is kind like an angel and would do anything for her family who is very poor. One day she stole a loaf of bread off her master and she got caught. He belted her and the next day she was headed for Australia on Captain Arthur Phillip's ship. She was as kind as an angel like her mother and had fair skin like her father. She worked hard like her sisters and brothers for food and money to keep them alive. She was the youngest of fifteen, was twelve and born in 1777 and was now destined for a new land. By Ella Zorz Year 4

**James** is a shop owner/butcher. He has black hair, brown eyes and pale skin. James is 1 metre and 93 centimetres tall, 84 years old and has a secret drawer with a shot gun in it. He likes to make people happy. He has a meat raffle every week. He helps homeless people by giving them a bag of meat. Hayden Carter Year 4

#### **Julian Gregory Patterson**

Julian Gregory Patterson is an English stockman/drover of cattle. He has a dark complexion, hazel, green eyes, Brunette hair, pink rosy cheeks and a cheeky smile. He wears a brown Acubra hat, a blue flannelette shirt, old faded jeans and black steel cap boots. He has eyebrows as bushy as a fern and a light grey smokey goatee. He is 31 years old and has a 27 year old wife named Alissia and a beautiful daughter named Carmerlia, she is 8 years old. By Chloe Petersen Year 5

**Bobby Franklin** has hazel, green eyes. His hair is black as a shadow. He is fairly fat like a fat bat. Bobby wears a brown t-shirt and black coat over his t-shirt and blue jeans with holes all through them. He is 34 years old. Bobby's job is a gold trader, he has to find gold and bring it back to his boss Stuart. He lives in Bathurst NSW. He sounds like a monster and moves like a normal person. Bobby is very strong, he can lift 9999 kilograms. By Dane Hart Year 5

**At Friday's assembly we will be presenting our item from Oliver Twist.**

**We would love for you come and watch 4/5Q perform.**

**Mrs Quinn**

**4/5Q Classroom Teacher**



# Assembly Week 7





### School Starting Times

A reminder that morning school playground duty does not commence until 8:40am. Children should not arrive at school prior to this time unless arrangements have been made with the Principal or Executive.

The school crossing is not supervised by the crossing supervisor until 8:30am, therefore is not safe for children to cross prior to this time unless they are escorted by a parent or carer.

### School Website

*The School website photo gallery has been updated. Check out our great sportsmanship and also fun participation during school performances.*

### Chocolate Boxes

There are extra boxes available to families who can sell more chocolates. The boxes you already have must be paid for before taking another. Only 1 box will be given out at a time. The return date is Wednesday 26th March. Thankyou

### THE COLONIAL SHOW - STAGE 2

Dear Parents and Caregivers,  
Our exciting **all day** event is on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March**.

Students from Stage 2 will need to begin thinking of a 'colonial costume' to wear on the day. Students will only need to bring recess and drinks for the day. LUNCH will be a barbecue - sausages, damper, watermelon and a juice.

We are looking for **helpers** to cook sausages and serve food on our COLONIAL DAY beginning at 12.00. If you would like to join us and help, please return this slip to your child's teacher.

Thankyou

Stage 2 Teachers

**YES! I would like to help with the  
Stage 2 barbecue on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>  
March at 12noon**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

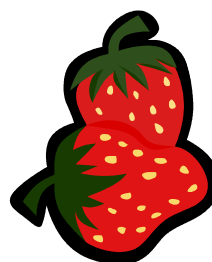
### Healthy Eating Tips for

#### Happy lunch boxes

Boiled egg

Ham and lettuce wrap

Strawberries



### Canteen News

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

English Muffins topped with ham & grilled cheese for 60 cents will be available for recess on Thursday. A new recess menu started on Monday, 10 March, 2014.

#### Recess Menu:

Mixed fruit kebabs \$0.50

Watermelon pieces \$0.20

Small boxes of sultanas \$0.40

Small 120 ml containers with yoghurt topped with Muesli or fruit/Jelly and fruit/  
Strawberry Mousse (Gluten Free) \$0.50

The canteen have Stickybeaks Lunch Wallets available to order for \$8.50 each which are reusable lunch order bags. An information and order form is attached to this newsletter.

Debbie Holder

### Uniform Shop News

We're having a sale—

Old style sports pants reduced to \$10.00 1 x size 8  
4x size 16.

These pants are still being worn by students during the phase out period.

Fleecy Jumpers reduced to \$10.00 1 x size 16  
3 x size 18

Fully Lined Jackets reduced to \$10.00 4 x size 16

These items are available for purchase from the front office.

Thankyou, Leanne Houlison

**The canteen has re-usable lunch order bags**

available to be ordered from Stickybeaks "Lunch Wallets"



they come in black with your choice of colour

pink, blue, green, red, grey, yellow, or purple binding

a sample of the Lunch Wallet is available at the front office to have a look at.

Whether it is daily, once a week or once a month, most children have the opportunity to order their lunch at school.

Please consider purchasing a Stickybeaks Lunch Wallet for your child or children to help reduce our paper waste. Keep and reuse the lunch wallet over and over.

**The Lunch Wallet cost \$8.50 each.**

The wallet is a secure way to send money into the school without it getting lost.

**Product features include:-**

- Holds a substantial amount of more food inside than brown paper bags
- Collapsible sides and a Velcro tab that secures the bags in a closed position.
- Sturdy flat base makes them easy to pack and stack
- Stylish design which folds conveniently to fit in every child's school bag
- Clear pocket to display name and class
- Clear pocket to display order and place money away from your child's lunch.
- Free name & order tags are available to print from the stickybeaks website [www.stickybeaks.com.au](http://www.stickybeaks.com.au)
- Easy to clean. Simply remove base then wipe clean with a damp soapy cloth after each use just like you would your school lunch box

**It's simple !!!**

Please fill in the Student Order Form enclosing prepayment with your order by Friday, 28 March, 2014.

## STUDENT ORDER FORM

Simply write the quantity of each bag you would like to order then add the total amount of money.

**Please fill in the name and class of your child below:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Don't forget to ask family, friends & neighbours if they would like to order as well. \*

[illegible]

**Final orders are due back to school by Friday, 28 March, 2014.**

No order will be taken after this date. Please return Order Form, along with your payment in an envelope clearly marked "Stickybeaks Order."

Thank you for purchasing re-usable lunch order bags.

### Canteen Roster

THURSDAY	20/3	K. Taylor, S. Giles
FRIDAY	21/3	T. Brown, J. Smith
MONDAY	24/3	K. Seton, A. Star
TUESDAY	25/3	A. Jackson, A. Dunn
WEDNESDAY	26/3	K. Desch, J. Trestrail

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### Community Announcements 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 Little Dragons class for 4-6 year olds! Also, check out our new Kick-fit fitness Class for adults (no martial arts experience necessary)

After 15 years at Wallerawang, we have now moved to our new fully equipped studio at Portland.

For more information phone Master Instructor Steve Ashbridge, 6th Dan Black Belt, on 0409 305 327. You can also visit our website at: [www.muyehtaekwondo.com](http://www.muyehtaekwondo.com)

### Saturday Netball Competition

If there are any girls between the ages of 7-12 interested in playing netball please contact:

Leanne Houlison for ages 7-10 0400 312 197

Denise Nightingale for ages 10-12 0458 239 557





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### The Inaugural Wombat Books Illustration Challenge - NOW OPEN!

Wombat Books is seeking original illustrations from Australian students to publish in a unique picture book by well-known children's author Aleesah Darlison. The Challenge has been established to provide aspiring young illustrators with the opportunity to be published in a professionally produced children's book and gain an introduction into the world of illustrating.

The book, titled **Zoo Ball**, is scheduled for release in early 2015. Up to twenty winning illustrators will be published in the book and will also receive two free copies of the book and a \$50 voucher. They will be acknowledged on the Wombat Books website as a rising illustrator and there may be opportunities for them to illustrate work in the future.

One outstanding illustrator will be given the exclusive opportunity to design the cover for the book and will win a cash prize of \$200.

For full guidelines and entry forms visit:

[www.wombatbooks.com.au/competitions](http://www.wombatbooks.com.au/competitions)

### Reminder!!!

The 2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is on Friday 21 March 2014.

**BULLYING.  
NO WAY!**

### Playgroup!!

For children aged up to 6yrs

Portland Central School Mon 9:30 - 11:30

Wallerawang Stadium Tue 9:30 - 11:30

Cooperwall School Hall Thur 9:30 - 11:30

Playgroups are FREE!!!!

Bring a piece of fruit, a drink and hat

Playgroups are a great way to meet other parents and develop community networks!

Playgroups are provided by the Family Resource Centre.

Phone the Families Worker Angie for more information on services available.

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