



Wallerawang Public School Newsletter



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April 9 2014 Term 1 Week 11

What's On? When?

Friday 11th April
END OF TERM1
ASSEMBLY
9:10am

Mufti Day
Easter Hat Parade
10:30 am
Parents and
Carers welcome
morning tea
provided

COMMUNITY
ANZAC DAY
SERVICE
25th April 9am
Main St
Wallerawang

Term 2 Staff
Development Day
Monday 28th April

STUDENTS
COMMENCE
TUESDAY
29th April
ANZAC Day
School Assembly
10:00am

Mother's Day Stalls
Monday 5th May
Tuesday 6th May

Dear Parent/Carers,

We have come to the end of a very busy term. Both teaching staff & students are starting to get a little tired & are looking forward to a holiday break. This term has seen the introduction of many new programs across the school to support our school targets. It is wonderful to see the collaboration of staff within stages, across stages and with facilitators working to support each other & provide quality teaching & learning programs across the school. Everyone is working extremely hard to ensure that students are provided with the best possible educational opportunities. The program Ms Foster has been running across the school in Numeracy is exceptional with her skills being sort far & wide. During the term she has also been trained as a TEN facilitator with 5 of our staff working through this program which will commence in term2. Mrs Fraser has been working across the school on English with the same results & positive feedback. The resources and programs, along with the Professional Learning that Mrs Fraser is providing shows incredible knowledge. The music program continues to build with students showing interest & enthusiasm. I wish to sincerely thank all the staff both teaching & support staff that work across the school for the opportunities & support they provide the students. Please continue with the positive partnership you have with the school, if you are unsure or want clarification on anything please make contact with the relevant personnel through the front office to avoid miscommunication and escalation of problems. Next term although shorter is shaping up to be just as busy with programs being expanded & consolidated.

Western Soccer

On Friday Eamyn Quinn, Lachlan Taylor, Brittany Griffiths & Cassie Glencorse attended the Western Region soccer trials in Dubbo & Bathurst respectively. Although unsuccessful in gaining a place in the team they had an enjoyable day and were great ambassadors.

Western Rugby League

On Monday Mrs Fraser & I had the pleasure of accompanying the Lithgow District Rugby League team to the Western Region trials in Dubbo. The weather was hot for playing Rugby League, but all the Wallerawang children played well & should be very proud of what they have achieved. The 11's combined well as a team with all the children in attendance from Wallerawang these included: Billy Rushworth, Kye Cameron, Cooper Nunan, Sam Lane, Oscar Gordon, Ben Fraser, Lachlan Reilly & Will Jackson. A big thank you to Marty Rushworth for coaching the team & staying right to the end to support the two students who were selected in the possible & probable team. Your support is valued & appreciated. The open team played exceptionally well given that they were running with no reserves early in first game. Congratulations to the following students for their efforts: Connor Higgins, Sam Petersen, Jai Elliott, Charlie Bray & Ethan Van Der Velden. Further congratulations to Sam Petersen who was selected in the possible/probable team at the end of the day. Peter Bradford & Corey Stockton are thanked for their preparation of the team. They have worked with the team to provide guidance & develop skills. Many thanks to these 2 men who have committed their time. Your support of the school is valued. I once again wish to acknowledge our boys for their sportsmanship & their ability to acknowledge & be proud of each other. I am very proud to say they belong to Wallerawang Public School. I wish to also thank parents & families for allowing the students to have these opportunities. It is wonderful to see your support & enthusiasm. Thank you also to Mrs Fraser for her ongoing support of sport at our school. As with everything these things don't just happen.

Athletics Carnivals

Today the primary children were fortunate with the weather with their carnival being held at the Jim Monaghan Athletics track in Lithgow.

On Monday after the cancellation of the event on Friday the infants Athletics Carnival was held, although still a little wet underfoot the day was very successful. My acknowledgements & thanks go to Miss Reid who coordinated the day with the support of the infants staff. These days again take many hours of preparation behind the scenes to ensure students are given all round opportunities as a part of their schooling at Wallerawang. They are a great team of teaching & support staff!

Scripture Service

On Tuesday afternoon Wallerawang Public School students participated in the annual scripture service organised by our committed & supportive scripture teachers. During the service they had the opportunity to listen to the Easter message shared by Vicki Mair. On behalf of the school community I wish to express my gratitude and thanks to the scripture teachers Mrs Jenny Clark, Mrs Julie Clark, Mrs Pat Wilkinson and Sister Therese who volunteer their time each week.

Easter Hat making & Parade

It was wonderful to see the number of parents & family members attending the infants classrooms to support the children in their Easter Hat constructions. What a hype of activity the classrooms were with everyone's creative side being tested. The Easter Hat parade will be held this Friday at 10.30 where you will get to see the wonderful creations. The students & parents will then enjoy morning tea provided by the P&C association, during the day they will also have a visit from our very own Easter Bunny. Thank you to the P&C Association for supporting the students & staff with these events. They are always enjoyable.

Friday's Assembly & Mufti Day

On Friday we will have a Mufti Day, crazy hair & sock day organised by the SRC in support of Cystic Fibrosis. I have previously shared my own plight with this horrible genetic disease & along with Lily Forrest we will share some stories & statistics with you. I have also asked Miss Gurney to work with Madi Burns & the school choir on a song that was composed by the Wolverines about Cystic Fibrosis called 65 Roses. It will be a performance not to be missed.

Staff Development Day – term 2

Staff Development Day term 2 will be held as a combined district schools event at Coerwull Public School. Many Wallerawang staff will be sharing their areas of expertise with staff from the other Gateway schools as leaders in education. I thank them for committing to this.

It has been a wonderful term full of opportunities & experiences. Thank you to students, staff, parents, family members & the wider community.

I wish you all a safe & happy holiday with family & friends.

Jenny Lamborn

Relieving Principal Wallerawang Public School

Infants Athletics Carnival Report

After unfavourable weather conditions last Friday, Infants children on Monday finally had the opportunity to participate in their annual athletics carnival. The day began with some fun sporting house rivalry. Children proudly paraded in their house colours, while Mrs O'Mahony had the very difficult task of judging the house with the best 'war cry' and marching style. Following this, children participated in a variety of events including: age races, relays, novelty events and round robin activities. Children also had the opportunity to refuel on fresh fruit platters kindly donated by Woolworths. Throughout the day children participated with enthusiasm and were keen to cheer on their fellow team mates. Children, along with Ms Fahey, from the sporting house Awa were particularly proud of their efforts. At the end of the day they were announced as the overall winners of the carnival. The children and staff would like to thank the parents and spectators who came along to cheer and offer encouragement. They would also like to acknowledge those who assisted with the recording of points, pinning on of ribbons and helping out at the finish line. Your support and assistance was greatly appreciated.

Miss Reid—Carnival Coordinator

ANZAC DAY



*ANZAC DAY Wallerawang Community Ceremony
25th April 2014*

Students who are able to march are to wear full school uniform and meet in front of the old Wallerawang Butcher's shop at 8:15am.

Infants Easter Hat Parade

Parents and Caregivers are warmly invited to our Infants Easter Hat parade this Friday 11th April at 10.30am. Students will perform several songs and proudly display their beautiful Easter Hats. After the parade our P&C will have some special Easter treats for the children and morning tea for our visitors. We would love to see you there!

Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser—Mufti, crazy hair & sock day

The last SRC initiative for this term, suggested by student representatives, Lily Forrest and Marie Abbas, is to fundraise for the Cystic Fibrosis foundation.



This Friday, last of term, all students in K-6 are encouraged to come to school dressed in mufti with crazy hair and crazy socks! Members of the SRC will be collecting a gold coin donation from each student for their participation.

Tennis Report

Last Monday our enthusiastic team travelled to Bathurst to verse Eglinton in Round 2 of PSSA tennis. Piper Woolsey, Brooke Lewis, Katahna Woolsey, Ethan Van Der Velden and Dylan Walsh had been putting in many hours of practice on the school's tennis court and were ready and eager to get the games underway. Eglinton are renown for producing strong tennis teams but this didn't deter our team, if anything it made them try even harder.

The format was singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Brooke and Katahna both played singles then joined up for the doubles. They played beautifully together, with Brooke showing her fierce skills at the net and Katahna consistently serving well and running down every ball with style.

The boys played singles then again in the doubles. Ethan and Dylan are quickly becoming a force to be reckoned with, complementing each other's style. Ethan's powerful serves had the opposition struggling to return the ball and with Dylan's tactical placements and Federer style backhands he had the others running in all directions.

Piper played the mixed doubles with Ethan and displayed some skilful shots. Her determination shone through as she delivered some mighty volleys. Katahna and Dylan also played very well together and kept the opposition running. All had a fantastic day of tennis but unfortunately Eglinton came out the victors. The spectators thoroughly enjoyed the matches and commented on

how everyone showed true sportsmanship. Thankyou to all the parents for their valuable support and a huge thank you to the team. Great effort, we're proud of you!



**WPS Tennis team with Miss Gurney
Dylan Walsh, Ethan Van Der Velden, Brooke
Lewis, Katahna Woolsey & Piper Woolsey**

Easter Bilby Video Conference

All year one students participated in a special video conference with the Royal National Park Environmental Education Centre. The activity involved using the smart board and TV monitor in the library to connect to the centre for an interactive excursion. We joined with three other schools to discover why the Easter Bunny chose Bilby to deliver chocolate eggs in Australia. We learnt about Australian wetlands and desert habitats. The best part was decorating our lovely hessian baskets with leaves and bark we found in the garden. The Bilby also delivered tattoos to our library. It was a great way to learn about the Bilby and why it is such a magnificent animal.

Ms Fahey 1/2K

Thank you to the families that participated in the Wallerawang Pharmacy questionnaire for our school.

It is still not too late to return these if you have not already done so. Our school receives \$10 per questionnaire!



K-2 Athletics Day



Easter Hat Making

Last Wednesday Stage 1 tapped into their creative side and designed their very own Easter hats. We had overwhelming support from parents, grandparents and helpers to create wonderful designs with the children. All our Infants students will be proudly wearing these on Friday as they perform some Easter songs at our special Easter hat parade. Please join us at 10:30am for our performance followed by morning tea.



WIN A BIG CHOCOLATE BUNNY!



This week the Year 6 fundraising committee is holding a guessing competition. The ultimate prize is a 1kg 45cm high chocolate bunny!

For 50c the kids can have a guess at how many balls are in the "tub".

The person with the correct or closest guess wins. In the event of more than one correct answer we will have a playoff, which means the TUB will be emptied and refilled for those winners to keep guessing. The winner will be announced Friday at lunchtime.

Enter as many times as you like but get in fast!

See Mrs Walsh and the Year 6 helpers at recess and first lunch in the playground.

Wanted

Unwanted school sports uniforms, (shirts, shorts, jackets and pants) in sizes 10-16. Please leave these items at the office.

Stewart House Donation Drive

The Stewart House Donation Drive 2014 supports over 1800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT. Please support this worthy charity by returning your envelope provided enclosed with a \$2 coin and be in the running to win a \$4000 holiday to a destination of your choice! Envelopes need to be returned to school by Friday 9th May.

Healthy Eating Tips for

Happy lunch boxes

Weetbix with jam

Coleslaw salad tub

Wholemeal sandwich
with hommus spread
and salad



CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen has lots of fruit available!

Apples, kiwi fruit, grapes, watermelon, oranges, rockmelon and strawberries.

English Muffins topped with ham & grilled cheese for 60 cents will be available for recess on Thursday.

Thank you very much to Woolworths Ltd for their generous donation of fresh fruit and vegetables to our school throughout this term.

Thanks Debbie Holder

Uniform Shop News—SALE NOW ON!

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 essential HEALTH KIDS GUIDE"

If you would like a booklet, please call into the office and request one. Unfortunately we only have a limited supply.

Year 5 Eskbank House Pottery Exhibition



Canteen Roster

Thursday	10/4	L. Houlison, S. Burns
Friday	11/4	L. Bradford, R. Bradford
TERM 2		Commences Tuesday 29/4
Tuesday	29/4	D. Holder, S. Christie
Wednesday	30/4	K. Desch, J. Trestrail



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

For Sale

Lithgow Information & Neighbourhood Centre

Home & Community Care

Volunteer Gardeners urgently needed

Our Home & Community Services are currently seeking volunteers to offer their time for a couple of hours once a week/fortnight to help our elderly citizens with their gardens. If you have a couple of hours of free time you can spare we would love to hear from you.

Please call us on 6352 2077 to arrange an interview



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Guinea Pigs—2 long haired multi coloured males.

Must go together—\$15 for the pair

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Junior netball

ANZ NetSetGO is the only introductory program for netball. It has been developed to provide children from the age of **5 to 10 years** with the best possible learning and playing experience that enables them to develop a positive introduction to Netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation within the sport.

NetSetGO incorporates skill activities, minor games and modified matches in a fun and safe environment. The weekly program will be co-ordinated by accredited coaches to ensure a quality experience for all participants.

The program:-

Session times: 8.45 - 9.30am. First session Saturday 3 May and will run for 12 weeks

Where: Netball courts at Wallerawang Stadium.

Registrations: Saturday 29th March and Saturday 5rd April between 10am-1pm at Wallerawang Indoor Sports Stadium.

Cost: \$55.00 (which includes a junior netball pack.

For further information, please call Kerrie Brown on 0411607287.

Drop the Salt Lithgow

The Drop the Salt Lithgow project is seeking volunteers to participate in a study looking at salt consumption. A study conducted in 2011 showed that adults were consuming on average 9 grams of salt per day, more than double the suggested target of 4 grams per day. This follow up study will determine if salt intake in Lithgow has changed since 2011.

All community members are invited to volunteer to take part in this project and can find out more information by contacting Mary-Anne Land on (02) 6354 9992 or email maland@georgeinstitute.org.au

Volunteers will receive a \$40 gift card for their time

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With **Triple P – Positive Parenting Program®**

Triple P is a parenting program for all families that provides practical answers to everyday parenting concerns.

Lithgow Family Support Service is offering Triple P to families with children aged 3 – 8 years.

To find out more or to book into this course please contact Michelle on 6351 4055.

When: Wednesday 30th April 2014

Time: 10.30 am – 12.30 pm

Where: Family Support
19 Hassan Street Lithgow

Cost: FREE

Morning tea will be provided

For more information visit www.families.nsw.gov.au



YOUTH WEEK 2014

SATURDAY 12 APRIL 2014
LITHGOW SKATE PARK

10.00am-2.00pm

LITHGOW YOUTH COUNCIL
INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE YOUTH WEEK WITH A FUN
PACKED DAY OF ACTIVITY

- NEWTONS NATION- BMX & SCOOTER demonstrations and coaching
- ROCK CLIMBING WALL
- FREE BBQ

For more information contact
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DHAGA
NGIYANHI
NGAN.GIRRA

Eskbank House
& Museum
Cnr Bennett and Inch St, Lithgow

An exhibition presenting significant aspects of Wiradjuri culture through the artists' use of traditional materials and techniques.



Photographer: Shantell Toomey

Exhibition runs: 2 April – 4 May 2014

DHAGA NGIYANHI NGAN.GIRRA /
WHERE WE ALL MEET

Official Opening including talks by the artists:

Saturday 12 April 2014 from 2-4pm

For Information or Group bookings
call 02 6351 3557 or

email eskbank@lithgow.nsw.gov.au

(Museum Entry Fees Apply)

is an exhibition of objects made by Lynette Riley and Diane Riley-McNaboe. These objects include Kangaroo-skin cloak, headdresses and belts and a Possum-skin blanket. These are objects that were made by Aboriginal people for thousands of years until settlement by Europeans put an end to this cultural practice. The objects made for this exhibition use the techniques and knowledge of the past as well as images and materials of the present to profile local Wiradjuri culture.



WESTERN PLAINS CULTURAL CENTRE



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EASTER FAMILY FESTIVAL

SAVILLE PARK

PORTLAND



Saturday
19th April 2014



Time: 11 am till 2 pm

Everything is FREE Everyone is welcome

Face Painting



Live Music

Jumping Castle

Fun Obstacle Course

Cooking Demo & Tastings

Craft Tent

Balloons

Games

Prayer Activities

Waterbomb Volleyball

Sausage Sizzle

Fun & Laughter

Tea & Coffee



Wind Tunnel

Organized by People from the Christian Churches of Portland
RAINING – COMMUNITY HALL-PORTLAND CENTRAL SCHOOL



ANZAC DAY—Friday 25th April 2014

ON THIS DAY ONLY the entry fee for each person (adult and child) will be a **GOLD COIN ONLY!**
Gates open at 12noon. There will be a limited number of events taking place, but plenty to give you an idea of what Ironfest has to offer.

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