



Wallerawang Public School Newsletter



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May 21 2014 Term 2 Week 4

What's On? When

Uniform Shop
Tuesdays
2:00-3:00pm

National Walk
Safely to School
Day
Friday 23rd May

School
Assembly
Friday 23rd May
9:10am

District Cross
Country
Friday 23rd May

Public Speaking
Finals Wednesday
28th May
10:00am

CWA Interna-
tional Day
Thursday 29th
May

Grandparents
Day School Fun
Run Friday
30th May

Dear Parent/Carers,

We have still been able to enjoy the balmy weather conditions; it certainly makes weekend sport enjoyable standing out in the lovely sunshine.

Last week year 3 & 4 children went through the process of NAPLAN. They have now been collated & sent for marking. Please be aware that NAPLAN is only one form of assessment & at Wallerawang PS we use a variety of assessment techniques to collect data & report on students. We are also aware that not all students are able to perform to their potential in this formal testing situation. The new syllabus documents clearly outline 3 types of assessment: assessment for learning, assessment as learning & assessment of learning that are essential components of the teaching & learning program.

12th class

The demountable for the 12th class arrived during last week, but unfortunately needed some work done before the children & their teacher Miss Gurney moves into it. Work started last week & will continue into this week. Although a further delay, it is important that the learning environment for the children is comfortable & productive.

Western Area Touch Football Trials

On Friday 5 of our boys – Sam Lane, Connor Higgins, Ethan Van Der Velden, Ben Fraser & Kye Cameron along with the only girl representative from Wallerawang Brittany Griffiths to the Western Area Touch Trials. Corey Stockton accompanied the boys as their coach & has been working very hard with them to develop their skills in the game of touch football. I have been told that the boys were all a pleasure to take away to represent their school & I know they gave it their best effort. After a full days play in very warm conditions a possible/probable team was selected. After outstanding games throughout the day Sam Lane, Connor Higgins & Brittany Griffiths were selected in these teams. When the Western Region teams were announced at the end of the day Connor Higgins was announced as part of the team, along with Donny Peters from Lithgow Primary to play at Ulladulla in August. These boys would not have had such opportunity without the support, guidance & coaching of Corey Stockton. On behalf of the boys, their families & the Lithgow District I would like to thank him for the support he has given.



Connor is relatively new to Wallerawang having joined us midway through last year. Connor came to us from Griffith & we knew that he certainly had sporting potential having represented his previous school in State PSSA Athletics. Wallerawang has provided opportunities for Connor & nurtured his sporting talent & I know he appreciates the opportunities that this has provided. Connor is now our second representative for the year all within the space of a week. We look forward to presenting both Ryan & Connor with their Alan Beecroft award at the Education Week assembly.

Boy's Hockey Results

Last Wednesday the boys hockey team defeated Zig Zag Public School 6 goals to nil. All the boys showed fantastic sportsmanship and played well as a team. They now progress into the 2nd round.

Grip Leadership Conference

Yesterday four of our school leaders and an SRC representative accompanied by Ms Graham, attended the Grip Leadership Conference in Bathurst. Madison Burns, Hollie Cameron, Ava Lambert, Maddison Hollands and Dylan Walsh joined students from 24 other Regional schools to learn about and broaden their leadership skills.

During the day they students participated in three sessions. Session one used the analogy of a schoolyard superhero for students to see that leadership is actually an opportunity to serve other students at their school and realise that leadership opportunities are available to them every day.

Session two, used the metaphor, 'Lead Like a Strawberry, Not Like a Watermelon' to look at the important element of 'integrity' in leadership and communicated to students the importance of being the same person on the inside that they project on the outside. During this session students learnt how the leadership journey is both rewarding and challenging. It identifies many of the common challenges that student leaders face and then suggest ways to overcome them. The list of challenges includes; going against the crowd, getting back up after failure and surviving criticism.

The final session was 'Bringing Our Ideas Alive'. Our student leaders were able to share their ideas they have for our school with other school students, this session also gave students practical tools to help them follow through on their ideas and bring them to life. This process involves generating new ideas, effective goal setting and implementing a simple planning method.

Overall it was a great opportunity for our students who enjoyed the day immensely, participating enthusiastically in all sessions and left the conference with renewed enthusiasm as student leaders.

PSSA round 1 Rugby League

Yesterday the boys' senior PSSA Rugby League team played the first round against Gulgong, not only did the boys have an outstanding win but once again they were great sports. At one stage in the game they stopped to help an injured player from the other team with the game still going on around them. The boys have followed up what they have learnt in training & put in a real effort to work together, support & encourage each other. It was

wonderful to see the support of parents & family members from the sideline.

The team consisted of:

Kye Cameron, Sam Lane, Ben Fraser, Ethan Van Der Velden, Charlie Bray, Connor Higgins, Jai Elliott, Oscar Gordon, Max Gordon, Luke Pattison, Billy Rushworth, Cooper Nunan, Kyle Mc Millan, Sam Petersen, William Jackson, Xander Thomas, Dylan Blyth & Connor Marshall.

Both Sam Lane & Ethan Van Der Velden were on fire scoring hat tricks, with 2 tries to Jai Elliott who really took the lead during the match. A very delighted Xander Thomas & Max Gordon also scored tries, with successful kicks of goal by Ethan Van Der Velden (2), Ben Fraser & Jai Elliot one each.

Thank you to Marty Rushworth & Corey Stockton for preparation of the team & to Marty Rushworth & Chris Brown for running the team, without this support it would not be possible to give the students these opportunities. Thanks goes to Sam Cameron & Mitchell Bionda from Portland Central School for refereeing. The team will now play in the 2nd round against Kandos on Monday May 26 at 11am.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

On Friday Wallerawang Public School will hold a biggest morning tea in support of the Portland to Wallerawang Cancer Walk. Students are asked to bake in one of the sections & this will be judged by cooking enthusiasts Katena Taylor & Renee Edwards. Children will have the opportunity to purchase cakes, biscuits, slices & parents & community members are invited to attend. The P&C will provide tea & coffee. All money raised will go directly to support cancer research, with the school proud to be able to offer their support to community events. Please join us on Friday at after assembly.

Public Speaking

Every class has been busy listening to speeches on a variety of topics over the past couple of weeks. From the presented speeches teachers used a marking rubric to pick the students who will move into the semi-finals present during this week. From the semi-finals 3 students from each year will be named finalists and present their speeches on Wednesday 28th May in the school hall to invited judges & audience of students & family members. Congratulations to all students for the effort they have put into preparing & presenting speeches. Public Speaking is not an easy thing to do.

District Cross Country

On Friday Wallerawang Public School will play host to students from the Lithgow District at Lake Wallace. Mr Campling is busy organising the event & has been pacing out the course. Children who placed in the first 6 positions are eligible to attend. All the best to those students who are competing. The P&C will be holding a BBQ on day.

Strategic Planning

Tomorrow Mrs Brown, Ms Foster & Mrs Fraser will be working with me on our new strategic directions. We undertake several days in initial planning & then ask for parent input into this planning process for the next 3 year cycle.

Please remember if you are looking for the social event of the year make sure you buy tickets to the 'blue' ball to be held at the Wallerawang Bowling Club on the 31st May. This will support junior Rugby League in the town which also has a positive impact on the school.

Our thoughts & prayers this week have been with one of our valued Grandparents Mrs June Lincoln who has been a long-time supporter & advocate of our school from assemblies to sporting events & special occasions. She was notably missed on Friday when her granddaughter Sophie Clark received her level 7, but know it won't be long before her lovely smile will be gracing our school again.

This week I'll leave you with a quote from W. Clement Stone, Business Leader & Founder Success Magazine: 'All personal achievements start in your mind. The first step is to know exactly what your problem, goal or desire is'.

Jenny Lamborn

Relieving Principal Wallerawang Public School

School Contributions

School contributions (fees) are due next week. The annual fee per student is \$30 and for families with more than two students enrolled at the school the maximum payment is \$60. Contributions enhance educational and sporting programs, supplement classroom resources required for key learning areas and assist with administrative acquisitions, such as books, paper and craft supplies.

Thank you to the families that have supported the school and paid their contributions already.

Year 6 - CWA International Day - Botswana

Stage 3 students will attend the CWA International Day this year with Year 6 presenting their work on Botswana on Thursday May 29th. The Year 6 children's presentation will begin at 10am. All Stage 3 children will be given their morning tea by the CWA for free. Parents are invited to come along for this most enjoyable morning and join in morning tea for a cost of \$7.00 each. There will also be a collection of a gold coins for "Coins for Friendship" which is forwarded to the CWA head office and then sent overseas to assist children in less fortunate countries.

Katrena Fraser AP Stage 3

National Walk Safely to School Day WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 23rd MAY 2014

It's that time of year again when our school starts talking about walking! Not only is walking a wonderful way to get you where you want to be, but it also gets your health – and your child's health on the right track too. So that's why this year our school is participating in National Walk Safely to School Day this Friday 23rd May.

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy and active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for some of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine. You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

1. Walking with them the whole way to school
2. If they get the bus, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
3. If you have to drive, park the car some distance away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes, it also gives you a great opportunity to reinforce with your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for next Friday, 23rd May!

Those students who participate will receive a 'Walk Safely to School Day' sticker.

Peer Support

This week in Peer Support children will discuss skills and how to communicate their feelings and needs to others. The children will discuss skills they use when participating in a variety of activities. When children understand they already have many of the skills needed to succeed, they can feel more confident when trying something new. The children are asked to identify events which trigger different feelings. Encourage your child to remember the skills they have used in one activity when trying something new. Also encourage your child to communicate their feelings and needs.

Pie Drive Orders due tomorrow!

Don't miss out Orders will be available for pick up from the School Hall between 2:30 and 4:30pm Thursday 29th May. Orders must be picked up as we cannot keep them overnight. All profits go towards the "Year 6 End of Year Gift to the School".

VEGETABLE PIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE

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

Vegetable Garden News

During term 1 every student was able to sow a seed for our winter crop. The seeds were then placed safely into our greenhouse.

KR – Celery, **KW** – Cos Lettuce, **1/2F** Carrots, **1/2G** – Carrots, **1/2K** - Beetroot, **1/2B** – Iceberg Lettuce, **3/4 C** - Cauliflower, **3/4P** - Carrots, **4/5Q** – Cauliflower **5/6G** – Broccoli, **5/6K** – Broccoli.

In week 1,2 and 3 of term 2 the plants were transplanted into the garden.

Each class spent time tending to the garden, preparing soil, picking spinach, pumpkins and zucchinis from our summer crop and then planting their plants.

The Environmental Monitors have been working hard and planted five strawberry plants so come spring we will have strawberries to sell in the canteen.

All of our produce will be used in our canteen. If anyone has anything they would like to contribute to our garden or something they would like to grow please let the School know as this is our com-

munity school garden.

Thank you to Mr Tilley who continues to maintain the upkeep of the vegetable garden.



Canteen News

The canteen has apples, pears, watermelon, passionfruit, grapes and mandarins available for 50 cents.

English muffins topped with ham & grilled cheese or pineapple & grilled cheese for 60 cents will be available for recess on **Thursday and Tuesday**.

The canteen has a new hot drink product for students to enjoy called Vitarium sugar free kids crazy dark chocolate drinking mix which is gluten free, nut free, egg free, wheat, yeast and GMO free. No spinach & cheese rolls are available from the canteen due to our supplier being out of stock.

Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school's P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation's Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation's Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department's website at

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php>.

Week 3 Assembly



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Boy's Hockey Team



Rugby League Team



Canteen Roster

Thursday	22/5	L. Houlison, S. Burns
Friday	23/5	K. Williams, K. Griffiths
Monday	26/5	S. Ward, A. Epton
Tuesday	27/5	D. Holder, S. Christie
Wednesday	28/5	J. Taylor, C. Carter

!Canteen volunteer required for Wednesday 11/6!

Wallerawang Public School Fun Run

We will be conducting a fun run as a major fundraiser for this term so we do ask for your support. The event will be held on Friday 30th May.

Funds raised will provide additional resources to support our wonderful music program.

Students have received a sponsorship form with a selection of over 70 prizes to choose from such as Nerf, Sony, Hot Wheels, Razor, iPod Shuffles and more. If you have misplaced your sponsorship form, please see the staff at the School Office.

We ask you to seek donations of \$2, \$4, \$5 or \$10 per sponsor. Students who receive \$10 or more in sponsorship will be entitled to a prize of their choice.

WIN A FAMILY HOLIDAY TO THE GOLD COAST, HAMILTON ISLAND OR FIJI – each student/family

has the chance to win a family holiday simply by raising \$10 or more. For more details on this promotion and how to enter, please view page three of the Sponsorship Form or go to www.myschoolathon.com.au

Once the fundraiser is complete, please cut out the 'how to claim your prize section' on the sponsorship form and return to school along with your monies to the class teacher on or before Friday 13th June.

Please be sure to fill out your prize request. The individual prizes will be delivered later in Term 2.

Happy fundraising, we look forward to seeing you at our fun run to cheer on the students.

Kelly Gurney



Community Announcements

Wallerawang Warriors Junior League Presents

2014 Wang Ball

Saturday 31st May

Cost : \$30

Venue: Wang Bowling Club

Tickets available at the club & through the committee

Chinese buffet & entertainment by WEST BROTHERS

Formal Dress: Something Blue

Seating at 6pm



Lucky Door Prizes

Auction—Fundraiser

An auction fundraiser for the late Paul “Dommie” Rainsford will be held at the Wallerawang Bowling Club on Saturday 14th June at 6pm. There will be a live auction with raffles and lots more.

A smorgasboard meal will also be available for purchase. All funds raised will assist the Rainsford family.

Mission Australia’s Winter Sleepout BBQ

31st May

Queen Elizabeth Park 1pm - 4pm

Sausage sizzle, clowns, face painting, kids tattoos etc.

Special guest performance by students of Prudence Schwarz Academy of Dance.

More information contact Mellissa on

0421479090

This fundraiser is to help raise funds and awareness about homelessness within our area and Australia. After the BBQ a few of us will be sleeping at the park to experience a night being homeless.



AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

We will be holding a cooking competition to raise money for the Cancer Council with all funds raised going to the PORTLAND-WALLERAWANG CANCER WALK

When: Friday 23rd May

Time: entries are to be brought to school on Friday by 9.10 am

Morning tea will be on straight after whole school assembly. Families are invited to join us.

Where: COLA tables

Categories are

Cakes

Cupcakes

Slices

Biscuits



Any containers need names clearly marked

Judging will happen whilst assembly is on and winners announced at assembly

Food will be sold ranging in price from 20c to \$1

Tea & Coffee will also be sold

Please join us for a fun filled morning tea time at Wallerawang Public School.



**SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY 26TH
JULY**

**WANG SCHOOL TRIVIA
NIGHT**

**Start getting your team
of 8 together**



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