



Wallerawang Public School Newsletter



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What's On? When?

Uniform Shop
Tuesdays
2:30-3:30pm

Watch out for
Book Week in
week 6.



Cricket Clinics
Friday 15th
August at school.

Meeting for Carols
evening 15/8 at
8:30am School
Library see page 8

This Friday 8th August

Assembly 9:15am
All welcome.
Cricket Clinic
Wallerawang
touch football
boys play Lithgow
PS on Friday
11.00am at
Tony Luchetti
Sports Field.

August 7th 2014 Term 3 Week 4

From the Principal's Desk

Another great week of learning, fun and working together

Staff and students have once again worked their way through another busy week. 48 of our students yesterday attended the Lithgow District Athletics Carnival today in Lithgow and we are all looking forward to hearing about their performance and participation. See page 3 for details.

School Assembly

Parents and carers are invited to come along this Friday 8th August to our weekly assembly. Awards and certificates from week one along with new nominations from this week will be presented on the day. The recognition of academic achievement, citizenship and sporting capabilities are always a pleasure to celebrate with the kids. Assembly commences at 9:15am and all parents, carers and community members are welcome to attend.

School Rules and Teacher Expectations

In supporting your children in their education and well-being at Wallerawang School I ask that every family talk through these rules with their children helping them to unpack what each rule really means, what it may look like in terms of their behaviour and also just how important it is that when everyone on a team follows the same guidelines the whole team performs better. These rules could even be modified to suit many home environments.

Wallerawang Public School is a happy, safe and enjoyable place to learn when children consistently follow the school rules. Our 7 rules are:

1. Follow the directions of teachers and staff
2. Speak politely and respectfully
3. Play in the correct areas
4. Move quietly and safely when moving around school.
5. Take care of all equipment
6. Respect the rights of others (no fighting, bullying, hurting, teasing swearing)
7. Participate fairly and safely (playing by the rules)

'Jeans for Genes' Day

A big thanks is extended to children and staff that supported this special fundraising event. We managed to raise \$227.40 which has been forwarded to the organisation team to support research.

Bus Behaviour

A heads up to parents that a crackdown on inappropriate behaviour on the buses is under way. School staff are managing all sorts of issues within the school that arise from reportedly poor behaviour on both morning and afternoon bus travel. If your child is on the receiving end of behaviour you perceive as inappropriate please contact the bus company, report your concerns, they can validate information with bus drivers and provide details to us at the school to manage if need be.

For children that have been reported for instigating issues on the bus through a series of reports received by the bus company it can lead to a loss of travel rights. Please reinforce best manners and cooperative behaviour on the buses with your children.

End of year Carols Night

School staff have detailed their interest in coordinating a special evening of Christmas carols at the end of the year. To add to the concept of a fun family evening, children will have the opportunity to join classmates in performing some carols up on a purpose built stage on the school oval. Students will be invited to perform small group items or individual performances as well, which Ms Gurney will manage. The set date is Friday evening 12th December. We ask that you put the date in your calendar now and keep it free. See page 8 for further details from Ms Gurney and an invitation for community input into the evening via a special meeting coordinated next week.

Ice-Challenge and other Social Media Activities

Parents are advised to discuss with their children that activities such as Ice-Challenges are activities associating peer pressure with fear of having to pay money and make donations; which is absolutely ridiculous. A few issues have been identified within our community relating to the ice-challenge that have rolled over into the school and become issues between friendship groups. Please support us in talking with your children about the inappropriateness of such activities, the bizarre nature of feeling compelled to do it otherwise money has to be paid elsewhere and re-affirm that your children have the right to say NO to such requests or nominations. For those as 'old' as me you may recall chain letters that used to arrive in the mail anonymously; ice-challenges are social media versions of those early paper and pen based rituals.

Duncan Auld

Principal - Wallerawang Public School



District Athletics News

On Wednesday students travelled to Lithgow to compete in the District Athletics Carnival. This was the second attempt at the carnival after inclement weather forced the first carnival to be postponed. Wallerawang students represented the school exceptionally well, always giving 100% in their events. We had many student placings and personal bests obtained throughout the day and everyone was thrilled with the effort of all students.

At the end of the day Coerwull was announced as the winning school, however Wallerawang did exceptionally well in the overall champion placings with Lachlan Taylor coming away as 11years Boys Champion, Piper Woolsey the Junior Runner-Up Champion and Connor Higgins the Senior Boys Runner-Up Champion in the district. Many of our students will go on to represent the Lithgow District team at the Western Region Athletics carnival to be held in Dubbo in the near future.

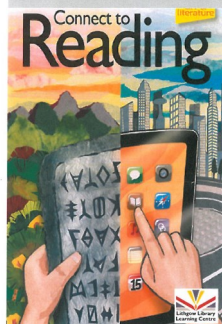
Congratulations to all our school representatives, we are very proud of all of you. A full report with student results will be in next weeks newsletter. Thank you to all the wonderful parents and grandparents who came along to support our students.

Some pictures on page 7

Katrena Fraser Assistant Principal - Wallerawang Public School

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK 16-22 AUGUST 2014

Connect to Reading PRIMARY COMPETITION



We all connect to reading in different ways.

Technology has changed the way we read in many ways! Audio books, ipads, e-books and e-readers and other tablets are just some of the technologies that have changed how we connect to reading.

How do you connect to reading?

Do you think that 20 years ago they could have imagined all the ways in which we can read now?

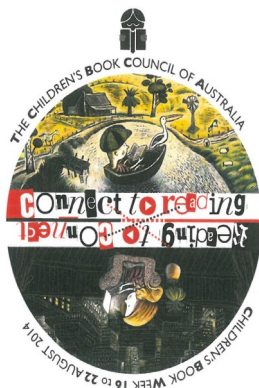
What will reading look like in another 20 years?

PRIMARY COMPETITION

Tell us how people will connect to reading in the future. Will we still read books, or will we have books read to us and how? What sort of devices will be available to us? How will these technologies affect school, story time at the library, bedtime stories, or people learning to read?

You can submit an individual or group entry or a class project. Your entry can be a poster, a collage, a painting, a story, poem or report, or any other medium you choose.

Entries close Thursday August 14th at 5pm. Please get your entries in to Lithgow Library Learning Centre by the closing date, clearly marked with your name and contact details. For more information contact Kellie at the library on 63529100.



INFANTS COMPETITION

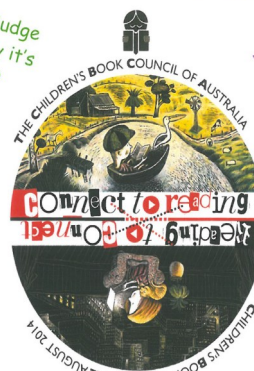
We all connect to reading in different ways.

One of the most common and well known ways is through books.

How do you connect to books?

Do you judge a book by its cover?

Would you read a book with a cover you didn't like?



Using pictures or words design a completely new book cover that you would use if you wrote a book—would it be for a picture book, a junior chapter book, or a non-fiction book? You can submit an individual entry or a class project. Your entry can be a poster, a collage, a painting, or any other medium you choose.

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For more information about these Lithgow Library Learning Centre competitions please contact Kellie Drengenberg Children's Library Officer - 63529100

Garden News



Edwin was given the job of picking our last pumpkin from 3/4F.



Covering our lettuce from the frost.



The Environmental Crew continue to work hard in our vegetable garden. During Week 6 all students will have the opportunity to help get our summer plants ready by planting a seed.

Plants include tomatoes, cucumber, zucchini, peas, corn, lettuce and carrots. All helpers very welcome and any ideas.

Sharon Rushworth



KW and 1 / 2 B lettuce is being used In our canteen.



During Term 3 students will have the opportunity to sample our broccoli, cauliflower, beetroot, carrots and spinach.



Our plants for the garden and below our ever growing spinach.



Welcome to the Lunchtime Activity Room



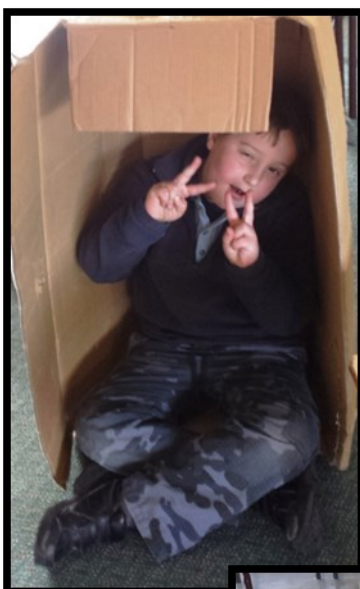
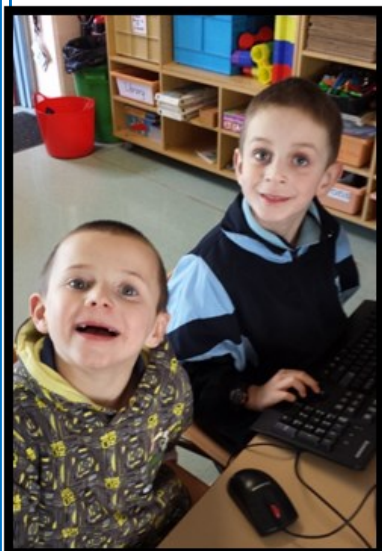
We are having great fun in the Lunchtime Activity Room. There are lots of different activities to keep children engaged and having a great time with friends.

The purpose of the Activity Room is to provide a quiet and non-threatening space to play and socialise with other students in a small group environment.

This space provides a safe haven for children to play, use a computer or just chill out and draw or read a book or sit in a cardboard box and dream about the future.

The Activity Room is supervised by teachers to ensure that children have an enjoyable experience.

Mrs Robyn Friedrich



Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 News

As I sit in my newly acquired home office I can see in the distance the last remnants of snow from Friday nights fall maybe we will now see the weather start to change as the countdown to Spring begins. Winter sport is coming to an end I am sure to be replaced by the summer edition with no slowing to the daily routine. I look forward to hearing results as we move towards semi – finals time. I look forward to my varying role over the remainder of 2014; it was great to be so warmly welcomed back at the end of last week. I loved the genuine delight from the students and questions I got about 'my holiday'. It was far from a holiday but it was nice to have a little extra time to get some things done. I look forward to working with ES1 & Stage 1 but also across the school.

On Friday we had the pleasure of thanking 3 dedicated and appreciated staff members for the work they have done across the school in a variety of roles. I know I have reiterated many times before but Wallerawang is like no other when it comes to staff taking their jobs to the next level. Mrs Jenkins has been an integral part of the staff during the year in both the Learning Support, Release roles and in KW she has slotted comfortably back into the school and has felt right at home developing an excellent working relationship with staff, students and the parent community. Miss Lang has been a long term and respected member of our staff over several years and varied roles. Miss Lang will continue in the Reading Recovery role which she is brilliant at and move back into working with classes to provide classroom teachers with release. Miss Lang has more recently been employed on a temporary basis as Learning and Support Teacher and once again she has supported students and staff in the quality teaching and learning process through her varied and extensive skill base. Miss Lang is well organised, precise and has been a wonderful support to me this year in ensuring departmental requirements have been met and she is sincerely thanked for her professionalism and commitment. Mrs Brown was next in acknowledgement of the outstanding job she has done in the Assistant Principal role from the commencement of 2011. It is hard to reduce what Mrs Brown has done in this role and the way she has committed herself to it and grown and developed in few short sentences. Mrs Brown has given her all to this job. Through her own knowledge and skills and a genuine interest and concern in her students and staff has been able to support and lead a collegial team in the best interests of the students. She has been a valuable member of our Leadership Team. I admire Mrs Brown not only as an exceptional classroom practitioner, but most importantly as an honest, reliable and genuine person who contributes so much to our school environment and community. I look forward working side by side with Mrs Brown learning from her and with her in a collaborate team approach for our students. My sincere and personal thanks Mrs Brown.

Early Stage 1 Mathematics Planning Day

Yesterday Miss Reid and Mrs Warner spent the day planning a measurement unit with our mathematics extraordinaire Ms Foster. Stage 1 have already had their planning time and their unit is ready for implementation in the classrooms.

Stage 1 Planning Day

On Friday our stage 1 team will work together on a general planning and overview day which will set up units for the remainder of the term including embedding assessment and begin to look at the focus for term 4. Stage 1 has been looking at informative texts for the first 5 weeks of term with a focus on Australian Animals. Next Wednesday stage 1 will follow up on their L3 training in Bathurst which I hope to attend with them.

Kindergarten 2015

This time of the year comes around all too quickly. This week letters will go home to all families who have indicated an interest in enrolling at Wallerawang in 2015. The letter outlines information in relation to the parent information session to be held at 7pm in the Library on the 21st August followed by the Kinder Orientation morning from 10am on the 28th August. It would be great to see as many as possible at both. Look forward to seeing you all and working with you as the transition to school process begins.

This week is shaping up to be a hectic one with sports activities consuming much of the week and we all look forward to the results of the game played on Tuesday between Lithgow and Rylstone as to who we play in the next round of boy's touch football. Many thanks to Corey Stockton and Mr Campling (as Assistant Coach) who have been working with the team. Wallerawang boys will play Lithgow PS on Friday at Tony Luchetti Sports Field 11:00am so bring your loudest cheering voices. Have a great week.

Jenny Lamborn

Assistant Principal



P&C News

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday	7/8	
Friday	8/8	T. Brown, J.Smith
Monday	11/8	S.Ward, A.Alexander
Tuesday	12/8	D.Holder, A.Jackson
Wednesday	13/8	J.Taylor, C.Carter

SCHOOL CANTEEN NEWS

The school vegetable garden is currently providing Lettuce to our canteen.

This week the canteen has apples, bananas, kiwi fruits, watermelon and oranges available for 50 cents.

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

We need more canteen volunteers to help out in the canteen on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, please contact Kimberly on 0409319356.

The students enjoyed a very delicious Chicken & Corn Noodle Soup Tuesday. A thank you to our canteen volunteers Kimberly Gunnulson, Anna Fitzgerald and Rita Doalman for preparing and serving lunch.
Debbie Holder



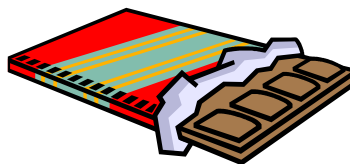
YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING COMPETITIONS

100 Club Winner

Mrs Katrena Fraser Lucky Number: 18

Chocolate Lotto

Children can buy a number for 20c between 1–100. (similar to 100 club) At assembly each week a number will be drawn and the winner will receive a large block of chocolate! Year 6 will be selling the numbers at lunchtimes.



Chocolate Guessing Comp

We also have a jar filled with chocolates, it is 50c a guess. Year 6 will have a table set up in the playground at lunchtimes.
Mrs Walsh

REMINDER

Just a reminder to our families while the car park is being re-surfaced in places please park over at the dam until further notice. Sorry for any inconvenience.



End of Year Carols Evening

Miss Gurney will be holding a meeting in the Library Friday 15th August at 8:30am. Interested parents are welcome to come along and join in with us in planning this event. Thank you.
Miss Gurney



Sports News

Basketball Gala Day

The Basketball Gala day was held in the Wallerawang Indoor Stadium today. Ms Graham and myself have trained the boys and girls teams respectively. We look forward to sharing the results with you next week.

Thanks
Mr Campling



Community Notices



Portland & District Swimming Pool 2014 FUNDRAISING BALL

SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2014

You are invited to attend the Portland & District Olympic Pool Fundraising Ball to be held at the Portland Community Centre

Featuring "Camel Toe"

\$40 per head

BYO drinks & food



Doors open 6:30pm

Band begins 8pm

DRESS CODE — FORMAL

FUNDRAISING
ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD
THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT...



PROCEEDS from the night will go towards upgrades at the pool.

Tickets available from Angela @ Portland Pharmacy
OR Simone & Shane Taylor 63 555 511



CJ's Gifts From The Heart
I have a gift for all!
Chantelle Johnstone

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Mrs Brown from 1/2B is looking for some child friendly catalogues and magazines such as Toy Catalogues and Better Homes & Gardens for class use. These can be dropped off at the front office or given to Mrs Brown.
Thank you. :)



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



Blue Mountains Women's Health & Resource Centre



Women Growing Older : Caring For Ourselves Through Change

A wellness program for women over 60

Come and meet with other women and discuss women's health issues relevant to you in a relaxed, safe and fun atmosphere.

This is an 8 week program about change. It provides the opportunity to discuss the emotional, physical and social changes that women experience as they get older

When	Thursdays beginning 16th October 2014
Time	10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Venue	LINC 1 Padley St, Lithgow
Cost	Gold coin donation

For further information contact the Blue Mountains Women's Health & Resource Centre on 4782 5133. Bookings Essential



This group is a partnership between LINC & the Blue Mountains Women's Health & Resource Centre



Community Notices



Wallerawang Junior League

Could players with Perpetual Trophies from last year for Wang Junior League please return to Mrs Lamborn at the school or at Football training this week and that we are interested in knowing any members of the community that are life members of Wang Junior League.

LITHGOW JUNIOR BASKETBALL MUSTER DAY



Today 6th August 2014

4:00pm – 5:30pm

Barton Street Stadium

Competition starts 20th & 21st August
all attending players new and old in age groups from U/12, U/14, & U/18 Boys & Girls.
NAMES MUST BE SUBMITTED

Competition Days will be:

Wednesdays: U/12, U/14, U/16 Girls

Thursdays: U/12, U/14, U/16 & U/18 Boys

For more information please ring Rae Swift
6352 1723

BOOK WEEK 2014

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS

CONNECT TO READING

To all school families and friends

**You are invited to join our
Book Week Celebrations.**



**We receive 30% commission on book sales to spend
on new books for our library.** Contact can be made

When: **Tuesday 19th August**

Time: **9:30am – 11:00am**

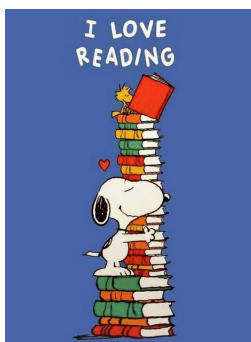
Where: **School Hall for Assembly
and Class Parades then to the
Library for the Book Fair**
(Book Fair will be open Tuesday 11am-3.30pm
and Wednesday 8.30am-10am)

**ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED
TO COME DRESSED AS THEIR
FAVOURITE CHARACTER or
ANY CONNECT TO READING
theme**

All donated books will have the child's name
permanently displayed inside the cover.

Book Donations are greatly appreciated.

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



**Wallerawang Lidsdale
Progress Association**

Wallerawang Lidsdale Progress Association is looking
for proactive and forward thinking people to join us to
help revive and enhance our town.

We would also like the our towns folk to let us know of
persons in our community they think should be nomi-
nated for Citizen of the Year for our Australia Day cele-
brations in January.

Everyone is welcome to come to our meetings which
are held at the Wallerawang Bowling Club on the first
Tuesday of the month at 6.30 pm.

Contact can be made with Ros Francis at
desrosf1@bigpond.com or on 63551954.