



Wallerawang Public School Newsletter



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November 18 2015 Term 4 Week 7

What's On? When?

Assembly
Friday 9:10am

Assembly - Song
Dedication to
Simon &
Rebecca
Wednesday
25 November
10:30am

School
Spectacular
Excursion
Yrs 3-6
Friday
27 November
ONE PLACE LEFT,
BE QUICK!!

2016
School
Resumes
Thursday
28 January
for Years 1-6

Kindergarten
Monday
1 February
First two weeks
9:00 - 2:30

From the Principal's Desk

I would like to officially welcome and congratulate **Mrs Donna Dogger** on her recent **permanent appointment** to Wallerawang Public School. Donna was selected through an open process of merit selection and is a truly valuable and dedicated teacher at our school. We all congratulate Donna on this appointment.



On Monday I had the pleasure of a visit from Assistant Principal Mrs Foster, **Ebony Cafe** and **Tayla Walsh**. The purpose of their visit was to share with me our first 2 students that have gone beyond the Platinum Level of the Step-Up system and achieved **Diamond Level**. To achieve Diamond Level students at Platinum must receive another 50 green ticks, carry out a self-assessment of their own behaviour,

have 3 teachers sign off on their exceptional behavioural characteristics and write 3 of the most significant impacts they have made on the school in terms of managing their behaviours and being role models for other children. **Congratulations Ebony and Tayla.**

Our **final Early Bird** session for 2015 happened on Monday with most of the 49 anticipated 2016 enrolments participating. From all reports the children have settled in well during this 5 week introduction to school. They have displayed great enthusiasm as they anticipate the beginning of the new school year. Parents were treated to an information session consisting of school readiness, healthy lunch box ideas, school enrolment information, uniform arrangements, school planning and organisation. A wonderful finale by the new kinders who came and performed a musical item in front of their parents and carers.

A big thank you is extended to Assistant Principal Mrs Lamborn, class teachers Mrs Dogger and Ms Reid, Learning Support Officers; Mrs Julie Clark, Mrs Leanne Walsh and Mrs Janelle Fraser, P & C representatives Mrs Taylor and Mrs Houlison, Director of Pied Piper Pre-school Ms Trudy Magus and teacher Mrs Jodie Milliss. Also, to the Stage 1 school staff for accommodating the current Kindergarten children into their planning and structures each Monday.



At last Friday's assembly we had a special guest **Mrs Kay Martin, International Officer for the Wallerawang / Lidsdale CWA**. Mrs Martin was in attendance to make a special presentation to recognise the achievement of one of our year six students. **Kye Cameron's** entry to the **CWA International Research and Poster competition** won **First Prize** at WPS and Kye was presented with a Parker Pen. His work was then entered into the **CWA NSW Blue Mountains Region** where he was successful in receiving a **Highly Commended** framed certificate. Kye displayed his usual bright and happy spirit upon receiving the award. **Congratulations Kye.**

Also at assembly last Friday we **farewelled** 2 of our **practicum students, Ms Dresser** who had been working with Mrs Fraser and 5/6B and also **Ms Corfield** who was assigned to Mr Campling and 3/4C. We wished them well in their future training and entry to the teaching profession. See their photos on page 4 of the Assembly feature.

Special Assembly next Wednesday 25th May - Staff will coordinate a 'short assembly' for all students and attending community members to **dedicate a special song** to the memory of **Simon Williams** and **Rebecca Karini**. **Ms Gurney, Mr Campling** and **Mr Howell** have written and recorded a beautiful song in remembrance of Simon and Rebecca and will perform this song on the day and dedicate it to the memory of our departed students. The families of Rebecca and Simon will have family representatives in attendance and contribute to the dedication service. Following the assembly, staff will provide morning tea, with a special treat for children and a general morning tea for visitors. Parents and community members are welcome to attend with a **start time of 10:30am in the school hall**. *Any parents preferring the non-attendance of their children at this dedication assembly should consider dropping their children to school at recess time from 11:10am.*

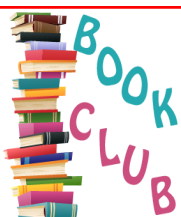
Last week was **National Recycling Week** and students in K - 4 participated in the local **'Waste-Ed'** program, with 2 key focuses; **'Compost is Catching'** and **'Wonderful, Wiggly, Worms'**. See page 5 for a full report and some photographs from the program.

Swimming School commenced this week with **Ms Graham** and **Mr Howell** being the attending teachers. A terrific program is underway for non and limited skills swimmers and the weather is improving every day, although this year we are privileged to have an indoor program in operation. Several photos were posted on Facebook earlier this week showing the program in action.

All students have the opportunity to see a performance here at school on **Thursday 26 November** titled **'Pass the Poetry Please'**. This is a lively, visually rich performance that engages and stretches the student's imagination. It skilfully combines poems past, present, fast, slow and funny characters dressed in costume. **Permission notes** have gone home and for a cost of **\$4.50** this promises to be a fabulous show for all. Parents and carers are welcome free of charge.

Assembly will be held this Friday from 9:10am with Step-Up certificates and other awards presented. Parents and community members are welcome to come along and join in the celebration of student achievement, citizenship and positive behaviour.

Duncan Auld - Principal



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
ORDER FORMS ARE
DUE BACK AT SCHOOL BY
THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER
LAST ORDER BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Captains and Prefects Election 2016

Reminder: Nominations are due Monday 23 November. No further nominations will be accepted after this date.



Speeches for the election will be held on **Wednesday 2 December** with leaders announced the following morning at 9:15am at a brief assembly. Voting will take place immediately after the speeches on the Wednesday and votes will be tallied by Mr Auld and Miss Foster. The students will have a rehearsal on Monday 30 November where they will practise their full speech using the microphone and system in the hall in preparation for the formal speeches. Please ensure that if your child is running for election that they have their speeches with them on these days. If they require any assistance they can speak to their class teacher or Mrs Fraser. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Fraser.

Mrs Fraser - Stage 3 Head Teacher



Schools Spectacular - Stage 2/3 Excursion

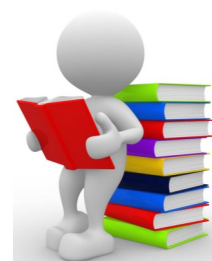
Just one place remains to attend the **2015 Schools Spectacular on Friday 27 November**. If you wish your child to attend return your note and \$55 to the office as soon as possible.

Library News

The Library staff will be starting their annual stocktake in Week 9. **All books** are to be returned **by Monday 30 November**. *Overdue notices are being sent home as reminders.* Please check for any school library books that you may have at home and return them promptly.

This week is the last week of borrowing for 2015 so make the most of this and come and see all the new books available.

Mrs Nancarrow
Teacher/Librarian



Wang's Big Bang Term 3

Can be viewed on the website or is available to purchase at the front office for \$3

Samples of **Sport, Debating and NAIDOC** photos which were taken on Friday 6 November should be back at school for viewing in **Week 8**. Photos will be **\$14.00 ea** (no postage charge).

Orders can be placed on line at www.advancedlife.com.au and by using your **Family Code** (which is located on the back of your child's school photo) and will be delivered directly to your home address **OR**

By using the **School Code** which is **6L8J68KV3**. Please note these orders will be delivered to school. Please allow a minimum of 2 weeks for delivery. Keep in mind the last day of school is Wednesday 16 December.



**P&C
CHRISTMAS
RAFFLE**

Tickets 3 for \$2

Additional ticket books are available from the front office. Initial book

must be sold and returned before extra books can be issued.

AMAZING PRIZES - DON'T MISS OUT!!

1ST PRIZE – CHRISTMAS STOCKING – 6ft Ladder, Children's Bike, Featherdale voucher, hair salon vouchers, just jeans voucher and lots, lots more. **TOTAL VALUE \$800**

2ND PRIZE – Jenolan Caves voucher, Car detailing voucher, Bunnings voucher.

TOTAL VALUE \$220

3RD PRIZE – White water rafting voucher, Workies voucher, Bunnings voucher, Kel Hart voucher. **TOTAL VALUE \$220**

4TH PRIZE – Taronga Western Plains Zoo family pass, Vanilla Café voucher, Massage voucher, Gloss Creations voucher. **TOTAL VALUE \$200**

Stage Two Science

Thank you to the families who have been sending in their recyclable items for our Science activity later this term. Items such as **tissue boxes, plastic bottles, cardboard tubes and egg cartons** to suggest just a few, will be put to good use.

Please keep them coming!



Science Program - Whole School

For the whole school Science program we are also asking for donations that may be helpful for the **creation of science kits**. These items can be for example: **magnifying glasses, liquid droppers, funnels, insect nets, iron filings, thermometers, batteries, yarn, string and sticky tape**. This will help create class kits that teachers can use from next year onwards. Your support is appreciated in this endeavour.

Thank You
Mrs Fraser, Mr Campling and
Ms Graham
School Science Coordinators



Sports Uniforms

Mr Campling has been very pleased with the response of returned uniforms. **Thank you** to those who have returned their uniform. However, he is still waiting on just a few. Please make it **your priority this week** to return your uniform. Thank you.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday November 19	CANTEEN CLOSED
Friday November 20	Katina Taylor, Kelly Cafe, Amanda Dunn
Monday November 23	Kim Graham Nicole Sweeney
Tuesday November 24	CANTEEN CLOSED
Wednesday Nov 25	Glenda Schroder Julie Trestrail



Assembly Week 6



National Recycling Week

Last week students K-4 participated in Lithgow City Council's Waste Education Program 'Compost is catching' and 'Wonderful, wriggly, worms', coinciding with Planet Ark's National Recycling Week.

On Tuesday **Stage 1** had lots of fun learning about waste, recycling and composting. The students participated in a variety of 'hands-on' activities as they learnt about different types of bins used by waste services and the importance of recycling and composting. Before creating their own mini compost, students identified types of waste used in compost and the different bugs found in compost.



On Wednesday **Kindergarten and Stage 2** learnt some facts about worms including information about the different types of things and foods that are suitable and not suitable to feed to worms living in a worm farm. This was followed up by a 'hands on' sorting activity where students were given a range of items which they had to sort according to whether or not the item would be suitable to feed to worms. At the end of the lesson students had the opportunity to hold some real worms and view them closely through magnifying glasses.





Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive lessons

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent should forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs provide wonderful results, and are great fun as well. Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are \$69 for school-aged children and \$49 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).

For more information or to make a booking, visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02



White Ribbon Trivia Night

In Australia, one in three women has experienced physical or sexual assault in her lifetime. These women are our mothers, girlfriends, wives, daughters, colleagues and friends. The mission of White Ribbon is to change the attitudes and behaviours that support or excuse this violence against women in Australia.

The White Ribbon Campaign objectives are:

- to create widespread awareness of the positive role that men can play in stopping violence against women
- to enable leadership, particularly by men and boys, to bring about social change, and
- to build collective knowledge and understanding of the effective prevention of violence against women.

Lithgow's Trivia Night supporting White Ribbon will be one of many events taking place across Australia to raise awareness for White Ribbon Day, the UN Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. The event will be held on **27 November 2015, at the Lithgow Workies**. Local businesses, organisations, workplaces, sporting clubs, and community members are invited to attend the event. The cost of entry is \$10 per person, with a number of fundraising activities running throughout the night for a small donation. Tickets can be purchased at the event however teams greater than two people are requested to register in advance. Bookings can be made by contacting Lithgow Community Projects (28 Main Street, Lithgow 6351 2230). **All proceeds from the event will go towards White Ribbon initiatives that aim to reduce violence against women.**

\$300 CASH PRIZE!

TRIVIA NIGHT

MUSIC GAMES*

Lithgow Workies
Friday 27th Nov
7:00pm for 7:30pm start
\$10 entry per person
Food and drink can be purchased at the Bistro

Teams are asked to register by contacting Lithgow Community Projects Inc
6351 2230 or 28 Main Street, Lithgow

RAFFLES*

* Participation in games and raffles will require a gold coin donation

Website: www.wallerawan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Email: wallerawan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

For rent: 2 bedroom cottage on 4 acres, includes garage and car port. Located 5 mins from Wang, Portland and Meadow Flat.

Face to face meeting essential. Employed persons, with proof of employment, income, references from previous landlords etc - all the usual checks; need only apply.

Outdoor pets negotiable, but no cats. Private, quiet and lots of wildlife. \$290 a week.

Ph Meg 0400844949

**Pied Piper Preschool
is having a...**

BINGO NIGHT!

**On the 30th November
Monday night 7.15pm**

**We hope you can all
make it to the Vale Hall
Lithgow to support our
Preschool and raise
funds for much needed
resources...**

- Please bring your own bingo dabber or marker
 - Bingo sheets will be \$4.00 each
- Location is Mort St Vale of Clwydd

Refreshments of tea, coffee and cake are provided but please feel free to bring a plate of food

There will be raffle tickets sold at the door for the chance to win various packages

Children are most welcome!



Futsal (Indoor Soccer) Competition

Friday Night Competition has spaces available in Under 6's and Under 7,8,9's.

WHO CAN PLAY?

Girls & Boys

WHERE DO I PLAY?

**At the Wallerawang Indoor Sports Centre,
Barton Avenue, Wallerawang (next to Wallerawang Public School)**

IF INTERESTED?

Contact Carleen on 0402 205070

Registration and Competition Fees will apply

LITHGOW MEN'S SHED GARAGE Sale



*** Furniture * Hand Power Tools *
Men's Shed Craft Items * Antique
Tools & More ***

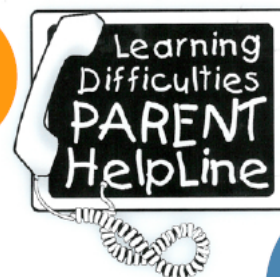
**Saturday 28 November 2015
1 Fred Burley Drive, Lithgow**

9am-2pm

**\$10 a stall for interested stall holders
Call us on 6352 1497 or 6351 4746**

Don't miss out!

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Communities and Kids Resource Centre is located at Portland Central School in the playgroup room.

Address: Vale Street Portland

Open: 1-4pm every Monday

It is designed to assist people with the local services that are available in the Lithgow and surrounding areas.

Playgroups will be run each Monday.

• **Infant music and move playgroup for 0-2 years old. Time: 9:30-10:30am**

• **Pre-school play session for 2-6 year old begins at 11:am and runs until 1:00pm**

The resource library is here for your convenience.

Information on the following services is available.

- Playgroups
- HACC (Home and Community Care)
- Home Care
- Supported accommodation service (disability)
- Multicultural support and community groups
- Brighter futures
- Legal Aid (free advise)
- Life Line (gambling Help and Budgets)
- Family and Adolescent counsellor
- NILS - Step up loans
- Galloping Gumnut
- Childcare and Preschools
- Community Transport
- Child and Family health clinic
- Library
- Housing NSW
- PCYC
- Family support service
- Community Projects
- Interact (Injury management)

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Mobile: 0409 522 051

