



Wallerawang Public School Newsletter



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November 26 2015 Term 4 Week 8

What's On? When?

Assembly
Friday 9:10am

2016 Year 6
Leader Speeches
Wed 2nd Dec

Final Assembly
Thursday 3rd Dec
9:10am
2016 Leaders
Announced

Christmas
Advent Pageant
Friday 4th Dec

Presentation
Day Tuesday
8th Dec 9:15am

2016
School
Commencement
dates

Years 1-6
Thursday
28 January

Kindergarten
Monday
1 February

From the Principal's Desk

Yesterday morning we held a special ceremony. The reason for the service was to dedicate a beautiful song to the memory of **Simon Williams** and **Rebecca Karini**, the two children we so tragically lost early in term 3 this year. Ms Gurney, Mr Campling and Mr Howell, along with some stage 3 backing singers performed the song which they wrote in dedication to the memory of the children. The families of Rebecca and Simon were in attendance, along with a large community crowd of parents, friends and broader community members. It was a beautiful ceremony which will always be remembered in the hearts and minds of students, staff and everyone in attendance.

Children from class 1/2W and 1/2C headed off after morning tea for a very special excursion to Lake Wallace where they spent quality time together, talked and enjoyed a BBQ lunch arranged by our Stage 1 teachers and Mrs Lamborn. Soon after the ceremony we published a Facebook posting showing many of the photos taken during the event which very quickly reached over 10 000 people and continued to escalate overnight. I would like to thank everyone that participated in making this ceremony such a significant and memorable event. There are too many people to list however the combined efforts of everyone is valued and appreciated. See page 5 for a gallery of photos taken during the service.



Congratulations to **Chloe Petersen** who attended the NSW State Debating Championships in Collaroy this week as a member of the Western Region Team. The team were highly successful, winning four out of five debates and reaching the State finals where they were up against the strong Riverina and the Northern Sydney Team. Chloe was outstanding as the Western Region team's first speaker and overall the team came third in the State. Chloe shares more of her experience on page 4.



During this week so far another 3 students have attended my office and shared their Diamond Level achievement. I congratulate **Tia McMillan** from 5/6B, **Zara Phillips** from 1/2B and **Sophie Lane** from 3/4G for achieving this level. To achieve Diamond Level students at Platinum Level 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 on the school in terms of managing their behaviours and being role models for other children. Congratulations Tia, Zara and Sophie.



Swimming school was finalised during last week with Ms Graham and Mr Howell being the attending teachers. A terrific program occurred for non and limited skills swimmers who have all been presented with their certificate of achievement.

The in school performance, "Pass the Poetry Please" was held this afternoon and was a thoroughly entertaining and engaging presentation that truly captured the children's imagination and attention. The performers were characteristically vibrant and skilfully equipped to present poetry from varying degrees of generations.

The School Spectacular excursion is on tomorrow and all participants are expected at school by 7:15am for a 7:30pm departure. Arrival back to school is anticipated to be around 8:00pm however parents and carers are advised to keep a look out for Facebook updates on the expected arrival time.

More accolades for **Chloe Petersen** who has been selected as a recipient of the NSW CWA "Meredith Jopling" Education Grant. The grant is to assist Chloe with her future educational endeavours— Well done Chloe!

Next Tuesday 1st December from 9:30 – 10:30am the **Manly Selective High School Orchestra** will provide a free performance at the school as they tour through the central west of NSW. We have been privileged to host this group in the past, where year 7 to 9 public high school students entertain us with their ensemble and orchestra. All children K-6 will attend the performance and parents are invited to come along for the session as well.

On Wednesday 2nd December commencing at 9:15am in the school hall the **2016 School Leaders speeches** will take place. Year 5 students have already completed their nomination forms in consultation with their parents and we invite parents and community members to come along and hear their nomination speeches. Students are seeking positions as Captains, Vice-Captains and Prefects for 2016. Ms Foster will coordinate this event and work with me in counting votes and finalising the elected squad for announcement on Thursday morning (3rd December) at our final school assembly for the year. See notice on page 3 for additional information.

The **2015 Advent Pageant** will be held on Friday 4th December. Children in K-2 will travel by bus (bus is being paid for by the school) to Main St Wallerawang dressed in Pageant costume, visit business-

es along the street and sing Christmas Carols. Children will then return to school for recess and following the recess break a special scripture assembly will be held in the school hall for all students in K-6. After the assembly a sausage sandwich, ice cream and drink will be served to the children for their lunch at a cost of \$4.00 which is to be paid for prior to the service. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend the assembly.

On Friday 4th December following on from the Advent Pageant a student gathering will be held in the hall to elect the 2016 House Captains. Teachers manage this process in their respective team houses and will be seeking junior and senior boy and girl captains. All children seeking positions must be on Gold Level or above.

A special induction ceremony for school leaders and house leaders will be held in week one term one next term, Friday 29th January 2016.

A general notice to many parents and community members that have enquired regarding a **Christmas Concert in 2015**. A decision was made earlier this year that this type of event would run bi-annually therefore there will be no event held this year. We look forward with anticipation for the 2016 Christmas event.

Assembly will be held tomorrow from 9:15am 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.

Key upcoming dates:

P&C Dinner Monday 30th November from 6:30pm at the Black Gold Country Cabins

Presentation Day Ceremony 8th December 9:15am

***Wednesday 9th December School Disco
K-2: 5-6pm & Yr3-6: 6-7:30pm***

***Thursday 10th December Canteen Helpers
luncheon - Wallerawang Chinese***

***Student Representative Council Mufti-Day Friday
11th December***

***Monday 14th December Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Black Gold Country Cabins***

***Tuesday 15th December K-6 Party Days
(arrangements to be confirmed)***

***Wednesday 16th December – Last Day of school 2016
Duncan Auld - Principal***

Lithgow High School Transition Day

Year 6 students enrolled in Year 7 at Lithgow High School in 2016 will attend an orientation day next Thursday 3rd December from 9am to 1pm. Transport to and from the High School is to be provided by parents or carers. Please see Mrs Fraser for any further details

Captains and Prefects Election 2016

Nominations have now closed and no further nominations will be accepted. 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.

Speeches for the election will be held on Wednesday 2 December with leaders announced the following morning at 9:15am at the final assembly for 2015. Voting will take place immediately after the speeches on the Wednesday and votes will be tallied by Mr Auld and Miss Foster.

Mrs Fraser - Stage 3 Assistant Principal

Library News

Borrowing has now finished for the year with the Library staff beginning their annual stocktake next week. 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.
Mrs Nancarrow
Teacher/Librarian

NO NAME—Uniform Order

Earlier this week a uniform order with an undisclosed amount of money was handed into the office but there was NO NAME on the order form. Please contact the school office so this may be processed.

2015 School Swimming and Water Safety Program

Last week Wallerawang Public School and Coerwull Public School took part in the 2015 School Swimming and Water Safety Program. This program is a very successful and widely recognized initiative coordinated by Western School Sports Association.

This year 60 students from Year 2 through to Year 6 participated in 10 swimming lessons and 9 water safety lessons over 5 days.

The program is aimed at non-swimmers and still developing swimmers. Lessons throughout the week build on from water confidence in waist deep water for our non-swimmers to deeper water for more confident swimmers where they learn to tread water, do a survival float and learn the basics of freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. All students made pleasing personal growth in their swimming abilities throughout the lessons.



Chloe's Debating Camp Recount

Sunday

After a very long drive and a day of shopping we had finally arrived at the Collaroy Centre in Sydney. I was marked off the list and shown to my dormitory. There were 3 bunks, a desk, a mirror, 2 bathrooms and pigeon holes across one of the walls for our luggage. I shared a room with three other girls from the New England region. Once we were all settled in we had an information session. After that we had dinner which consisted of steak, gravy and vegetables. Once we had supper and dessert we went to bed.

Monday—Day 1

We woke up nice and early for breakfast at 7:45am. Afterwards we met in the conference room for topic selection. Our first debate was against Hunter/Central Coast. Our topic that we chose was that "Every teacher should have the right to search student's bags." We were the Negative side. Throughout a very close debate we eventually found out that we had won! We then had morning tea and then two more debates in which we were successful again! One against Western Sydney and New England.

That evening after dinner we went to the local theatre and watched Big Hero 6 in 3D!

Tuesday—Day 2

We once again woke up for breakfast at 7:45am. We had our breakfast and then a meeting with our coach. After that we had our 4th round of debating. Our first debate topic was that "All sports like martial arts and boxing should be banned." It was a very difficult debate and we were the Affirmative team. We were defeated in this debate by the North Coast team. We then went on to our fifth debate in which we were successful. Overall we had won four out of our five debates therefore qualifying for the semi-finals!

We spent the rest of the day relaxing and playing at the beach. At 5:30pm we had the semi-finals which was against Northern Sydney. It was an extremely hard debate and very close and unfortunately we lost. I was 1st speaker throughout the entire debates. Our coach was over the moon that we had progressed so far so we then had a little party in the dormitory next door and then went to bed.

Wednesday—Day 3

We woke up bright and early for the State Finals. It was between Riverina and the Northern Sydney team. Northern Sydney won the debate and they were absolutely over the moon.

Overall, I had a fabulous time with the Western Region Debating team. We were ranked the 3rd best debating team in NSW!



Chloe and the Western Region Debating Team having time out at Collaroy Beach

Dedication Assembly for "Little Angels"





The Sporting teams, Debating and NAIDOC photos have now arrived at school and are available for viewing.

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. Envelopes are also available at the school office. Please allow a minimum of 2 weeks for delivery. Keep in mind the last day of school is Wednesday



**P&C
CHRISTMAS
RAFFLE**

Tickets 3 for \$2

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**

**PLEASE RETURN ALL TICKET BOOKS
BY THIS FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
The raffle will be drawn on Presentation Day**

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

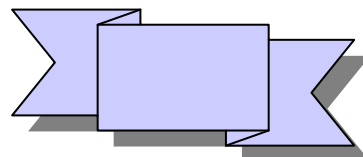
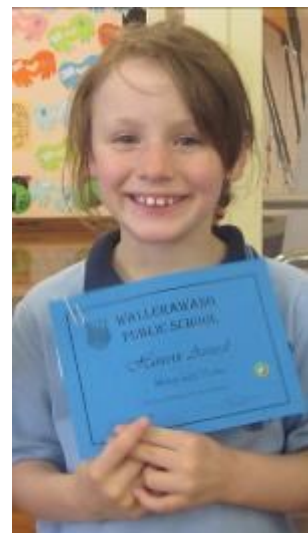
Mr Campling has been very pleased with the response of returned uniforms. **Thank you** to those who have returned their uniform. However, he is still waiting on just a few. Please make it **your priority this week** to return your uniform. Thank you.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday November 26	CANTEEN CLOSED
Friday November 27	J. Taylor, K. Carter & K. Anthes
Monday November 30	A. Reeve & N. Case
Tuesday December 1	CANTEEN CLOSED
Wednesday December 2	A. Younger & K. Goodman

Assembly Week 7







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.**

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!



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

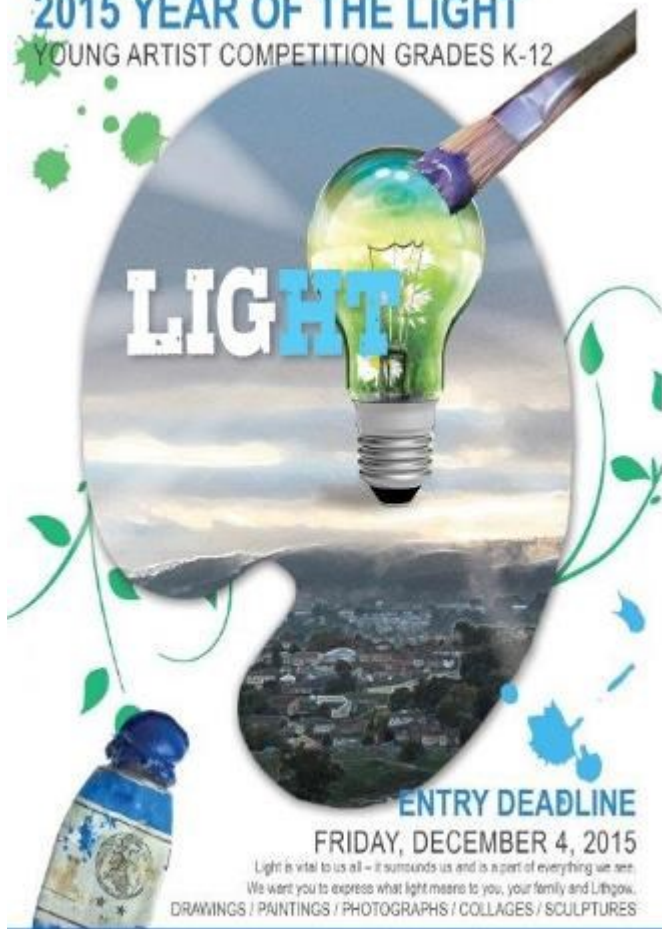
\$10 a stall for interested stall holders
Call us on 6352 1497 or 6351 4746

Don't miss out!

LITHGOW VILLAGE MARKETS PROUDLY PRESENTS

2015 YEAR OF THE LIGHT

YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION GRADES K-12



ENTRY DEADLINE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2015

Light is vital to us all - it surrounds us and is a part of everything we see.

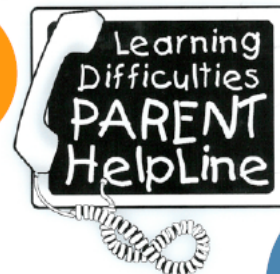
We want you to express what light means to you, your family and Lithgow.

DRAWINGS / PAINTINGS / PHOTOGRAPHS / COLLAGES / SCULPTURES

Great prizes!!!!

Winners will be given vouchers to spend at the Lithgow Twilight Market at any store of their choice.
Entry forms are available at participating schools or
contact us via Facebook www.facebook.com/lithgowmarkets or email thelithgowmarkets@gmail.com

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*Or just a Cup of Tea or Coffee
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Weekends from 8:00am -11:00am
Dinner Monday - Saturday from 6:00pm*

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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

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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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