



Wallerawang Public School Newsletter



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What's On? When?

Uniform Shop opens
MONDAYS 2-3pm

School Assembly
Fri day 13/2 9:10am
All Welcome

**CANTEEN CLOSED
THIS FRIDAY
13TH FEBRUARY**

Wallerawang Fire
Station Official
Opening 11am
Thursday 12/2
(School Choir &
Student Leaders)

District Swimming
Carnival
Portland Pool
Friday 13/2

Monday 16th Feb
Canteen Meeting
6:30pm
P&C Meeting 7pm
ALL WELCOME

School Photos
Friday 27 March

February 11 2015 Term 1 Week 3

From the Principal's Desk

As week three disappears once again I need to reinforce the great start we've had to the new school year. Children are participating well in their learning, teachers have reported positive classroom interaction between students and the positive feel of the whole school makes us all proud to work here and serve the Wallerawang community.

Last night parents of Kindergarten to Year Two students attended parent information sessions in the school library. These sessions were well attended and parents received a comprehensive overview of school organisation, class structures, behavioural expectations, key learning areas for learning and many other important considerations for children and their educational development.

A sincere thanks is extended to Mrs Lamborn, Ms Lang, Ms Reid, Mrs Warner, Ms Fahey, Mrs Carr and Mrs Brown for their preparation and attendance of the information session.

A reminder that tonight there will be two more sessions held for parents of children in Years 3 to 6.

Year 3/4: Stage 2 6pm-7pm—Library

Year 5/6: Stage 3 7pm-8pm—Library



Please come along and show your support to school staff. These sessions are only offered once throughout the year and the beginning of the year is a great time to get informed, meet with teachers and be a part of your child's education.

Tomorrow the school choir and school leaders will attend the **official opening** of the **Wallerawang Fire Station** departing from the school at 10:30am. School staff are delighted to be taking the choir along to celebrate with local residents and acknowledge the importance of such an excellent facility in our town. Ms Fahey, Mrs Fraser and myself will attend with the children.

Kindergarten teachers this week have begun entry -to-school assessment known as **Best Start**. The program was outlined to parents last night at the information session which in summary involves teachers working one-to-one with students and assessing their early literacy and numeracy skills. A parent report for families will be compiled and distributed later in the term (approx. week 7). Mrs Lamborn and Ms Reid are managing this program.

Morning drop off zone in the school car park. A reminder to families that there is a designated drop-off point in the school car park where no parking is allowed between 8:40 and 9:15am each day except for Friday (due to school assembly and parents needing to park). Signage is clearly displayed and parents are asked to observe the need for a quick drop off point in the morning. Thanks to Ms Graham for ensuring the signage is in place and returned each day.

The **school canteen will be closed this Friday** due to volunteers not being available. Please ensure children bring along fresh fruit for their morning break, their own recess and lunch. Information notes have been distributed seeking volunteers to operate the canteen. Please consider whether you can offer a day a week, a day a month or a couple of days a term; it all helps keep our canteen operating.

Scripture commenced this week for all children in classes K-4. The lessons run from 1:50-2:20pm (K-2) and 2:20 – 2:50pm (Yr 3-4) and are essentially non-denominational, with a focus on positive values, friendship and caring for one another. Parents wishing their child not to attend these lessons need to provide teachers with a note for exclusion from scripture.

Parents are urged to ensure that items of clothing such as hats and jumpers along with other equipment, including lunch boxes, drink bottles, pencil cases and school bags are **clearly labeled** with children's names. This ensures a quick and easy return when things go missing.

Parent teacher interviews – parents are asked to support school staff by arranging interviews with teachers via the front office staff (rather than approaching teachers in the playground or during class). Interviews can be arranged at any time throughout the year using this system.

- **Upcoming events:**

Please note change of date for the **P&C AGM: Monday 16th March** at 6:30pm (please update your calendar / diaries at home).

School Uniform Shop is open each Monday afternoon between 2 and 3 pm.

Newsletter distributed each Wednesday afternoon via students unless previously advised of a change in date.

The School Assembly will be held this Friday morning at 9:10am. In addition to the presentation of awards and a class item, the Kindergarten children will be presented with their school badges. Parents, carers and relatives are invited to attend.

**Duncan Auld
Principal—Wallerawang Public
School**



Library class times

Library lessons are now into their second week. Please remind your child to bring along their library bag on their day. School library bags are on sale from the front office for \$8.50 each.

Monday: 1/2W, KL, KR, 3/4F

Tuesday: 1/2B, 5/6F

Wednesday: 1/2K, 3/4C, 5/6G

Thursday: 3/4G, 1/2C, 5/6A

Canteen Reminder

Children need to bring their own spoons from home for certain foods they are bringing to school to eat that require this. The canteen will have to charge for spoons if children continue to ask for them.

Playground Sporting Equipment

In an effort to promote physical activity and curb playground management issues, a variety of sporting equipment items such as soccer balls, footballs, skipping ropes etc. will be available before school, at recess and at lunch. In order to support this initiative, children can bring handballs and tennis balls to school but they are asked to leave their footballs, basketballs (bigger balls) etc. at home. This is because there will be an abundance of sporting equipment items available for all children to use from kindergarten to year six. We would also like to avoid the damage and loss of the children's own sporting equipment as this is not only quite distressing for the child concerned but expensive for the parents as well. Our house captains were briefed last week and have been entrusted with new responsibility as a part of their school responsibility. Their guidance will also be sought for arranging other forms of physical activity at school as well. I thank the teachers, parents and students for supporting our school and this new playground initiative.

Thank you to Sharon and Marty Rushworth for their donation of two "Laema" footballs to supplement the school sports equipment. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

Mr Campling

Uniform Shop News

Please remember to have your order forms in by Monday 16th February.

Sale items

PLEATED SKIRTS—\$5.00 EACH

2 x size 10

3 x size 12

3 x size 14

3 x size 18

SKORTS—\$5.00 EACH

5 x size 18



Chocolate Fundraiser

A reminder that ALL chocolate box interest notes are due back Thursday 12th February.



Lithgow Basketball

Gala weekend
for all Lithgow future and present junior Lasers

14th and 15th of February

presented by the Development team and State League Men's Lasers team.

We will be having fun clinics for kids a dunk competition and three point shootout referee and bench courses plus state league men will be playing the Springwood Scorchers in a trial match.

Schedule as follows

Saturday

9am - 11am Learn to Play clinic

8 - 13 year olds who already play or are wanting to play basketball this year..

Cost \$5

11- 11.30 Dunk competition and 3 point shootout.

11.30am - 1.30pm Clinic for all Junior Lasers and Western Reds players.

1.30pm Sausage sizzle and Singlet presentation for all junior representatives.

2.30pm State League Men's Lasers Vs Springwood Scorchers.

Sundays schedule

9am - 11am - Level 0 bench course, this is a compulsory course for parents whose children are playing Junior Lasers in 2015 unless already completed.

Cost \$25

9am-6pm Level 1 referees course

This course is a vital course for parents/ players / spectators who are willing to learn to referee. And is vital the new NSW Basketball participation rules can stop any team playing or competition running without qualified referees. Cost

\$30. On completion of this course anyone who referees in our local competition will be paid at \$10 a game for juniors and \$15 a game for seniors.

Thanks

The Development Team



JACK & JILL PRESCHOOL LITHGOW PRESENT

PAXTON'S
MPS JOURNEY
TRIVIA NIGHT



6 MARCH 2015
FRIDAY 6:30PM
LITHGOW GOLF CLUB
FOR TICKETS AND MORE INFO
CALL KATHY 63523738



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Week 2 Assembly



Swimming Champions



**Boys and Girls Junior Champions and Runners Up from L to R:
Logan Ward, Bailey Brown, Keeley Fraser, Lucy Neaves & Tylah Piggott**



**Boys and Girls 11 Years Champions and Runners Up from L to R:
Ben Seymour, Wade Fraser, Billy Rushworth, Sophie Clark & Piper Woolsey**



**Boys and Girls 12 years Champions and Runners Up from L to R:
Katahna Woolsey, Rachel Cook, Ryan Neale & Lachlan Taylor**



District Swimming Representatives





Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to stay healthy in summer.

Here's some fun ways to get your kids eating more fruit + veg this summer...

- freeze fruit or mint leaves into ice cubes to chill + flavour water
- add veggie sticks whenever you have a dip
- throw some veg on the BBQ – e.g. capsicum, tomato + zucchini
- keep a tray of fruit pieces like orange wedges or melon slices in the fridge for quick snacks
- freeze bananas, peeled and wrapped in gladwrap, your kids will love the icecream taste
- make easy smoothies with frozen fruit + reduced-fat milk.



Remember: try to eat fruit + veg at every meal!

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit



Lithgow Thistle School of Highland Dancing

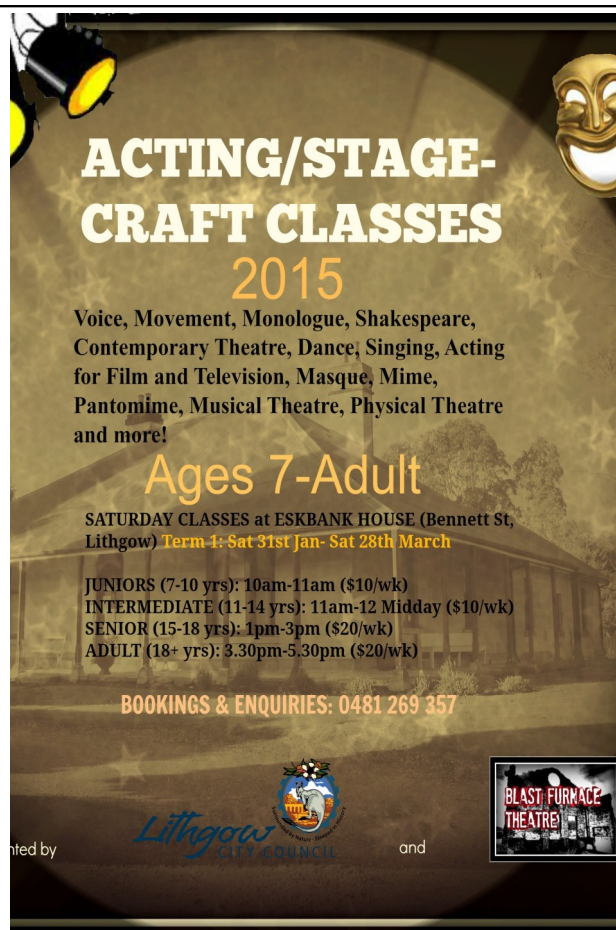
Take a leap into the exciting world of Highland Dancing! Boys and Girls from the age of 4 years are welcome.

Classes for beginners to advanced, including competition and exam classes, held Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Fun, fitness, and friendships – it's great for everyone!

For information call – Fiona Clarke on 0419425125

Or email: fionaclarke@tpg.com.au



ACTING/STAGE-CRAFT CLASSES 2015


Voice, Movement, Monologue, Shakespeare, Contemporary Theatre, Dance, Singing, Acting for Film and Television, Masque, Mime, Pantomime, Musical Theatre, Physical Theatre and more!

Ages 7-Adult

SATURDAY CLASSES at ESKBANK HOUSE (Bennett St, Lithgow) **Term 1: Sat 31st Jan- Sat 28th March**

JUNIORS (7-10 yrs): 10am-11am (\$10/wk)
INTERMEDIATE (11-14 yrs): 11am-12 Midday (\$10/wk)
SENIOR (15-18 yrs): 1pm-3pm (\$20/wk)
ADULT (18+ yrs): 3.30pm-5.30pm (\$20/wk)

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES: 0481 269 357

Lithgow CITY COUNCIL and 

Lithgow and District Basketball Association

Muster Days

Junior Basketball Competitions 2015

For more information
Contact: 63521635

When: 11th and 12th February, 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Where: Lithgow Sports Stadium, Barton Street
Lithgow

The competitions will be for
players eligible to play under
12s and above.



Who: Boys and Girls

Competition beginning 25th and 26th February.

Cost: will be 24 a game +
registration.

Family Day Care

Kelly Cafe family day care has limited vacancies available for 2015. This service is approved and registered with the Bathurst Family Day Care—CCBCCR and also offers before and after school care.

Please phone 0408 795 580 for more information.