



Wallerawang Public School Newsletter



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March 25 2015 Term 1 Week 9

What's On? When?

**CANTEEN CLOSED
ON THURSDAYS
UNTIL END OF
TERM 1**

**Uniform Shop
CLOSED TILL END
OF TERM 1**

**No School Assembly
this week**

**School Photos
THIS FRIDAY**

**EASTER Scripture
Service 2pm Tuesday
31st March
School Hall
All welcome**

**Last day term 1
Thursday
April 2**

**School Resumes for
all students
Tuesday 21 April**

**School ANZAC
Service
Thursday 23 April**

**Local ANZAC Service
Main St Wang
Saturday 25 April**

From the Principal's desk

We had lots of compliments on the quality of work produced by WPS students displayed on the show board and entered into competitive sections. Wallerawang Public School was awarded overall '**Champion-Juvenile Craft 2015**'.

Congratulations to the following students:

Pottery

Olivia McDonald- Highly Commended, Piper Anderson 1st & Highly Commended, Ryan Neale - 3rd, Eamyn Quinn 1st, Shelby McCann - 2nd, Xander Thomas - 2nd, Bethany Hagar - 1st & 2 Highly Commended

Art/Craft/Schoolwork - see page 5.

Stephanie Radosevic - 1st, Bethany Hagar 1st, Brody Hart - 2nd, Cody Phillips - 1st, Daniel Williams - 3rd, Keeley Collins - 1st, Violet Younger - 3rd, Lily Forrest - 3rd, Kyle Eccleston - 2nd, Marijke McLoughlan - 2nd, Emma Rushworth - 1st, Grace Neaves - 2nd, Alexandra Fitzgerald - 3rd, Sally Rose - 2nd, Rory Sutherland - 2nd, Courtney Martin - Highly Commended & Lachlan Reilly - Highly Commended.

Vegetables—see page 6.

Most Successful Exhibitor Juvenile Section Ribbon

1st- Fruit and Vegetable Novelty Boys (Hayden Berry), 1st- Tomatoes any variety (best 3), 2nd- Carrots Best bunch 3, 2nd- Marrow best variety, 2nd- Zucchini best one, 2nd- Collection of 4 vegetables, 1st- Collection of vegetables, 2nd- Collection of vegetables

This week commenced with parents invited along and attending **parent-teacher interviews** at the school. Monday – Wednesday was set aside for teachers to meet with all parents and be available to discuss school progress, peer relations, school expectations and any other topics relevant to school or schooling. If for any reason you were not able to attend then please contact the school office to arrange a suitable time and date to meet your child's class teacher.

Interviews for 5/6G will be held tomorrow and KL will be held in week 1 of term 2 on Thursday 23rd April.

Please also remember that parent-teacher interviews can be coordinated at any time throughout the year by contacting the school's front office staff.

At assembly last Thursday we recognised the **National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence**. A terrific assembly was held for parents and students alike, with video clips and singing being incorporated. The SRC also distributed wrist bands at no cost to children across the school. I extend thanks to Mrs Dick, Mrs Nancarrow and Ms Graham for coordinating a very successful morning and building on the terrific work done previously across the school.

There will be no assembly this week due to the annual school photography program occurring on Friday. The final assembly for the term will be held next Thursday 2nd April from 9:10am.

The **Easter Scripture Service** will be held next **Tuesday** afternoon at **2pm in the School Hall**. Special items will be presented sharing the message of Easter. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for this special occasion.

We received sad news this week of the recent passing of Mrs Colleen Murphy. Mrs Murphy was a Scripture teacher at Wallerawang School for many years up until April 2007. We would like to express our condolences to her husband Ron and members of her family. The funeral will be held at the Wallerawang Catholic Church at 2pm this Friday.

As the term concludes I must take this opportunity to congratulate the teaching and support staff at the school. Term 1 has been incredibly busy, complex at times and very demanding on all of us however the manner in which the staff continue to work so patiently, professionally, with enthusiasm and with a keenness to always do better is very much appreciated by not only myself but also the broader school community.

Duncan Auld

Public Speaking Competition

Our annual public speaking competition is running for its eighth year and will commence in Week 2 of Term 2. The purpose of our school wide competition is to develop confidence in the children with their skills in presenting before a peer audience. General information, advice and topics for each stage have been distributed today and are also available on our school website, along with a PowerPoint presentation about public speaking which parents may find helpful when assisting their child in preparing a speech.

Every child from Kindergarten to Year 6 is expected to present a speech. No props, gimmicks or costumes are to be used. No other homework will be distributed next week or in Week 1 of Term 2 to allow for the preparation of speeches.

The length of speeches will be:

1 minute for Kindergarten to Year 2, (15 seconds either side is acceptable)

2 minutes for Years 3-6, (15 seconds either side is acceptable)

Throughout Weeks 2, 3 & 4 of Term 2, speeches will be presented in class groups with semi-finalists chosen from each class. Semi-finals will then be held for teachers to select 3 finalists per grade.

At a special assembly on **Wednesday 27th May (Week 6)**, the 3 finalists from each grade will present their speeches before the school and a panel of 3 judges.

For all the details of this exciting annual event, please read the separate information note sent home, or check our website.

Teachers are looking forward to listening to some wonderful speeches.

Susan Dick & LEEANNE GRAHAM

Public Speaking Coordinators

David Peachey / Russell Richardson Notes / Western region Trial Notes

Just a reminder to all football players that they need to return all football notes asap. If you need a new note please see Mrs Fraser.

Easter Hat Parade and Picnic

Kindergarten and Stage 1 will be holding their annual Easter Hat Parade on **Thursday 2nd April at 10:30am**. We are inviting parents, Grandparents and friends to bring a picnic basket and blanket and join us on the grass for morning tea at the conclusion of the parade.

Our P&C have generously donated fruit and fairy bread for the children as a special treat and our classes will have a visit from a special visitor later in the day.

Our canteen will **not** be open to purchase from and please avoid bringing treats with nuts.

We can't wait to see you all!



Athletics Carnival Update

The primary Athletics carnival will be undergoing a face lift this year in order to make it more streamlined and effective for students, teachers and parents alike. On Thursday, 26 March, before our carnival date, students aged 8 and above will participate in a qualification field events day at school. The students will partake in the events of Long Jump, Shotput and Discus in their age divisions and according to normal carnival rules. The students will participate and be rounded down to the final 12 in each age division. These students will then qualify to participate in their event at the Athletics carnival day. The rationale behind this is to ensure all students are provided the opportunity to participate fairly and effectively, minimise scheduling conflicts as well as conclude the carnival on time with all components of the track and field completed. High Jump and Track events will run as per usual on the day alongside the finals of Long Jump, High Jump and Discus.

In other Athletics carnival news, please note that the actual Athletics carnival date has been changed from Wednesday 1 April (Term 1: Week 10), to Wednesday 29 April (Term 2 Week 2).

More details will be provided closer to these dates.

Stage 3 iPads

This week we saw the roll out of the iPads to the third Stage 3 classroom, 5/6A. They have been waiting patiently and the P&C has very generously donated the money to purchase the final set for Stage 3. The iPads allow students to extend their learning possibilities and provides great opportunities to utilise them in our 21st century classrooms. A special thank you is extended to Mrs Nancarrow for tirelessly sourcing and setting up the ipads for Stage 3.

A big thank you is also needed for the P&C as without their support and funding the Ipads would simply not have been possible. They are currently working hard for the second stage of the Ipad project where they will raise funds to roll out Ipads to Stage 2.

I encourage everyone to continue supporting the efforts and fundraising of the P&C as they are working very hard to make sure that they resource the children with valuable learning tools for their classrooms.

Stage 3 excursion - Scenic World

Last week the students from Stage 3 travelled to Katoomba to visit Scenic World. This excursion was planned to complement the current unit of Rainforests. It was a hot and very humid day but the students displayed wonderful behaviour and had a great day.

Students were able to view the emergent and canopy layers below from the Skyrail as it traversed between the tall cliffs, giving amazing views of Katoomba Falls, The Three Sisters and the National park around the Blue Mountains.

They then boarded the cable car and made the steep descent into the valley below where they were guided around the rainforest, learning new and interesting facts. At the end of the rainforest walk students boarded the scenic rail train and followed the tracks up the steepest railway line in the world, back to the top of the rainforest.

Thank you to Ms Graham for her great organisation of the day and driving the mini bus for us. We would also like to thank all the wonderful parents who were able to assist with supervision throughout the day.

School Contributions

Reminder: Invoices were issued in Week 4 for the voluntary school contributions which we collect to assist in covering the costs of essential equipment, books and resources. The individual fee is set at \$30 per child with a maximum of \$60 per family. Please pay contributions by the end of this term.

Uniform Shop News

The uniform shop will be closed Week 9 & Week 10 re-opening Term 2. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Reminder: All lay-by's require regular payments to ensure your lay-by is paid off within the 10 week period. Payments can be left at the office

School Photographs

School photos create wonderful memories which are referred to over and over again and the more years that pass the more valuable they become. The 2015 school photos will be taken on Friday 27th March 2015. The photographer begins 9:15 with Kinder and works his way up through the classes to the 5/6's. Photographs of each individual child are taken as well as a whole school photo which proves a challenge to have all 300+ children together, smiling, standing still and looking at the photographer.

Photo envelopes have been sent home with each child and envelopes are available at the office if you would like a photo of all your WPS children together. These are always something very special.

Payments can be made online using the unique Wallerawang School 9 digit code on the top right of the envelope. This is the **preferred method of payment**, but you can also send your cash payment in the envelope on photo day, which children can hand to the teacher or you yourself can hand to the photography staff. **Please do not send cash to school before photo day** as the school does not have facilities to store cash on the premises. Details on the front of the envelope will be uploaded to the school website for your convenience.

Our Class pet, Tim Similes by 5/6G

Tim is as charming as a super model. by Lily

Tim is as cheeky as a monkey. by Hannah I

Tim is as smart as a geek. by Keely

Tim is as hectic as Willie Mason. Kye

Tim is as awesome as Ms Graham. by Hayden C

Tim is as fluffy as a rabbit. By Dylan

Tim is as fierce as my brother Cain. by Abigail

Tim is as smart as Albert Einstein. by Ella

Tim is as soft as a basket of pretty feathers. by Rachel

Tim is as soft as a cloud. by Tiarna

Tim is as playful as a parade of baby lizards. by Wade

Tim is as joyful as kids smiling and laughing on a warm summer day while prancing around on a rainbow unicorn. by Ben

Tim is as happy as Dayne on a hot summer's day. by Dayne

Tim is the best like the bulldogs football team. by Daniel

Tim is as cute as a new born puppy. by Maddy

Tim is as cute as a bunny. Hannah M

Tim is as playful as a puppy. by Piper

Tim is as naughty as a 2 year old. by Hayden Mc

Tim is as cute as a button. by Stevie

Timmy is as awesome as chocolate plus cheeky sly and bites.
by Connor

Timmy is as fierce as a tiger snake. by Chris

Tim is as graceful as a deer with wings. by Ethan

Tim is as beautiful as a rose. by Holly



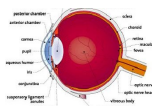
Tennis Representatives

Today, five of our students played against Eglinton Public School at the Lithgow City Tennis Courts. Brooke Lewis, Piper Anderson, Katahna Woolsey, Ashton Kenniff and Billy Rushworth were all very excited as they headed off this morning with Ms Gurney and Mrs Walsh. We look forward to a wrap up of the day in next week's newsletter.



LHS Science Visit

Last Thursday Stage 3 participated in a special science program, developed by Lithgow High School, where they explored living things and how their adaptations help them to survive. Students were treated to a very 'hands on' lesson where they identified and discussed several mini-beasts and the functions and importance of body parts such as the eye, heart, liver and lung. Science teachers from the high school dissected and showed the students the different parts of body (sheep) and discussed how each part is important to how an animal functions and survives. Students were allowed to put on a set of gloves themselves and touch the different parts in order to get a better understanding. Students were both delighted (and some disgusted) with the opportunity to explore the body parts at such close range. A special thank you is extended to the Lithgow High Science team for coming and sharing their expertise and knowledge with the students.



Russell Richardson and David Peachey Football

Next Tuesday we will have three teams travelling to Portland for the Russell Richardson and David Peachey Shields. The boys have been training hard and are excited about the day. This year we will have two teams in the Russell Richardson cup and one senior team in the David Peachey Shield.

Students in Year 3 and 4 (Junior Boys) will need to wear their Wallerawang Warriors Junior Rugby league uniforms and the boys in Year 5/6 (seniors) will wear the school football uniforms. They will need a set of clothes to change into on the day as all uniforms will be collected at the end of the day to be washed by Mrs Fraser. The boys will need mouth guard, head gear and boots. All boys will need to meet Mrs Fraser at Kremer Park, Portland at 8:30am. Boys in the senior team will be distributed their uniform at this time and will need time to get changed.

We wish all the boys the best of luck and look forward to seeing how they go!

Western Region Rugby League Trials

Next Monday I will accompany the District boys Under 11's and Opens teams to Dubbo to participate in the Western Region Trials. Congratulations to Billy Rushworth, Lachlan Schroder, Bailey Brown, Kye Cameron, Wil Stockton, Wade Fraser, Aydan Thomas, Lachlan Reilly, Cooper Nunan, Oscar Gordon and Ben Fraser who were all selected in the Lithgow district team to trial at Dubbo.

The boys will play several games throughout the day as part of their trials before a possible and probable team is selected. The final Western Region team is then selected from these final trials.

The boys will need to meet Mrs Fraser at Caltex Park, in Dubbo, at 8:30am. They will need to bring their mouth guard, head gear, boots and \$2 for the trial levy. They will need to wear blue shorts and blue socks. They will be given their jumpers to wear on the day. These will need to be handed back to Mrs Fraser on the day so that they can be washed and clean for the Russell Richardson and David Peachey Shield the following day.



The last training session will be held this Friday afternoon from 2-3pm at Wang School Oval. They will need to bring along a set of clothes to change into so they don't get their uniforms too dirty as we will be practising tackling. We wish all the boys the very best of luck in the selection trials and know that they will represent our school proudly and to the best of their ability.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday March 26	CANTEEN CLOSED
Friday March 27	Jenee Taylor, Carina Carter, Kasy Anthes
Monday March 30	Vicki Schumack Heather Palmer
Tuesday March 31	Lorraine Bradford Rita Doalman
Wed April 1	Anita Younger Kylie Mason

CANTEEN HELPERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED!

The canteen will have to remain closed Thursdays in Term 2 unless we have a few more parent/grandparent/friends come forward to fill the void. Please contact the office on 63551210 to leave your name.

Lithgow Show

'Champion - Juvenile Craft 2015'



Stephanie Radosevic, Brody Hart, Emma Rushworth & Grace Neaves



Olivia McDonald & Piper Anderson



Cody Phillips & Marijke McLoughlan



Daniel Williams, Lily Forrest, Bethany Hagar & Courtney Martin



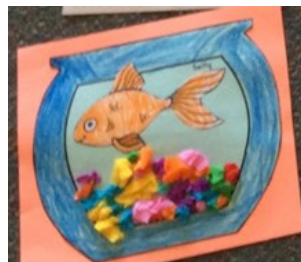
Keeley Collins, Violet Younger & Rory Sutherland



Bethany Hagar, Shelby McCann & Stephanie Radosevic



Xander Thomas, Ryan Neale & Eamyn Quinn



Sally Rose's Collage



Kyle Eccleston's Painting

Garden News



On 20 March KL planted SNOW PEAS in the garden.



KR planted SNOW PEAS and 1/2K planted BEETROOT.



1/2W, 1/2B
& 1/2C
planted
CARROTS.



Check out our PUMPKIN!!



The canteen is overflowing
with our TOMATOES!!

PRIZE WINNING ENTRIES AT THE LITHGOW SHOW

Lithgow Show Results Open Section- First for Tomatoes, Second for Carrots, Second for Marrow, Second for Zucchini. Junior Section- First for Collection of Vegetables, Second for Collection of Vegetables, Second for Collection of 4 Vegetables, First Novelty.

Hayden Berry—First for Fruit & Vegetable Novelty Boys and Billy & Emma Rushworth—First for Best Marrow & First for Longest Zucchini in show.

MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR JUVENILE SECTION RIBBON



Assembly Week 8







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blindness and low vision services

NSW Spectacles Program and eligibility requirements

What is the NSW Spectacles Program?

The NSW Spectacles Program (the Program) assists financially disadvantaged people in NSW by providing free spectacles and other optical appliances to improve their vision and avoid preventable decline in eye health.

The Program provides funding to participating optometrists and optical dispensers to supply spectacles and other optical appliances to eligible clients free of charge.

The Program is funded by the NSW government and administered by Vision Australia.

What does the Program provide?

If you meet the Program eligibility criteria you are entitled to, in any two-year period to receive:

One pair of single vision spectacles; or

One pair of bifocal spectacles.

If you have particular clinical conditions, you may be entitled to other items including contact lenses, tinted lenses or low vision aids.

These items are provided free of charge through the Program. You can choose to pay an additional fee for items that are not available through the Program (such as multifocal or progressive lenses and non-standard frames).

Who is eligible to access the Program?

The Program is available to low income earners who meet the eligibility criteria:

Most providers participating in the Program are optometrists who can conduct your eye examination. Vision Australia's website (www.visionaustralia.org/spectacles) lists all participating providers across NSW.

Where can I get further information?

For further information on the NSW Spectacles Program, visit the Vision Australia website

www.visionaustralia.org/spectacles

Or contact Vision Australia on:

Phone: 1300 84 74 66

Email: info@visionaustralia.org

Celebrate Easter—Jesus's triumph-when love overcame death.

Please join us on:

Good Friday 3rd April 9am at St Pauls Anglican, Cnr Roy & Railway Pde Lithgow

11am at St John's, Main St Wallerawang

3pm at St Stephen's, Williwa St Portland

Resurrection Sunday 5th April 9am at St Pauls Lithgow or 3pm at St Stephen's Portland

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS AUSTRALIAN POSITIVE TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2015

The Positive Teacher of The Year Awards are proudly supported by
NAPSI (The National Australian Positive Schools Initiative),
Geelong Grammar School
KidsMatter & MindMatters

Do you know a teacher who deserves recognition?

In 2015 we will 'celebrate all nominations'.
We will openly and officially acknowledge ALL nominees online, at The Positive Schools conferences and in personal correspondence.
In addition a very special award will be given to outstanding Positive Teachers at each of our four events.

Tony Jones will present the award at The WA Positive Schools Conference, Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle May 28-29



The Positive Teacher 2015 Award Recipients will each receive

A full registration to Positive Schools 2015 including a nights luxury accommodation at the conference hotel and travel expenses.

A special gift package which includes an Apple Ipad Mini with Retina Display

An invite to present at Positive Schools 2016 (including full registration)

A book package for each winner's school library, courtesy of Fremantle Press

A certificate awarded by Positive Schools host Tony Jones

A copy of the Positive Schools book 'Better Than OK'

Spend five minutes to nominate a deserving teacher online

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KidsMatter
Australians Primary Schools
Mental Health Initiative



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Beauty Therapist

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Earth Hour is on 28 March 2015. Did you know that 1 in 3 Australians turn off their lights for Earth Hour? It's amazing—there's no other movement as large in this country. Visit <https://earthhour.org.au> to find out more.

Workies Junior Hockey Registration

Registrations for the 2015 hockey season have now commenced.

All new and previous players welcome.

Juniors is a mixed competition- boys and girls from U7's to U15/17's.

If you require further information contact Kylie Holmes 0429003646 or Robyn Millar 0439418177 or email rob.mill07@gmail.com

Lithgow District Netball Association

NetSetGO is Netball Australia's introductory program for netball. It has been developed to provide children from the age of 5 to 10 years with the best possible introduction to Netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation within the sport.

Program commences Monday 4th May 2015 4pm-5pm for 10 weeks at Wang Indoor Stadium Cost is \$55. Please contact Kerrie on 0411607287

Lithgow Pony Club is looking for new members! Do you want to improve your riding skills while connecting with other local students? Lithgow Pony Club is accepting new memberships and would love to have you join us! Look us up on Facebook under 'Lithgow Pony Club' and send us a message, or contact club president Trish Cadalt direct on 0448 551 561. Whether you are a beginner or have been riding for years, we have an ability group to suit you and we look forward to seeing you on our beautiful club grounds!

Are you a parent of a 3 year old in the Wallerawang/Lithgow/Portland area?

The advertisement for Pied Piper Preschool Wallerawang features a green background with a white logo of a piper. Below the logo, it says 'WALLERAWANG' and 'Only 10 minutes from Lithgow'. There are three small photos: one of children playing in a garden, one of a child sitting on the ground, and one of a child in a yellow raincoat. To the right of each photo is a word: 'NATURE', 'NURTURE', and 'REAL PLAY'. At the bottom, it provides the address '18 Pindari Place Wallerawang 2845', phone number '02 6355 7440', email 'admin@piedpiper.ngo.org.au', and website 'www.piedpiperpreschool.com.au'.

This magic little preschool is a hidden gem... and the good news is....it has a few places left for 3 year olds on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Sound like what you need? Call today or call in to visit.

Lithgow Thistle Soccer Club

Lithgow Thistle Soccer club still require players in all age groups from Under 6 (Players must turn 5 this year) through to senior Ladies & Men. All Previous Players who did not attend Muster Day and are intending to play again this season, as well as any new players, please contact Lorraine Keay ASAP on 0419 621 426 or email thistlesfc@gmail.com if you are interested in playing. Competition starts Saturday 2nd of May.

EASTER FAMILY FESTIVAL

SAVILLE PARK

PORTLAND

Saturday

4th April 2015



Time: 11 am till 2 pm

Everything is FREE Everyone is welcome



Organized by People from the Christian Churches of Portland
RAINING - COMMUNITY HALL-PORTLAND CENTRAL SCHOOL

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 Kick-fit fitness Class for adults. (no martial arts experience necessary)

After 15 years at Wallerawang, we have now moved to our 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

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TONY & CAROL MCSORLEY

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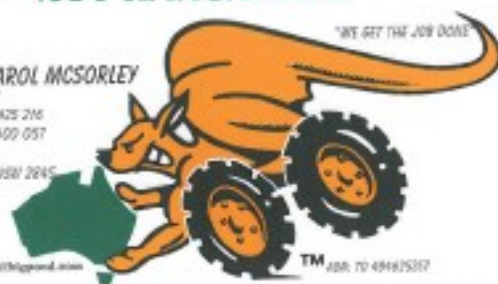
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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS KIDS CRAFT

TUESDAYS + THURSDAYS
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