



Wallerawang Public School Newsletter



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April 22 2015 Term 2 Week 1

What's On? When?

**School ANZAC
Service
TOMORROW
Thursday 23 April
9:15am**

**Local ANZAC
Service Main St
Wang
Saturday 25 April
(Kids assemble
8:30am)**

**School Assembly
(Awards Only)
Friday 9:10am**

**Uniform Shop
OPEN
Mondays 2-3pm**

**School Cross
Country
CHANGE OF DATE
Tuesday 28 April**

**Athletics Carnival
Years 3—6
Wednesday
29 April**

**Infants Athletic
Carnival
Kinder - Year 2
FRIDAY
1 May**

**BOOK CLUB
HOME TODAY
DUE BACK
THURSDAY
7 MAY**

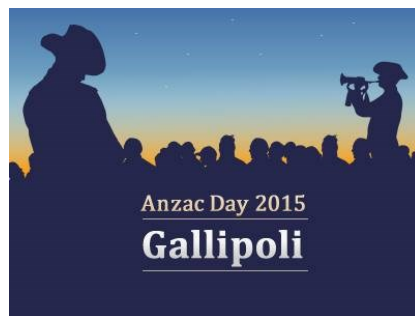
From the Principal's desk

School resumed yesterday for all our students and it was terrific to see the fresh smiling faces, kids catching up with friends again and the sea of blue shirts across the play-ground. With the onset of cold weather please remember to label all those extra layers of clothing children are wearing so that tracking down owners is an easy task.

Teachers spent Monday this week working together on mandatory training, various school developed professional learning activities and establishing a clear focus and structure for the term ahead. The day was incredibly productive and it is important to state that we are very fortunate to have the quality, enthusiasm and dedication that exists among our teaching and support staff at Wallerawang School.

Since October last year school staff have been developing a new school plan for the 2015-2017 reporting period in NSW. In consultation with parents, students, teachers, support staff and broader departmental personnel that plan has now been endorsed by the director of public schools NSW in Bathurst and will be posted on our website next week. This is a working document that has very specific detail about the key focus areas in the school. Please make some time after this week to have a look at the plan and any questions or clarifying requests are most welcome. We will advertise the URL in the newsletter next week.

Parents and community members are welcome to join us again this year for the annual school ANZAC day ceremony. Our service will be held tomorrow Thursday 23rd April 9:15am in the school hall. Staff have developed a very warming ceremony for the school community to participate in and invite families to come along. Our guest speaker this year is Barry Dowsett and we welcome his attendance and look forward to hearing his message. Special thanks to Mrs Fraser and Ms Graham for organising the program and managing the ceremony.



We invite all students to come along and march this Saturday 25th April in the local Wallerawang Community ANZAC service in Main Street. Students are encouraged to come along in school uniform, meet the teachers at 8:30am (opposite the butcher), participate in the march and then stay on for the local service. It is expected that the service be over by approx. 9:30am. Please be conscious that supervision of children during the march and ceremony will be provided by teachers and parents are asked to pick up their children following the service closure.



School assembly will be held on Friday morning this week to commence the new school term. There will be no class items and the focus will be on awards so keep an eye out for assembly slips arriving home for those children receiving certificates this week. Children are encouraged to hand in their 5 merit awards once received and receive an Honour Award at assembly.

The school executive team will be visited this Friday by the school planning and support officer Mr Bruce Inwood from the NSW DEC who will spend time with the school leadership team reviewing the school plan, it's focus and delivery strategies along with assisting with the planning of in-school monitoring and accountability expectations.

Year 3 and 5 students are gearing up for the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) which will be carried out during week 4 this term. All students participate in this assessment process and individual student reports are provided to families detailing children's strengths and areas for growth. Mrs Foster and Mrs Fraser coordinate the NAPLAN Assessment program within the school.

In a lead up to NAPLAN a small percentage of schools are randomly selected to participate in a pre-NAPLAN task known as NAPLAN equating which involves our year 3 and 5 students sampling certain tasks 2 weeks before the program commences. More details about the equating process on page 3.

The term planner is coming together nicely and details most events for the term ahead. The planner will be included in next weeks newsletter. Please keep the planner handy and always update it with any new items as they are advertised. The planner can also be accessed from our website at any time.

Work has commenced on the upgrading of the school fishpond to comply with regulations regarding access and accidents. It is anticipated that the pond will be back to its former glory within the next few weeks. Thanks for your patience with this 'eyesore' over the past 8 weeks.

Upcoming events

Thursday 23rd April School Anzac Service 9:15am
Friday 24th April School Assembly
Saturday 25th April ANZAC March, Main Street Wallerawang from 8:30am

Monday 27th April 6:30pm Canteen committee meeting followed at 7:00pm by P&C meeting
Tuesday 28th April School Cross Country (held at WPS)

Wednesday 29th April School Athletics Carnival Yr 3-6 at Lithgow

Thursday 30th April Parent Teacher interviews for KL and 1/2K parents

Friday 1st May Infants Athletics carnival (held at WPS)

Friday 1st May Seed Planting for the school garden (Yr3-6)

Duncan Auld

Principal—Wallerawang Public School

Sports News

Western Area Sport trials

A number of Western Area trials have been postponed due to wet weather or have had their dates changed due to unforeseen circumstances.

Western Area Boys Hockey has been postponed to Friday 24th of April.

Western Area Boys Football (Soccer) has been postponed until Wednesday 6th of May.

Please also note that Western Area Boys Touch Trials have been brought forward from Friday the 15th of May to **Monday 11th of May**.

Permission Notes Reminder

In order to participate in representative school sports, a completed permission note is required on or before its due date. Without a permission note your child will be ineligible to attend a carnival or trials event. Please ensure that the necessary follow up such as returning a note or making a phone call to the sports organiser has been made.

Primary Athletics Carnival

The Primary Athletics Carnival has been scheduled for Wednesday 29 April. Notes have gone home with students. If your child did not receive a permission slip please see the front office. Students who have qualified for the field events on the carnival day have been notified. Please note that junior girl's discus and all high jump events will be held on the carnival day alongside our track events and field events finals. Additionally, if parents could assist on the day on events or in the canteen, it is greatly appreciated. The carnival cannot run without your support.

Let's have a great day at the carnival and hope that it is warm and sunny!

Mr Campling

Infants Athletics Carnival

Children from K-2 will be participating in our annual Infants Athletics Carnival on **Friday 1st of May**. The carnival will take place at school on our sports field and will commence at 9:30am. The program will include age races, relays, novelty events and tabloid activities. Children are encouraged to wear their house colours and sensible running shoes, along with a broad brim hat, sunscreen and plenty to drink.

Students turning 8 years old have the option of attending either the Primary Athletics Carnival OR the Infants Athletics Carnival as they cannot participate in both.

Lunch orders are an option on the day and must be pre-ordered and paid by Tuesday 28th April.

Parent helpers are needed .

Notes went home yesterday for lunch orders and to register your availability to help on the day.



2015 NAPLAN Equating Study

WALLERAWANG PUBLIC SCHOOL has been selected by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) for participation in the 2015 NAPLAN Equating Study. All sampled schools will participate.

As part of the National Assessment Program — Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN), ACARA will administer equating tests to students in Years 3 and 5 from a national sample of schools. The purpose of the equating tests is to enable the results for the 2015 NAPLAN tests to be reported comparably with tests from previous years, on the same measurement scales. Equating tests are **not** used to report individual student or school scores. Although individual school and student results are not reported, it is essential that all students attempt the equating tests seriously.

Students from 3F, 3G, 5A and 5F will be sitting one test on **the 27th April** by a trained administrator external to the school. Each test will take a total of approximately one hour to administer. ACARA has appointed the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) to conduct the Equating Study. Should you need any clarification about this process please contact Katrina Foster.



School Cross Country

The School Cross Country event will be held on Tuesday 28th April within the school grounds, utilising the hill behind the classrooms and the area around the basketball court. The event will take place after recess at 11:35 and is expected to run for one hour. Spectators are welcome at this time and staff will be on the lookout for parent helpers at the finish line. Children are reminded to bring their asthma puffers on the day or collect their school puffers and spacers from the office at recess time in readiness. All students will walk the course prior to the event.

Children aged 5, 6 & 7 will run 1 lap

Children aged 8, 9 & 10 will run 2 laps

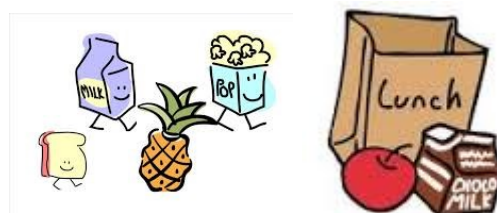
Children aged 11 & 12 will run 3 laps with seniors beginning first.

Normal classes will resume at the completion of this event.



CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday April 23	Anna Fitzgerald Kirsty Goodman
Friday April 24	Kylie Williams, Nicole Sweeney, Vera Foong
Monday April 27	Ann Forest Renee Edwards
Tuesday April 28	Kimberley Graham Kellie Webster
Wed April 29	Alana Café Kate Seton



Wallerawang Public School

ANZAC DAY

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

2015



Lest We forget

Wallerawang Public School ANZAC Day Assembly

23rd April, 2015 – 9:15am

Everyone Welcome!

Wallerawang Community Ceremony – 25th April 2014

Students who are able to march on ANZAC Day are asked to meet in front of Wallerawang Butcher's at 8:15am.

Students are asked to wear full school uniform.

Public Speaking Competition

A reminder that our annual public speaking competition will be held this term, commencing next week. 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 and topics for each stage were distributed in Term 1 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.

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, 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.

Teachers are looking forward to listening to some wonderful speeches.

Topics

Early Stage 1

My Family

My Pets

My Favourite Toy

My Favourite Place

My Favourite Sport

Stage 1

My Family

The Day I Met a Wild Thing

When I Grow Up...

My Super Power

My Interesting Past

Stage 2

Anzac Day

A Significant Place in Australia

The Importance of Remembrance

My Imagination

Has Technology Made Our Lives Easier?

Gallipoli

Stage 3

What Can We Do to Save Our Rainforests?

People I Admire/My Hero

The Best Pet Ever

My Most Amazing Trip

My Best Excuses for Not Doing My Homework



Susan Dick & Leeanne Graham
Public Speaking Coordinators

Assembly Term 1 Week 10





Easter Celebrations





Easter Picnic





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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

**THE JESUS
HOKEY
POKEY**

**COLIN
BUCHANAN**

LIVE IN CONCERT!

7th May 2015 5:30 p.m
Civic Ballroom, Lithgow Show Ground
\$12 Tickets Available from:
www.connectlithgow.org.au *
High Street Music, 165a Main St Lithgow *
Booking Fees Apply

LINC "I've got a Teenager!?"
A 4 week Parenting Program Group

Tools for Parents, Grandparents and Carers of Teenagers

- Building resilient teenagers
- Adolescent development
- Positive Parenting tips

Where: **Portland RSL Club** Conference Room, 10 Wolgan Street Portland

When: Commences on *27th May * 3rd June (No Group on the 10th June) *17th June and *24th June

Time: 10AM- 12PM

Cost: \$5 registration paid at pre-group interview.

Facilitator: Meg Benson- LINC Adolescent and Family Counsellor, qualified facilitator in Teenage Positive Parenting Program (PPP) for Parents of Teenagers, Resilience Doughnut Model and Rage Program Facilitator

Call Meg on 6354 5912 to book a spot

Eskbank House and Museum

Acting and Stage Craft Classes with Blast Furnace Theatre

Bennett Street, Lithgow

2 May to 27 June 2015 every Saturday

Classes:

Juniors: 7-11 yr. 10 – 11am. \$90 for a 9 week term

Intermediate: 12 – 13 yr, 11am – 1pm, \$180 for a 9 week term

Adult: 14 yr +, 2-4pm, \$180 for a 9 week term

Learn: Voice, movement, monologue Shakespeare, contemporary theatre, dance, singing, acting for film and television, masque, mime, pantomime, musical theatre, physical theatre and more.

Taught by Catherine Lockley from Blast Furnace Theatre.

For information and bookings call Wendy Hawkes on 6354 9999



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!

BLAXLAND AND DAUGHTER PRESENT
Pioneers in Petticoats
A PLAY BY WENDY BLAXLAND

Eskbank House comes alive

ESKBANK HOUSE AND MUSEUM
BENNETT STREET
LITHGOW
2PM AND 6PM
SAT 30 MAY 2015
TICKETS \$24

BOOK TICKETS NOW
(02) 4730 6932
WWW.TICKETS4ME.COM.AU

WWW.BLAXLANDANDDAUGHTER.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.

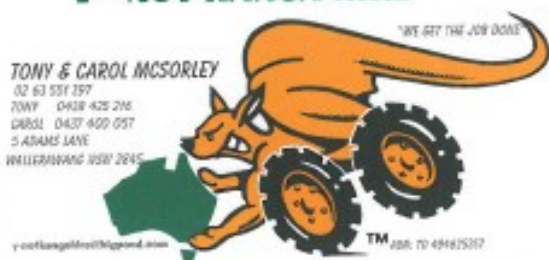
Program commences Monday 4th May 2015
4pm-5pm for 10 weeks at Wang Indoor Stadium
Cost is \$55. Please contact Kerrie on 0411607287

LITHGOW THISTLE SOCCER CLUB

Lithgow Thistle Soccer club desperately require players in under 7, under 8, under 9 and under 12. All previous players who played last year 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.

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Black Gold Crib Room Restaurant
Open for a Café Style Breakfast & Morning
Tea

Or just a Cup of Tea or Coffee
Weekdays from 6:00am – 11:00am
Weekends from 8:00am -11:00am



Dinner Monday - Saturday 6:00pm

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



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to understand Health Star Ratings.

You may have noticed **Health Star Ratings** on the front of many packaged foods.

What do they mean?

Health Stars will help you make healthier choices when choosing packaged foods at the supermarket. The star rating is based on an assessment of the nutrient content of the food including the kilojoules, saturated fat, sugars and sodium (salt) as well as fruit, veg and fibre content. The more stars, the healthier the product.

The Health Star Rating.



Why?

63 percent of adult Australians, and ¼ children are now classed as overweight or obese. The **Health Star Ratings** help us make healthier choices for our whole families – with a quick glance at the packet.

Cancer Council NSW helped develop the Health Stars – because we want healthy eating to be easier for everyone. **Remember, nothing beats fresh – but if you need to buy a packaged snack – look for five stars!**

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



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to add fruit at brekky

This delish recipe will give your kids' a great start to their day!

Ingredients

2 eggs
1 tbsp honey
2½ cups reduced- fat milk
3 bananas, sliced
2 cups self-raising flour
2 tbsp sugar
2 tsp margarine, melted
3 medium apples, peeled, cored and grated



Method

In a large bowl beat eggs, margarine + milk. In a separate bowl mix flour and sugar, stir into wet mixture until smooth. Add grated apple. Heat oil in a pan over medium heat. Add 2-3 tbsp of mixture, flip when bubbles appear and cook until golden. Serve with banana and drizzled honey. Makes 10.

Adding fruit in fun ways can make it more appealing to fussy eaters – for more ideas, visit our website today!

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



2015 Primary Athletics Carnival

Canteen Helpers

The Primary Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday 29th April 2015 at the Lithgow Showground Athletics Track. To be able to have a canteen running on the day helpers are required. If you are able to help out please put your name & contact number alongside a time slot/s and return by Friday 24th April 2015.

Primary Athletics Carnival Canteen Helper Note

Time Slot	Name & Phone
9am – 10am	
10am – 11am	
11am – 12pm	
12pm-1pm	
1pm – 2pm	

Thank you