



# Wallerawang Public School Newsletter



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August 12 2015 Term 3 Week 5

**What's  
On? When?**

**Assembly  
9:10 Friday**

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



**Touch Footy  
Gala Day  
has been  
postponed  
Date TBA**

**Book Week  
Special  
Assembly  
Tuesday  
25 August  
from  
9:30am**

## **CANTEEN CLOSED THURSDAY 13 AUGUST**

### **From the Principal's desk**

This week is Rail Safety Week across NSW. On Friday we will have a special guest attending our assembly to speak with all children about rail safety. Following on after assembly two workshop sessions will run consecutively, Yr 3&4 from approximately 10am for 30min followed by Yr 5&6 from 10:30am. Simon Smitzer and Scott Weir, both from NSW Rail Lithgow have been liaising with the school to coordinate Friday's visit.

School attendance and student learning: Parents are reminded that any absenteeism from school creates a gap in learning for the child. Regular school attendance is central to improved learning, positive friendships and general happiness and well-being. Please ensure your child/children attend school whenever school operates. Children should never be allowed the privilege of staying home on birthdays, going shopping with grandma, visiting other family and friends, etc. on a school day. Often this type of privilege leads to habitual absences from school and limited growth in student achievement over time. As mid-year has now passed our school attendance and participation rates are being appraised by the Home School Liaison Officer and interviews are being arranged with families to set up structures that require school and parents to work together in lessening absenteeism from school.

School canteen update: Parents and community are aware of the difficulties we continually experience in gaining enough volunteers to operate the canteen five days a week successfully. In summary from Monday night's P&C meeting it has been decided that commencing in Term 4 the canteen will operate 3 days per week; Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There are also several days between now and the end of term where the canteen will be closed due to the limited availability of volunteers. Keep an eye out for a coloured flyer tomorrow that will outline the closures for term three and has a tear off slip for volunteers to nominate for the Monday, Wednesday and Friday timeslots for Term 4. Please consider putting yourself forward weekly, fortnightly or monthly by ticking the appropriate box on the slip.



## **Kindergarten 2016**

Kindergarten 2016: We are commencing the planning arrangements for next year's kindergarten intake. On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August from 7pm in the school Library a Parent Information session will be hosted by school staff, led by Assistant Principal Mrs Lamborn and supported by Ms Reid and Ms Lang. On the following Thursday (27<sup>th</sup> August) we will host an Orientation morning for Kinder 2016 children commencing at 10am and running until 11:10am. Information has been distributed however we ask that all parents advocate for us by encouraging new parents to come along and learn more about the school, the staff and the learning opportunities here at Wallerawang School.

NSW Health have recently acknowledged the all-embracing work carried out at the school in supporting the 'Live Life Well' initiative by awarding the school advertising sticker recognising our contribution to the state-wide initiative. The sticker, displayed on the front office window, represents a collective approach in supporting and recognising the importance of healthy eating and physical activity by the school community; parents, carers, staff and students. Mr Campling, one staff member that has proactively involved himself in the program is pictured with the acknowledgement sticker. See photo on page 4.

A special 'Thanks' is extended to all the students and staff for supporting the Jeans for Genes fundraiser last Friday. Donations totalled \$266 which has been forwarded to the Jeans for Genes day event hosts in Sydney.



Belated 'Thanks' is extended to the district athletics carnival canteen helpers for their time and energy last Friday week in providing the carnival canteen. We thank **Leanne Houlison** for her organisational input and **Karen Desch, Sheree Scanlan** and **Simone Burns** for manning the canteen throughout the day. All schools in attendance expressed their appreciation for a well-coordinated and serviced canteen on the day. Great job and thanks!

Last Thursday our school hosted a round of the Western Debating challenge where we competed against Eglinton School in what was a very close debate. The topic of debate was, 'Should school homework be banned.' Mrs Nancarrow has provided a full report on page 3.

Also last Thursday our Boys' Basketball team competed against Coerwull School in a knock out round of the PSSA competition. Our boys performed with enthusiasm and great sportsmanship however they were unable to hold up against a very strong and well drilled Coerwull team. See report opposite.

Book Week (24-28 August) will once again soon be upon us. See page 4 for the flyer and overview of the week. A special assembly will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August from 9:30am along with a Book Fair operating Tuesday and Wednesday. Please help prepare your children for this important event on the calendar and start thinking now about possible costumes to acquire, create or borrow ready for the special assembly and Character Parade which will take place on Tuesday 25 August.

### Portland SES Volunteers

#### Kim Phillips and Tracey

Chapman attended the school today donating SES resources for use by students in K-2. The kits focus on floods, excessive rain and how young people can help prepare for flooding and reduce the risk of personal injury by following a few key guidelines. Thanks is extended to the Portland SES.



School assembly will be held this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August. Step-Up awards and other academic and cultural recognition certificates will be handed out on the day. Families are always welcome to come along to our assemblies and help celebrate children's successes with us all.

### **Duncan Auld** **Principal**

#### **Basketball Knockout**

On Thursday, 6 August Wallerawang played Coerwull in Knockout Boys Basketball. Though Coerwull have a strong side, our boys played with skill and cunning and were able to match them in many aspects of the



game. Our boys had strong defence and continually made Coerwull work the ball in order to gain advantage. **Dayne Houlison, Eaymn Quinn, Connor Marshall** and **Ryan Neale** were our "go to" players but were heavily supported throughout the game by **Cooper Giles, Cooper Nunan, Matthew Hopkinson** and **Dane Hart**. These boys new to the game played with great spirit and have promise in this sport. Unfortunately for us, Coerwull were the better side on the day, but our boys should be proud of their efforts. They played well and deserve to be congratulated.

**Mr Campling**  
**Basketball Coordinator**

### Canberra Excursion - Stage 3

Deposits are due by the end of this week (Friday 14 August) to allow numbers to be finalised. Parents who have indicated they would like to attend will be notified once final numbers are confirmed. Many parents have put their names forward, so names will be drawn out of a hat to determine who is to go. Please start making regular payments to allow for itinerary inclusions to be paid by the school in advance. Any questions can be directed to Stage 3 Assistant Principal Katrena Fraser.

### Western Challenge Debating Competition



Last Thursday we participated in the final round of the Western Challenge Debating Competition. Thirty six teams from all across the Western Region participated in this competition beginning last term. We hosted the debate in our school library against Eglinton Public. We were the affirmative with the topic "Homework should be banned". **Shelby McCann, Katahna Woolsey, Chloe Petersen and Ben Seymour** made up our team of wonderful debaters. Thank you to **Ella Zorz** for being our chairperson and **Brooke Lewis** for time-keeping. Our debaters argued and rebutted exceptionally well with a very close debate against a strong experienced team. There was only one point difference in the result with Eglinton being awarded the debate. Congratulations to our team for all their efforts. The competition has provided a wonderful opportunity to grow in their debating skills. I am very proud of them all. Well done!!

Mrs Nancarrow

### Wallerawang Warriors Junior Rugby League

Could Perpetual trophies from the 2014 Wallerawang Warriors Junior League season be returned to Mrs Lamborn

### Expressions of Interest for the next Futsal Competition (Indoor Soccer)

We will be running a Senior Mixed Competition on a Wednesday Night. Looking at starting the next competition on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

#### **WHERE DO I PLAY?**

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

#### **HOW DO YOU REGISTER OR EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST?**

Contact Carleen on 0402 205070, or by  
email [cpc\\_chook@hotmail.com](mailto:cpc_chook@hotmail.com)

Nominations need to be in no later than  
19<sup>th</sup> August

**REGISTER YOURSELF OR A TEAM**  
**Registration and Competition Fees**  
**will apply**



**Do you care for someone with a mental illness?**

#### **EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE**

What does it mean? What are the benefits of focusing on emotional intelligence? Is it something we can enhance?

**Topics discussed** include: \*Self-Awareness, \*Self-Regulation, \*Social Awareness, \*Relationship Management, \*Mindfulness, \*Positive Psychology, \*Happiness vs Optimism, \*DISC Model

**Location: Red Cross Hall Lithgow**

**Date: 18 August 2015**

**Time: 9:30am to 3:00pm (Registration 9:15am)**

**No cost**

**Morning Tea and Lunch provided**

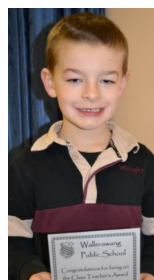
Please register your interest in attending or for further information phone 02 8599 4880 or e-mail [david.jackson@ucmh.org.au](mailto:david.jackson@ucmh.org.au)



# Jeans for Genes Day



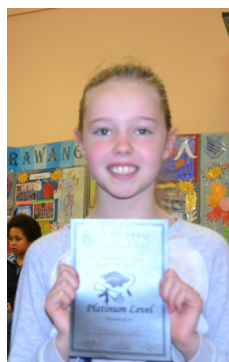
## Assembly Week 4



Mr Campling with our 'Live Life Well' sticker. See page 2 for more details.









# BOOK WEEK 2015

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS

## **BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD**



To all school families and friends  
You are invited to join our Book Week Celebrations.

When: TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> August

Time: 9:30am - 11:00am

Where: School Hall for Assembly and Class Parades  
then to the Library for the Book Fair  
(Book Fair will be open Wednesday 8.30am-3.30pm)

**ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO COME DRESSED  
AS THEIR FAVOURITE CHARACTER or ANY  
'LIGHT' THEME**

We receive 30%-35% commission on book sales to spend on new books for our library.

Book Donations are greatly appreciated.

All donated books will have the child's name permanently displayed inside the cover.

**Please join us for a fun filled time at Wallerawang  
Public School**



We are hosting a **CARNIVAL BOOK FAIR.**

Each class will be invited to preview the books on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August. The preview sessions are an ideal opportunity for children to share and discuss the books with their teachers and peers.

The selection of books at our Book Fair will include a wide range of quality books from the best Australian and overseas authors & illustrators.

All books are discounted.

When you or your child buys a book, our school benefits by receiving a commission (up to 35%), which we can use to improve our resources.

**Our Book Fair selling times will be:**

**Tuesday 25/8/15 and Wednesday 26/8/15**

your family and friends are most welcome to share in the magic of matching children and books.

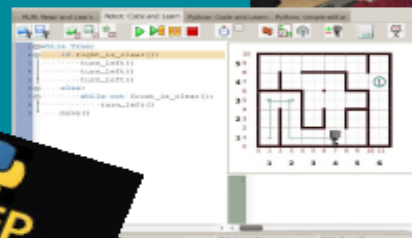
Credit Card facilities are available. No AMEX please.

**Remember 'READERS ARE ACHIEVERS'**

# Robogals Python Workshop

*Lithgow Library  
Learning Centre*

Learn how to write computer programs using Python! Presented by Robogals this workshop will be a thorough introduction in the programming language. Robogals is a group of UNSW students who present sessions in schools and libraries based around programming, robotics, or electronics.



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$ python
Python 2.6.5 (r205:79003, Apr 16 2010, 13:06:50)
Type "help()", "copyright()", "credits()" or "license()" for more information
>>> print "Python is a programming language"
Python is a programming language
>>> x="Python is a programming language"
>>> print x
Python is a programming language
>>>
```



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
CODE  
PYTHON**

Robogals sessions are targeted to encourage more girls into engineering and sciences in tertiary education. However, this session is open to everyone to attend.

**Saturday August 15th  
11.30am-2.30pm  
For ages 10+ only.**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL  
PLACES VERY LIMITED  
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH**

For information call Kellie on 6352 9100

Lithgow Library Learning Centre  
157 Main St, Lithgow  
Phone: (02) 6352 9100  
[www.library.lithgow.com](http://www.library.lithgow.com)



## Children, Young People: Mental Health & Wellbeing Forum





**When:** Wednesday August 19th, 2015

**Where:** Meeting Room 1, Blue Mtns Theatre & Community Hub, 104-108 Macquarie Rd Springwood

**Time:** 8.45am—4pm

**Cost:** \$88 members of FWT+DP, \$148.50 non-members

**Code:** NP01CMF

See FWT+DP website for [membership info](http://www.fwtdp.org.au)

**Contact:** Jane at [janes@fwtdp.org.au](mailto:janes@fwtdp.org.au) / 9620 6172

**Register at [www.fwtdp.org.au](http://www.fwtdp.org.au)**

Learning  
Outcomes  
overleaf




**Stronger Families Alliance**




**familiesnsw**  
supporting families to raise children

**Keynote presenter: Anthony Hillin**

Anthony Hillin, B Soc Stud, M Adol MH, has over 30 years experience as a clinician, educator, writer and consultant in child, adolescent and adult mental, emotional and social wellbeing.

*For more info see overleaf*



# Wallerawang Public School



- ◆ **Now accepting enrolments for 2016**
- ◆ **Parent Information Evening Thursday  
20th August 2015 at 7:00pm**
- ◆ **Kinder Orientation Morning Thursday  
27th August 2015 from 10:00 - 11:10am**



## 2015 Maureen Newell Award

Local (Lithgow LGA) music students (instrumental or vocal) are invited to apply for the 2015 Maureen Newell award which provides some assistance towards tuition costs.

Application forms are available from:

- Lithgow Library LINC
- Portland Library Higgins Lawyers
- Wallerawang Library

Applications close on Friday 31 August 2015.

For further information, telephone 63513210 or 63522862 or apply to: The Secretary, Maureen Newell Trust, P O Box 3049, Bowenfels, Lithgow or



## Petition for Barton Ave Pathway

If you would like to support the construction of a dual purpose pathway starting from the intersection of Barton Ave and Forest Ridge Drive to the indoor sports stadium, a petition is available until Monday 17 August at the school office for you to sign.

It is envisaged that this pathway will accommodate both pedestrian and cyclists and provide a safe route joining up with existing pathways around Lake Wallace.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday August 13	CANTEEN CLOSED
Friday August 14	Jenee Taylor, Carina Carter, Casy Anthes
Monday August 17	Heather Palmer Megan Baxter
Tuesday August 18	Kimberley Graham Sonja Ward
Wednesday August 19	Anita Younger Kylie Mason



**It's back!**

Earn 1 sticker for every \$10 you spend.



1. Collect Earn & Learn Stickers - 1 for every \$10 you spend at Woolies.
2. Stick them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. You can pick one up from Woolies or at school.
3. Once filled, pop into a Collection Box here at school or at Woolies in store.
4. When the promotion is finalised and tallies are complete, schools get to choose amazing new educational equipment.