



# Wallerawang Public School Newsletter



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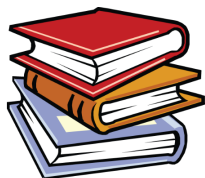
August 19 2015 Term 3 Week 6

**What's  
On? When?**

**No Assembly  
this week**

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

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



**Father's Day  
Stall  
31 August &  
1 September**

## CANTEEN CLOSED THURSDAY 20 AUGUST

### From the Principal's desk

As I write this newsletter I reflect back over the past week and consider the tragic accident that took the life of another one of our dear little family members last Thursday afternoon. Rebecca Karini from class 1/2C - fun loving, gentle, considerate, clever, caring, thoughtful and friend to all here at Wang School. Rebecca influenced staff and students alike with her loving and adoring personality.

*'grief isn't the absence of love. Grief is the proof that love is still there'*

*(Tessa Shaffer)*

On behalf of the school community I express sincere condolences to parents, John and Donna, Rebecca's siblings Eli and Izaiah and also to the extended family and friends that have all been impacted so heavily on over this past week.

As we all try to come to terms with this tragedy, support one another in grief and loss and plan for the funeral I ask families to read on below and consider *options that may suit families individually for this Friday.*

### Funeral arrangements

Service - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August at St Pauls Anglican Church in Lithgow commencing at 11am  
Children attending the funeral must do so with an adult.

Children may be signed out from the front office to attend the funeral **OR**  
Children may be kept home all day.

Children attending the funeral are encouraged to wear full school uniform.

At the conclusion of the funeral service, Wallerawang school children will each collect a helium balloon in the grounds of St Pauls Church and join together to be part of a mass release of the balloons in remembrance and farewell to Rebecca.

### For those not attending the funeral:

There will be limited supervision at school and routines will vary from the norm

Children can either be at school or remain at home

Mr Peter Harvey, Director of Public Schools NSW will be onsite managing the school whilst staff attend the funeral

Teachers from other local schools will be onsite working with classes and students

The school canteen will be operational

Students will release helium balloons at 11am, the same time at which the funeral begins in Lithgow (Mrs Pangas and supporting staff will manage this activity with the students)

### Advice for parents and caregivers to consider:

Prior to attending a funeral with children it is a good idea to talk with them about the potential atmosphere of the church and surrounds. They will hear different music, possibly experience different smells (burning incense), witness people that are very sad and possibly crying, see a funeral car (hearse) and the coffin.



Rebecca Karini  
1<sup>st</sup> August 2008 – 13<sup>th</sup> August 2015

Tree planting: Kindergarten students at Wallerawang Public School recently took part in the annual Planet Ark Tree Day activities. A report and photographs appear on this page. 'Thanks' is extended to Ms Lang for coordinating this activity and having students add to our ever evolving school environment.

Kindergarten 2016: Thursday this week from 7pm in the school Library a Parent Information session will be hosted by 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.

Book Week: (24-28 August) is once again upon us, commencing next Monday. See page 3 for the flyer and overview of the week ahead. 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 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. Mrs Nancarrow has been busy preparing for this special event and staff and students alike are excited about their participation. P&C will have a Morning Tea Stall outside the Library for you to purchase your delicious cake and coffee following the Character Parade. All proceeds will go to the school Library.

Charles Sturt University Practicum Students: Since Week 2 this term our school has hosted three final year practicum students; Mrs Sheehan in KL, Ms Mitchell in 3/4F and Mr Howell in 1/2B. Commencing this week we welcome 2 additional practicum students; Ms Johnson to 5/6F and Mr Rayner to 3/4G. Students and staff benefit from the input of these students and I acknowledge and thank our teachers for taking them on, working with them and preparing them for the future that lies ahead as they complete their final studies and join the teaching workforce.

Before closing I extend 'Best Wishes' to the Girls and Boys Touch Football squads that competed in Lithgow today. At the time of publishing the newsletter the games had not commenced however we look forward to learning of the results and reading more about the games next week.

**Duncan Auld - Principal**

## Tree Planting Day

Last Friday Kindergarten made the most of the beautiful weather and planted some native trees, shrubs and grasses as part of the annual Planet Ark Schools Tree Day activities. A big THANK YOU to Toyota for kindly donating the plants each year. The tree planting activity also ties in nicely with Kindergarten's current HSIE unit of study 'Places We Know' which is focussing on caring for our local environment and looking after places that are special to us.

Donna Lang  
Tree Day Coordinator





# 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'**



# 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**



Lithgow Girl Guides invite you to  
**Come and Try Guides!**  
For girls aged 7-11 years  
At the 'Come and try', we will be:  
cooking, roasting marshmallows,  
playing games, knotting and more  
Wednesday 16 September - 4.00pm-6.00pm  
Lithgow Girl Guide Hall, 71 Young St, Lithgow  
To register for this free event, please ring Cheryl on  
0415 951 380.  
Or to find out more visit our website



## 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 [maureennewelltrust@westnet.com.au](mailto:maureennewelltrust@westnet.com.au)



## CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday August 20	CANTEEN CLOSED
Friday August 21	Karen Desch Sheree Scanlan
Monday August 24	Ann Reeve Nicole Case
Tuesday August 25	Alison Jackson Melinda Hughes
Wednesday August 26	Alana Cafe Kate Seton



**Communities and Kids Resource Centre is located at Portland Central School in the playgroup room.**

**Address: Vale Street Portland**

**Open: 1-4pm every Monday**

**Our aim is to provide you with information about services in the local area and surrounds. Bookings and referrals can be made here. See next weeks WPS newsletter for a comprehensive list of our services which include playgroups, Home Care and more.**

**Phone: 6354 5906**

**Mobile: 0409 522 051**

**Email: [Lydia@linc.org.au](mailto:Lydia@linc.org.au)**



## **Expressions of Interest for the next Futsal Competition**

**(Indoor Soccer)**

**WHO CAN PLAY?**

Girls, Boys, Women, and Men  
Friday night Competition subject to demand we will be running the following age groups: Minis and Juniors U/6, U/8, U/10, U/12 and U/14

**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)  
Mini and Junior nominations need to be in no later than Friday 2 October  
Senior Mixed nominations need to be in no later than Wednesday 26 August