



Wallerawang Public School



Newsletter Term 4, Week 7 – 23rd November 2016

Important Dates

Please include these dates on your calendar

NOVEMBER 2016	
Fri 25	Schools Spectacular Excursion Assembly 9:10am Last Awards
Mon 28	Christmas Raffle tickets due back today Uniform Shop Open 2:00 - 3:00pm

DECEMBER 2016	
Fri 2	Christmas Pageant K-2 9:45 - 10:45am Combined Scripture Service K-6 11:40am BBQ lunch
Tues 6	Yr 6 Transition Day at LHS
Thurs 8	2016 Presentation Day 9:15am Uniform Shop Open 2:00 - 3:00pm
Mon 12	Year 6 Dinner
Wed 14	Stage 3 Big Day Out
Thurs 15	Uniform Shop Open 2:00 - 3:00pm
Fri 16	Last day of 2016

JANUARY 2017	
Fri 27	Staff Development Day
Mon 30	Student Yrs 1 - 6 Return to school
Tues 31	Kindergarten Students First Day

Principal: Janine Macky

Assistant Principal Early Stage 1/Stage 1: Mrs Jenny Lamborn

Assistant Principal Stage 2: Mrs Katrina Foster

Assistant Principal Stage 3: Mrs Katrena Fraser

Notes Home This Week

- House Captain Nomination for 2017
- Milo - Cricket Gala Day (only for those interested)
- Community Advent Pageant 2016 - K-2
- Community Advent Pageant 2016 - Stages 2 & 3



School Activities Update

Sports Day - Friday

Library Days

Monday: 5/6C, K/1B, KD, KR

Tuesday: 5/6F, 3/4G, 5/6G, 1/2C, 1/2W

Wednesday: 3/4F, 3/4M, 1/2K

Instrumental - Monday

Editorial Group - Tuesday

Choir - Infants - Wednesday

Choir - Primary - Wednesday

Dance Group - Tuesday

Reading Club - Tuesday

Chess Club - Wednesday

Recorder Group - Thursday

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Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Captains and Prefects for 2017

Congratulations to all of our new Captains and Prefects for 2017.

Captains: *Keelee Fraser and Saezar Scanlan*

Vice Captains: *Sophie Lane and Logan Ward*

Prefects: *Charlotte Dunn, Madeline Holding, Bailey Brown and Ashton McDonald*



I look forward to working with you all in 2017. It is an honour and a privilege to be selected. I would also like to thank all students who were nominated and I feel confident you will take on other leadership roles in the school.

Well done to everyone.

Last Session of Early Birds

On Monday of this week, the final session of our Early Birds program was held.

The parent information session was well attended and supported. I have really enjoyed meeting our new students and parents/caregivers. I look forward to continuing our relationship next year.

As I stated at the Early Bird presentation, our school vision that we share, is for *'All teachers to work collaboratively with parents/caregivers to ensure every student achieves to their full potential'*.

Our core business is to prepare every student to meet life's challenges and to equip them with the tools needed for success. Together, we will ensure every student achieves this.

Presentation Day

A reminder to the community to book the date, ***Thursday 8th December***, to be part of our school celebrations in the form of our Presentation Day assembly.

The entire school community looks forward to this annual event.

SMART Goals

In 2017, we would like to bring new programs into our school. As previously mentioned, our school is part of the **'Bump It Up Strategy'** which is aimed at improving student outcomes, particularly in **Numeracy** and **Reading**. Staff roles will change slightly next year as a result of what we need to do. More information to follow in the next few weeks.

We will all start next year with a community BBQ provided by the school, and then we will hold meetings to discuss your child's SMART goals.

Create S.M.A.R.T. Goals



Staff Development Sessions

CPR - Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation - Today, Wednesday, all staff will be engaged in their mandatory CPR training. This training will take place after school in lieu of attending the last 2 days of the school year. All staff will complete a total of 2 extra days throughout this term.

'Bump It Up' - We have one more afternoon session next week to complete our 2 days and the focus will be ways of implementing the 'Bump It Up' program. The 'Bump It Up' program involves improving student outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Please also note for 2017 our Staff Development day is on Friday 27th January 2017 which means students will return to school on Monday 30th January. Kindergarten students will start on Tuesday 31st January finishing their day at 2:30 for the first 2 weeks only.

Yours in Education
Janine Macky



New Leadership Team

2017

Last Wednesday, Year 5 students seeking election for leadership positions for 2017 gave speeches to an audience of students, teachers and parents. All students from K-5, teachers and school staff then voted for their choices and the new Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects for 2017 were announced at a special assembly on Friday morning.

The successful candidates were;

Captains: Keelee Fraser and Saezar Scanlan

Vice Captains: Sophie Lane and Logan Ward

Prefects: Charlotte Dunn, Madeline Holding, Bailey Brown and Ashton McDonald.

Congratulations to all students who stood for election, you all did a wonderful job and to those who were unsuccessful, you will still all have many opportunities to be leaders throughout the school in other roles.

Katrina Foster
Assistant Principal



School News

House Captain Nominations

House captain nomination notes were sent out to students in years 2 to 5 on Monday 21st November. There are a number of criteria that your child must meet in order to stand for house captain such as being on Gold level, being prepared to work in the sports shed once a fortnight, willing to accept the house banner on assembly as well as assisting in the organisation of whole school sporting carnivals.

Nomination notes are due back to teachers on the 28th November. Voting will take place at school on Thursday 1st December where the result will be announced to the children after the voting takes place. A special House Captain Induction will be held at an assembly early in 2017.

The role of House Captain is an important role in our school and we are looking for students that are prepared for this leadership opportunity.

Mr Campling and Ms Graham
School Sport Organisers

Year 6 Farewell

Invitations have gone home to Year 6 students and their parents for the **Year 6 farewell**. RSVP's and payment are **due back by 25th November**. If you choose to make an online payment for the evening, can you please make a note of the reference / receipt number on the RSVP form when returning it to school.

URGENTLY SEEKING MISSING SPORTS UNIFORMS

Our sports uniforms have been audited and some clothing items have not been returned. If your child has represented in **boys soccer, boys rugby league, girls netball, girls hockey or girls touch**, could you please help us by making sure that all sports clothing is returned to school. We are missing **number 16 from the boys soccer, a girls number 5 singlet, number 11 in Rugby League** as well as **4 pairs of WANG Shorts** in various sizes. These shorts are pictured.



If you have any of these items, please return them back to school as soon as possible.

In the audit, a pair of Wang Warriors size 21 shorts were also found. If you believe these shorts belong to your child, please see the front office.

Thank you for your assistance
Mr Campling

Retro Sports Memorabilia - Items FOR SALE

During the annual sports uniform audit, we have discovered some **Wallerawang retro sports memorabilia**. We would like to sell these to help with the purchase of replacement uniforms. **Football jerseys** are Classic Brand and Australian made. We would like to sell them for **\$5.00 a piece ONO**. The **t-shirts** are from the schools **130th birthday celebrations - \$2.00 ONO**. Maybe you know someone who may have worn a Wallerawang Public School jersey or you yourself may have worn one of these treasures. These items can be purchased from the front office.



Stage 2 at Lake Wallace

Last Thursday Stage 2 students walked to Lake Wallace to participate in some **bug watch activities** as part of our work on our science unit **Living Worlds**. Students looked at creatures in a sample of water and sorted and counted the types of creatures. Each creature had a score depending on how sensitive it was to water pollution.

It was a lovely experience for the students to look more closely at a **local ecosystem** and know more about the **creatures that inhabit them**.

Katrina Foster
Assistant Principal



FOR SALE

A set of 15 basketball singlets in mens sizes. Singlets are numbered 4 to 18 with the western colours. \$5.00ea or \$100.00 the lot (ONO) We are selling them to fund their replacement. See front office staff in interested.



P&C News

Christmas Raffle books have been sent home. If you do not wish to sell them please return your book. Extra books are available from the office.



Books are due back by Monday 28th November.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open:

- Monday 28th November 2:00pm - 3:00pm
- Thursday 8th December 2:00pm - 3:00pm
- Thursday 15th December 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Library News

This is the last week of borrowing for 2016. All Library books are to be returned by Week 9 (7th December)



CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday November 24th	CLOSED
Friday November 25th	Kasey Anthes Karina Carter Jenee Taylor
Monday November 28th	Kimberley Graham Vera Foong
Tuesday November 29th	CLOSED
Wednesday November 30th	Carol Chew Cheryl Mason

Infants Lunchtime Cubby House Club - Sheets Needed

Each Friday Infants children have the opportunity to participate in a lunchtime activity group. Last term we made jewellery and pom poms and this term we are making cubby houses to play in.

Kindergarten had the first opportunity to build their own cubby house. It was exciting watching the children work as a team to construct their cubby. I have discovered that my supply of old sheets is quite limited and therefore I am seeking donations of old double sheets. These can be left for me at the office.

*Join the fun of the
Cubby House Club!!*

Mrs Brown

Cool Cats Request

You will have seen some of the craft that our Cool Cats created for the fete. Mrs Walsh is asking for donations of craft materials to continue this activity. If you have any buttons, ceramic tiles, old or new nail polish they would also be appreciated.

Zooper Doopers will be on sale on Thursday 2nd lunch for 80c each

Wanted: Paint

Do you have paint that you are no longer using or need? We would love any donations of paint for our woodwork creations. We are looking for bright colourful paint and would greatly appreciate any donations. Thank you in advance. Mrs Bennett and Mr Way



Community Notices

Notice of Public Meeting

Wallerawang's Progress Association is holding a *Public Meeting* on the *6th December, 2016* at *6.30pm* at the *Wallerawang Bowling Club* to express community concern about the *level of policing in our district*.

Letters to Santa

If anyone would like to submit a letter they will need to drop them into the Lithgow Mercury Office by **Friday November 25, 2016 COB** or email: mandy.bryne@fairfaxmedia.com.au



Your Tutor

Thanks to Lithgow Learning Centre, you have **FREE** access to YourTutor. Helping children from Year 3-Year 12 with homework. Tutoring available 24/7 - Contact Lithgow Learning Centre 63529100

White Ribbon Day

An invitation is extended to all to attend the white ribbon walk on **Friday 25th**

November 4.00pm in Queen Elizabeth Park. LHS will be there and are inviting school staff, student leaders and students to join them.

Ann Caro
Principal



BLINKY BILL

Child Care Centre Portland

FAMILY

TWILIGHT MARKETS

Gates open at 4pm

Saturday 26th
November 2016

For the whole family
market stalls, food & coffee vendors
raffles & games
music & fun

For the BIG kids
amazing Psychic Readers
giving mini-sessions
and our beauty team
for mini appointments

For the kids
an appearance by
Blinky Bill and
our Blinky Fairy

For information or bookings contact

Kellie Evans on 0429 001 918 or the Centre on 6355 5833

In support of White Ribbon
Lithgow Partnerships
Lithgow Cares
Money Raised will support both White Ribbon and Lithgow Partnership Against Domestic Violence and Family Abuse

LITHGOW PARTNERSHIPS AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND FAMILY ABUSE

5TH ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

\$300 CASH PRIZE!

RAFFLES*

Lithgow Workies

Friday 25th Nov

7:00pm for 7:30pm start

\$15 entry per person

Food and drink can be purchased at
the Bistro

Teams are asked to register by contacting Lithgow Community Projects Inc
6351 2230 or 28 Main Street, Lithgow.

GAMES*

* Participation in games and raffles will require a gold coin donation

**Did you know that you can
make payments to your
child's school online?**

POP

(Parent Online Payment)

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to our school's website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

What expenses can be paid online?

- Voluntary School Contributions
- Subject Contributions
- Excursions
- Sport
- Creative and Practical Arts
- Sales to Students
- Other

Please note: POP can only be used for school payments, **not** P&C payments i.e. uniforms, meal deals, fete wristbands or other P&C initiatives

How?

How to:

Log onto School site at: <http://www.wallerawang-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/home> Click on [\\$ Make a payment](#) and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa, MasterCard or Debit card.



mainly
music®

A fun music and movement program,
morning tea and playtime

Every Thursday during school terms

10am-11:30am

Lithgow Bible Church

1 Col Drewe Dr (opp. Lithgow Hospital)

Cost: \$3 per child, \$5 per family

Started in 1990, mainly music is a fun music group for parents or primary care givers to enjoy together with their young child. Throughout the session, children develop gross and fine motor skills, language, imagination, mathematical and pre-reading skills as well as socializing with others. Children are introduced to music, creativity and more, plus families are given a chance to think about the God-part of life. Amazing to think that all this can be achieved in a loving, shared family environment.

For more information, please contact
Kate on 0409 322 008

Morgan Jean
PHOTOGRAPHY'S

Christmas Photo Sessions

Children - Family - Pets

Saturday 26th November, from 10am to 2pm
Lake Wallace, Wallerawang

8 high resolution images

ONLY \$40



\$10 from every
session will be
donated to:





Stuck during study? Get unstuck.

Thanks to Lithgow Library Learning Centre, you have **FREE** access to **YourTutor**.

This means you can be your best in school this year. No more afternoon homework battles, no appointments necessary. Just log in online for one-to-one, expert help, from the library computer or from home.

A real-life local tutor is ready online to help you get back on track and feel more confident, when you get stuck on a homework question. OR you can upload a writing file 24/7 for expert feedback in under 24 hours.

This is also great for parents and families (because sometimes, study can be stressful for the whole household). Students can ask for help with a question in Maths, English, Science, study skills and more.

The best part? The service is entirely free, thanks to your local library, Lithgow City Council, and sponsorship by Centennial Coal.

So why not try it out next time you get stuck?

Get *unstuck*, with YourTutor.



FAQ for parents

Who are the online tutors?

The online tutors are Australian teachers or university experts, located across the country. The online staff must go through all necessary checks and a long application process, to make sure only the best are allowed in the network. The tutors will not 'give' answers, students are taught to think for themselves and reach their own answers ethically.

How does it work?

Students sign in online using their library card, from a library computer, or from home. They're connected to an expert tutor in a one-to-one session, and can ask their question using a live chat function, interactive whiteboards to demonstrate problems like maths equations, and can also browse the web or attach documents for tutor feedback.



yourtutor

Login with your library card number
3pm - 10pm, Sunday - Friday
library.lithgow.com

