



# Wallerawang Public School



**Important Dates**  
Please include these dates on  
your calendar

Newsletter Term 4, Week 8 – 30th November 2016

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	<b>2016 Presentation Day 9:15am</b> Uniform Shop Open 2:00 - 3:00pm
Mon 12	<b>Year 6 Dinner</b>
Wed 14	<b>Stage 3 Big Day Out</b>
Thurs 15	Uniform Shop Open 2:00 - 3:00pm
Fri 16	Last day of 2016

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

**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

- Stage 3 End of year Celebration 'A Day at the Dam'



## 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,

With a little over 2 weeks until the end of the year, everyone is very busy finalising 2016. Included in this is Presentation Day, Semester 2 reports, the Year 6 Farewell and party organisation for all classes.

### **Presentation Day Ceremony**

***Our annual celebration of student achievement presentation ceremony will be held on Thursday, 8th December.***

Also on that day, a teacher's stop work meeting has been scheduled for the same time. Due to being advised of the impending industrial action at such short notice, as a school we have decided to continue with the ceremony as normal.

***The ceremony will start t 9:15am as scheduled.***

It is the right of every union member to attend the meeting and support their union.

As a school community, we all respect and value individual decisions.



### **End of Year Arrangements**

The last day for student attendance will be Friday, 16th December.

***The school will not be open after that date.***

This week, staff were engaged in professional learning surrounding the 'Bump It Up' strategy. This week we had a focus on Numeracy, discussed NAPLAN data and how best to cater for our students including a plan for 2017.

### **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



### **Steel Capped Boots**

A number of students have complained about other students wearing steel capped boots.

The reason for the complaints have been about them being kicked by someone wearing steel capped boots. My concern is that the boots can cause serious harm to another student if they are kicked. A student can be severely hurt as a result of someone kicking them wearing steel capped boots. Whilst there is no rule from the department as yet, common sense prevails. *I am requesting please, that no steel capped boots are worn to school to ensure the safety of **all** students.*

*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



## P&C Notice - Canteen this Friday 2nd December

***Please note: There will be no other lunch orders from the Canteen on Friday due to the Sausage Sizzle lunch following the Christmas Pageant and Combined Scripture Service. Other items from the canteen will be available as normal.***

## Notice from Lithgow Buslines

Transport NSW have advised that any student with an expiring bus pass at the end of 2016 should apply to update their details *prior to 31st December 2016*. This applies to all students who are:

- **Currently in Year 2 or Year 6**
- **Have changed address or school**
- **Have approval on special circumstances**

The link to update student details is: <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

After 31st December 2016 students must apply for a new pass at:

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/howtoApply>

Completed forms must be printed, signed and dated and sent to the school for verification.

***Thank you for your assistance and please contact me, Simone Dombain at Lithgow Buslines on 6352 3888, if you require any further information.***

## School News

### **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

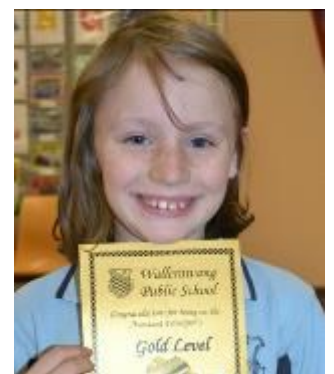
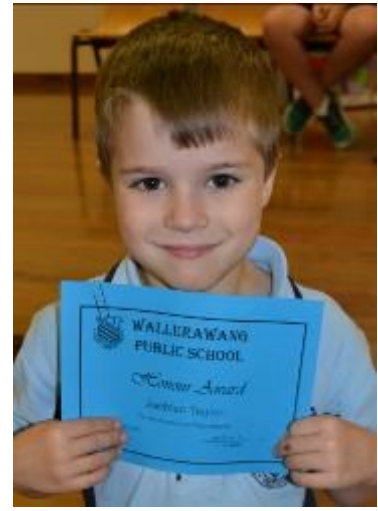
### **Retro Sports Memorabilia - Items FOR SALE**

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.

# Assembly Week 7



### 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  
**All books should now be handed in at school.**

The raffle will be drawn at presentation day Thursday 8th December.



### Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open:

- Thursday 8th December 2:00pm - 3:00pm
- Thursday 15th December 2:00pm - 3:00pm

### Library News

The Library is now closed for borrowing. All books need to be returned for stocktake.



*Thank you for being great Library users!*  
Mrs Nancarrow

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

<b>Thursday December 1st</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Friday December 2nd</b>	Karen Desch Sheree Scanlan Emma Giles
<b>Monday December 5th</b>	Sonja Ward Julie Trestrail
<b>Tuesday December 6th</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Wednesday December 7th</b>	Kylie Mason Anita Younger

### 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 are into Christmas Craft

Mrs Walsh is asking for donations of Christmas craft materials to continue this activity. If you have any plastic milk bottle caps, 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*.

## FOR SALE

### BIRD BOXES \$20ea

These beautiful bird boxes are made by our WPS Stage 2 and Stage 3 woodwork groups.

They are constructed out of pine and are painted in a variety of colours. They are lacquered to protect them from the elements.

All profits go back into buying more resources for our woodwork creations.

Also available to order.



Contact the front office to purchase.



## Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive lessons

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent should forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation's Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs provide wonderful results, and are great fun as well. Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are \$70 for school-aged children and \$50 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).

For more information or to make a booking, visit [sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive](http://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive) or phone 13 13 02



**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

**FREE CHILD SEAT CHECK**  
**7 December 2016**

11.00am - 2.00pm  
Fallima Hall Carpark, BOWENFELS  
Cnr Great Western Highway & Tweed Rd  
Bookings Essential on 6861 1487 or 6861 1681.

NSW Transport for NSW

**1** Have you got the right car seat?  
**2** Have you fitted and adjusted it correctly?  
**3** Do you know how to check it properly?

# CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT



Thursday 8th December 5:30 - 7:30pm

Bring the family along for a great night of fun

- Santa's little helper workshops
- Gift wrapping service
- Meet Santa in store
- Light refreshments will be provided

Plus more great activities in store including:

KIDS DISCO  
GAMES  
KIDS DIY CRAFT  
SLUSHEE MACHINE  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
FAIRY FLOSS

Bookings recommended. For more information or to book ask one of our team in-store or visit [www.bunnings.com.au](http://www.bunnings.com.au)

**BUNNINGS**  
warehouse



## 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.

Login with your library card number  
3pm - 10pm, Sunday - Friday  
[library.lithgow.com](http://library.lithgow.com)

 yourtutor



### SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN at THE LIBRARIES

Visit  
[www.library.lithgow.com](http://www.library.lithgow.com) or  
phone 6352 9100 for details

#### Summer Reading Club

This year the theme is Superheros and Villains. All kids who register and read 15 books over the period 1 December to 31 January get a prize, and go into the major prize draw. Receive your activity pack when you register at any branch.

Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time will take a break from 15 December and be back in February.

All branch Libraries will be closed over the Christmas/New Year period from 12 noon on Saturday 24 December, reopening at 9am on Tuesday 3 January.

Lithgow Library will be closed for refurbishment between 16- 28 January, reopening 9am on Monday 30 January. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and advise that during this period Wallerawang and Portland Branches will continue to operate.



# *New Leadership Team*

## *2017*



**Captains:** Saezar Scanlan and Keelee Fraser

**Vice Captains:** Sophie Lane and Logan Ward

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