



Wallerawang Public School



Important Dates
Please include these dates on your calendar

DECEMBER 2016	
Thurs 8	2016 Presentation Day 9:15am Uniform Shop Open 2:00 - 3:00pm Last Chance
Fri 9	RED DAY in the Canteen
Mon 12	Year 6 Dinner
Wed 14	Stage 3 Big Day Out
Fri 16	Last day of 2016



JANUARY 2017	
Fri 27	Staff Development Day
Mon 30	Student Yrs 1 - 6 Return to school Uniform Shop Open 8:30-10am & 2-3pm
Tues 31	Kindergarten Students First Day

Newsletter Term 4, Week 9 – 7th December 2016

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 Last Week

- Stage 3 End of year Celebration 'A Day at the Dam' Notes & Money \$\$ due this Friday 9th December



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



Student Assembly Presentation: Teacher's Strike

Last week, I stated that the Annual Presentation Day Ceremony will continue as planned even though a State Wide Stop Work Meeting will be held. With such short notice, it was an impossible task to reschedule this event. There will be enough school staff present for the event to go ahead as planned.

Presentation Day Ceremony will commence at 9:15am. We all look forward to coming together for this special event.

Events like these, are successful as a result of a fantastic team who work so diligently to plan and coordinate. On behalf of the school, I would like to thank Ms Foster for all her hard work,

A big Thank You

Cool CATs (Creative Arts Team)

Since I have arrived at Wallerawang Public School, I have seen so many opportunities our students are given and a lot of them go unrecognised publicly. One program is the 'Cool CATs' program. Mrs Walsh, one of our SLSO holds regular lunchtime craft opportunities for students who like to be creative. I have seen so many wonderful projects they have been engaged in.

Parents/Caregivers have also donated little bits and pieces for the students to use. Thank You.

On behalf of the school I would like to thank Mrs Walsh and her super team of the 'Cool CATs'.

The Year is Coming to an End

As we are approaching the end of year, this will be the last editorial I will be writing for 2016. I would just like to thank students, staff and the school community for a fantastic 2016 and I look forward to working with you all in 2017.

I would like to wish students, staff and the school community, a very happy and safe Christmas and a fantastic 2017. I look forward to welcoming you all back in 2017.

All NSW Department of Education school students are eligible to download and licence Adobe and Microsoft software.

This software is only available to download onto personally owned devices.

Students will need to use their education.nsw.gov.au student email address to register on their first visit. Individual students are eligible for one free download per application only.

For information see: https://nsw-students.onthehub.com/WebStore/ProductsByMajorVersionList.aspx?cmi_cs=1&cmi_mnuMain=8fb89d35-b838-dd11-abb7-0030485a6b08

Janine Macky

Principal

COOL CATS



2016 Christmas Pageant



Last Friday saw our school community celebrate the Christmas Season. K-2 made their way to Main Street where they joined with family and community members. Their first stop was the Bakery, followed by the Post Office then the Supermarket. At each stop children joined together to sing some modern day Christmas Carols. Two students went into each shop to see if there was any room at the Inn for Mary and Joseph.

Student then returned to school where they joined with Stage 2 and 3 for a combined Scripture Service. This was a joyful celebration. Students from the dance group performed 2 dances to Christmas music which were fun and lively. The choir sang with a lovely solo performed by Millie Francis. Stage 3 helped celebrate with readings from the Bible. Students from Kinder and Stage 1 presented an item. Mrs Young gave a talk about what to remember when the students open their Christmas presents on Christmas morning. It was a wonderful service with many family and community members present. This was followed by a barbeque lunch.

This was a wonderful day. This day could have not been possible without the support of so many. From classroom teachers who taught songs, Miss Gurney's fantastic dancers and choir, out techies, the canteen staff, those that cooked the sausages and to the office staff who looked after the administration and money. On behalf of both students and staff we would like to thank our wonderful scripture teachers who give their time each week to teach scripture and who were wonderful on the day. Well done also to the students for a great day.

Mrs Warner



More Pageant Photos



Wallerawang Public School "Loyalty, Truth, Obedience"

Stage 3 Day Out—A day at the dam

Notes went home last week for the Stage 3 end of year day out to be held at Lake Lyell on Wednesday 14th December. Notes and money will need to be returned by Friday to finalise numbers and pizza orders. Parents and carers are welcome to attend but unfortunately we cannot allow additional children (brothers and sisters) due to the close supervision required for this excursion. We are looking forward to a wonderful day!

Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell will be held next Monday, 12th December at Black Gold Cabins. The evening is due to kick off at 6pm so if parents would like time to take photographs at the venue before the event, could you please arrive a little earlier so that we can have everyone in and seated by 6pm. Tickets will be sent home with Year 6 students today. Please bring these along to the farewell. The committee have been very busy with the organisation for the evening and it is looking to be a fabulous event.

Katrena Fraser

Assistant Principal Primary

Library News

ALL Library books must be returned immediately to the Library. Your assistance with this is much appreciated.

Any outstanding loans as of Thursday 8th will be issued with a Final Overdue Notice. If any books on these notices are not in your possession please contact Mrs Nancarrow.

OLD LIBRARY BOOKS TO GIVE AWAY.

Today children have been offered the opportunity to select some old deleted Library books to keep. If your child brings home any books with a cancelled stamp and a deleted barcode then these books are yours to keep.

STOP the Press!

RED DAY RED DAY

Our canteen is holding a Red Day **this Friday the 9th**, this means students and staff will be able to purchase Clouds, Chomps and of course Freddo's.

Canteens last opening day is Wednesday 14th December, 2016.

Simon Francis
P&C President

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.

Wallerawang
Warriors Senior
Rugby League
Football Club



Christmas
Chocolate Wheel
Fridays 9th ,16th
& 23rd December
6pm -approx 7.30pm

Loads of Toys ,Hams & Turkey prizes
to be won.....

Wallerawang Railway station car park

***Chocolate wheel will be held at Royal Hotel
in inclement weather***



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 tomorrow presentation day Thursday 8th December.



Uniform Shop

Due to work commitments Thursday the 8th December will be the last day this year that the uniform shop will be open.

If you are needing uniforms before next year please submit an order form with **full** payment and your order will be sent home on Friday 16th December the last day of term.

The uniform shop will be open on Monday 30th January 2017 8:30am till 10:00am and 2:00pm till 3:00pm.

Thank you

Leanne Houlison

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 9th Red Day	L Browne, K Cafe, A Dunn & H Palmer
Monday 12th	R Edwards & A Forrest
Wednesday 14th LAST DAY for canteen this year.	A Fitzgerald & M Hughes

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



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Office: 02 6355 1138 Fax: 02 6355 1684
Email: lidsdalecouriers@internode.on.net ABN 24 024 002 457

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.



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
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.



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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



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to plan the week's lunches.

The year is almost over - that's a lot of lunches you've had to pack!



Finding the time and inspiration to create a healthy lunch box five days a week can be a chore. Planning ahead can ease the pain.

Make it even simpler and head to the "for parents" section of eatittobeatit.com.au for ideas for five healthy lunch boxes.

Make them all, or pick and choose the items your child will love to eat.

Just remember to include a combination of breads and cereals, meat and alternatives, veg and salads, fruit, dairy and a drink of water.

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



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

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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

 yourtutor



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN at THE LIBRARIES

Visit
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.



Want to give your child a successful start at school?
(Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters - HIPPY)



HIPPY is a free, government funded program, for Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland designed to help parents prepare their children for school.

Materials, guidance and home tutor support are all provided. The focus is on parents spending about 10 minutes a day doing the interactive activities with their children, to build pre-literacy and numeracy skills. HIPPY aims to further develop parents' skills and confidence to better help their children prepare for a successful start at school.

Employment opportunities are also available to parents.

Centacare requires part time Home Tutors to assist with delivering the HIPPY program.

Centacare is accepting enrolments for 2016 from families living in the Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland areas with children in the **year prior to starting school**, usually around 4 years of age (Note: Children must turn 4 years on or before the 31st July 2017).

Interested parents / caregivers can contact Hippy Bowenfels on telephone: 6352 4868 or mobile 0409 362 663 or email hippy@centacarebathurst.com.au

HIPPY Bowenfels is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education through the Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters.

Mental Health Summit 2016

- Working Together -

Lithgow City Council in partnership with local mental health and other services will be hosting a mental health summit on Wednesday, 14 December 2016, 6pm, at the Lithgow Workies Club. The purpose of the summit is to engage the local community and gain a better understanding of the main issues. By working together we can achieve better mental health outcomes for Lithgow.



Featuring Associate Professor Dr John Dearin, Head of the University of Notre Dame Lithgow Rural Clinical School. Dr Dearin will be the facilitator of the summit, supported by a panel of experts who will be able to provide specialised insight and information on the night. This is a free event and all community members are invited.

Event Details

Date: Wednesday, 14 December 2016
Time: 6.00pm—8.00pm (please arrive at 5.45pm)
Venue: Millenium Room, Lithgow Workies Club
3-7 Tank Street, Lithgow
Light refreshments will be served

For information and bookings call the Community Development Department on (02) 6354 9999

Lithgow City Council
180 Mort Street, Lithgow
Phone: (02) 6354 9999
www.lithgow.nsw.gov.au



Summer Reading Club

Lithgow Library Learning Centre



- Register for Summer Reading Club at Lithgow Library from December 1st
- Read as many books as you can over the summer holidays and keep a list
- Return your list to the Library by 5pm January 31st 2017. Anyone who reads 15 books will win a prize, and go into the draw for the major prize!

Register at any branch from December 1st and get your Summer Reading Club activity pack including reading list.

GET READING!



Entrants must be a member of the Library to enter. Remember it's FREE to join!

For information call the Library

Lithgow Library Learning Centre
157 Main St, Lithgow
Phone: 6352 9100
www.library.lithgow.com



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...grow your own.

Want to get kids excited about vegetables? Then plant the seed!



A vegie patch is a great spring or early summer project and just one way to help entice fussy eaters to sample something from the garden.

Plant some vegetables or herbs in the yard or grow them in window boxes or small pots.

Seeing the plants grow makes them much more interesting to eat.

Want to know more about enticing fussy eaters and preparing fruit and veg-filled family meals?

Ask your school to book a **Fruit & Veg Sense** workshop for parents, or find a workshop in your area at eatittobeatit.com.au.

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



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to make the festive season fruity.



Fruit makes a healthy addition to the festive season spread and it's great for making all sorts of edible Christmas creations too!

Trees: use a knife or cookie cutter to shape trees from watermelon (left), or place kiwi wedges on a plate and top with star cut from other fruit (below).

Candy cane: place alternate banana and strawberry chunks on a plate to form a cane shape.

Santas: Layer marshmallow, banana and strawberries. Hold together with icing, or a toothpick. Use raisins for eyes and a Jaffa for a nose.



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

