

# 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



## 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

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 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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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

## 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: <u>https://nsw-students.onthehub.com/WebStore/ProductsByMajorVersionList.aspx?</u> <u>cmi\_cs=1&cmi\_mnuMain=8fb89d35-b838-dd11-abb7-0030485a6b08</u>

Janíne Macky

Principal











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.





## 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: <u>https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails</u> After 31st December 2016 students must apply for a new pass at:

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

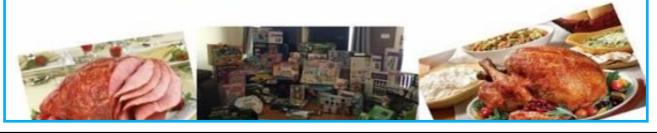
Completed forms must be printed, signed and dated and sent to the school for verification. Thank you for your assistance and please contact me, Simone Dombrain at Lithgow Buslines on 6352 3888, if you require any further information.

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

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## 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 8oc 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





## 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: <u>http://</u> www.wallerawan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/ <u>home</u> Click on <u>\$ Make a payment</u> and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa, MasterCard or Debit card.



## 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



## **CHRISTMAS** FAMILY NIGHT



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

KIDS DISCO GAMES

KIDS DIY CRAFT

SLUSHEE MACHINE

SAUSAGE SIZZLE FAIRY FLOSS

#### 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

Bookings recommended. For more information or to book ask one of our team in-store or visit www.bunnings.com.au







## 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?

FAQ for parents

Get unstuck, with YourTutor.

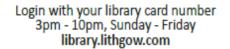
#### Who are the online tutors?

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the network. The tutors will not 'give' answers, stu-dents are taught to think for themselves and reach their

How does it work? 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 applica-

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 equa-tions, and can also browse the web or attach documents for tutor feedback.





own answers ethically.



#### SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN at THE LIBRARIES

#### Visit

Plus more great activities in store including:

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.

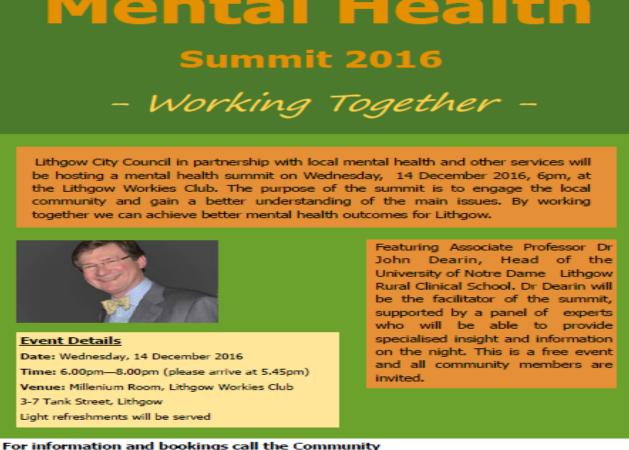
Employment opportunities are also available to parents.

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 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017).

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

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



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 Librar 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 ww.library.lithgow.com

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**Nutrition Snippet** 

## **Nutrition Snippet** Cancer Council 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





Cancer Council

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

The simplest way

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.

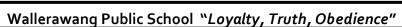
Santas: Layer marshmallow, banana and strawberries. Hold together with icing, or a toothpick. Use raisins for eyes and a Jaffa for a nose.





Eat It To Beat It

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