

Wallerawang Public School

Important Dates Please add to your Parent Term Planner

| December 2018 | |
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| Mon 17th | Xmas Carol Evening 5pm |
| Wed 19th | Last Day of Term |

| January 2019 | | |
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| Mon | Public Holiday Aust. Day | |
| Tues 29th | Staff Development Day | |
| Wed 3oth | Yr 1 – 6 Commence | |
| Thurs 31st | Kinder Commence 9.10 - 2.30 (until 15/02/19) | |
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Newsletter Term 4 Week 9 14th December 2018

Relieving Principal: Jenny Lamborn, Assistant Principals: Mrs Amanda Brown, Mrs Katrina Foster, Mrs Katrena Fraser

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of the 2018 school year there is no slowing down as we wrap up the year and start our preparations for 2019.

Congratulations to our students selected for leadership positions in 2019. What an honour it was to listen to the presentation of speeches, all students should be proud of their efforts. We will hold a special assembly on the first Friday of Term 1 to induct our leaders for 2019.

The students celebrated with a Christmas service involving our scripture teachers, our students and local churches. The Christmas Pageant involved our infant students with a large crowd of supporters in the Main Street of Wallerawang.

Presentation day was an outstanding success and a way to bring the school and wider community together in celebration. The positive feedback and acknowledgement was reflective of the great school community we have.

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Today the students are enjoying PBL acknowledgement day with a dance concert, class parties and jumping castle provided by the P&C association.

Next Monday evening 17th December, we will join for a sing along of Christmas carols and raffles in a relaxed atmosphere.

Do not forget Santa will be driving around Wang in a fire truck this coming Sunday morning from 9am spreading the Christmas cheer with Iollies for all the boys and girls.

Staffing for 2019 is still being confirmed, but we know that we will have 12 classes K-6 as we have this year. We look forward to welcoming existing and new families to our supportive school environment. Staff will return on the 29th January, 1-6 on the 30th January and Kindergarten on the 31st January.

We look back with reflection on a positive year with pride in our school, many and varied achievements, solid friendships and a thankfulness for the opportunities that we have been presented in a school where every student is known, valued and cared for. High expectations and a clear focus in excellence in teaching, learning and leading in literacy, numeracy and well-being has supported student improvement through shared values and beliefs, collaboration and instructional leadership.

The year has involved academic, cultural, sporting and creative highlights. We have worked towards achieving set targets and learning goals, made adjustments where required and been progressive in our thinking to support student learning.

Once again, a positive team approach has ensured progressive change and identified areas of need with students learning addressed. As educators, we have an extremely important role and that is to embrace every student & family, nurture them socially & emotionally & provide a quality & inclusive education. Each student contributes to the overall environment of the school & I wish to acknowledge them.

I am particularly proud of the positive partnership that as a school we have developed with our aboriginal students, families and community and the contribution this has made to the opportunities provided for everyone. The creative talents amongst our staff have enhanced opportunities for our students. I thank them for being able to bring my ideas to life reflecting our local context.

I value the daily input of the interested, committed, caring, talented & giving staff, they embrace new learning opportunities to ensure students are provided with current and quality-learning experiences is acknowledged.

The P&C association and canteen committee are always available, friendly & available to the students of the school. The general school environment is the way it is because of this contribution . An amazing, cohesive group; whose contribution to the whole school is valued.

To you as parents/carers & the wider community who give on so many levels. I say thankyou. We could not do what we do without that extra support and valued partnership. To those families whose last child are leaving Wallerawang your contribution to the school over the years is valued and appreciated.

I thank everyone for your support and encouragement during 2018. This is truly a wonderful school and one, which I am very proud. We are Wang –where high expectations combined with strong values, beliefs and partnerships ensure we are all striving to do our very best.

Please take the time to offer a thought to those in need this time of year including those that are sick. We know that the things we take for granted daily are not guaranteed and kindness and goodwill to others is important all year round.

Wishing you all a happy Christmas filled with special memories with family, friends and may health, and happiness prevail in 2019.

Jenny Lamborn **Relieving Principal**

SCHOOL LEADERS 2019



Jai McMillan (Prefect), Bryce Carter (Prefect), Ty Hanrahan (Vice Captain), Mitchell Desch (Captain), Abbey Taylor (Captain), Lillian Reeve (Vice Captain), Marijke McLoughlan (Prefect), Millie Francis (Prefect).

ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS

We have now received our final results for the outstanding competitions completed this year. Students received their certificates at Assembly in Week 5. We had some outstanding results for some very challenging competitions and I was very pleased to see so many children participating.

UNSW Mathematics Competition

Distinction: Daniel Rose

Credit: Andrea Fitzgerald, Sally Rose and Riley Giles

Merit: Blake Rose

Participation: Tayla Murray, Alexandra Fitzgerald, Kade Anderson and Max Alexander

Australian Mathematics Competition

Credit: Daniel Rose, Blake Rose and Sally Rose

Proficiency: Paige Woolsey, Jarah Cafe, Keeley Collins, Blayde Allen-Wheeler

Participation: Lyndon Griffiths

Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition

High Distinction: Daniel Rose

Distinction: Blake Rose, Ellablu Boyling and Matthew Cramond Shield

Merit: Timothy Henderson, Paige Woolsey, Cooper Sutherland, Kade Anderson, Tiger Dunn, Mitchell Desch, Wyatt West, Marijke McLoughlan, Ned Alexander, Corey Williams, Jarah Cafe, Jai McMillan

Participation: Preston Cafe, Felicity Cummins, Hayden Way, Phoebe Milne, Alexandra Fitzgerald, Matilda Borham, Madison Dobson, Jessica Gearside, Ella Houlison, Alexander Jackson, Joel Lamb, Riley Muldoon, Bree Bush, Axel Cafe, Kara Handley, Tayla Murray, Lillian Reeve, Ty Hanrahan, Savannah Dargan, Kayla Law

Congratulations to all who participated and I hope that you consider trying again next year.

Katrina Foster

Competitions Coordinator

ACADEMIC COMPETITION







STAR STRUCK 2019

Marijke McLoughlan auditioned for Star Struck 2019 earlier this term. She had been successful in making it through to the workshop round. If selected from the workshop round, Marijke will be a featured solo performer at Star Struck in 2019. We wish Marijke all the best when she attends the workshop next year.

Kelly Gurney Stage 1 Class Room Teacher





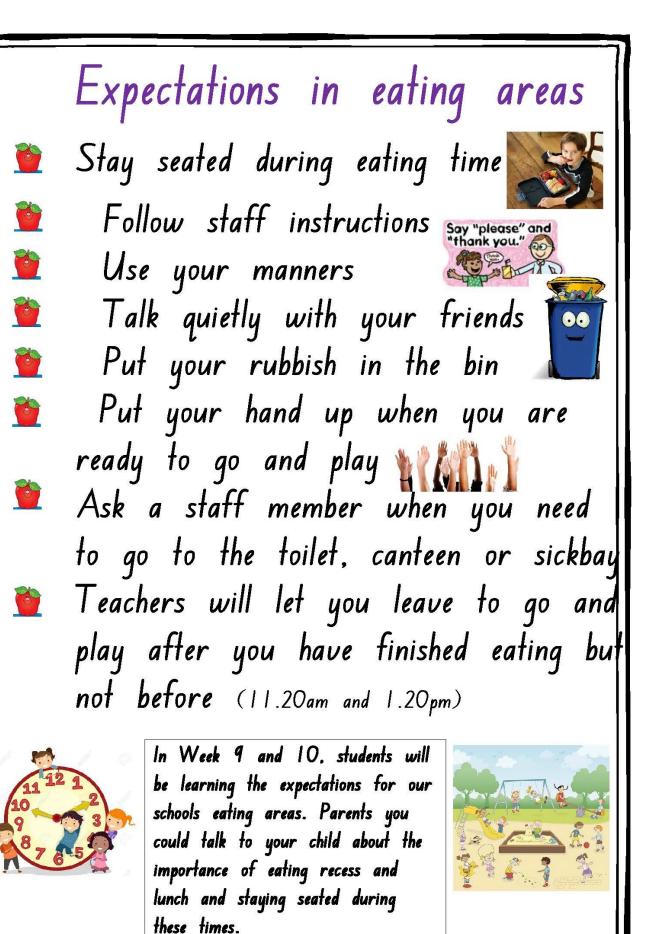


BREAKFAST CLUB

Over the last few weeks, students have had the opportunity to participate in a breakfast club on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Thanks to the Wallerawang Bakery for their generous donation of bread, the students can now enjoy toast with jam or Vegemite. Our breakfast club is manned by volunteer teachers, SLSO's and our school leaders. It has been a wonderful initiative and as you can see, our students enjoy the yummy opportunity.



Amanda Brown



Summer School Holiday Activities for primary school students

Check out our school holiday activities for primary school students!

Get an interactive presentation on the new \$50 banknote and discover banknote security features.

Explore the Museum with a treasure map and learn about the history of Australia.

Summer Session Times

Wednesday, 9 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm Friday, 11 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm Wednesday, 16 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm Friday, 18 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm Wednesday, 23 January, 11.00 am – 12.45 pm



Cost: FREE (bookings essential) Email: museum@rba.gov.au Phone: (02) 9551 9743

Reserve Bank of Australia Museum Ground Floor, 65 Martin Place Sydney NSW 2000 To find out more, visit: www.museum.rba.gov.au/events





LITHGOW DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHRISTMAS CHEER

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Please join us to celebrate the year that was with soothing sounds from our harpist & food to tantilise your tastebuds at Gang Gang Gallery, Lithgow

20TH DECEMBER 2018 | 5:30 - 7:30PM | \$40/HD - RSVP 18TH DECEMBER 2018 PRESIDENT@LITHGOWCHAMBER.COM.AU

Next year in Term 1. 2019 Go4Fun is coming to Lithgow!



A free after-school health program for 7-13 kids who are above a healthy weight and their families.

- Weekly games and activities for kids in the pool
- Fun, interactive discussions and activities about healthy foods, physical activity, behaviour change and self-esteem
- Practical skills such as meal planning, label reading and a supermarket tour!

Thursdays, 4:00 - 6:00PM (starting 7 Feb 2019) JM Robson Aquatic Centre

REGISTRATIONS OPEN - CALL 1800 780 900

| CANTEEN ROSTER | |
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| Jan/Feb 2019 | |
| Wed 30th | Susan Brodie Lynne Fosse |
| Thur 31st | CLOSED |
| Fri 1st Feb | Deb Williams Hannah Pender Holly Smith |
| Mon 4 th | Nicole Case |
| Feb | Kylie Archer |
| Tue 5th | CLOSED |
| Wed 6th | Cheryl Mason |
| | Kerry Brown |
| Thur ⁊th | CLOSED |
| Fri 8th | Sheree Scanlan |
| | Renee Bradford |

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Wallerawang Library invites you to Storytime. Tuesday mornings at 10.30am. Aimed for 3-5 year olds, however all ages are welcome. Includes: singing nursery rhymes, a story and craft. This is a FREE activity! Please join us.

<u>Alterations and Repairs for school uniforms and other items</u> Contact: Annette for a free quote on 0400 345 599 or on Facebook: Annettes Alterations and Repairs or email: scarboroughannette@yahoo.com.au

