

Wallerawang Public School

Important Dates



TERM 4 November 2019

November 2019	
Mon 11th	Remberance Day 10.45 am School Hall Early Birds Week 4 9.45-11.00am League Stars after school 3.30- 4.30pm Sportsfield
Wed 13th — Fri 15th	S3 Canberra Excursion
Mon 18th	Early Birds Week 5 9.45-11.00am League Stars after school 3.30- 4.30pm Sportsfield
Wed 20th	Opening of Memorial Garden 2.15pm
Thur 21st	LHS Science S ₃ in school
Fri 22nd	Assembly 9.15am School Spectacular
Tue 10th Dec	PRESENTATION DAY

Newsletter Term 4, Week 4-8th November 2019

Principal: Mrs Jenny Lamborn
Assistant Principal Early Stage 1/Stage 1: Mrs Amanda Brown
Assistant Principal Stage 2: Mrs Katrina Foster
Assistant Principal Stage 3: Mrs Katrena Fraser

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to week 4.

Early Birds

The Early Bird program has continued with our little ones for next year's intake. They are involved in activities with our kindergarten teachers and support staff. Each week they are settling a little more as they learn the routines and expectations of big school. The transition program successfully incorporates familiar faces from Pied Piper Preschool to help them adjust. These partnerships are an essential part of a collaborative approach to school transition as we work together so every student is known, valued and cared for. Over the next two weeks our Early Birds and families will be involved in school activities including Remembrance Day and a Presentation of our schools creative talents.

Twilight Fete

Last Friday evening the Wallerawang/Lidsdale P&C association combined with school staff to pull together an evening of entertainment and fun. The weather was just perfect reflecting an enjoyable family evening. Ms Gurney and the talented performers started the evening.

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Principal's Report Continued:

This incredible showcase of dedication and talent was a credit to both Miss Gurney and the students. Despite the technical difficulties the students unphased continued performing to a very appreciative audience, who acknowledged the confidence and skills this Creative Arts opportunity provides our students. During the evening we were all entertained by the combined talents of Stolen Profits and Bonniedoon. The rides, novelty games and stalls kept everyone entertained for many hours. Thank you to the Men's Shed who provided their services to cook the BBQ which resonates the wonderful community we have with everyone willing to help each other out. The fire brigade and police volunteered their time to give the students a taste of what this line of work involves, interacting positively with the children. The Chocolate Wheel was a huge success, thanks to the generosity of our local community and businesses. Local stall holders contributed to the evening, providing choice and variety for purchase. Tickets will continue to be sold for the P&C Christmas raffle for a night at the luxurious Emirates resort. Thank you to all involved in the Twilight Fair, particularly Renee Bradford and the hardworking group of P&C Executive and members whose tireless effort organising the evening is certainly acknowledged. As payments are finalised the final takings will be revealed. Go team Wang!

Swim School

There is no doubt that the week swim school starts the weather again turns cold, but our brave students have been learning and refining their swimming skills. Thank you to Miss Mitchell for her coordination.

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

Next Wednesday our stage 3 students are heading to Canberra for a 3 day excursion. They have been looking forward to this with anticipation. Mrs Fraser and the Stage 3 staff have been preparing for the adventure over many months. We wish them a safe and enjoyable trip as they explore Canberra and we look forward to hearing about their experiences.

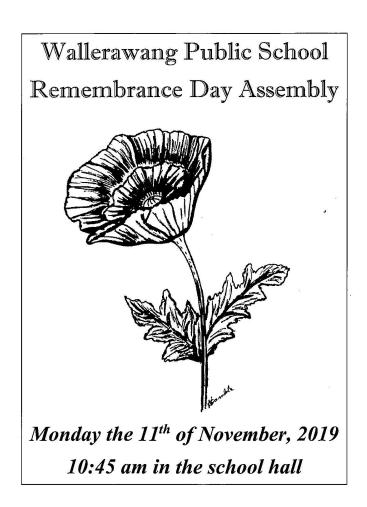
Week 5 organisation

Next week there will be some changes of routine: from Monday afternoon I will be out of the school until lunchtime Friday. I will be in Sydney until Thursday night at an Instructional Stream Principal Leadership Professional Learning and Friday morning at Finance training. Mrs Fraser will relieve as Principal on the Monday and Tuesday with Ms Foster taking over on the Wednesday and Thursday when Mrs Fraser is in Canberra. Mrs Brown will be on LSL during this week and Ms Reid will relieve as Assistant Principal.

Outdoor Learning Area and Memorial Garden – opening 20th November

The Outdoor Learning Area and Memorial Garden has been a long term planned project over many years. The fundraising efforts of the Wallerawang/Lidsdale P&C association and the focused determination of the school to create a reflective, passive and educational area to support an inclusive school culture has ensured a lovely space has been designed and completed. *The opening will be held next to the garden on Wednesday 20th November at 2.15pm.* It will involve all 3 aspects of the garden cultural, sensory and sharing of special memories. We would love to have the school community attend the official opening. Have a great fortnight.

Jenny Lamborn Principal



STAR CLASS FOR WEEKS 3&4 1/2 PINK

1/2 Pink who have been Respectful, Responsible and Safe students in our school



Congratulations!

Classroom Expectations

In Week 3 and 4, students will be practising classroom expectations and boot camp daily routines.

Learning intention: We are learning to follow classroom expectations and boot camp daily routines. Why? So we can improve our education in all areas and become self-regulated, independent learners who strive for success.

Be Respectful in the classroom:

- ✓ Use kind words and actions
- √ Raise your hand when you want to speak
- ✓ Encourage others to do their best

Be Responsible in the classroom:

- ✓ Take care of equipment
- Allow others to learn
- ✓ Follow instructions
- ✓ Sense of Urgency get started on your work quickly

Be Safe in the classroom:

- Follow instructions
- Be in the right place at the right time
- ✓ Look after your belongings
- ✓ Hands and feet to self (KAHFOOTY)





Parents, you could talk to your child about following classroom routines and expectations and the importance of learning.

WHEN DOES TECHNOLOGY USE BECOME A WELLBEING PROBLEM?



I had the privilege of meeting with Dr Philip Tam, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist this term who shared his research and practical advice in relation to both preventing and obtaining help for *Problematic Internet Usage*. There is a lot of advice available and I will aim to share it over a number of weeks in an

attempt to help you and your family develop a balanced plan for the use of big and small devices

(iPads, Xbox's, PlayStations, smartphones, laptops, DS's, Televisions etc.).

Part 1: "Get off that computer now!"

How many times has that been said in your household?

How does this problem arise? Do these issues apply to you?



- A parent has used screens as a babysitter in the past and now wants to change this arrangement;
- A child perceives you as being unreasonably strict with screen usage;
- A parent knows their child cannot self-regulate their time on screens and isn't sure what to do;
- A parent is worried about the effect of computers and video games on their child's moods, socialisation and learning;
- A parent without a plan and unsure how to create one;
- A parent who sees their child as having a computer or video game obsession and must stop it;
- A child who has learnt to play a power game with the home devices;
- A child without real world friendships trying to connect and entertain themselves online.

Finding a balance takes more than you think!

Video games are intoxicating in their appeal – they're fun, have fast and furious action, the challenges invite you in, and the screens are constantly feeding your brain with rich visual and auditory stimuli with minimal effort from you. These stimuli are so powerful that they set up a positive feedback loop hard to break. What's more the 'off switches' have not yet developed in a child's brain and don't fully develop in girls until 24 years of age and in boys until around 26 years of age. This makes it unrealistic to expect them to self-regulate. Even receiving a text message has been likened to receiving a hit from a drug. The more you receive, the more you send, and the better you feel (if they're positive of course).

With the addition of Problematic Internet Usage to the Diagnostic Statistical Manual for Mental Disorders (DSM-V) Dr Phillip Tam has developed some timely advice for parents and families here:

https://creatingsynergy.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Tam-HO-1.pdf

And a podcast here: https://www.knox.nsw.edu.au/latest-news/knox-parenting-and-digital-health-podcasts

Debra Mainwaring, School Psychologist and Endorsed Educational & Developmental Psychologist 3/11/2019



A FREE CONCERT FOR DROUGHT-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES BLAST FURNACE PARK, LITHGOW



SATURDAY 16 NOV | 2-9 PM

ODETTE

THE DELTA RIGGS

YOURS TRULY CITIZEN KAY CLAUDE HAY HOLLOW POINT PHAT BRASS AND MORE

FOOD AND MARKET STALLS
FREE SHUTTLE BUSSES FROM THE CBD



RHYTHMSECTION

All-ages alcohol free event, for info go to lithgowblast.com.au

A project funded through the Commonwealth Government Drought Communities Program

Term 4 Week 4

Assembley



















TWILIGHT FETE



2019





















BRILLIANT AT BEING RESILIENT









<u>School Vision</u>: Learners are supported in becoming independent, self-regulated, respectful, safe and responsible citizens in a complex and ever changing world

WALLERAWANG / LIDSDALE P & C RAFFLE

1ST Prize: One night mid-week accommodation at Emirates One & Only

Wolgan Valley in a Heritage Villa for 2 adults

2nd Prize: Luxurious iKOU pamper pack including: Diffuser Reeds,

Aromatherapy Bath Soak & De-Stress Lotion Pack





TICKETS \$1.00 each

Drawn: Tuesday 10 December - Presentation Day

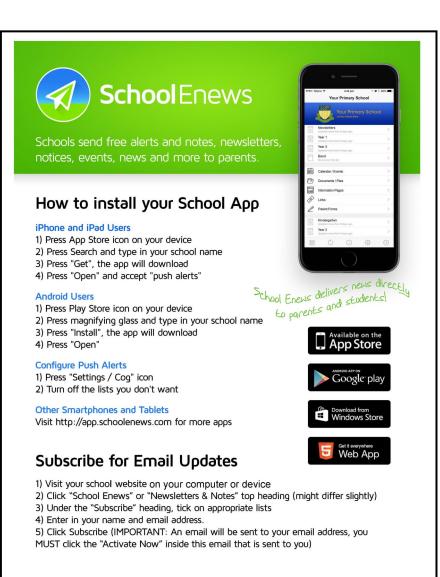
TICKETS TO BE RETURNED SOLD OR UNSOLD BY FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2019

Australian Government Funding

Later this term, Stage 3 students from our school will be undertaking an education tour of the national capital, Canberra.

Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program towards those costs. This amount has been factored into the total cost, along with a school rebate of \$20 per student from school funds, offering a valuable experience for our students at a reduced cost. The Parliament and Civics Education Rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



CANTEEN ROSTER	
November	
Mon	Sonja Ward
11th	Maureen Burley
Tue 12th	CLOSED
Wed	Kylie Williams
13th	Glenda Schroder
Thur 14th	CLOSED
Fri 15th	Elise Thomas
	Hannah Pender
Mon	Sue Warner
18th	Alison Lane
Tue 19th	CLOSED
Wed	Kerry Brown
20th	Melody Kent
Thur 21st	CLOSED
Fri 22nd	Kristin Law
	Christine Hicks
	Rebecca Hicks

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Web: www.antfitness.com.au

UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE PLACING AN ORDER WITH OUR SUPPLIER SO IF YOU NEED ANYTHING PLEASE ORDER BEFORE 15TH NOVEMBER.THIS WILL BETHE LAST ORDER TILL MID TERM 1, 2020.