



# Wallerawang Public School



## Important Dates

February 2019	
Thur 7th	<b>Meet the Teacher BBQ</b>
Fri 8th	<b>2019 Leaders Induction Assembly</b>
Mon 18th	<b>P&amp;C Meeting Library 6.30pm</b>
Thur 21st	<b>District Swimming Carnival</b>
Fri 22nd	<b>Welcome to Kindergarten Assembly 9.10am</b>

## Newsletter Term 1, Week 2 - 7th February 2019

**Acting 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 back to 2019 at Wallerawang Public School. I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas festivities and holiday break with family and friends. Once your back in the daily routine, it all seems like a distant memory. We are looking forward to a new year with added enthusiasm, a sense of pride and knowing that every student at Wallerawang Public School is known, valued and cared and that their journey of learning and improvement is owned by us all. As a school staff, we look forward to working with you in a valued partnership as we all develop and learn in our roles. As we look at one year's growth for one year's learning for our students we also look at the same for all staff including the leadership team.

### Staff Development Day

Mrs Brown, Ms Foster, Mrs Fraser and myself presented Professional Learning for all staff on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January. The day centred around our school plan with a focus on literacy, numeracy and well-being and our continued journey of school improvement in 2019. The day was highly engaging with all staff active participants in the day. Evaluation of the day was extremely positive and staff acknowledged the direct link with classroom planning and practices. Thank you to the leadership team for bringing this all together during the holidays. Staff and stage meetings will focus on Professional Learning every Monday afternoon, with organisational stage meetings held on a Wednesday morning for ES1/stage 1 and Thursday morning stage 2/3.

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## Staffing 2019

You will have a chance to meet our new and familiar staff at ***meet the staff BBQ this afternoon from 4.30***. This year we have welcomed several new staff members to our supportive school environment and I know they are already feeling 'right at home' with the welcome they have had from students, staff and community. The staff are filling temporary positions of staff on leave and alternative/higher duties roles across the school. We welcome to stage 1 Miss Colless who has experience in both Early Childhood and school settings, Miss Reedy from Kelso Public School and Mr Humphries from the Central Coast. They come with varied experiences and skills and will be a great asset to our school along with all our valued staff. Welcome to Wang! At the end of 2018 Miss Maiden gained employment at Wallerawang through a departmental training scholarship and Miss Mitchell and Mrs Bennett both gained permanent employment. As we continue with mentoring and coaching through Mrs Fraser as the literacy instructional leader we have also identified experienced staff to work alongside classroom teachers as they model, co-plan and co-teach. This will be extremely beneficial in the growth of our beginning teachers. Mrs Dick will be a part of this model as a knowledgeable, credible, supportive and approachable mentor. I am also delighted that I have been able to employ Mrs Christine Curran 2 days a week. Mrs Curran is a 'Wang' girl recently retired from Lithgow Primary. Ironically I worked closely with Mrs Curran when I first started teaching and learnt a lot from her as a beginning teacher myself. Ms Foster has returned to classroom teaching this year but also has many other roles across the school as Assistant Principal. Our aim is building on consistency across the school in all that we do so this year we have refined the role statements on the executive team: Mrs Brown will manage wellbeing as internal PBL coach, Mrs Fraser – literacy and Ms Foster – numeracy. I will continue in the role as Acting Principal with the job going to merit selection sometime in term 1. Please see the list of all staff across the school, as we work together for your children in 2019.

## Kindergarten and New Enrolments

It has been a busy start to the term welcoming 39 new Kindergarten students and their families, along with 10 new enrolments across the school. I have had the pleasure of meeting them and their families in enrolment interviews as they make Wallerawang community their home. Thank you to Miss Reid and Mrs Dogger and support staff Mrs Milliss and Mrs Clark for the smooth Kindergarten transition and school staff and students for welcoming our new students in true Wallerawang spirit. On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February the Mercury came to the school to take photos of our 2019 Kinders. ***On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February we will hold a 'Welcome to Kindergarten and Wallerawang School' assembly at 9.10am.***

## Best Start

This week Best Start assessments have commenced with Kindergarten students. Miss Reid and Mrs Dogger have been released from class to work 1:1 with students on literacy and numeracy. Once the process has been completed, parents will receive a Best Start report and this data will be used in planning programs and establishing learning goals for students.

## Swimming Carnival

Yesterday the annual school swimming carnival was held at Portland Pool. The pool is always pristine and a lovely setting for our annual swimming carnival. Students dressed in house colours and cheered their team on as they competed in events during the day. It is wonderful to see students involving themselves throughout the day and I congratulate those who placed and participated in events. We understand that not all students are able to swim at a competitive level or have the confidence to do so, but we have continued our swimming carnival to involve all students and offer as many alternative activities as possible during day. Thank you to the parents and members of the wider school community for their assistance during the day, your involvement helps to make these days possible. Records fell during the day, these along with champions, runner's up and winning house will be announced at the inducted assembly on Friday.

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## **Leaders Inductions**

On Friday, we are holding the induction of our school captains, vice-captains, prefects, house captains and SRC members. We would love to see family members in attendance, as we will involve you in the induction. A morning tea will be held after the assembly in the library with school staff and P&C catering.

## **Health Care Plans**

At the beginning of each year, we update all our health care plans and procedures. Mrs Brown will be coordinating this and will send previous plans home for you to update. Please ensure that you have any plans required from the Doctor – for example – asthma, anaphylaxis plans. If there is a health condition that we are unaware of please ensure that you make an appointment with Mrs Brown to ensure that the correct procedures are put in place.

## **Attendance**

Regular attendance at school is important. At Wallerawang we have policies and procedures in place to support regular attendance. Mrs Brown and I will be working on maintaining school attendance and ensuring that processes are followed for notifying and follow up of absences. A note needs to be sent within 7 days of non – attendance for the absence to be justified. There may be situations within that timeframe when the absence is not accepted as justified. Attached is parent information on school attendance for your perusal.

## **P&C**

The Wallerawang/Lidsdale P&C association are a valuable asset to our school community working in a positive partnership with school staff to support the students. Any help that you are able to provide with canteen, catering for events, fundraising and the many more activities they do for the school would be greatly appreciated. The first meeting will be held Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February in the school library at 6.30pm - everyone is welcome.

## **Community news**

Congratulations to Wallerawang resident and tireless worker for our community Roz Francis on being named Wallerawang/Lidsdale citizen of the year at the Australia Day ceremony hold at Wallerawang Sports club. A fitting acknowledgement for her dedication to the community.

I also wish to congratulate Wallerawang Men's Shed on their official opening on Saturday. This is an important part of our community and a place where men can socialise and be engaged in varied activities. I hope to work with them during the year in the construction of some outdoor activities for our students.

As parents/carers you are a valuable resource as a partner in your child's educational journey with us at Wallerawang. We appreciate the connection and acknowledge the research that families involved in their child's schooling increases performance.

Looking forward to an outstanding year of learning and opportunities.

Jenny Lamborn  
Acting Principal

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## 2019 Class Teacher and SLSO

Class /Year	Teacher	SLSO / ASLO
K Orange	Mrs Donna Dogger	Mrs Julie Clark
K Lime	Miss Kristin Reid	Mrs Jodie Milliss
1 / 2 Aqua	Miss Renae Maiden	Mrs Janette Redding
1 / 2 White	Miss Rhiannon Mitchell	Mrs Jenny Clark
1/2 Pink	Miss Kelly Gurney	Mrs Therese Davidson
1/2 Black	Miss Jessica Colless	
3/4 Green	Miss Nicola Reedy	Ms Jane Lang
3/4 Silver	Mr Zeus Humphries	Ms Breige Neale
3/4 Purple	Ms Katrina Foster	Ms Amanda Wright
5/6 Gold	Mrs Liz Bennett	Mrs Janelle Fraser
5/6 Blue	Mr Chris Campling	
5/6 Red	Miss Bonnie Coady	Mrs Janette Redding
RFF/mentoring	Mrs Sue Dick	
RFF – Term 1	Mrs Kellie Schenk	
Library / RFF	Mrs Bev Nancarrow	
Literacy Instructional Leader	Mrs Katrena Fraser	
Interventionist – 2 day/wk	Ms Christine Curran	
School Counsellor	Mrs Megan Cotterill	

## Administration Staff and Maintenance Staff 2019

Mrs Robin Staciwa	School Administration Manager	Mon, Tue Wed, Thur, Fri
Mrs Lisa Wright	School Administration Officer	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri
Mrs Kerry Bird	School Administration Officer	Mon, Tue Wed
Mrs Johanne Bennett	School Administration Officer	Wk 1 Thur, Fri, Wk2 Wed, Thur, Fri
Mr David Tilley	General Assistant	Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri
Mrs Kathy Heath	Gardener	

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# K LIME



# K ORANGE



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## Student Wellbeing



This week's school wide focus is:

### Moving around the school

**Focus:** being in the right place at the right time, quietly walking in two straight lines, keep left when walking up and down stairs.

In Week 2 and 3, all students will practise the procedures and expectations of moving around the school.

**Important rules to remember:**

#### Moving around the school

Be Respectful when moving around the school:



- ✓ Listen carefully and follow instructions of staff
- ✓ Walk quietly in two lines past classrooms to allow others to learn

Be Responsible when moving around the school:

- ✓ Walk in two lines behind your teacher
- ✓ Be in the right place at the right time



Be Safe when moving around the school:

- ✓ Walk at all times
- ✓ Carry your bag/equipment appropriately
- ✓ Keep to the left when walking up and down stairs

**Parents – you could talk to your child about the importance of:**

- ✚ The importance of being in the right place at the right time.
- ✚ Walking quietly in two line behind the teacher
- ✚ Being safe when walking up and down stairs



## Wallerawang Public School News Information

### iPhone, iPad, Android & Windows App - Email Subscriptions

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are pleased to inform you that you can now subscribe to receive newsletters, notes and year specific information via email and also access information and receive push alerts via our app.

We are pleased to be able to offer to you school news electronically. There are many advantages including:

- easy and direct reminders straight to your email account;
- simple to use mobile apps with alerts;
- your child will never forget or lose the newsletter;
- access to the newsletter if your child is absent from school;
- reduced photocopying and administration time costs to the school; and supporting our environmental initiatives.

Please note that any savings to the school is money that can be better used on classroom resources or for improving your child's school environment.

#### Get school news via our app AND receive instant alerts!



iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch app:

a: Open the App store, search for "Wallerawang Public"

Android app:

a: Open the Play store, search for "Wallerawang Public"

Windows and Windows Phone app:

A: Open Windows Store, search for "School Enews". Download, open app and search for "Wallerawang Public"

#### Subscribe for email updates

1. Visit our website at [www.wallerawang-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.wallerawang-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)
2. Go to top menu, click "Newsletter, Notes and Alerts"
3. Under the "Subscribe" heading, **tick on the "Newsletters List" and the appropriate other lists**
4. Enter in your name and email address.
5. Click Subscribe
6. **IMPORTANT:** An email will be sent to your email address; you **MUST** click the "Activate Now" inside this email that is sent to you.

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## Western Coaches Conference



The Western Region Academy of Sport (WRAS) are pleased to present a special event focused on helping representative and pre-elite coaches get the best out of their developing athletes in the Western Region.

Don't miss out on the chance to benefit from the wisdom of these elite coaches.

**Saturday 2 March**

9:00 am – 3:45 pm

Bathurst RSL, 114 Rankin St, Bathurst

\$35 (includes lunch and morning tea)

**Take a look at some of our guest speakers!**

### **Brad Donald**

Brad is the Elite Program Manager for the National Rugby League, overseeing all four of the codes: National Teams, Australian Schoolboys, Junior Kangaroos, Jillaroos and Kangaroos. In 2016 he was appointed the head coach of the Jillaroos, who are current Auckland 9's, Trans-Tasman, Commonwealth and World Champions.

### **Darren Wensor**

Working in Coach and Volunteer Development for Little Athletics, Darren is a specialist coach of young athletes. Working with Little Athletics and running the blog [coachingyoungathletes.com](http://coachingyoungathletes.com), he believes its a coach's role to inspire and empower others.

### **Sean Eadie**

A retired professional track cyclist, Eadie may be best known for breaking the Commonwealth Games record, coming in at 10.145 in the 200m and earning himself a silver medal. These days, he's the Cycling Track Coach for the NSW Institute of Sport and this conference is your chance to ask him about his experience as an elite athlete and coach.

**Topics covered on the day:** Skill acquisition, working effectively with parents, what a successful coach looks like, introducing strength and conditioning to athletes and managing training load, journey as a coach.

Join us and ensure you're helping your athletes reach their potential. For more information or to book [click here](#).

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## **Our contribution to waste reduction last year**

Our school, Wallerawang Public, is proud to share the news of our participation in Lithgow City Council's 'Low Waste Lunch' challenge! The challenge was launched across six schools with a total of 158 students participating.

With Australians producing a whopping 64 million tonnes of waste in a single year, schools in Lithgow City Council were determined to be part of the solution in the 'War on Waste'.

During the Challenge last year, teachers conducted a surprise lunchbox assessment, counting the amount of packaging in each student's lunchbox. Teachers, students and parents were then provided with activities, ideas and resources on how to reduce the amount of waste being produced at school. One example included using compartmentalised lunchboxes and avoiding 'convenience' products with excessive packaging.

After a second lunchbox inspection several weeks later, the amount of disposable packaging in student lunchboxes had reduced by almost 20%, leading to less litter in our playground and less waste in our bins! Thanks to this team effort, our school has won a worm farm, which will assist us in continuing our efforts to reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill during this new school year and future years.

Participating in this challenge has helped us to understand that preparing lunches in this way is not only better for the environment, but usually results in healthier lunches that cost less to prepare as well.

Well done to all the students, parents and teachers who participated last year. We look forward to seeing the continuation of these great 'low waste lunch' habits and ideas throughout 2019. Let's keep our efforts going in the 'War on Waste'!



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## UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop will be open.

Even weeks on Thursdays between 2-3pm

### Book Club Information

The first issue of Scholastic's Book Club 2019 has been distributed to students today and is due back

**21 February 2017.**



All orders are now completed online in 'LOOP' (Linked Online Ordering & Payment) system for parents/carers allowing you to place an order and make the necessary payment. Go to [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) for this option.

**The school earns reward points for each order placed and these points are converted throughout the year to add new books to our school Library.**

**Please note:** All books/items ordered will be forwarded to the school approximately 1 week after the closing date and then sent home with students.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

### FEBRUARY

Thur 7th	Closed
Fri 8th	Sheree Scanlan Renee Bradford
Mon 11th	Kay Buttigeg Sue Giokaris
Tues 12th	Closed
Wed 13th	Kristy Collins Evelyn Staff
Thur 14th	Closed
Fri 15th	Glenda Schroder Kylie Williams Kayla Duggan
Mon 18th	Emma Giles Denise Robinson
Tues 19th	Closed
Wed 20th	Kerry Brown

## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

### Zumba with Leanne

Strong by Zumba Tuesday 5.30pm-6.30pm

Kids Zumba Thursday 4.00pm-5.00pm

Zumba Thursday 5.30pm-6.30pm

Classes held at Coerwull Public School Hall, 319 Main St Lithgow.

Cost is \$10 per class or \$90 for a 10 visit pass.

Instructor: Leanne Howell

For more details visit the Facebook page: Zumba with Leanne

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# SWIMMING CARNIVAL

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# Compulsory School Attendance

## Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

