

# Wallerawang Public School



# **Important Dates**

March/April 2019	
Mon 25th	P&C Meeting Library 6.3opm
Fri 29th	SCHOOL, Photo Day
3rd & 4th April	Dental Clinic
4th April	Western Hockey Boys
5th April	Assembly 9.10am
April 12th	Easter Hat Parade

Newsletter Term 1, Week 8 - 22nd March 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,

As I write this week's newsletter I would like you to consider our school expectations of being safe, respectful and responsible. These are school wide in every setting in the school, K-6 and clearly displayed across the school in bright colourful signage. As part of the Department of Education's Wellbeing Framework and Wallerawang Public Schools Wellbeing policy we want every student to connect, thrive and succeed. The commitment to our students, parents and members of the community is that public schools will be teaching and providing learning environments that enable the development of healthy, happy, successful and productive individuals. In turn, our students will be expected to contribute to their own wellbeing, the wellbeing of their peers and the collective wellbeing of their communities. In this way schools in partnership with parents and carers will equip children and young people to be active and positive contributors to the society in which they live.

# **Western Swimming**

Congratulations to the students participating in the Western Swimming trials at Dubbo last Thursday. Many achieved personal best times on the day with students enjoying the experience. Thank you to Mrs Brown for managing the team and accompanying them to Dubbo.

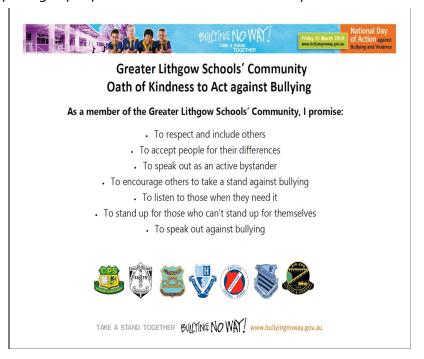
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# **National Day Against Bullying**

In the week leading up to and on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, along with other schools in the Lithgow Valley community, students participated in classroom activities and a K-6 assembly. The Lithgow Valley school representatives have been involved in writing an Oath of Kindness that you see below, this was then presented to students at Wallerawang at an assembly organised by Mrs Brown. Thank you to Mrs Brown for working with our students and ensuring the anti-bullying message is communicated to our students and school community. I have taken the 'Oath of Kindness' over the years as part of the message my mum has instilled in me over the years and that which she reminds my own children of: if you are not kind nothing else matters – with kindness comes compassion and caring. We are reminded that we never know what is happening in people's lives so a kind word is always best.



# Peachey/Richardson

I certainly like to watch and encourage our schools sporting teams. I have been involved in these days for over 10 years and they are such a great day of opportunities, sportsmanship and fun. Students at Wallerawang are very fortunate to have the opportunities they do with the support of school staff – thank you Mrs Dogger and Miss Mitchell. Congratulations to all the students participating in the day – experienced and newcomers to the game of league. Thank you to our coaches Kyle Willmott, Tim Reeve, Evan Carter and Matt West and to Pugsley and Mark Griffiths for helping the boys and girls on the day, without you the students do not have such experiences – as your skills and knowledge is invaluable. I am particularly proud of the determination our students display and their inclusion of others. I must also say that as a member of Wang Junior League for over 7 years – working with others to reinvigorate the game in our town to have the greatest number of teams entered is encouraging. Go Wang!

## Western Soccer Trials

I am delighted to announce that Bailee Honeysett will be a playing in the Western Region soccer team. It was wonderful to see the sheer excitement on her face when she shared the news with us. Bailee will play as part the PSSA NSW competition representing her school, Lithgow District and Western Region in Lismore. We are very proud of Bailee and share in her excitement. Congratulations Bailee and we look forward to presenting the Allan Beecroft award to you to help you on your journey.

### **Executive Director and Director School Visit**

On Wednesday, we had a visit to our school from Mr Dean White – Executive Director and Ms Debbie Hughes – Director – Lithgow Network. It was a pleasure along with school leaders to welcome them to Wallerawang Public School. Ashton Bullock and Grant Davidson Acknowledged Country on their arrival. They joined school staff for lunch, before meeting with the leadership team to discuss our school plan and the work we have been a part of in terms of the Network Narrative for student improvement through a culture of high expectations.

# School Safety Before and After School

Under the Department's <u>policy</u> school staff, parents/carers and students all have a responsibility to take reasonable measures to protect students against risk of injury or harm. This extends to the entry and exit of students to school grounds. Whilst I do not enforce the rules around school zones the police do, but importantly the safety of all students is paramount. I stress that by parents using the supervised crossing before and after school, you are reinforcing and modelling the importance of crossing the road safely.

# **Harmony Day**

Yesterday was the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Harmony Day. Harmony Day was established to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity and to be a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. Harmony Day is all about togetherness and kindness, about sharing experience and knowledge.

As I conclude this fortnight's newsletter, I wish to offer my thoughts to the family of Principal Colleague Stan Kowalski and offer my thanks to a man who helped me on my journey in Public Education through guidance and support.

As I wear my green stone with pride this week and think about my family in New Zealand I am reminded of the importance of tolerance and respect to create harmony.

Jenny Lamborn

**Acting Principal** 

# National Day of Action Against Bullying.

Last Friday our school participated in National Day of Action Against Bullying. Lillian, Abbey, Marijke and Millie attended Lithgow High School several weeks ago along with students from all our local schools. Together they developed a pledge of Kindness to counteract bullying. At our assembly on Friday the students of Wallerawang recited this oath of Kindness. Stage 2 and 3 student's shared anti-bullying posters that they had created with Mrs Nancarrow and Ms Schenk and we watched a lovely movie where Ms Schenk interviewed students about being kind. Wangaroo even made a special appearance to sing along and dance to our special 'Respectful, Responsible and Safe' song. At recess and lunchtime we engaged the sports captains and our Paw Patrol team to set up and run activities to encourage participation and friendship. Our playground was covered in messages of Kindness that the students created with chalk and at lunch time we had parachute games, ten pin bowling, skipping, colouring in and games.



# **Star Class for Weeks 7& 8 5/6 Blue**

5/6 Blue have been Respectful, Responsible and Safe students in our school



Congratulations 5/6 Blue

WELL DONE YEAR 6 for raising \$490.50 cents at the cake stall. This is the highest amount ever raised at a cake stall. So a massive well done to all of you!!



### **BOOK FAIR**

Thank you to our wonderful, supportive, awesome community for a very successful Book Fair on Friday 8th March. We sold \$4897. This gives us \$1618 worth of new books for our library (\$1048 books kept from Book Fair at 35% commission and \$570 still to spend at 30% commission).

I will be very busy now getting all these fabulous books ready for borrowing.

Mrs Nancarrow

Teacher Librarian

# DAVID PEACHEY SHIELD & RICHARDSON CUP

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, our school attended the Russel Richardson 'Development' Cup and David Peachey Shield gala day at Kremer Park in Portland. The gala day is to encourage boys and girls to play rugby league. The games are played in a supported environment with modified rules and smaller field sizes to allow for a positive experience. Wallerawang entered two teams in both the Richardson Cup and Peachey Shield competitions.

All teams were comprised of both experienced and new junior Wallerawang Warriors and Lithgow Storm players. In typical 'Wang' spirit, all of our boys and girls competed with respect, encouraging and supporting their peers and other teams. We welcomed Koby from St Joseph's Portland to join our Peachey team so that he was able to be included in the day.

The 'Wang 2' Peachey team made it through to the finals along with Cooerwull Public School. The game was try for try with the two teams on equal points at full time. This meant that they had to continue to play until one of the teams scored the golden try to win the game. Wallerawang put in a huge effort working together as a team but it was Cooerwull that managed to find the line first to win the match.

To finish off a great day of football our very own Jarah Café was named player of the day by the NRL event organisers. Congratulations Jarah!

We would like to thank our parent helpers Tim Reeve, Evan Carter and Kyle Willmott for helping with training sessions and also a big thank you to Matt West, Tyler West and Mark Griffiths for assisting with the running of the teams on the day. Without our incredible community support, activities like these cannot go ahead.

Miss Mitchell & Mrs Dogger

# PEACHEY SHIELD & & RICHARDSON CUE



# WELL DONE WANG!







# **Write 4Fun writing Competition**

The Write4fun national schools writing competition is now open. You can enter online at http://www.write4fun.com with entries closing 31st March 2019. Entries are to be student's own work - a short story (500 words max) or a poem (16 lines or less). First prize is \$1000 cash with \$500 going to the school and \$500 going to the student as well as their choice of an iPad, Xbox, PS4 or \$500 Rebel sport gift card. Selected finalists will also have the opportunity to have their work published in a hardcover book. This is a great opportunity for students to show their creativity .

Mr Humphries

# **Infants Easter Hat Parade**

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April, Infants students will be participating in the annual Easter Hat Parade. Students will entertain you with a variety of songs and dances whilst showing off their hand made Easter hats followed by a family picnic on the grass. Further details will come home on a separate note regarding the Stage 1 hat making afternoon and organisation for the parade. This is one event you will not want to miss!



# Wallerawang Public School Student Wellbeing



This week's school wide focus is:

# Being a focused and productive worker

Focus: Work expectations, area expectations, having equipment ready, focus on urgency!

In Week 8 and 9, all students will practise the procedures and expectations of being a focused and productive worker

# Important rules to remember:

# Be Respectful when being a focused and productive worker:

- ✓ Use kind words and actions
- ✓ Raise your hand and wait to speak
- Encourage others to do their best
- Minimise noise by using inside voices at all times



# Be Responsible when being a focused and productive worker:

- ✓ Take care of equipment
- ✓ Have all your equipment ready to begin work (urgency)
- ✓ Allow others to learn and respect their personal space
- √ Follow staff instructions
- ✓ If unsure of how to complete a task Ask 3 (peers) before you ask me (teachers)

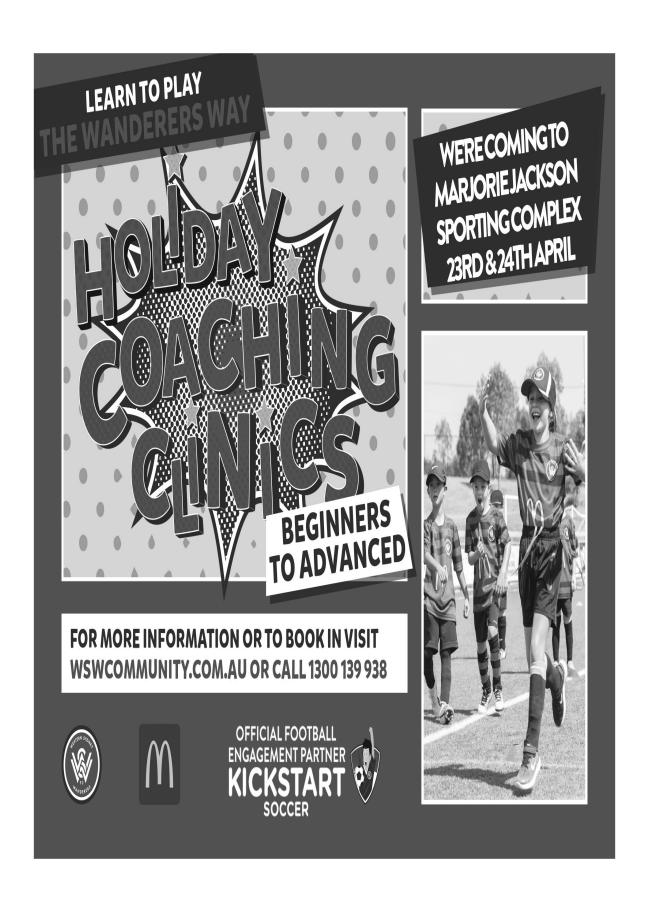
# Be safe when being a focused and productive worker:

- ✓ Be in the right place at the right time
- ✓ Look after your belongings
- KAHFOOTY Keep all hands and feet and other objects to yourself
- Report problems immediately
- Walk around the classroom

#### Parents - you could talk to your child about the importance of:

- Following expectations
- ♣ Why education is important





LITHGOW JUNIOR HOCKEY

NEW **PLAYERS** WELCOME

# SIGN UP NOW

All junior competitions start:

Saturday, April 6

Lithgow Hockey Complex, James Muir Drive, Lithgow

# REGISTER

Registration fees for 2019 season:

- Under 7s \$100
- Under 11s \$100Under 18s \$120

All fees include individual registration and affiliation, umpire fees and turf fees with Lithgow Hockey Association (does not include Hockey NSW fees). Active Kids rebate can be claimed when registering.



www.revolutionise.com.au/lha/



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Lithgow Hockey Association



# **UNIFORM SHOP**

Uniform Shop will be open.

Even weeks on Thursdays between 2-3pm

### **Book Club Information**

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 **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.

2019 School Contributions are now due

\$30 FOR ONE STUDENT
\$60 FOR A FAMILY

CANTEEN ROSTER		
MARCH/APRIL		
Mon	Emma Giles	
25th	Denise Robinson	
Tue	CLOSED	
26th		
Wed	Brooke Coolidge	
27th	Melody Jane Kent	
Thur	Closed	
28th		
Fri 29th	Debbie Williams	
	Holly Smith	
Mon 1st	Sue Warner	
April	Vicki Shumack	
Tue 2nd	CLOSED	
Wed 3rd	Susan Brodie	
	Lynne Fosse	
Thur 4th	CLOSED	
Fri 5th	Sheree Scanlan	
	Renee Bradford	

# COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD HOT HITS TENNIS TUESDAY AFTERNOONS TERM 1 & 2

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL AGES 3-12YEARS
PLEASE CONTACT TRACEY GREEN ON 0430 722 215 FOR MORE INFORMATION