Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Wallerawang Public School for 2013. I hope you all enjoyed the festive & holiday season and are ready for an exciting year ahead full of opportunities & experiences. It is wonderful to welcome new families into our school as well as continuing to foster relationships with established school families. I also take this opportunity to welcome back the enthusiastic & committed teaching staff.

Kindergarten 2013

On Thursday 42 delightful Kindergarten children joined our school community. The very successful Early Bird program run prior to the commencement of Kindergarten ensures that transition to ‘big school’ is smooth and this year was no exception. It was wonderful to see the support from parents, grandparents & family members on the students first day of school. This support is extremely important in ensuring a solid & positive partnership between home & school. I read with interest on Friday morning about Daniel Geale taking his youngest daughter to her first day of school after defeating Anthony Mundine the night before to become middleweight champion of the world. It was a statement that was made in the article which immediately got my attention ‘Men who rise in the morning so they don’t miss their daughter’s first day of school have their priorities right. The moral compass doesn’t go awry with these ones.’ Yes time does move forward, children grow & priorities in life change & just like Daniel Geale we all face our daily challenges with work & family commitments, but research clearly shows that if education is valued & positive relationships fostered between school & home, children do better at school on all levels. I look forward to getting to know you all and working with you in your child’s educational journey.

I would like to thank Miss Reid & Mrs Warner supported by Mrs Walsh & Mrs Clark for their hard work over the past week in ensuring that the children are settled in to school routine. As a Kindergarten teacher myself I know how tiring the first few weeks are when the students are extremely reliant on their own teacher. These teaching staff work through the day without a break to ensure their new students are safe & happy, this doesn’t go unnoticed & is very much appreciated. We look forward to welcoming all the children at Friday’s assembly & invite families to join us for this.
New Enrolments
Along with our new Kinders we have welcomed other new students & their families into the school.
Welcome to Grady Roach (year 6), Maddelyn Neaves (year 5), Connor Marshall (year 4), Khye Cameron (year 4), Derrick Shead (year 2), and Matilda Borham (year 1). These students will make a positive impact on the culture of the school.

School Staff
I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Katrena Fraser to our committed leadership team. Mrs Fraser joins the team as Assistant Principal Stage 3 & brings with her a wealth of knowledge & experiences to complement our existing staff.

Class structures
Confirmation of enrolments and staffing is finalised at the end of week 3. We are currently on 271 enrolments which is very encouraging. Our numbers are certainly stable, with a slight growth on 2012 enrolments. I don't anticipate our staffing allocation will change at this point. Please see page 5 for an outline of current classes & roles within the school.

Stage Information Sessions
Parent information sessions will be held in Week 3.
Kindergarten (Early Stage 1)
Tuesday February 12 6-7pm
Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2)
Tuesday February 12 7-8pm
Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4)
Wednesday February 13 6-7pm
Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6)
Wednesday February 13 7-8pm

Australia Day celebration
It was a great privilege to see our very own Mrs Di Van Der Velden awarded the community citizenship of the year award at the local Australia Day celebrations. This was an extremely well deserved award for a lady who has always given to the community on so many levels. Di continues to give selflessly to organisations & individuals. She is generous of her time, her knowledge & her skills. I listened with interest to all that Di has done over the years, that we don't know about because she is always so incredibly humble.

On behalf of Wallerawang Public School staff, students, parents & wider community I would like congratulate Di and thank her for all she does for us. We would certainly be lost without her. The school & the P&C association presented Di with a lovely bouquet of flowers in acknowledgement. Thank you to the students who came along to the celebrations and joined in with the singing, it is always difficult during holiday time, but important to ensuring community relationships are fostered.

School Garden
I would like to say thank you to Sharon, Marty, Billy & Emma Rushworth, along with Nicole Woolsey for maintaining the school garden during the holiday break. I was very excited when just after New Year I took a relative visiting from New Zealand to see the school. It was on dusk and as I walked up the side of the hill how delighted I was to see how the garden had grown. I was able to sample a fresh pea, which brought back fond memories from childhood of eating them fresh from my dad's vegetable garden. I was able to pick a zucchini & look at the corn maturing on the stem. To add to the experience a mob of kangaroos grazed on the hill.

On Thursday Sharon, Nicole & Kimberley Gunnuolson picked corn, zucchinis & cucumbers & dug potatoes to enter into Rydal show. Each class was given the opportunity to see the produce produced. Thank you to Sharon for taking the entries to Rydal. How exciting to see Wallerawang Public School on the entry ticket and to come away with a first for our salad vegetable collection. The school also entered art & pottery into the show. We hope to have some fresh produce from the garden for sale after Friday’s assembly.

The garden was a combined initiative in 2012 and clearly demonstrates our strong partnership with our parent body.
Sportsfield Upgrade
As reported at the end of last year the sportsfield upgrade was due to go ahead. During the last couple of days of term 4 and during the start of the holidays local landscaper Chris Ray started working on the field. Unfortunately the weather hasn’t been completely kind to us with heavy storms just after topsoiling & seeding & very heavy rain, then extremely hot days & nights, but it is now beginning to take shape. Some areas require a little extra attention. We will give it at least a month before children are allowed back onto it to ensure that it has the best opportunity to thrive. I would like to thank the P&C association along with you as a community for your support with fundraising towards this.

Sports Captains
Congratulations to all the students who nominated & those who were elected junior & senior house captains. I look forward to your involvement on a variety of levels during the year starting with Wednesday’s swimming carnival. Presentation of badges will take place on Friday with family members invited to attend. At Wallerawang School we always welcome input from our students & parents. This year the outgoing sports captains will present the incoming captains with their badges. This idea was suggested to me by Holly Beecroft & I thank her for her positive contribution.

Swimming Carnival
The swimming carnival is taking place tomorrow. I wish all competitors best of luck as they compete. Once again it is important that children are ‘having a go’ and displaying above all else good sportsmanship & encouraging each other. The district carnival will be held at Portland Pool on the 15th February for those students placed in individual events.

NRL One Community
On Friday Kyle Myers from Penrith Panthers will visit our school at 10.30am as part of the one community initiative. We look forward to his attendance. Parents are welcome to be in attendance at this following Friday’s assembly. He will be available for some autographs following on hats, jumpers etc.

Reg Cowden Sports Awards 2012
Our record breaking girls state finalist soccer team will be presented with their team trophy for being winners for the month of September. This will be held on Friday 22nd February at the Lithgow Workmen’s Club from 6.30pm. Tickets are available from the council at the cost of $30 an adult & $10 a child. I look forward to joining the girls in celebration of their achievements.

Pre School Director
In the holidays I was part of an interview panel to employ the new director for Pied Pier Preschool. It was a pleasure along with other members of the panel to offer this position to a long term & respected member of the Early Childhood Profession, Trudy Magus. I look forward to working with Trudy in continuing the strong partnership developed with the Pre School.

Snake Season
Schools are always busy places with lots happening. On Friday just before the commencement of the school day we had an unwell guest near our cement water tank, this area is out of bounds to students. As two parents were making their way to the vegetable garden up the side of the buildings a tiger snake was sighted in very close proximity to them both. A team effort between Mrs Rushworth, Carol McSorley, Norman (the snake man) and I, ensured the snake was captured and removed from school site. As we headed back towards the main building Norm asked if he could go via the Principal’s office, it was with a laugh that Carol explained to him that I was standing next to him. Although a little embarrassed that he hadn’t realised because of our valuable assistance he rendered his snake removal free of charge. I am certainly not a replacement for ‘turtle man’ but I needed to ensure the safety of our students.

Community Announcements
On behalf of the school community I wish to congratulate Mr & Mrs Morrow, Abby, Lachlan & Kayden on the birth of a healthy little girl Maleah Ann Morrow. May your new addition bring you much happiness.

I wish to congratulate ex-student Rebecca Clark on her permanent teaching appointment at Claremont Meadows & being granted ‘targeted graduate status’. Rebecca is a delightful young lady who is currently completing her honours degree. She will be an asset to her school community bringing enthusiasm, new ideas & dedication. I had the pleasure of supervising Rebecca on her 3rd year practicum when doing some casual work for the university; she is an extremely good operator & will make an exceptional teacher. It is wonderful to see people like Rebecca entering the teaching profession. I also wish to acknowledge & congratulate Jessica Dick who is the latest recipient of the Hoskins Scholarship.
Jessica has been accepted into the Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Diagnostic Radiography) course at Newcastle University. She has shown a commitment to both her studies & supporting the community and is wished all the best as she progresses with her studies.

To all ex-students who have started high school, apprenticeships or progressed on to tertiary studies all the best as you enter another phase of your lives.

In wrapping up I ask you to keep the lines of communication open with teaching staff. It is important that children comply with school rules & expectations & I ask you to be supportive of these in ensuring a safe, happy & productive learning environment for all. Students of Wallerawang have many opportunities & I look forward to being supportive of & joining in these experiences & opportunities. May the year ahead bring good health & happiness.

Jenny Lamborn—Relieving Principal

Crunch&Sip®

Our school is committed to improving children’s health through education and by supporting the Department of Health’s Crunch&Sip® initiative.

Crunch&Sip® is a set break for students to eat fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom, every morning.

We invite you to support your child to participate in Crunch&Sip® by providing a clean water bottle to sit on the desk and a piece of fruit or vegetable each day for Crunch&Sip®.

For further information, you may also like to visit the Crunch&Sip® website at: http://www.crunchandsip.com.au

Thank you for your support.

Canteen Helpers Needed!

Wednesday 13/2

Please contact Kimberley Gunnulson on 0409 319 356 or the school office on 6355 1210 if you can be of assistance.
# Class Structure and Roles 2013

## Teaching Staff

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**Teacher Librarian and Technology**
- Mrs Beverley Nancarrow (Mon-Thur)
- Mrs Susan Dick (Mon/Tue/Wed)
- Ms Donna Lang

**Reading Recovery / RFF**
- Mrs Jennifer Gale (Mon-Thur)
- Ms Donna Lang

**Support Teacher Learning**
- Mrs Jennifer Gale (Mon-Thur)
- Mrs Anna Ossig-Bonanno (Wed)

**School Counsellor**
- Mrs Marjanna Gilchrist (Thur)

## Administration and Support Staff

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**Learning Support Officers**
- KW Mrs Leanne Walsh
- KR Mrs Julie Clark

**General Assistants**
- Mr David Tilley (12 hours per week)
- Mrs Kathy Tilley (3 hours per week)

**Joss Cleaning Staff**
- Mrs Carol McSorley
- Mrs Julia Hughes
Canteen Roster

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Community Announcements

Mu Yeh Taekwondo

Do you want to improve your self-esteem, self-confidence, self discipline and general fitness? Learn the exciting Martial Art and Self Defence system of Taekwondo! We cater for juniors, seniors, or the whole family! Mu Yeh Taekwondo specialises in street-wise, women's and children's self-defence. Enquire about our new Little Dragons class for 4-6 year olds!
For more information phone Head Instructor Steve Ashbridge, 6th Dan Black Belt, on 0409305327. Classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at Wallerawang School Hall. You can also visit their website at www.muyehtaekwondo.com

Hippers (Ages 5-8) = 3:30pm—4:10pm
Hoppers (Ages 9-13) = 4:20pm-5:00pm

Cost= $8.00 per lesson (Family discounts available)

Hip Hop Kids is an exciting fusion of modern music and hiphop moves that’s all about fun and participation. Who knows....
We may help create the next Justice Crew.

Book now!
www.hiphopkids.com.au

Lithgow Physical Culture Club
Fun, fitness & friends

Classes begin Tuesday 12 Feb 2012 at Cooerwull Public School
$6 per class
Girls from 3 years to ladies welcome
Inquiries to Melinda Mills 0417288143
www.lithgowphysi.com.au

Lithgow Pony Club would love some new members! If you are aged between 4 and 24, have access to a horse or pony, and are keen to learn riding and horsemanship, then we would love you to join us.
Rally Days are held 1st Sunday each month, beginning Sunday 3 February. Check out our Facebook page, or call 6355 980 or 0413 380712 for more information.

Saddle up 😊

WALLERAWANG PLAYGYM
Movement and Fun

WHERE: Wallerawang School Hall
WHEN: Tuesdays—2 sessions—10:30am & 11:30am
WHO: 2-5 year olds

Exciting equipment, fun activities, singing and musical instruments, different themes each week, great ideas for play with your child, friendly group leaders and opportunities to meet other parents/carers and children.

For more information please contact Janine, Fiona or Joanne at Katoomba Community Health Centre—4782 8201

Central Tablelands Mountain Bike Club
CTMBC

CTMBC races every Tuesday night at Rydal and all riders are welcome. The trail is flattish and easy enough for anyone to get around in their own time but gets harder the faster you try to go. Despite the “racing” tag the club is relaxed and you’ll find a welcoming, encouraging environment rather than the racer boy mentality. There is not even a podium. It’s all getting out there, pushing your own limits and having fun. For 2013, CTMBC is offering free entry to kids and women for the entire Tuesday night series. There are some licensing costs but the club will waive your first day licence so you can see if you like it without paying a cent.