Dear Parents and Carers

I would to thank students, staff & parents for the settled start to 2013. The children are settling into routine well with an understanding of expectations and what is required to ensure a safe & happy environment. Please ensure that if difficulties arise you take the initiative & make contact with teaching staff so issues can be dealt with promptly.

Swimming Carnival

Last Wednesday I had the pleasure of attending our school swimming carnival. Once again lots of extra work goes into these events to ensure our students have opportunities & experiences. I would like to thank Mrs Nancarrow for her overall organisation & coordination of the swimming carnival & to all the staff who supported her on the day. This year children wore coloured arm bands to identify swimming ability which was a great assistance to staff & lifeguards. Activities were organised for students who were not competitive swimmers in house groups. It was wonderful to see the number of children who were willing to ‘have a go’ swimming in lanes 1 & 6 with life guards close by in case they got into difficulty. The sportsmanship of all the children and the support of the parent body was once again outstanding and certainly made for a very enjoyable day.

Congratulations to all those competitive swimmers who were racing each other and the clock. Records were broken on the day in different age groups and in some cases the records were broken by both the 1st & 2nd placegetters. Congratulations to the following students who broke records on the day by recording some very impressive times: Ebony & Ben Seymour, Ryan Neale, Tahnee Lamborn, Erin Luchetti & Emma Sheehan. Age champions and runners-up were announced on the day and trophies will be awarded later in the term.

Congratulations to those students who placed 1st & 2nd in their respective races, they will now move onto district representation on Friday at Portland Pool. Wallerawang is hosting this event and I thank Mr Campling for his organisation around this. The WSSA swimming trials will be held in Dubbo on the 8th March.

I would like to thank the Portland Pool committee for supporting these events. They are always extremely obliging & helpful with the pool & keep the grounds extremely presentable.

Rugby League – One Community

On Friday we were lucky enough to be joined by 3 Penrith Panthers Rugby League Players & a representative from Country Rugby League as part of the One Community initiative as they move around schools addressing bullying. As part of this they showed a short DVD, talked about experiences that they have had with bullying & at the end outlined their own football career & answered questions associated with this. Posters, stickers & magazines were left for the students & school footballs were signed. Our two school captains & representatives from both Wallerawang Warriors junior league & Lithgow Storm were photographed with the players. Leading on from this on Friday Country Rugby League will run a skills workshop during the day in sports sessions & in the afternoon as part of Wallerawang junior rugby league muster day. If you have children interested in playing rugby league in the upcoming session please bring them along. A committee meeting will be held after the muster day in the school library.
Information Sessions
Last night Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 held a very successful information evening with great attendance. I thank stage leaders & teaching staff for facilitating these sessions & keeping our school community informed about the school routine, learning programs, extra curricula activities and all the wonderful things we have to offer at Wallerawang Public School. Tonight stage 2 & 3 will hold their informative sessions.

School Education Director visit
Yesterday Mr Harvey School Education Director for the Bathurst School Education Group visited our school. It is always nice to welcome Mr Harvey into our school and share with him initiatives & programs for the year. School leaders also had the opportunity to meet Mr Harvey & share some stories with him.

Photos
Yesterday Kindergarten students for 2013 & our school leaders were photographed by Carolyn Piggott for the Lithgow Mercury. We thank Carolyn & the mercury staff for their support of the school publicity. It is always great to see the students of our school in the local media. New Kindergarten students will feature in the Lithgow Mercury on the 23rd February and School Leaders at the beginning of March.

Staff Professional Learning
Towards the end of last year school staff participated in the first module of Aboriginal Pedagogies training at Lithgow High School, this continued on Monday afternoon, with one more session to go the following week. The training centres on the 8 ways Aboriginal pedagogies.

PSSA
As we begin selection processes for PSSA sport, it is important that students are given opportunities in a variety of sports & this year we have added a few extra including tennis & netball. Once again we welcome parent areas of expertise with coaching teams. Tennis is first with Mrs Walsh assisting with the process & currently asking for children to put their names forward. We also hope to be able to field a PSSA football team if numbers allow & this will follow shortly. District trials will also take place for a variety of sports during the team. This year we have spread them more equally amongst schools. This ensures Wallerawang will have an opportunity to run some district trials. Once again it is important to have parent & community support to allow this to continue. As with any children’s sport, Code of Conduct clearly applies for everyone involved.

Community News
Congratulations to Erin Luchetti who swam with the Lithgow swimming club at the Mountains and Plains championships on the weekend. Also to Tahnee Lamborn who swam & ran in a duathlon at Portland Pool early on Saturday morning as a fundraiser for Andrew from ANT fitness in Portland who is raising money for heart research as part of his quest to run in the New York marathon. A well organised & fun event and which I am sure a few sore bodies this weekend for people who may not be as fit as they once were. I am sure Tahnee’s dad can vouch for that one. I like to keep up with and acknowledge students for all the extra things that they do so please keep me up to date.

Have a great week and to all the romantics amongst us have a great valentines day.

My quote for this week comes from Charlotte Whitton; "It's how you deal with failure that determines how you achieve success.”
Jenny Lamborn
Relieving Principal

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P&C Meeting Monday Feb 18
6:30 Canteen Meeting—7pm General Meeting
All Welcome

Is dried fruit OK for Crunch&Sip®?
Although fresh fruit is the best choice, a small amount of dried fruit (eg sultanas or apricots) is an acceptable Crunch&Sip® option.

Dried fruit tends to cling to the teeth, so is best eaten with a meal or when a toothbrush is handy.

NOTE fruit straps, bars or rolls are NOT acceptable as they contain large amounts of sugar.
Junior and Senior House Captains 2013

AWA
Olivia McDonald  Cooper Nunan
Maddelyn Neaves  Sam Petersen

THOONDU
Luke Luchetti  Kayla Giles
Kyle McMillan  Lily Forrest

GILI
Brooke Lewis  Dane Hart
Max Gordon  Hollie Cameron

WOLGAN
Rachel Cook  Carmen Schindler
Ryan Neale  Lachlan Wilson
### Annual Swimming Carnival

#### SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

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Our annual swimming carnival was once again a great success. We had perfect weather, wonderful participation and great sportsmanship. A fun day was enjoyed by all the children.

Thank you to our families who came along and supported the children. A big thank you to all our parent and grandparent helpers.

Many records were broken on the day with some from quite a few years ago.

**Ben Seymour** broke 4 records - 9 years boys freestyle—45:94 (5 seconds faster), junior backstroke (11 seconds), junior butterfly (11 seconds) and the junior medley by 2 minutes—WOW!

**Ebony Seymour** broke 4 records - 11 years 50m freestyle, breastroke and butterfly and the senior girls medley by 25 seconds.

**Tahnee Lamborn** broke 2 records - 12 years girls 50m freestyle and senior girls 50m backstroke by 5 seconds.

**Ryan Neale** broke the 10 years boys 50m freestyle record with a time of 46:87.

In junior boys backstroke both Ben Seymour (1st 1:01:50) and Ryan Neale (2nd 1:10:19) broke the record of 1:12:83 from 2009.

The senior girls medley record of 4:25:11 was broken by both Ebony Seymour (1st 4:00:31) and Erin Luchetti (2nd
News From 1/2B!

Stage 1 has been reading ‘Greetings from Sandy Beach’ by Bob Graham. 1/2B have been talking about the beach and reminiscing about family holidays to the seaside. We have also written Acrostic poems about the beach, made our own suns and painted our very own yellow submarines.

Here are some of our Acrostic poems we wrote:

Beaches are full of blue bottles.
Everyone is swimming around.
A blue bottle will zap you.
Come to the beach!
Hot sand and hot chips!
By Tylah Piggott

Birds like to fly
Everyone is swimming
All the people like to play
Crabs pinch you
Hermit crabs live on the beach!
By Paige Woolsey

Birds take your food
Everyone goes to the beach
At the beach it is fun
Crayfish live in the water
Hot day today!
By Oliver Taylor

Beaches are for people.
Everyone’s swimming and boggy boarding
At the beach it’s hot
Come and play beach volley ball
Hermit crabs live in a hot shell.
By Logan Ward

Uniform News

The uniform shop will be placing orders with suppliers. If you require any sports or winter uniforms please order now or you may miss out. Order forms are available from the front office.

Wanted

If you have any empty egg cartons, please leave them at the front office.

Centacare Bathurst
FAMILY WORKER
(Maternity Leave Relief)
Portland Family Resource Centre

Centacare Bathurst is seeking to employ a person with current (or working towards) early childhood qualifications for the role of Family Worker in its Family Resource Centre project (funded by the NSW Department of Family & Community Services) based at Portland Central School and outreaching to Wallerawang and Coonamble.

The position is for 30.4 hours per week from 11th March 2013 till 12th August 2013 and two days per week on a job share basis thereafter.

The project aims to improve the social, emotional, and learning outcomes and wellbeing of children. It works closely with families and service providers in the region, creating strong networks and maximising the use of available resources to strengthen families and the community.

Enquiries and Selection Criteria to: Laura George, Phone: 6331 8944 email: laura@centacarebathurst.com.au

Applications to: Terri Mayfield, PO Box 1215, Bathurst. 2795 Email: terri@centacarebathurst.com.au

Closing date: 15th February 2013
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

Hip Hop Kids Starting Term 1!

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

2013 Netball Muster Days

Wallerawang Indoor Sports Stadium
Saturdays 16th and 23rd February
10am—12noon

Are you interested in playing hockey? Zig Zag Junior Boys and Girls Hockey is holding a muster day at Club Lithgow on Tuesday 19 February from 5:30 – 6:30pm. Come and join us for a free sausage sizzle. There are teams to suit boys and girls aged from 5 - 15 years. If you want to try hockey for the first time, please come along and sign up. New players are very welcome.

Please call Chris on 0418395927 (Girls) or Rebecca on 0431644235 (Boys) for further information.

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

Lithgow City Rangers Soccer Club Inc.
Muster Days 2013

When: 19th and 21st February & 1st March
Time: 4pm—6pm
Where: Marjorie Jackson Soccer Complex Lithgow
For further information please contact President Nigal Lloyd on 63512697

Junior Basketball Competitions 2013
Names required for junior girls and boys by Monday 25th February

Girls—play Wednesday afternoons
Boys—play Thursday afternoons
Contact Rae Swift on 63521723