Dear Parents/Carers,

How fast the term moves along with so much continuing to happen on so many different levels, within the classroom, in sports & extra curricula activities. The children are very settled and it is encouraging to see that we have not needed to bring out the playground tracking sheets. Students are following the school rules and supporting their peers. The children have not had as many areas to play or spread themselves around playgrounds due to the sports field upgrade & the resurfacing of the stadium floor and I commend them for accommodating this without too many difficulties.

Swimming Carnival

On Friday I had the pleasure of attending the Lithgow District swimming carnival. Wallerawang was the organising school and thanks to the commitment and organisation of Mr Campling the event went off without a hitch. Mr Campling recently went to Dubbo for training in Meet Manager, a program used in the Olympics for recording students, events, times etc. all electronically. Mr Campling with the support of Ms Foster spent many hours prior to the carnival recording information so it would be ready for the recorders to enter information directly. This means accurate information can be generated in regards to where children place in events, age champions & runners – up and accumulated points for the district trophy. It is a positive move forward for Lithgow PSSA.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL the students from Wallerawang who participated on the day, we had a large squad representing who once again demonstrated skill, competitiveness, encouragement of each other and good sportsmanship. Some outstanding times & results were recorded over the day along with students from Wallerawang being named amongst the champions & runners – up. Erin Luchetti was senior champion with Tahnee Lamborn senior runner up, Ebony Seymour was the 11 year girl’s champion and Ben Seymour was junior runner up.

The following students will represent their school and district on the 8th March in Dubbo: Holly Beecroft, Bailey Brown, Tahnee Lamborn, Erin Luchetti, Luke Luchetti, Ryan Neale, Tylah Piggott, Ben Seymour, Ebony Seymour, Emma Sheehan, Hayden Wittingslow, Ella Zorz, Piper Woolsey and Wade Fraser.

We all waited in anticipation for the winning school to be announced and as WALLERAWANG were announced district champions a large roar went up from the remaining crowd (if I was being totally honest the loudest was probably from me). Once again an incredible sporting achievement by a committed group of students & very well deserved. I felt extremely pleased for all our senior swimmers who swam in their last district swimming carnival representing Wallerawang. They have contributed so much to our sporting success particularly over the last two years. Once we have the shield I will arrange for engraving and Carolyn Piggott from the mercury will come and take a group photo of all the representing children. Thank you to parents, grandparents & family members for your support & encouragement on the day and to the Portland Pool committee and staff for accommodating our needs and providing an outstanding venue.
**Reg Cowden Sports Awards**

On Friday the girls’ soccer team will attend the Reg Cowden Sports awards with family, friends & teaching staff. The accolades continue for this great team of girls and their wonderful coach and manager. The team will receive a trophy for being overall winners for the month of September after their amazing success at both regional and state level. They will then go back into the pool of award recipients over the year for a chance as overall winners. I know that everyone is looking forward to the event where we will once again get to acknowledge this team’s sporting achievements.

This is a small exert from the submission I forwarded;

‘They have been nurtured and encouraged along their path to success by Coach Chris Anlezark who has developed their skills and confidence. Beyond all else they have been outstanding and wonderful ambassadors for Wallerawang School and appreciative of the support that the school and wider community offer to allow these sporting opportunities. They are humble in their wins, happy to be playing for their school and embedding this as one of the most memorable experiences of their primary education, not realising the magnitude of their success for the school and the town.’

*Good luck Wallerawang Public School girls’ soccer team we are incredible proud of your achievements.*

*Enjoy the evening.*
School Vegetable Garden
The school vegetable garden continues to flourish with the care & attention of our school gardening crew with the ongoing support from Mrs Rushworth. We got a first place at Rydal Show with our vegetable collection and I thank Sharon for taking the time to submit our entries. Currently we have a great supply of cucumbers & zucchinis, with some corn nearly ready to pick. The money raised from the sale of the vegetables will go back into the garden and I thank you for supporting this with your purchases. Hopefully we will have some produce ready for the Lithgow Show. Re-planting of winter seedlings will take place on the 15th March.

Maureen Newell Encouragement Award

Congratulations to Ebony Seymour who is the recipient of the Maureen Newell Encouragement Award. This is provided by the estate of the Mrs Newell a highly accomplished musician. The $500 dollars has gone directly to support Ebony to cover costs associated with her musicianship in piano. The school also acknowledges the $100 dollars towards our school music program.

Rugby League development
On Friday Mick Armstrong from Country Rugby League worked with primary students in skill development and then stayed on in the afternoon for the Wallerawang Warriors Junior Rugby League muster day. The first training run will be held at Wallerawang oval on the 15th March at 4.30. All interested players are encouraged to attend so spread the word amongst the communities. Wallerawang junior Rugby League is extremely supportive and encourage and nurture children in the game of Rugby League.

PSSA sport and District trials
Mrs Walsh has been busy with tennis trials for both boys and girls. She has been very fair with this process giving both Stage 2 & 3 students the opportunity to try out. Mrs Walsh will be in charge of selecting & training the girls team & her expertise in this area will be a great support to the selected team. Mr Campling & I will support with the selection of the boys’ team. Mr Campling will also be working with our students in selection for district basketball try outs beginning Thursday. District basketball trials will be held on March the 6th at Wallerawang. Lithgow District PSSA cricket trials will be held on the 1st of March in Lithgow, any interested children should speak to Mr Campling who is doing an outstanding job as sports coordinator.

Information Evenings
Thank you to parents and teaching staff for supporting the information evenings across the stages. We welcome feedback on these evenings.

It is wonderful to see so many families involving themselves in different aspects of school life. There were new faces at the P&C meeting on Monday night and volunteering in the canteen. The children love seeing you in the school and we all appreciate your support.

Congratulations to Scott & Kelly Hart and Troy and Jay Cameron who were married on the weekend, also to Daniel and Cara McLoughlan on the birth of their twins.

Dylan Miles continues his sporting prowess coming away with a bronze medal at the regional championships in Dubbo on the weekend.

The weather continues to be kind to us, with beautiful days and misty mornings. Enjoy your week and the opportunities it presents.

The quote this week comes from Vince Lombardi ‘There’s only one way to succeed in anything, and that’s to give it everything.’

Jenny Lamborn
Relieving Principal
There is now a notes tab on the school website.

The school website has been updated, check out the "Our school" tab to find out more about uniform, traditions, school rules, and more. Lost an important note? The "permission notes" tab has copies of all notes for you to download and print at home.

Year 6 Fundraising Committee
This term we will be forming the Year 6 Fundraising Committee which will work together to raise money for the Year 6 gift at the end of the year. The committee will be responsible for helping to organise different fundraisers throughout the year and will also be assisting us in identifying a suitable gift for the school.
Thank you to all the parents who have already volunteered their time to help out with fundraising.

Our first meeting will be at 7pm on Wednesday 27th February in the school library.
We would love to see some extra faces willing to help out. If you are interested and can spare a little time to assist please come along to the meeting or contact Katrena Fraser at the school.

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. Please note that the uniform shop will be closed on the next two Mondays 25/3 and 4/3

Wanted - Egg Cartons
Thank you for your empty egg cartons so far! Lots more are still required so please leave them at the front office for Mrs Auld.
3/4C—All About Me!

This term in 3/4C we have been working on a topic which each member knows so much about and can contribute to...THEMSELVES! We have been doing writing using adjectives, poetry and have started drawing our class and friendship portraits. For homework students also created Me Boxes telling the class about their special interests. I hope you enjoy our pictures and writing.

Enormous
Angry
Mindful
Young, and
Nice

By Eamyn Quinn

Joyous
Amazing
Special
Playing
Awesome at games
Having fun

By Jaspah Edmonds

Smiley
Hot
Excited
Lovely
Brave
Young

Shelby McCann

Caring
Oustanding
Understanding
Recreative
Tidy
Nice
Excellent
Young

By Courtney Martin

Ryan is tall, thin, tough, noisy and has light brown hair with blue eyes. He is happy and a good cousin. He is the best cousin in the world!

By Ethan Holder

Courtney is short, thin, loud, chatty and turns red when she is angry!

By Brooke Lewis

Harrison Livingston
**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

**HipHop Kids Starting Term 1!**

 Hip Hoppers (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

There are limited spaces available in each class so bookings are essential. Payment is not required until the program starts in Term 1, 2013. Book online or call 1300 656 695.

**2013 Netball Muster Days**

**Wallerawang Indoor Sports Stadium**

Saturdays 23rd February 10am—12noon

**Workies Redbacks Football Club**

Muster Days
New Players
Friday 22nd February 3:30-5:30pm
Friday 1st March 3:30-5:30pm
Marjorie Jackson Sporting Complex

Enquiries: Lia Jennings 0407 897 890
Fiona Slater 0429 070 471

**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: 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
Central Tablelands Mountain Bike Club CTMBC

CTMBC races every Tuesday night at Rydal and all riders are welcome.

The trail is flatter 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.

www.ctmbc.net
Craig Flynn, President 0448 513 172
Looking For Volunteer Host Families

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Finland, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Find out more!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Sylvia Kelly
Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs
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Online: http://www.wep.org.au

Filled with beautiful stories from our students and host families, we hope you enjoy our latest newsletter: