March 6 2013 Term 1 Week 6

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Newsletter day seems to come around quick with lots happening in between. During my week and days I have many emails sent to me on many different issues and every now and then I get one which is rather inspirational. This one on Monday morning was forwarded by Dr Paul Brock – Director of Learning and Development Research for the Department of Education and Communities. He will do a presentation at the Principal’s conference that I will be in attendance at in Dubbo next week. I am sure that you as I do ponder the future and really wonder what it does hold for your own children. This you tube clip is a palindrome. A palindrome reads the exact opposite backwards as it does forwards and this one is truly brilliant, as not only does it read backwards the meaning is the exact opposite. The video is called the Lost Generation and was submitted in a contest by a 20 year old. The contest was titled “u @ 50”. It only goes for 1 minute 44 seconds. It is very simple but extremely thought provoking. I urge to take the time to read and listen by simply going to Google and typing in lost generation – you tube. I hope you get as much out of it as I did.

Western Area Swimming Trials

Wallerawang is sending the biggest team in the Lithgow District to the swimming trials in Dubbo on Friday. All the best to the following students: Holly Beecroft, Bailey Brown, Wade Fraser, Tahnee Lamborn, Erin Luchetti, Luke Luchetti, Ryan Neale, Tylah Piggot, Ben Seymour, Ebony Seymour, Emma Sheehan, Hayden Wittingslow, Piper Woolsey and Ella Zorz who will compete in a variety of events. I know that they will all do their very best, whilst enjoying the opportunity to represent their school and district in the Western Region trials. Mr Campling will accompany the students as the Lithgow District representative. I thank Mr Campling for his time and commitment to ensuring that all the students in the district are placed in correct events. This hasn’t been an easy process with some hiccups along the way. Once again this is a commitment beyond the normal work day and has consumed many hours.

Student Representative Council (SRC Representatives)

Thanks to Mrs Fraser for getting the SRC up and running at Wallerawang. Students were elected onto the SRC by their peers and the student leadership group are automatically part of this. With Mrs Fraser’s support they have had their first meeting and have some great ideas to support the school and charity organisations.

Skip Counting Program

Thank you to all those parents who committed to the skip counting program. I am sure that you will enjoy the opportunity to learn about this aspect of Numeracy and how to support children in the program.
Year 6 fund raising committee

Thank you to those parents who have already indicated that they would like to be a part of the year 6 fundraising committee. Please see Mrs Fraser if you are interested in joining this committee. The committee with the support of year 6 children will provide a BBQ lunch and a cake stall on the 22nd March as a part of a soccer & tabloids gala morning. More information on this event will be sent out shortly.

District Basketball Trials

The district Basketball trials is being held at the stadium today. Mr Campling is coordinating this. Good luck to the boys & girls from Wallerawang who are trying out. Children selected at the level will then move onto the Western Area Basketball trials in Cowra on the 20th March.

District Cricket Trials

Good luck to Lachlan Wilson and Tanvir Singh who are attending the district cricket trials in Lithgow today.

Glenrock

Plans are well under way for the stage 3 Glenrock excursion. Many hours of work go into preparing for this excursion to ensure that it is a valuable & safe learning experience for the students. Policies & procedures in line with excursion guidelines need to be followed with the organisation of overnight excursions as it is a big responsibility for the attending staff.

Road Crossing Safety

Please ensure that are using the crossing of an afternoon and a morning. This ensures the safety of your children.

Drop off Zone

Please remember to exercise caution in the morning drop off zone. This does get rather congested at times. Be considerate of others and ensure above all else the safety of students exiting cars.

The Australian Curriculum

Staff will continue Professional Learning in the Australian Curriculum at Monday’s staff meeting. I will endeavour to provide you with information in regards to the Australian Curriculum in newsletters to give you an overview and keep you informed.

This week I will start with:

WHAT IS THE AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM?

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), in collaboration with states and territories, has developed agreed Australian Curriculum for English, Mathematics, Science and History. Each of these learning areas includes content statements that represent essential learning for all Australian students.

It was with interest I watched the section on Sunday night about Steve Waugh and the inspiration that he got from Mother Teresa when setting up his fund to support children with very rare genetic disabilities. I thought this quote to be pertinent for the week.

“If you judge people, you have no time to love them.”

MOTHER TERESA

Jenny Lamborn
Relieving Principal

The office is now receiving Voluntary School Contributions, the cost is as follows:

One Child $25.00 per year
Family $50.00 per year

Reminder Glenrock Deposit and final numbers due this Friday 8th March 2013.

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.
Students in Class 1/2F have been enjoying creating fantastic works of art as part of an integrated unit of work that Stage 1 students are currently working on this term.

Aspects of this unit including creating artworks that include different types of lines.
"Not all lines are the same. Some are curved, some are zigzag and some lines are even curly-whirly."
Quote by Charlotte Dunn - Class 1/2F.

Some artwork has also been linked to the books we have been reading in Stage 1. A recent story was “Greetings from Sandy Beach” by Bob Graham.
The heroine of the story got to take home a souvenir of her time at Sandy Beach. Our class also created our own Souvenir!
“A souvenir is something you take away from a place to remind you of the happy memories you made there.”
Definition by Max Dellabosca - Class 1/2F.
We have a great time in our class producing high quality works of art!!
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.

My Favourite Place

My favourite place is Sydney. I like going to Luna Park and riding on the ferries. My dad and I made a model of Sydney to show some of the wonderful things that you can do there. My favourite place to go in Sydney is the big shopping centre. You can spend lots of money there but you can also grab some terrific bargains.

When I decided to make the model dad and I had to first of all chop some different sized pieces of wood. We then stacked them on top of each other to make the buildings and towers. Next we painted it using a light green. After the paint dried I labelled the buildings and towers with thick black texta. We then used sticky tape for the roads and paths. I had a lot of fun making this model with my dad.

By Benjamin Seymour
from 3/4G
**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

**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

**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.

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**Bedwetting**

A new DVD based program, Bedwetting Cured, has been developed by Dr Mark Condon and Physiotherapist, Margaret O’Donovan. It outlines a successful program for parents to implement at home with their children.

For more information and a free Bedwetting Fact Sheet please visit the website: www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au
Or phone 1300 135 796

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**LITHGOW DISTRICT FOOTBALL**

**DISTRICT PRESENTATION TEAMS MUSTER DAY**

**FRIDAY** 8th March 2013 3.30-5.30pm
**SATURDAY** 9th March 2013 3.30-5.30pm

Marjorie Jackson Sporting Fields Lithgow
10 years and up Boys and Girls

Enquiries: Steve Jennings 6351 2912
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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.

www.ctmbc.net
Craig Flynn, President 0448 513 172