Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached week 7 of what has already been an extremely busy term and still lots to go before the end of the 11 week term. The involvement of students, staff and the wider community ensure that a variety of things are always happening to accommodate the varying needs of our school community. As I drove to the Hunter Valley on the weekend to ‘A Day on the Green’ to see Neil Young & Crazy Horse’ I reflected on the week that had past. It is very rewarding when you do have time to think about all the things that happen in our great school. Just to give an example of the week in review. Mr Campling continues to be active in sport ensuring that things are organised well in advance and is accommodating to everyone’s needs. This started on Wednesday with his organisation of the Lithgow District Basketball trials and continued until late on Friday night when he returned from the Western Region swimming trials in Dubbo. He ensured that all the children representing the Lithgow district were supported & accommodated. As a follow up from the basketball trials Janelle Fraser willingly took the basketball uniforms and washed them, on Monday she busily scrubbed the school sign. Tennis training continues under the watchful eye of Mrs Walsh who has been spending time outside of the school day helping the team consisting of Ethan Van Der Velden, Dylan Walsh, Tanee Lamborn and Emma Sheehan learn the finer art of tennis before they play Cudgegong Valley in Mudgee next Wednesday. Mrs Quinn and Ms Gurney have started pulling the girl’s hockey team together with the support of Melanie Quinn who will use her skills to train the girl’s team. This will be played before the end of term. The Richardson Cup & Peachey Shield team have commenced their training sessions under the watchful eyes of Barry Jackson, Jason Nunan and Corey Stockton. The interaction and encouragement that they give the boy’s regardless of their experience level is very encouraging. Sharon Rushworth and her band of committed students continue to work on the vegetable garden. With husband Marty on call to fix gates and fences when required. A planting session of winter seedlings will happen this Friday. Friday assemblies continue to be a time of rewarding & celebrating all the good things that happen in a week. It is wonderful to see the support of families and the commitment of teaching staff to their weekly presentations. I also commend our school leaders for the job they are doing at weekly assemblies, they are following Mrs Fraser’s lead and setting a great example. The sporting equipment purchased with Ms Graham’s initiative is being used throughout the school, for structured lessons and during play time. The unicycles are lots of fun and I can vouch for this after Friday’s effort. I even managed to stay upright. We are waiting on the delivery of a table tennis table which the students will enjoy. Hopefully with more fundraising opportunities we will be able to purchase at least one more of these. Ms Gurney will teach students the art of table tennis. Ms Foster has using her areas of expertise in numeracy to support staff and train parents with the skip–counting program. I thank Ms Foster for the time she has giving to getting this project off the ground and the parents who have committed time to running the program in classrooms during the week. This has just been a small sample of all the wonderful things that happen, above and beyond the daily classroom activities which continue to be provided for your children.

Sports updates

Congratulations to the swimmers from Friday. Lots of Personal Bests were recorded, some by a large margin. Mr Campling has a copy of the results if you are interested in finding out times for your children. Some outstanding times were recorded over the day.
Cricket
Congratulations to Lachlan Wilson & Tanvir Singh who were selected as two of four children in the Lithgow PSSA cricket trials. They will travel to Dubbo next Friday for consideration for Western Region selection.

Tennis
Congratulations to Dylan Walsh who represented the Lithgow District at the Western Region tennis trials in Bathurst last week.

Basketball
Wallerawang will have a good representation next Wednesday when they travel to Cowra for Western Region selection as a part of the Lithgow PSSA team. Well done and all the best to Hayden Wittingslow, Thomas Fraser, Lachlan Wilson, Tanvir Singh, Holly Beecroft, Hannah Whyte, Shaqkyra Quinn, Erin Luchetti and Alexis Cathie.

Lithgow District Football Trials
On Friday Cooerwull be holding the Lithgow PSSA football trial for both boys & girls. Mrs Brown & Ms Foster will be organising it from this end and Mrs Brown will be accompanying the children. We hope to also have Chris Anlezark involved in the selection process. The Western Region trials for football will be held in Dubbo on Friday 5th April.

Dubbo
I am writing this newsletter from Dubbo where I have & continue to be engaged in a Learning & Leadership Conference with Western NSW Principals. This has involved our Regional Director Mrs McDiarmid, Keynote speakers Professor Geoff Master, Mr Greg Prior – Deputy Director General and Dr Paul Brock. Today I will do a small presentation with other Principals about the Leaders Leading Learning program instigated at the beginning of last year with the support of the Bathurst SEG leadership team. I thank the executive staff for leading this project, teaching staff for working with to ensure good models are in place to improve, planning & practice & ultimately student outcomes.

Breaking the Barriers
I recently submitted an application to St Vincent De Paul Society under their ‘Breaking the Barriers’ initiative. The focus of the application was providing quality literacy resources to support our school plan & programs within the school. I am pleased to announce that thanks to the generosity of this foundation they have pledged a considerable amount. I look forward to further discussion with the society so we can proceed with orders. This is just a sample of the wonderful work that St Vincent De Paul does within the local district.

Soccer Gala Day
Next week we will be holding a soccer gala/tabloid sports day to replace the Fun Run as a fundraising activity. The money raised from this fun day will go towards adding to our uniforms for representative sport. The P&C association commenced this process with the purchase of our football/touch gear, now we need to ensure that the other sports are covered so all children look like part of a team & feel comfortable in their attire. The year 6 fundraising committee will provide a BBQ & cake stall on the day. Prior to the fun day a Grandparents assembly will be held in the hall, followed by a morning tea. Information has been directed to you for the day. If you have any further questions please talk to Ms Gurney, Ms Graham or Mrs Warner.

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As I mentioned at the beginning of the newsletter I attended Neil Young and Crazy Horse as an open air concert at Bimbagen. Although not the normal country rock I like to see Neil Young play and sing it was one of those concerts that your never know if they will return to Australia to perform again. So it is timely I leave you this week with a quote from one of his songs The Painter – ’if you follow every dream you might get lost’.

May the week bring good things.

Jenny Lamborn
Relieving Principal

Year 6 Fundraising Meeting

When: Tonight Wednesday 13th March 2013
Time: 7pm in the school library.
National Ride2School Day

It is National Ride2School Day next week on Friday 22nd March.

National Ride2School Day is Australia’s largest celebration of walking and riding to school. It is also a chance for new riders and parents to experience riding and walking to school for the first time.

National Ride2School Day helps to promote the benefits of physical activity and active transport to the health and wellbeing of our children. The organisers are concerned by the fact that Australia has witnessed a decline in activity rates amongst the young in recent years. In the 1970s more than 80% of students walked or rode to school but that number has fallen to only 20% today, even though a vast majority of Australian students live within two kilometres of their school.

Students who participate will receive a National Ride2School Day sticker upon arrival at school and will get a taste of the benefits and fun involved in choosing active transport.

For their safety, Stage 1 students should always be accompanied by a parent or carer if they ride or walk to school.

All students who ride a bike or scooter to school are reminded that they must wear a helmet and that they have to dismount and walk across the crossing under the direction of the crossing supervisor.

Tennis News

District Tennis

Congratulations to Dylan Walsh in 5/6K for representing the Lithgow District last weeks Tennis Western Trials in Bathurst. There were only two children from this area, Dylan being the only boy. For four and a half hours, 25 young Rodger Federers slogged it out in singles matches in a round–robin elimination, where only five were chosen to form the Western Team to travel to Albury. Unfortunately Dylan didn’t make the final team this year, but he played his best and even managed a few aces. Well done for displaying great sportsmanship and representing your school.

School Tennis Team

Best of luck goes out to our School Tennis Team, consisting of Emma Sheehan, Tahnee Lamborn, Dylan Walsh and Ethan Van Der Velden. They will be travelling to Mudgee next Wednesday to play their first match against Cudgegong Public School. They have been putting in a great effort with their after school training and we wish them a fun and successful day. Thank you also to their parents in supporting the teams training.

Clean Up Australia Day

We wish you a great day cleaning up your local community!
**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

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**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

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**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.

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**Lolly Boxes**

Friendly Reminder:

The Lolly Box Money is due back Friday 22nd March.

Please return all the money or any unsold lollies by this date. Thank you for your help..

There are extra boxes available at the front office.

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***Canteen News***

Reminder that there will be no lunch orders available on Friday 22nd March due to the Year 6 Fundraising BBQ.

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**Sports Gala Day Meal Deal order forms**

have been sent out today. The orders are due back next Monday 18th March.

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**Book Club News**

I have received a book which was on backorder from issue 1 of Book Club. I didn't record the name of the owner. If you are waiting for a book to arrive please call at the office with details of the title and it's yours. Mrs Van Der Velden.

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Email: wallerawan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
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.

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Craig Flynn, President 0448 513 172