Dear Parents/ Carers,

On Saturday afternoon I had the pleasure of attending the Lithgow Show with my family. After a long association with the Portland Show Society over many years I know the incredible amount of work that goes into the organisation with committed volunteers. Shows are all about showcasing rural communities and I know that the ‘older’ generations always looked forward with anticipation to their outing to the show. It was certainly an event on the social calendar, where people caught up, shared stories and talked about the entries on display. I can clearly remember my Grandmother, Dad and Aunty spending many weeks prior preparing the entries they would submit, from handiwork to vegetables. They always dressed up in their finery and on many occasions walked away with the award for ‘best dressed’!

Congratulations to the organisers of this year’s Lithgow Show. Your hard work should be acknowledged, without people like you the strong traditions and values that come with shows in rural communities would not continue. It was wonderful to see the displays on show and we are particularly proud of the achievements of Wallerawang School students. It is always very exciting to see Wallerawang Public School's name. It is an acknowledgement of the hard work of the students, staff and community that support the programs on offer. Ms Lang and Mrs Dick need acknowledgement for their hard work in preparing the display board, coordinating the colouring competition and the individual entries. I think that what was most notable when I looked at the beautifully presented display board was clearly the variety of options that the students of Wallerawang have available to them. This was clearly showcased not only in the school display, but also in the range of categories we were able to place entries in.

Overall we were the most successful exhibitor in the children’s section of vegetable and farm produce and the most successful exhibitor of junior craft (including pottery). Congratulations to all the students who contributed. Included was a $30 voucher for Sportspower. We will use this to purchase a piece of equipment for use by the students.

**Australian Curriculum**

On Monday Mrs Fraser, Ms Foster and myself attended training on the next module of the Australian Curriculum. We started to look with a little more depth at the English syllabus with implementation beginning in 2014. As facilitators we will now run this with school staff as professional learning.

**ADVANCE NOTICE—Staff Development Days Term 2—2 Days**

As a part of preparing staff for the implementation of the Australian Curriculum 2 staff development days will be held at the beginning of term 2. Both Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th April will be pupil free days.
Principal’s Conference
Last week I spent time with colleagues at the Dubbo’s Principal conference. It was great Professional Learning and also gave me a chance to network with Principals from schools of similar size to Wallerawang. Although we all work in very different contexts across Western NSW, it is very clear that the students are the centre of all that we do.

Sport update
Good luck to the school PSSA tennis team and the district basketball representatives playing at Cudgegong Valley and Cowra respectively today. I know that they will enjoy the day and represent with pride. Thank you to Mrs Walsh for all the work that she has done preparing the tennis team, her expertise and patience has supported the team who have enjoyed their preparation. Thank you to Sloan Beecroft who supported the basketball teams today and to Mr Campling for the organisation and preparation leading up to today.

Congratulations to those students selected as part of the Lithgow District for football (soccer). These are: Cooper Giles, Dylan Miles, Dylan Walsh, Eamyn Quinn, Jack Carter, Lachlan Wilson, Tanvir Singh, Tom Fraser, Holly Beecroft, Shaqkyra Quinn, Tahnee Lamborn and Kayla Giles. They will play in Dubbo on the 5th April for Western Region selection.

On Thursday Wallerawang will host the district under 11’s and open Rugby League trials. I thank Marty Rushworth & Corey Stockton for their support with this.

Glenrock Excursion
Preparations are well under way for the Glenrock excursion. Thank you to Mrs Quinn and Mrs Fraser for the work that they have put into the organisation and to the parents for volunteering their time. This will be a great educational opportunity for the students and an enjoyable time with friends.

Grandparent’s assembly
We are following up on the success and interest of last year’s Grandparents morning by holding Grandparents assembly on Friday. Stages will present items and the focus of the assembly will be acknowledging the grandparents in our audience. We hope that you will forward the invitation to attend. I am sure that the students with enjoy seeing Nan, Pop, Granddad, Grandma in the audience. Grandparents have a significant part to play in the lives of our children and it is important that we are able to acknowledge them. Thank you to Mrs Fraser and for her organisation of the assembly and teaching staff for their support in preparation of items. A morning tea will be provided by school staff and the P&C association for grandparents and visitors to enjoy.

Soccer/Tabloid Gala day
We are looking to forward to the soccer gala day on Friday. Ms Gurney has worked particularly hard ensuring that all is in place for the day, including the organisation of a draw. Ms Graham will be co-ordinating the tabloid sports day for the infants for children who haven’t nominated to play in a soccer team. The year 6 fundraising committee are organising a BBQ meal deal and a cake stall. Meal Deals need to have been pre-ordered, cakes can be purchased on the day. Please come and support this fun day. All money raised from sponsorship and donations will go towards the purchase of uniforms for our PSSA sporting teams.

P&C AGM—Are you a financial member?
The Annual General Meeting of the Parents and Citizen’s Association will be held on Tuesday 2nd April at 6pm in the School Library. All positions will be declared vacant and an opportunity exists for interested parents and carers to nominate for a variety of positions in support of your children’s school. Gold envelopes have been distributed with each family today. The annual subscription is only $1.00 per person and entitles you to full membership until March next year.

Parent helpers and visitors to the school
Parents, carers and visitors to the school must always report to the school office before attending classrooms or participating in playground/outdoor activities. There is an attendance register in the school foyer that must be signed and a visitor/volunteer badge is to be worn at all times. This is not a requirement on days such as assemblies, open days, fete day and presentation day.
I want to leave you this week with a thought provoking quote from Doe Zantamata: “Even in the most peaceful surroundings the angry heart finds quarrel. Even in the most quarrelsome surroundings the grateful heart finds peace.”

Jenny Lamborn—Relieving Principal

Combined Easter Scripture Service
Next Tuesday 26th March students from Kinder to Year 4 will take part in a combined Easter scripture service. The short service will commence at 1.50 pm in the school hall. Students from each stage will present a short item. Parents and community members are invited to join the students for this Easter service.

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National Ride2School Day
It is National Ride2School Day this 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.

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.

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Pancakes…..Yum Yum…Gluten free
This year, Coeliac Australia is working to increase the rates of testing and diagnosis of Coeliac disease—one of Australia’s most commonly under diagnosed conditions.

This year’s Coeliac Awareness Week Slogan is “Are you sick and tired of feeling sick and tired”. Coeliac Disease affects 1 in 100 people.

Wallerawang PS Canteen will be selling pancakes instead of sausage rolls, pies and chicken wedges on Tuesday 26th March in support of Coeliac Awareness Week.

Cost: 50c each, served with maple syrup, jam or fresh fruit

Live Life Well
Encourage fair play

Sport and games are a great way for children to learn about teamwork, rules, winning, losing as well as providing invaluable physical activity.

Parents can encourage fair play by:

Emphasising effort and having fun, not just winning.

Cheering and acknowledging good play by both teams.

Talking about the game not the result.

For more information about encouraging fair play go to the NSW Sport and Recreation website www.dsr.nsw.gov.au or phone 131 302.
Lithgow Show - Prize winners
Wallerawang Public School students were very successful at this year’s Lithgow Show

**Easter Colouring Competition**

**Third Place** – Yr 5 Ethan Van Der Velden

**Highly Commended:** Cody Phillips – Kindergarten, Matilda Borham – Yr 1, Cheyenne Mastro – Yr 2, Hannah Lambert – Yr 3

**Vegetables**

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**Craft – Pottery**

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**Congratulations**
Lithgow Show Entries
1/2G Happenings!

Last Week and this week in 1/2G we have been learning about 2 Dimensional shapes also known as 2D shapes.

Definition of a 2D shape:
“A 2D shape can be a random shape” by Jake
“A shape you can touch” by Corey
“They are different to 3D shapes” by Tiger
“You can’t see the sides of a 2D shape, you can only see the front and the edges” by Ella.

Examples of 2D shapes: square, triangle, circle, hexagon, octagon, rectangle, heart, pentagon, oval and star.

We got to make regular and irregular shapes using the geo boards.
### Important Reminders

**Year 6 fundraising**
Easter Egg guessing competition
50 cents for 3 guesses
Year 6 students—2nd half of lunch taking guesses

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**

This year Wang PS will be participating in the Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC). Many of you may have heard of this in the media. It is a popular challenge undertaken by many schools across NSW.

The Challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge for each student to **read more** and to **read more widely**.

Children in years 3-6 will be able to register their reading log at school during computer lab sessions. Children in K-2 will have their books recorded by Mrs Nancarrow as we read together as a whole class.

For more information refer to the website [https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html](https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html)

We have quite an extensive list of the recommended books but there are many more children can borrow from the town library if they wish. Booklists can be found on the website. Write these books down and bring them in to add to your child’s register.

We are all looking forward to reading lots of fabulous books during the year.

**Mrs Nancarrow**
Teacher Librarian

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

- One Child $25.00 per year
- Family $50.00 per year

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**Lolly Boxes**

The Lolly Box Money is due back Friday 22nd March.
Return your money by the due date to go into the draw. There are three $10 vouchers to be won.

**Canteen news**

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

P.S. Don’t forget to bring money along to purchase some yummy cakes from the stall!

**Primary School Athletics Carnival**

- **When:** Tuesday April 9 (Week 11)
- **Where:** Jim Monaghan Athletics Field, Lithgow

**Infants School Athletics Carnival**

- **When:** Friday April 12—last day of term 1
- **Where:** Wallerawang PS
**Canteen Roster**

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**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mu Yeh Taekwondo**

Do you want to improve your self-esteem, self-confidence, 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

**Tablelands sports&spinal Physiotherapy**

Pilates classes will be held in the St Patrick’s School Hall on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6pm.

Cost: $16.50 (max. 10 participants)
All ages and fitness levels welcome
For more information or to book a mat please call Kristen (Accredited Exercise Physiologist) on 0401 645 264.

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**Movie Under the Stars—Easter Theme**

When: Thursday 28th March
Time: 7pm
Where: “The Old School” 3 Albert St Lithgow
Bring: Chair and a blanket
SNACKS PROVIDED!