Dear Parents/ Carers,

What a wonderful day of recognition and activities we had on Friday with Grandparents morning and the Gala Soccer and Tabloid Sports Day. I am sure that there were a lot of very tired children on Friday night, the teachers certainly were. The assembly was led by our school leaders who themselves reflected on their own grandparents and the contribution senior citizens make to our community and society in general. Each stage did a presentation, which was appreciated by the large crowd in attendance.

It was wonderful to see the number of Grandparents and family members who were a part of the morning’s proceedings and who enjoyed morning tea provided by our P&C association and school staff. Grandparents play a variety of roles; many are actively involved in the care of their grandchildren with working parents a reality of today’s society. I know that I appreciate the enormous contribution that ‘Nan’ and ‘Grandma’ make to my children’s lives. Thank you to Mrs Fraser for her organisation of this assembly and to the school staff for supporting her with preparation of items and small handmade gifts for our Grandparents. The delight on the faces of the children and grandparents was wonderful to witness.

Many stayed on for the gala soccer and tabloid sports and contributed to the positive atmosphere of the day’s proceedings. Miss Gurney and Ms Graham worked behind the scenes to ensure the success of the day and that the children were involved and having fun. A HUGE thank you goes to them and also to Mrs Lewis who supported and contributed to the organisation of the day. Once again many positive comments were fielded by parents & students, these included ‘that was the best day ever, I hope we get to do it again’.

The infants fielded 5 teams in the soccer; they all had team names and colours. Thanks to Eddie Lamborn for refereeing all these games and supporting Mrs Pangas. K-2 children not involved in soccer participated in a variety of tabloid sports organised by Ms Graham and supported by the infants’ staff who all took on an activity. The primary groups were set up in stage 2 & 3 and the children were able to pick teams, names and colours. Luke Bilby and work experience student Lauren Seton assisted with refereeing stage 2 & stage 3 whom were also supported through Portland Centrals sports development program with Ben Foodey and Steven Bender being a great help during the day. Thank you to these 4 people for contributing to the success of the day.

The finals in both groups were hotly contested with the stage 3 team vying for a playoff against the teachers. Backyard Boomers consisting of girls from the state soccer side played the Storm and in extra time the Storm wrapped it up 2 goals to 1. I must admit I was rather pleased with this outcome as I wasn’t looking forward to being on the other end of Hannah Whyte’s boot. The play off with the teachers and the school was watched by all the school and parent spectators and topped off a terrific day of fun and team work. Remember too that money raised will go towards the purchase of much needed PSSA sports uniforms so please support this by collecting up sponsorship money as soon as possible.
Many thanks also to……
The Year 6 Fundraising Committee for providing a BBQ lunch and cake stall. This contributed to the day’s atmosphere. Lithgow Valley Springs donated the water for the day and their ongoing support is always greatly appreciated.

Glenrock
A group of eager and excited stage 3 students were up bright and early on Monday morning ready to embark on their excursion to Glenrock. Mrs Quinn has been instrumental in the organisation around this excursion, with the support of Mrs Fraser and the extra hours and commitment that has gone into ensuring the excursion is an enjoyable educational experience needs to be acknowledged. Excursions such as this one gives the students many and varied opportunities and experiences. A full itinerary is organised over the 4 days, including the Reptile Park, Dolphin Cruise, Rainforest Walk and much more. I would also like to thank the parents who have taken leave from work and joined and supported the students and staff on this excursion. These parents include; Simone Burns, David Seymour, Ben Lane, Corey Cafe, Joe Beecroft, Sharon Morris, Jed Fraser, Renee Edwards, Jenny Wittingslow, Shaun McMillan and Damien Walsh. Once again we couldn’t do what we do without your incredible support. I am certain the students, staff and parents will need the long weekend to recover.

Western Area Team Representation
Congratulations to Holly Beecroft, Hannah Whyte, Shaqkyra Quinn, Hayden Wittingslow and Thomas Fraser who were selected in the Western Region basketball team. What a fantastic achievement for all these students and to have 5 selected in a Western Region basketball team for Wallerawang is also a major achievement. The team will play in Menai later in the year as part of the state competition.
The sporting achievements continue with Tanvir Singh being selected in the Western Region cricket team. Congratulations to Tanvir.

PSSA Tennis
A very successful day was held at Mudgee when Wallerawang played Cudgegong Valley. The day was full of excitement with the score locked at 3 matches a piece after the singles and doubles were played. It was only in the last match when a mixed doubles was played to decide the winner, Wallerawang went down in a tie breaker. Dylan Walsh, Ethan Van Der Velden, Emma Sheehan and Tahnee Lamborn all played particularly well. A BIG thank you to Leanne Walsh for the time and energy she put into preparing the team, she did an outstanding job. It is great to see some extra teams added as part of the schools PSSA representation.

Easter Scripture Service
Yesterday we held our annual scripture service and I thank the scripture teachers and Mrs Warner for their organisation of this. Special thanks to Lithgow Anglican Minister Mr Mark Smith for his presentation.

Easter Hat Parade
K-2 children with the support of kinder buddies and family members have been busy preparing their Easter hats for the parade on Thursday. Families are invited to join in the parade at 2pm and afterwards children will receive a small treat. Thank you to Katena Taylor for making a supply of yummy biscuits for all the children to enjoy. All classrooms will have a visit from the Easter bunny who will hand out eggs kindly donated by the P&C association. I thank Mrs Brown and the infants’ staff for their organisation and preparation and the P&C for once again supporting school events.

School Uniform
All children are required to wear school uniform tomorrow—it is NOT a mufti day.

Thank you to the ladies from Joan’s craft classes who have made and donated a beautifully hand-crafted quilt to be raffled for Mother’s Day. A wonderful example of the support provided by our local community.

P&C Annual General Meeting
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. The annual subscription is only $1.00 per person and entitles you to full membership until March next year.
Rugby League
Pacey Stockton, Thomas Fraser and Dylan Miles are part of a group of 7 boys travelling to Dubbo on the 11th April as members of the Lithgow District for the Western Region Rugby League trials. Congratulations and good luck to these talented Rugby League players.

P&C Pancakes
Yesterday the P&C held a very successful gluten free pancake morning tea as part of coeliac awareness. The canteen was a buzz with volunteers mixing up batter, preparing toppings and cooking over 200 pancakes. The staff were treated to some for morning tea and I can vouch that they were very tasty. Thank you to all the parents who assisted to make this so successful, also to Abbey and Becky Monaghan’s Pop who donated a large watermelon from his garden.

Public Speaking & Research Workshop
Next Wednesday afternoon by request Mrs Dick, Mrs Quinn and Mrs Nancarrow will be running an afternoon workshop commencing at 1.45pm. The workshops will involve ‘helping your child with public speaking’. This is a lead up to our public speaking competition in term 2. Information in regards to this will be sent out next week. Mrs Nancarrow will then follow up with a ‘hands-on’ session on research skills, technology skills and school specific software. These skills areas were identified by parents as to where they would like further support. I ask you to support this valuable workshop. If you are unable to attend due to work commitments please let us know.

Trophies—Thank you
I wish to thank Murray Besley for being incredibly flexible and supportive in supplying the school with trophies. I urge local organisations to support Murray. He can be contacted on besley67@bigpond.com or 0401003581.

Happy Easter
I wish everyone a happy and safe Easter. If you are travelling please drive carefully and enjoy an extra couple of days with family and friends.

This week I leave you with a quote from Oscar Wilde “Every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future”.

Jenny Lamborn
Relieving Principal

Infants Easter Hat Parade
Parents and Caregivers are warmly invited to our Infants Easter Hat parade this Thursday 28th March at 2pm. Students will perform several songs and then proudly display their individually designed Easter Hats. After the parade we will have some special Easter treats. We would love to see you there!

Year 6 fundraising
The Easter Egg guessing competition was won today by Carmen Schindler of 5/6Q

LOLLY BOX money is now overdue. We have a couple of returned unsold boxes, if you are able to help in selling these they can be collected from the office. Even though it is past the due date your child’s name will still go into the draw for a chance to win a $10 target vouchers (three names will be drawn).

Thank you
P&C Association

Lost Property
We have two beautiful rings at the school office that have been found in the school grounds. One is a child’s ring and the other is a ladies ring containing a gemstone. Please call in at the office if they belong to you.

March Book Club is due back
THURSDAY MARCH 28
TOMORROW
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

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!

Lithgow City Rangers Soccer Club
Final Muster Day

Wednesday 27th March
Marjorie Jackson Soccer Complex
4pm—6pm for junior boys and girls
For more info contact Nigal Lloyd on 63512697 or 0409676019