Dear Parents/ Carers,
We have reached the last week of term 1 and one wonders where the past 11 weeks have got to. Before we commence the holiday break I would like to say thank you to the students, school staff, parents and wider community for making it another successful term. In reflection so many things have happened on a daily basis both within the classroom and beyond to ensure a balanced education with varied opportunities. The students continue to maintain a sense of pride in their school and feel privileged to wear school colours and represent their school when the opportunity arises. This is also evident in the staff who clearly call Wallerawang home.

RUGBY LEAGUE
On Thursday I had the pleasure of attending the Richardson Cup & Peachey Shield with Mrs Fraser. This is always a well organised and fun day supported by schools in the Lithgow, Bathurst District and beyond. Mick Armstrong and his team from Country Rugby League organised the day. The competition runs in country towns throughout Western NSW over the next term culminating in a finals day in Dubbo to be held on the 26th June. I thank Mick and his team for a fantastic day and Country League for continuing traditions and giving our students opportunities.

Our junior team was coached by Barry Jackson and Jason Nunan, two experienced footballers who have done a great job working with the boys to develop their skills and I thank them for the time & commitment that they have given to this. In the very first game of the day the junior team came up against Kandos who were the overall winners of the day. They went down to Kandos and the next game was against Oberon coming away with a win. Tries were scored by Ben Fraser, Billy Rushworth (2) and Cooper Nunan (2). In the next game we came up against Cooerwull and this resulted in a draw. Unfortunately the tied game resulted in Cooerwull moving into the finals instead of Wallerawang, but regardless the boys can be extremely proud of their efforts.

The senior team is coached by Corey Stockton whose knowledge of & passion for Rugby League has ensured this team of mixed experience & ability have developed both their skill level and confidence. I thank Corey for the time and commitment he has given and will continue to give to the senior Rugby League team.

I believe this team surpassed all our expectations on the day & I contribute this to a couple of things: the support & guidance of their coach, the skill & leadership abilities of Pacey Stockton, Dylan Miles and Thomas Fraser who were able to bring the rest of the team along with them and finally the skills and developing skills of year 5 students who were polite, who listened and who tried their hardest all day. They are very talented boys and have a never give up attitude and determination and I wish them continued success with the Western trials in Dubbo tomorrow.
Rugby League Round Up
Sam Lane certainly demonstrates talent and speed, Riley Jones is a force to be reckoned with even though he is the smallest member of the team, Charlie Bray in his second year of league and Kyle McMillan continue to develop their Rugby League skills, with Jai Elliot, Ethan Van Der Velden and Sam Petersen pulling on the boots for the first time and certainly demonstrating their change from soccer has been a positive one. All these boys contributed to the team’s success in the Peachey Shield. In their first game they came up against Lithgow Primary coming away with a convincing win and then followed on with marginal wins against Oberon PS and All Hallows (team 2). This placed them confidently into the semi-finals where they came up against Cooerwull. This started off as a reasonably evenly matched game, but Wallerawang soon demonstrated they were too strong, that then meant a place in the finals against All Hallows number 1 team, who had defeated Kandos by several tries. This game was also very evenly matched with All Hallows winning on the bell 5 tries to 4. There were definitely no losers between these two teams, with all in attendance extremely proud of both the effort and the sportsmanship of the Wallerawang senior team.

During the 5 games played throughout the day the try tally was as follows: Pacey (6), Dylan (37), Riley (2), Thomas (4), Sam Lane (4), Sam Petersen, Jai Elliot and Ethan Van Der Velden (all 2). The team will now progress to the finals day in Dubbo on the 26th June. In the meantime they will play in the PSSA competition against Cudgegong Valley and this will happen early term 2. Congratulations Wallerawang senior boys Rugby League team!

Western Region Football Trials (Soccer)
On Friday a group of boys & girls travelled to Dubbo as part of the Lithgow district for the Western Region football trials. I have received positive feedback on the way the students played, their sportsmanship and their encouragement of their team mates. Congratulations to Thomas Fraser who backed up after a huge day of Rugby League on Thursday to make it into the Possibles & Probables team as goal keeper and to a very talented goalie Holly Beecroft whose ability shone through very early & field player and winning goal scorer from the semi-finals of the state PSSA competition last year Shaqyra Quinn who were both selected in Western Region team. This makes it 2 out of 2 for these girls for Western Region teams with them both also being selected in the Western Region basketball team. Congratulations your school is very proud of you.

Girl’s Hockey
Congratulations to the girls hockey team consisting of:
Holly Beecroft, Brittany Griffiths, Hollie Cameron, Blair Thomas, Emma Cain, Sophie Morrie, Erin Luchetti, Erin Rainsford, Brooke Lewis, Sophie Clark, Maddison Hollands, Shelby McCann, Holly Williams and Katahna Woolsey. Mrs Quinn, daughter Melanie and Miss Gurney have been working hard with this team with many who don’t play hockey on a regular basis. In their first game against Bathurst Public School they lost 2-0 but played incredibly well. In a consolation game they played Bathurst South Public School winning 1-0, a fantastic confidence builder.

Keep Them Safe
Yesterday Mrs Brown and I attended Keep Them Safe then stage training at Black Gold cabins in Wallerawang. This was a very informative workshop run by Megan Neale from the Department of Family and Community services.
Public Speaking Presentation
Last Wednesday Mrs Dick, Mrs Quinn and Mrs Nancarrow did a parent presentation on both public speaking (in light of the upcoming public speaking competition) and research skills. Unfortunately there wasn’t a big attendance at these, but I do know that those 4 parents who did attend gained some valuable hints and understandings. There was an indication that the parents want a follow up on the research skills section. This is really important for parents whose children are attending high school and I recommend attendance. Further information will follow in term 2. I would like to thank Mrs Quinn, Mrs Dick and Mrs Nancarrow for the time & effort they put into both preparing and presenting and the parents for attending. You should have received information about the public speaking. You can direct any questions to your child’s classroom teacher or coordinators Mrs Quinn and Mrs Dick.

Good luck to Pacey Stockton, Dylan Miles and Thomas Fraser from the open team and Jai Elliot, Sam Lane, Cooper Nunan and Ben Fraser from the under 11’s who will represent at the district trials for Rugby League in Dubbo on Thursday. Mrs Fraser and I will be accompanying the teams to Dubbo.

ANZAC day falls in the school holidays, I wish to encourage as many students to march with us on ANZAC day as possible. We always have a great turn out. School leaders will lead us in the parade with Captains reading during the ceremony. You are asked to meet school staff near the bakery at approximately 8.15am. We will have our own school ceremony on Wednesday 1st May at 10am and it would be great to see parents and community members in attendance.

Staff Development Days—Day 1 & Day 2 Term 2
The staff development day for the Western Gateway schools will be held at Wallerawang PS on Monday 29th April. This involves over 250 teaching and support staff. There will be a keynote address at the beginning of the day by Amanda Gore, a selection of workshops for staff to attend, concluding with Director of schools for Western NSW Carole McDiarmid. This is a mammoth organisational endeavour which will mean school staff spending many hours during the holiday break organising and setting up. The P&C association also has the task of catering. This is a huge job for a voluntary P&C association of our size. I wish to thank them for the commitment they have given to this and acknowledge what a huge task it is.

Please also remember that Tuesday 30th April is also a pupil free day, with staff working on professional learning around the new Australian Curriculum.

Staffing – Term 2
Mrs Pangas will be taking long service leave during term 2 to visit her daughter in Switzerland who is due to have her first baby. The class will be taught by Ms Fahey who is looking forward to returning to Wallerawang. Mrs Pangas and Ms Fahey have been working together to ensure a smooth transition between teachers. I wish Mrs Pangas and her husband Brett a safe journey.

I will continue in my role as Relieving Principal for next term and this has of last week been extended until the end of term 3, this means that Mrs Brown will continue as Assistant Principal and Mrs Gale & Miss Lang as Learning and Support Teachers. It is great to be able to extend these ladies in their current roles as they are committed professionals who have clearly excelled in their relieving and temporary positions.

Enjoy the holidays and keep safe. This week I will leave with a quote from Confucius:
"Tell me and I’ll forget. Show me and I’ll remember. Involve me and I’ll understand."

Jenny Lamborn
Relieving Principal
Public Speaking

Last week information was sent home about our annual public speaking competition which will be conducted during Term 2. Every child from Kinder to Year 6 is expected to present a speech to their class. Speeches need to be prepared for Week 2 Term 2. The length of the speeches will be:

Kinder, Yr 1 & 2: 1 minute—15 seconds either side is acceptable

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: 2 minutes 15 seconds either side is acceptable

At a special assembly on Thursday 30th May (Week 5), three finalists from each grade will present their speeches before a panel of three judges. No props, gimmicks or costumes are to be used. Teachers are looking forward to hearing some wonderful speeches.

Topics

Early Stage 1
- My family
- What I Like About School
- Friends
- Pets
- Birthdays / Parties
- My Favourite Toy
- My Holidays / My Special Place

Stage 1
- My Family
- The Day I Made My Family Proud
- If You Could Have One Super Power—What Would it Be?
- When I Grow Up
- Too Much TV is Bad For Your Health
- The Greatest Thing Ever Invented
- If You Were an Animal For a Day What Would It Be?

Stage 2
- The Day I Made My Family Proud
- National Parks are Important
- My Favourite Sport or Game
- My Imagination
- Children Have it Easier/Harder These Days
- If I Were a Kid in the 80s or 90s...

Stage 3
- A World Without Plastic
- A Night In A Museum
- People I Admire/My Hero
- Rainforests are Important

Mrs Quinn and Mrs Dick
Public Speaking Coordinators

Last day of term—Mufti Day Fundraiser

Please bring a gold coin donation for wearing mufti clothes this Friday. All students are required to wear sensible clothing, footwear and hats. Infants have their Athletics Carnival on Friday so appropriate for sport mufti clothing, house colours if possible.

Next Term

Year 6 Fundraising Committee Meeting will be held Week 1 Term 2 Wednesday 1st May 5pm in the School Library.

Katrena Fraser & Donna Quinn

School Contributions DUE FRIDAY

One Child $25.00 per year
Family $50.00 per year

P&C News

Next meeting will be Monday 6/5/13 in the School Library at 7pm. The following meeting will be Monday 3/6/13. Everybody is welcome to come along.

Mother’s Day Stall Helpers

The stall will be held on Monday 6 & 7 May from 9am.
If you have some spare time we would love you to come and help. Please leave your name with the office ladies.

Lost!!!

A brand new size 14 polar fleece jumper has been lost. If you have found please return to the front office. The owner didn’t even have a chance to put their name on the jumper and is going to be very cold next term without the jumper. Thankyou
Primary Athletics Carnival
On Tuesday, 9th April, the Primary Athletics Carnival was held at Jim Monaghan Oval in Lithgow. It was a great day for all even though rain did try and put a dampener on proceedings. The carnival started with the 200m track event for boys, while the girls began their field events. Then came the children's age races in which almost all children participated in. This was very pleasing to observe! Following this there were a few red and puffing faces as the 800m endurance event was run. At this point the rain came down and attempted to postpone our carnival for a second year running. However, all officials and students persevered and the track finals and relays were able to run alongside the discus and long jump. Unfortunately the junior boys missed out on their High Jump event. Results for the winning house as well as age champions and runners up will be announced as soon as the results are tallied. This is a HUGE job and I would like to thank Kelly Gurney and Jenny Clark for undertaking.

I would also like to thank the retired teachers in Peter Constable, Rob Morrow and Lynne Williams for their assistance as well as all the parents that volunteered their time on the day. Additionally, I would like to thank Max Arkley-Smith, Jarod Inzitari, Mark Jameson, Jarrod Pringle and Chris Seymour from Lithgow High School for their time and efforts. They were great ambassadors for their school, and I look forward to working with them again in the future.

Thank You for a great day everyone! I look forward to the District Carnival to held in Term 3.

Christopher Campling

Uniform Shop Reminders
Do not forget our fantastic clearance sale! There are some great savings to be had. This is a great opportunity to have a new shirt for school photo’s early term 2. First in best dressed.
(Size 10 & 14 already SOLD OUT)

Mother’s Day Raffle
Monday this week the P&C sent home with the children, raffle books for Mother’s Day. There are extra booklets if you are able to sell more tickets. The booklets are available from the front office. Thankyou for your support.
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

HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC

Venue: Lithgow Tennis Centre

Dates: Monday, 15th April
      Tuesday, 16th April

Time: 9am to 12pm

Costs: $30 one day
       $50 both days

Presentation/BBQ included on Tuesday 12pm to 1pm. Parents and children welcome to attend from both days.

Further enquiries and bookings please contact:

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