From the Principal’s Desk

Term four is now well under way and staff and students are all working hard as we lead up to end of year assessment structures, sporting team wrap ups, preparing student reports and planning end of year activities.

Our Stage 3 students left at 6:30am on Monday morning heading off for a 3 day adventure at Broken Bay. A wonderful program was created for our students at the camp centre and reports received from staff have been very positive about the whole trip. We anticipate their arrival back at school this evening at approximately 6pm.

The Lithgow Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) held their annual NAIDOC celebration on Friday 17th October, this year at the Lake Wallace recreation ground. The day was a wonderful experience for all our aboriginal children to participate in a culturally encouraging day with fellow students from many schools across the area. Thank you is extended to Miss Lang and Mrs Davidson who had the pleasure of attending the event with our children. See photographs on page 3 and 4.

During assembly last week classes 5/6Q and 3/4G both performed special items for fellow students and visitors. 5/6Q shared samples of their emotive writing and 3/4G showcased both their art and written work. Thanks to students in both classes and also to Ms Gurney and Mrs Quinn. At this week’s assembly classes 1/2B and 5/6F have been rostered to present items.

Catering for the Mountain Cruizers Car Club last Sunday was a great experience with terrific weather helping out by attracting large crowds to the showground. Parents and staff from the school managed to operate the food service stall for the day supplying a variety of hot food and drink options for those in attendance. To the volunteers that came along and assisted in running the stall I would like to formally thank you on behalf of the P&C Association and the school staff; much appreciated.

Congratulations to teachers Mrs Quinn and Mrs Morrow for their recent promotion to a higher position. Mrs Morrow currently on maternity leave has taught at Wallerawang School for over 18 years now (with the last two years taking time out with children) and Mrs Quinn, our very own 5/6 teacher, were both selected through application and interview to fill two Assistant Principal positions at Cooerwull Public School commencing in 2015. Cooerwull PS will benefit from the experience and capacity of these two very capable staff members.

Congratulations also to Mrs Gale who has been selected through merit for permanent appointment at Meadow Flat Public School commencing in 2015. Mrs Gale is a very experienced, motivated and caring teacher who will complement the school with genuine experience, great ideas, consistency and care. On behalf of the teaching and support staff of the school and the parent body I congratulate Mrs Morrow, Mrs Quinn and Mrs Gale on their successful applications.

We will miss the strengths, skills and inclusivity that these teachers have brought to the students and families at our school.
**Fete Day** is almost upon us. Next **Friday 31st October** between 10am and 2pm we will be holding our annual school fete here on the school grounds. There is no theme for dressing up this year however children are welcome to come along in casual / practical clothes and suitable footwear. Some may wish to embrace Halloween and dress up in the Halloween theme however there are no set expectations around dressing up.

**Congratulations to Connor**

Connor Higgins has once again represented school, district and region in his selection for and attendance at the NSW PSSA Athletics Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park last Thursday. Connor was one of approx. 40 students (the best of the best) from across NSW participating in the long jump event. Connor performed exceptionally well jumping 4.06m, with the winner of the event jumping an amazing 5.25m. Connor’s personal best jump was at the Western Region carnival where he jumped 4.25m. Congratulations Connor, we are all very proud of you for your achievement.

**Kindergarten 2015** preparation and orientation has begun here at the school. The first early bird session was held on Monday with over 40 children participating in the program. A parent program ran concurrently and this was well attended by just over 50 parents, carers and grandparents. Parents attended a one hour presentation whilst their children were participating in the classroom program. Content covered with parents included; Children’s Vision (Katherine Costello and Brett Taylor), School Uniforms (Leanne Houlison and Team), P & C Initiatives (Katena Taylor & Jocelyn Barnes) and Bus Travel (Simone Dombrain). We look forward to finalising numbers in the next few weeks, anticipating approx. 45 new starters in kindergarten next year. More information on the Early Bird program is detailed on page 5.

**Thank you to Mrs Lewis** for her recent work in the school office. Her support, dedication and initiative displayed throughout the past twelve weeks is very much appreciated. Mrs Auld has returned to fulltime duties this week after recently taking part time leave to further her studies.

**School Photographs** will be held next Wednesday 29th October. Parents are reminded to send children along in full school uniform on the day. This year families are encouraged to use the online ordering system and if you choose to do this there is no need to return the envelopes to school. If you are paying by cash or cheque please send the envelope in on the morning of the photographs as we are unable to retain cash on school premises. Sibling photo envelopes are available on request from the front office.

If you require assistance with ordering, please call into the school and speak with one of the office staff.

**Duncan Auld**

Principal - Wallerawang Public School
NAIDOC Celebrations at Lake Wallace

Last Friday 30 students from Wallerawang Public School attended the NAIDOC Celebrations at Lake Wallace. The students were able to enjoy a variety of cultural experiences including: Australian Reptile display show, Aboriginal Dance group performance and listening to and participating in the story telling that accompanied the Taronga Zoo Mobile presentation.

They were also given opportunities to make clay animals, create artworks, and have a go at spear throwing. The students learnt about some traditional hunting tools in the Learning Centre and the fire brigade provided hands-on experiences for the students.

The students were encouraged to join in with the singing and dancing and the boys were invited to play the didgeridoo and the girls were asked to play the clap sticks. All of the students were beautifully decorated with face painting and even had symbols painted on their arms.

It was a pleasure to hear the organisers and presenters complimenting the students on their exceptional manners, the quality of their work that was on display and their positive behaviour.
On Monday our first Early Bird Transition to school program was held. Many eager and settled boys and girls joined Mrs Warner and her band of helpers. It was wonderful to see how quickly the children lined up and responded to the instructions that they were given during the morning. They were very happy to engage in conversation and share stories and experiences whilst joining in the morning routine. This included a name identification exercise along with a tracing activity. Mrs Warner then read a big book all about Smarty Pants and then engaged in a smart board activity using a sentence from the book. The boys and girls then moved to their seats where they undertook a matching, cutting & pasting activity before concluding the session with some songs. They are eager to return for the second session next week.

It is wonderful to see familiar faces but to also welcome new families into our school who will begin the educational journey with us.

Mrs Lamborn
The Day it Snowed—Stories from 1/2B

The day it snowed was Wednesday 15th October, Spring 2014. I built two mini snowmen and stuck them in the freezer and they’re still in there. Grant and I built big snowmen and mine was Olaf’s girlfriend.

In my backyard the trees looked like they had been struck by lightning. This is the second time it has snowed this year. It was awesome!

Lillian Davidson

On Wednesday 25th October 2014 it snowed and the school was closed because the power was shut down in Wallerawang and Lithgow. At home Mum and I made some scones. We made plain and chocolate chip and it took 15 minutes to be cooked. They were delicious. I couldn’t decide which was the tastiest. Mum and I got really dirty and it was really good fun!

Matilda Borham

When it snowed I woke up and pulled my curtains over and it was snowing. I ran to Mum and she showed me some photos on the ipad.

Dad built a snowman and it was big. When we had breakfast my cousins came over and we threw snowballs and the snow was freezing and then I played loom bands, it was really good fun!

Phoebe Milne

Thinkuknow Online Safety Video Conference for Parents

ThinkUKnow is an internet safety initiative which aims to raise awareness of the issues which young people face online and whilst using mobile phones. It is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Microsoft Australia, and is now proudly supported by ninemsn and Datacom.

Our school will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on Wednesday 5th November at 4pm in the school library. All parents and carers are encouraged to attend.

This presentation will cover topics such as how young people are using technology to have fun, online grooming, cyber-bullying, inappropriate content and e-security.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about how young people have fun online, how you can help them to stay in control on the net, and how to report a problem.

For more information, you can visit the ThinkUKnow Australia website at www.thinkuknow.org.au or contact Mrs Nancarrow.

We look forward to seeing you all at the presentation.

Stewart House Clothing Appeal

Clothing bags have been sent home today for the 2nd clothing appeal for 2014. Time to have another clean out of wardrobes and drawers!

Please return all bags to school by Monday 10th November

Important FETE NEWS

A reminder if you wish to purchase a fete wrist band please return the form by Thursday 30th October. AN ORDER FORM IS ATTACHED ON THE NEXT PAGE (7)

We are asking for donations of chocolate bars for the chocolate toss game held at the school fete. These can be left at the office.
2014 Wallerawang School Fete Ride Wristband Pass

The 2014 School Fete is being held on Friday 31st October. Rides this year will be a Rock Climbing Wall, Jumping Castle and Turbo Tubs. The ride wristband pass is available for purchase prior to the day for $25. If purchased on the day the cost will be $30. This allows unlimited turns on all 3 rides for the duration of the fete.

Individual ride tickets will be available at the fete for $5 per ride.

If you wish to pre purchase a wristband please complete the attached form and return with payment to your child’s class teacher. The wristband will be issued to the child on the morning of the fete. Wristbands may be purchased for non school children, please complete details on the form.

P&C Fete Committee

2014 Wallerawang School Fete Ride Wristband Pass

Number of wristbands: ______ Total: $______ (enclosed)

Names of children for each wristband: ___________________ Class: ______

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Names of non-school children for each wristband purchased: __________________

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**P&C News**

**Canteen Roster**

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**Canteen News**

This week the canteen has a wide variety of fruit available for 50 cents.

English Muffins topped with ham & grilled cheese for 60 cents will be available for recess on **Thursday and Tuesday**.

New French Vanilla flavoured Mousse available from the canteen.

**P&C News**

**Car Show**

On behalf of the P&C committee I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the following people: Katena Taylor, Jocelyn Barnes, Dianne Lewis, Eddy, Jenny & Tahnee Lamborn, Belinda Wootton, Donna Lang, Kristin Reid, Karen Desch, Donna Quinn, Di Van Der Velden, Sue Dick, Duncan & Rebecca Auld, Sharon Rushworth, Katrena Fraser & Debbie Holder. These wonderful people gave up their time on Sunday to help with our BBQ at the Mountain Cruizers Car Show. It was a very successful day which was made possible because of your help!

Thank you

Leanne

**Uniform Shop News**

**Change of Day**

**TERM 4 OPENING HOURS - MONDAYS 2-3PM**

The uniform shop will be placing orders with their suppliers at the end of week 4 (30th October). Please think about your child’s uniform needs for next year as this will be the final order placed this year.

An order form is attached on the NEXT PAGE!

Thank you,

Leanne Houlison

Uniform Coordinator

**High School Parent Information Morning**

An information session for parents and carers of Year 6 children entering Year 7 in 2015 will be held at Lithgow High School on Wednesday 5th November from 9:15am to 10:45am in the high school library.

The morning’s topics will include:
- Differences between primary and high school
- Year Advisor introduction
- Uniform information and parade
- Question time

**Lithgow High School Orientation Day**

An orientation day will be held on Wednesday 3rd December for children enrolled or intending to enrol in Year 7 at Lithgow High School in 2015.

It will be a day of introductions, orientation and information and students will require their own transport to and from the high school.

The day will commence at 9:30am in the high school auditorium and conclude at 1:00pm. For more details or information please contact either Rebecca Hamment or Sam Luchetti at Lithgow High School on 6352 1422.
Wallerawang Public School Uniform Order Form
Uniform Shop Opening hours Monday 2pm-3.30pm.
Orders or lay by payments can be left at the office outside of shop hours.

Students Name..................................................Class........Date..............

Parents/Carers Name..........................................Phone........................

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TOTAL OF ORDER

Lay by deposit Minimum $10

Balance

Please note: money must accompany your order. All cheques should be made payable to the "Wallerawang / Lidsdale P&C". Orders with correct money or lay by payments can be left at the office outside uniform shop times. Lay-by terms are minimum $10 non refundable deposit and instalments are to be made at least fortnightly with the lay by to be completed within 10 weeks. Prices effective from 15/09/14.

Website: www.wallerawan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Email: wallerawan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Stay tuned for the RETUNE 1800 20 10 13

As the final step in Australia’s successful move to digital—only TV, all free-to-air channels in Portland and Wallerawang will change frequencies on Thursday 23rd October. After channels have moved, viewers will need to retune their digital TV, set-top box or digital TV recorder.
Areas affected include:
Portland, Cullen Bullen and Wallerawang.

Lithgow Golf Club

Junior Golf Lessons commencing again on Thursday afternoons. Starting Thursday 16th October at 4:00pm. All juniors welcome.
lithgowgolfclub@bigpond.com
Garry Nightingale 6352 3422

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 Little Dragons class for 4-6 year olds! Also, check out our new Kick-fit fitness Class for adults. (no martial arts experience necessary)

After 15 years at Wallerawang, we have now moved to our new fully equipped studio at Portland.

For more information phone Master Instructor Steve Ashbridge, 6th Dan Black Belt, on 0409 305 327. You can also visit our website at: www.muyehtaekwondo.com
Expressions of Interest for the next Futsal Competition

Indoor Soccer

WHO CAN PLAY?
Girls, Boys
Friday Night Competition subject to demand we will be running the following age groups:
Minis and Juniors U/6’s, U/8’s, U/10’s, U/12’s, U/14’s

WHERE DO I PLAY?
Wallerawang Indoor Sports Centre,
Barton Avenue,
Wallerawang
(next to Wallerawang Public School)

HOW DO YOU REGISTER OR EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST?
Contact Carleen on 0402 205070 or email cpc_chook@hotmail.com

Looking at starting on Friday 10th October 2014
Limited spaces available in each age group.