From the Principal’s Desk

At the beginning of the newsletter this week I am writing on behalf of school staff and people within the school and broader community who have shared their concerns about the recently announced job losses within our local area. Both the electrical and coal mining industries have begun to scale down their works in our local area and the flow-on effect to industries that have dependencies on these large scale businesses is also affecting employment within smaller business; all of which impacts on our local community, our children and our school.

Looking from the outside it would appear that job losses will impact on up to 130 families within our school, 6 of which have spouses that work within the school. As the week draws to a close and many workers find out their fate on Thursday we wish families well as they gather their thoughts, come to terms with the new arrangements and prepare for a Christmas experience that may be quite different from those of the past.

Please contact school staff if we can assist in any way through what may become some very difficult and complex times ahead for many of our families.

With pleasure I was able to present the Mathew Sharp Scholarship prize of $500 to Thomas Seton at last Friday’s assembly. School staff submitted several applications to the Scholarship Committee and were advised recently of our successful entry. Congratulations to Thomas for his outstanding attitude towards school, towards friends and for always showing off that natural smile; a very deserving young man indeed. Thomas enjoyed the company of his mum, dad, sister and aunty who were all in attendance at the assembly.

The Christmas Carols evening, set down for Friday 12th December is moving ahead with the planning team meeting yesterday to ensure a successful, enjoyable and family friendly evening. Special thanks is extended to the Carols planning team for their energy, commitment and ideas that will soon come to fruition as a family fun night on December 12.

At the end of this week 5/6F say farewell to their practicum teacher Miss Katlyn Barnes who has been working with stage three children for the past 5 weeks. We all wish Miss Barnes well as she wraps up her second last year of university before entering the teaching profession. See page 2 for more details about Katlyn and her experience with us.
This week we also welcome three new student teachers, this time from the University of Newcastle. Ms Madeline Martin who will be working with Ms Graham and her class, Mr Dion Taylor who will be working with Mrs Friedrich and the students of 1/2F and Ms Eliza Hansen who will work with 3/4G, Ms Gurney’s class. Staff and students welcomed our new staff earlier this week and we look forward to their participation in the school over the next four weeks.

A couple of welcome strangers attended our assembly last Friday, Cil Van Der Velden and Bob Sutor, both of whom have written a wonderful song about Wallerawang, the school and how we all strive to do our best. The item was performed live by our visitors and will soon be recorded so that we can use the song as a special item within many of our annual functions. See page 5 to view the photo.

Kindergarten 2015 preparation continued this week with over 40 students attending the Early Bird transition program. The newcomers are settling in well to the school environment and staff are excited about welcoming these children fulltime to our school next year. If you know of any children still yet to be enrolled for 2015 please encourage their parents to contact us as soon as possible. The final early bird program will be held next Monday 17th November. Special thanks is extended to Mrs Lamborn and her team for coordinating a fantastic preparation program for our newcomers in 2015.

School Assembly

Parents and carers are invited to come along this Friday 14th November to our assembly. We will be recognising academic awards, citizenship and behavioural achievements. Class items by 1/2K & 5/6Q will feature as part of the morning celebration. Assembly commences at 9:15am and all parents, carers and community members are welcome to attend.

Date changes for your planner

Please note the following items for addition to your planner.

28th November School Assembly
5th December No assembly
11th December Thursday (Wk 10) Final Assembly

School Swimming Scheme

The program is open to students in Year 2 through to Year 6 who are non-swimmers or unable to swim well. There are 60 places available and the cost is $41. Permission notes and payment need to be returned by THIS Friday 14th November to secure a position in the program.

If we are unable to fill these places the program will have to be cancelled. If cancelled, refunds will be given to those families who have already paid.

Duncan Auld
Principal - Wallerawang Public School

Farewell Miss Barnes

Over the past three weeks 5/6F have had Miss Barnes, a third year practicum student, observing and teaching them in their class. She has continued to develop and refine her skills as a teacher and has worked hard with the Stage 3 students. She has provided the students with a range of engaging activities and been a wonderful support in the classroom. Miss Barnes will complete her final week of her practicum this week and it has been a pleasure having her work with 5/6F. We wish her all the best for studies ahead.

National Recycling Week (10th-16th Nov)

On Friday students from K-2 will be participating in a waste education session ‘Better Get It Sorted’ run by the Lithgow City Council. The presentation will be delivered at school to each of the classes by an environmental educator. ‘Better Get it Sorted’ introduces the students to the basics of recycling, identifying which items can and cannot be recycled in the household recycling bin and what they are recycled into. This is a cost free initiative.

Wang’s Big Bang Magazine

The latest edition is now on the school website. A hard copy can also be purchased from the front office for $4.00.
What's in the school garden?

1/2F Zucchini

Plants in the greenhouse

3/4G Corn

3/4P Cos lettuce

3/4C Peas

Website: www.wallerawan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Email: wallerawan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
1/2G Peas

Pumpkin

Cauliflower

Website: www.wallerawan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Email: wallerawan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Assembly Week 5
“Celebrity Christmas Carols 2014”

Sponsorship Packages

Donations up to $50
Special sponsorship mention in official evenings programme

$100 Package (2 Weeks)
Electronic signboard exposure for 2 weeks prior to the event
(guaranteed minimum of 500 ten second ads)
Business card in newsletter and on website during the month of the Celebrity Carols Concert
Special sponsorship mention in official evenings programme

$300 Package (Six Weeks)
Electronic signboard Exposure for six weeks prior to the event
(guaranteed minimum 1,600 ten second ads)
Business card in newsletter and on website for 3 months prior to the event.
Major Sponsor mention in official evenings programme

$500 Package (Ten Weeks)
Electronic signboard Exposure for ten weeks prior to event
(guaranteed minimum 3,200 ten second ads)
Business card in newsletter and on website for 3 months prior to and 1 month after the event
Major sponsor and business card in official evenings programme
Canteen News

Banana milk and Lemon Mini Callipos are no longer available from the canteen due to the product been discontinued.

This week the canteen has apples, bananas, watermelon and oranges available for 50 cents.

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

Yoplait yoghurt (125ml) tubs in Strawberry are available from the canteen for $1.20 this week.

Streets Paddle pops are currently running their Lick A Prize promotion most students are receiving a stick with You are a winner on it, this does not entitle them to a free paddle pop stick but a chance to go online to their website and enter the stick code for a chance to win.

The students are only entitled to a free paddle pop stick when it states that on the stick with a symbol of a paddle pop on it.

Wallerawang Public School has won an Apple Slinky Machine from Sydney Markets Limited for our participation in the “2014 Eat Fresh and Win Canteen campaign.”

The canteen will be closed all day on Tuesday, 9 December, 2014 for the Presentation Day. All students will need to bring their recess and lunch from home.

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School Uniform Shop News
TERM 4 OPENING HOURS
MONDAYS 2-3PM

Yard Sale
Sunday 16th November
8am–2pm
Lidsdale Couriers Depot
Rear of United Service Station
Lidsdale
Furniture, clothes, household items, books, toys and DVDs

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.

FREE TO GOOD HOME
One female tortoiseshell kitten. Ten weeks old with first vaccination and microchip. Very playful and affectionate. Used to being around children and socialised with other cats.
Call Dave on 0401 082 080.
SunSmart Snippet

The simplest way
...to be SunSmart!

Showing children that you wear sunscreen is the best way to teach them about our harmful UV rays.

Children imitate adult behavior — both good and bad. When it comes to sun protection, setting the best example is important for teachers and parents.

What should you do?
- Wear a sun safe hat.
- Wear a shirt with a collar and sleeves.
- Apply sunscreen before going outside, and then at regular two hour intervals throughout the day.

Be SunSmart and your children will follow your lead. Enjoy the holidays!

For more information visit
www.sunsmart.nsw.edu.au
or call 9334 1761

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way
...to make a Christmas centerpiece.

Get creative these holidays with a fruit and veg inspired centerpiece for your Christmas feast!

The picture on the right uses layers of baby tomatoes, rosemary and cheese but you could use:
- Layers of thinly sliced green and red capsicum, with slices of carrots in between
- Baby tomatoes and basil
- Kiwi fruit, watermelon, rockmelon
- Use mixed berries: blueberries, strawberries, raspberries.

If you have fruit + veg on your table, you'll be surprised how quickly it will be eaten.
For more inspiration – like us on Facebook – details below.
Merry Christmas!

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way
...make Christmas healthy

Christmas is full of temptation: from bowls of chocolate, to puddings to pavlovas.

It's important you still aim for two serves of fruit + five serves of veg, every day.

Try and restrict your family's treats until Christmas Day, and follow these three steps for healthier choices:
1. Serve vegie sticks with vegie dips as a starter, so you fill up on healthier food first.
2. Serve a large fruit salad or fruit kebabs alongside dessert.
3. Make sure half your plate is filled with vegies (think roasted or raw salads).

For more information visit
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or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way
...stay healthy over Summer.

Summertime = BBQ time in Australia.

Here are five ways to make your barbies as healthy and delicious as possible.
- Limit or avoid processed meat like sausages and bacon.
- Use lean cuts of meat.
- Make sure half your plate is filled with vegies.
- Cook vegies like eggplant, zucchini and capsicum straight on the bbq (or as part of the kebab in picture).
- Make a few salads to serve on the side.
- Freezing fruits like grapes and berries make a delicious treat for a dessert on a hot day.

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Tuesday 9th December
12 noon to 3.30pm
Wallerawang School Library
For every book purchased you receive another book for free.

Future Leaders Program
An ideal development opportunity for school Student Representative Council (SRC) or any student who shows leadership potential. To make a booking or find out more, contact Sport and Recreation on 13 13 02 or visit http://dsr.nsw.gov.au/futureleadersprimary for primary school programs and http://dsr.nsw.gov.au/futureleaderssecondary for secondary schools.

Understanding climate change
Is your child learning about climate change at school? CSIRO’s scientists are learning how the earth's climate system works through observation, measurement and modelling. Find out more: http://www.csiro.au/Outcomes/Climate/Understanding.aspx

Little Aussie Songsters competition
An Australia Day competition where primary students can video their singing of our national anthem. For further details, visit http://www.aussievault.com.au/vault/136/detail/little-aussie-songster.
The competition is now open and will close on Saturday 14 February 2015.

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