From the Principal’s Desk

We are now well into week 7 and the *hum* that is happening around the school in classrooms with really creative teaching and learning experiences for students across all grades K-6 is truly wonderful to experience and is carefully led by the teaching staff who in turn are supported closely with specialist staff; including admin officers and learning and support officers. Children may well have talked with you at home about classroom arrangements to support their learning each day with charts and management colours being applied in their classrooms and when moving around the school, a new re-birthed step-up level system is being developed by school staff and will commence in 2015. This will help students and parents understand how children are expected to behave and what is required of them to meet certain behaviour expectations and a refreshed system of rewards to reinforce their positive inclusion.

As last week wrapped up there was both positive and negative news conveyed to us via the school community regarding the loss of employment early in the New Year, relocation locally for some people and out of the area for others due to the coal industry job losses. Students affected by families in financial difficulties can be supported via parents talking with class teachers or office staff, seeking advice and in many instances financial support.

The final *Early Bird* session was held on Monday with approximately 40 families in attendance for the final parent information session whilst the children participated in the pre-school learning and assessment process. Overall, the 5 week program has been a valuable opportunity and transition for the preschool children who will commence Kindergarten at Wallerawang Public School in 2015. Thank you to Mrs Jenny Lamborn for her management of the program, coordination of speakers, presentation and general organisation.

Last week’s *Canteen rice meal deal* was a great success and also very delicious. Mrs Debbie Holder, Ms Kimberley Gunnulson and their band of helpers did a wonderful job. Their commitment and support of the school is truly appreciated by all.

The *Swimming School* is well underway with a full complement of students eager to learn to swim or improve their swimming ability. Huge thanks to Ms Leeanne Graham for her organisation and coordination of the program which will conclude this Friday.

The *School Spectacular* excursion will be held next Friday 28th November. The excursion is nearly full, with just 5 spots left. Please contact the school office if you would like to secure one of these positions.

The planning and organisation for the *School Christmas Carol and Family Picnic event* is well underway. Students are practising their particular roles with enthusiasm and staff are busy working behind the scenes to ensure the evening is a success. Please keep Friday 12th December free so that you can attend this important educational event on the school’s performing and creative arts program.

Parents and carers are invited to come along this Friday 21st November to our *School Assembly*. We will be recognising academic awards, citizenship and behavioural achievements. Class items by 1/2K & KW will feature as part of the morning celebration.
School Spectacular Excursion
The organisation for the Sydney excursion to the School Spectacular Performance is well underway. For those who have returned notes—THANK YOU. The final tickets are now being offered on a first in basis. The excursion begins at 7:30am and will return at 6:30pm on Friday 28th November. Any enquiries are to be directed to Ms Fahey.

Library News
Library lessons will finish in Week 8 (next week). Please make sure all borrowed library books are returned by the end of next week.

National Recycling Week
Last Friday, students K-2 participated in the Recycling Week presentation 'Better Get it Sorted' run by Lithgow City Council. The students were engaged in an interactive, hands-on presentation which involved identifying which items can and cannot be recycled in the household waste. The students had fun demonstrating their understanding as they completed a waste sorting relay.

1/2F learning about items that can be recycled

Students developed understanding of what can be recycled.

P&C Monster Christmas Stocking Raffle
Raffle tickets are due back Friday 28th November. Extra ticket books are available from the office. The raffle will be drawn on Presentation Day, Tuesday 9th December.

If you do not wish to sell your tickets, please return your complete ticket book. It is a legal requirement that every ticket book is accounted for.

P&C Christmas Party
The P&C are holding their annual Christmas Party on Monday 1st December at Black Gold Cabins in Wallerawang. If you'd like to attend, please RSVP to Katena Taylor on 0409 514 992 or Leanne Houlison on 0400 312 197 by Wednesday 26th November.

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
Captain & Prefect Elections for 2015

Leadership speeches will take place on Wednesday 3rd December starting at 9:30am in the school hall. Parents are most welcome to attend.

A special assembly will be held on Thursday 4th December at 9:15am to announce the Captains and Prefects for 2015 and present step up, academic and citizenship awards. The new leaders will then be officially inducted on Presentation Day.

Only students on Level 7 or above are eligible to nominate for election to school leadership positions.

Early Bird – 2015

We have come to the end of a very successful 5 week Kindergarten transition to school program better known as Early Bird. Over the last 5 weeks the students have been involved in a variety of literacy and numeracy based activities centred on a focus big book. Parents have also had the opportunity to be involved in information sessions on a variety of different topics from a number of guest speakers, led by the school principal, Mr Auld.

These have been relevant to students developmental stages and have included children’s vision & hearing, healthy eating and school readiness.

The Pre-schoolers will now return to their Early Childhood setting for the remainder of the year before joining us on the 29th January to start their formal schooling. We look forward to the students and the families joining us at Wallerawang for the next 7 years of their primary education.

A huge thanks is extended to Mr Auld, Miss Reid, Mrs Warner , Trudy Magus, Julie and Jenny Clark for their organisation and contribution to the Early Bird program.

Jenny Lamborn
Assistant Principal
Wallerawang Public School
Family Picnic Carols Night

Gold Coin Donation Entry
Every Child receives a glow stick, bag of lollies from Santa and a Zooper Dooper

Photos with Santa $2

BBQ and Drinks Stall OR bring a picnic basket from home

Lolly Guessing Competition
Bring a picnic rug
Bring a chair!
There will be designated areas for picnic rugs and an area for chairs

Lucky Door Prize $2 Lucky Dips

$1000 worth of Raffle Prizes to be drawn on the night!

Mr Whippy

Performances by the students of Wallerawang Public School

5:30 pm Friday 12th December

Website: www.wallerawan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Email: wallerawan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Assembly Week 6

Website: www.wallerawan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Email: wallerawan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
“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 ROSTER

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Canteen News
Bulla Frozen Yoghurt is temporarily unavailable.
Banana milk and Lemon Mini Calippos are no longer available from the canteen due to the product being discontinued.
This week the canteen has apples, strawberries, 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.

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.

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.

Missing—Beloved family dog
7 year old ‘Dixie’ is a brown female dachshund wearing a light brown collar and has been missing since last Friday in Wallerawang. Please ring 0408 150 051 if you have seen her or know where she might be.

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

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

For more information visit:  
or call 9334 1781

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**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 and 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!

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or join us at facebook.com/eattobeatit

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**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).

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**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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