May 7 2014 Term 2 Week 2

Dear Parent/Careers,

I think that we have seen the last of the nice days, back to the cold weather just in time for winter sport. The children have all settled back into routine. Thank you for your support in transitioning children back to school & maintaining expectations. The trial of moving straight into classrooms in the morning has had a positive impact across the school. It is great to be able to share messages across the school via SENTRAL where messages can be sent with attachments & personalised to classroom settings. As I moved around the classrooms there has been no delay in classrooms with programs up & running & quality work being produced. It is wonderful to see the excitement on the children's faces when they come to share work with me. Everyone is working extremely hard to ensure that all new learning is being implemented, including work around the new curriculum in both Mathematics & English. We are currently in the beginning stages of Science & History with online learning occurring to be facilitated across the school. I continue to be so impressed with the ability of staff to embrace new learning & changes with enthusiasm as it clearly shows that they want to do the best they possibly can for the children in their care daily & across the school. They are a committed team & I thank them for the time & effort they give each day.

Western Area Hockey Trials

Congratulations to the following girls who trialled on Friday for a place in the Western Region team.

Madison Burns, Katahna Woolsey, Brooke Lewis, Piper Woolsey, Piper Anderson, Kasey Mill and Maddison Hollands. Although not successful in gaining a place they represented their school with pride & enjoyed the day's proceeding. I have heard very encouraging things about their sportsmanship & encouragement of others.

Boys Western Region Hockey Trials

All the best to year 5 student Ryan Neale who is trialling in Lithgow on Monday for a place in the Western Region Hockey Team.

Mother’s Day Stall

The Mother’s Day stall has been very successful with a range of affordable gifts for the children to buy. Thank you to Leanne Houlsion for her coordination of this & to the Mums & Dad who supported on the day with selling the goods. I am sure there will be some very delighted Mums’ out there with the gift selections.

School Cross Country

The school cross country will be held Friday from 10.30am in the school grounds starting on the oval. Parents are welcome to attend & any assistance that you are able to give particularly with recording will be appreciated. Children who are placed in the first 4 in each age division will then progress to District on the 23rd May. This will be held at Lake Wallace & we will be the host school. Thank you to Mrs Nancarrow & Ms Graham for their organisation of the school Cross Country.
**General School Contributions**

General school contributions need to be paid by the end of MAY.

The cost per student is only $30 and for families with more than two students enrolled at the school the maximum fee is $60.

Contributions enhance educational and sporting programs, supplement classroom resources required for key learning areas and assist with administrative acquisitions, such as books, paper and craft supplies. Payments can be made directly to the front office.

**NAPLAN**

Next week children in Years 3 & 5 will participate in NAPLAN, commencing Tuesday. Please ensure that your children are in attendance at school. Please make contact with the school if children are sick & unable to sit the test.

**PSSA sporting teams**

It is a very busy term with the first & second rounds of PSSA sport needing to be played in the first few weeks of term. Ms Lang & Miss Reid have been training the boy’s hockey team who are very enthusiastic & will play against Zig Zag next Wednesday the 14th of May.

Ms Foster & her son Luke are busy with the selection of the boy’s Soccer team & the boy’s Rugby League team and will start training tomorrow with the support of coach Corey Stockton and Marty Rushworth. They will play host to Gulgong PS on the 20th of May at Wang oval. The Richardson Cup finals team will start training tomorrow at 8.40am with coach Chris Brown. It is great to see so much going on for the students to be involved in & the support of parents to allow this to happen.

**Friday’s Assembly**

At Friday’s assembly we will say a special thank you to our Rugby League coaches for the time, effort & commitment they give.

**Professional Learning for staff**

Professional Learning for staff this week involves TEN training with TEN facilitator Katrina Foster. Involved in this program will be Mrs Gale, Mrs Friedrich, Mr Campling, Ms Lang & Miss Gurney. Stage 1 staff – Mrs Brown, Ms Fahey, Mrs Gale & Mrs Friedrich will travel to Bathurst to start training in L3. We are very excited about being able to offer these highly sort after programs to our staff & we know that you will certainly see the results with the students.

Congratulations is extended to Rebecca Clark on the announcement of her engagement to Matt.

On behalf of the school community I wish to offer congratulations also to Ms Lang on her recent engagement to Adam. We were able to enjoy lunch with Miss Lang last week & present her with a gift from school staff as we wished her much love & happiness.

**Red and Green**

Today is wear Western Wednesday in support of 125 years of Western Region school sport. Under the current re-structure in education, sport has remained stable & we still go proudly under the Western banner. As I am sure you are all aware Western Region is vast & over the years Wallerawang Public School has been prominent in many representing teams which has gained them further selection & opportunities. I know that there are many children who have had representative opportunities over the years that are grateful for the experience & there will be many more who will have this chance. Over $200 has been raised! Thank you for your support of the day which will support further sporting opportunities in the school.

As all the Mums celebrate Mother’s Day on Sunday I hope it is a day of happy family time & rest. I certainly know that I would not or could not be the person I am today without my mother.

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**All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.**

*Abraham Lincoln*

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**Jenny Lamborn**

Relieving Principal Wallerawang Public School
**School sign**
A reminder that if you have a community announcement we are more than happy to show the world (or at least Wallerawang) with it placed on the school sign. The sign is re-programmed on a Friday.

**Year 5 Opportunity Class 2015 (OC)**
Applications are now available for students in Year 4 seeking a placement in the Year 5 Opportunity Class. The Opportunity class is for academically gifted students and provides intellectual stimulation by grouping gifted and talented students together. The nearest class in our area is based at Lithgow Public School. If you would like to discuss the suitability of your child applying for this class or would like an application or information please contact Mrs Fraser (Stage 3 AP) or Ms Foster (Stage 2 AP).

**Year 6 - CWA International Day - Botswana**
Stage 3 students will attend the CWA International Day this year with Year 6 presenting their work on Botswana on Thursday May 29th. The Year 6 children’s presentation will begin at 10am. All Stage 3 children will be given their morning tea by the CWA for free. Parents are invited to come along for this most enjoyable morning and join in morning tea for a cost of $7.00 each. There will also be a collection of a gold coins for “Coins for Friendship” which is forwarded to the CWA head office and then sent overseas to assist children in less fortunate countries.

Katrena Fraser AP Stage 3

**Easter Year 6 Fundraiser**
The week before Easter the Year 6 Fundraiser was to guess the amount of balls in the bucket. The winner of the giant chocolate Easter bunny was Madeline Holding from 3/4P with the correct guess of 76. Abbey Monaghan was runner-up and received a delicious Easter treat from Mrs Lamborn. This competition was a lot of fun and we might do another one this term!

**Mother’s Day Stall**
The P&C held their annual Mother’s Day stall on Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th May. It was great to see the children’s excitement being able to purchase something special for their mums. The stall could not have gone ahead without all the volunteers on both days. A huge thank you to Gabe & Greg Wardle, Simone Burns, Sharon Lambert, Ashleigh Morris, Jocelyn Barnes, Gena Dray, Mrs Theobald, Lee-Anne Abbas, Sheree Scanlan, Anna Fitzgerald and Alana Cafe.

**P&C Committee**

Meet Larry the “Leaf Monster”
Year 6 Fundraising—Pie Drive
The Year 6 fundraising committee are conducting a PIE drive over the coming fortnight. All profits go towards the “Year 6 End of Year Gift to the School”. The pies make great choices for warm winter meals and are not only delicious but also store easily in the freezer. Please share the order form with friends, family and neighbours. Orders are due back with payment on Thursday 22nd May, **no late orders will be accepted**.

Orders will be available for pick up from the School Hall between 2:30 and 4:30pm Thursday 29th May. Orders must be picked up as we cannot keep them overnight.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT VEGETABLE PIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO ORDER**

Thank you for your support!

Public Speaking

Our whole school Public Speaking Competition is running for the seventh year. Notes were distributed last term outlining the topic options for each Stage and general advice for effective public speaking. These notes are also available on our School Website.

**The length of speeches is to be:**

- **1 minute** for Kindergarten to Year 2, (15 seconds either side is acceptable)
- **2 minutes** for Years 3-6. (15 seconds either side is acceptable)

Speeches are to be prepared by the beginning of Week 2 and throughout Weeks 2, 3 & 4 this term, speeches will be presented in class groups and semi-finalists chosen from each class. Semi-finals will be held for teachers to select 3 finalists per grade.

At a special assembly on **Wednesday 28th May, (Week 5) in the school hall**, all finalists will present their speeches before the school and a panel of 3 judges.

The **Early Stage 1** and **Stage 1** finals will be conducted from **10.00 am**.

The **Stage 2 and 3** Finals will be held following recess, commencing at **11.35 am**.

Teachers are looking forward to listening to some wonderful speeches.

**Topics**

**Early Stage 1**
- My Family
- My Pets
- My Favourite Toy
- My Favourite Place

**Stage 1**
- My Family
- The Day I Met an Alien
- When I Grow Up...
- I am Grateful For...
- My Super Power

**Stage 2**
- The Day I Made My Family proud
- My Life As A Convict
- How To Keep Fit And Healthy
- What Makes Me – ME!
- Under My Bed...

**Stage 3**
- If I Had a Super Power
- My Hero
- A Day in the Life of a Gold Miner
- Things That Make Me Laugh
- I Couldn’t Believe my Luck...

Donna Quinn & Susan Dick
Public Speaking Coordinators

Uniform Shop News

**SALE NOW ON!**

- Old style sports pants reduced to $10.00 1 x size 8
  4x size 16.
- Fleecy Jumpers reduced to $10.00 1 x size 16
  3 x size 18
- Fully Lined Jackets reduced to $10.00 4 x size 16

These items are available for purchase from the front office.

Thankyou,
Leanne Houlison
Canteen Roster

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Canteen News

The canteen has apples, watermelon, oranges, grapes and mandarins available for 50 cents. English Muffins topped with ham & grilled cheese or pineapple & grilled cheese for 60 cents will be available for recess on Thursday and Tuesday.

Term 2

A new recess menu will start on Monday, 12 May, 2014 with warmer options for the students. Recess Menu - Corn on the cob $0.20c
Freshly baked cookies $0.20c
Small pikelets $0.20c
Small boxes of sultanas $0.40c
Small cups with Jelly and fruit/Strawberry or Caramel Mousse (Gluten Free) $0.50
Instant Noodles Chicken or Beef flavoured $0.50.

A reminder to all Canteen Volunteers that you need to pay $1.00 membership to be covered by the P & C Association insurance to work in the canteen. Please also obtain your Working with Children Check as soon as possible. Once you have received your approval number or if you already have an approval number, please provide a copy of the document to the front office for our records.

The Stickybeaks Lunch wallets were sent home last Friday and the uniform shop has some available for sale for $8.50.

Community Announcements

**Wallerawang Warriors Junior League Presents**

**2014 Wang Ball**

**Saturday 31st May**

**Cost : $30**

Venue: Wang Bowling Club

Tickets available at the club & through the committee

Chinese buffet & entertainment by WEST BROTHERS

Formal Dress: Something Blue

Seating at 6pm

**Raffles**

**Lucky Door Prizes**

"Biggest Morning Tea"

Cullen Bullen Public School are holding a “Biggest Morning tea” to raise money for the Cancer Council at Cullen Bullen Public School Friday 23rd May at 1:30pm

15-23 Castlereagh Highway Cullen Bullen

For more details contact Rebecca on 6359 0756 or donate at our fundraising page: nsw.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/cullenbullenpandc
POST SCHOOL SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY

Date: Thursday 15th May 2014
Time: 10.00am – 12.30pm
Registrations & Coffee: 9.45am -10.00am
Where: Lithgow Workers Club
3-7 Tank Street
Lithgow
NSW 2790

INVITED SPEAKERS From:
National Disability Coordination
Officer Program
TAFE
OCETC
CENTRELINK
ACCESS INDUSTRIES
LINC
UNITING CARE
VERTO
University of Western Sydney

This free community session is specifically designed to deliver information and advice to Year 10, 11 & 12 students and others with a disability, and their carers, about the types of support services and programs available when they finish school or later in life.

RSVP
Contact: Robyn Lang or Kris Lear
robyn.lang@det.nsw.edu.au
klear@verto.org.au
Mobile: 0455800597

Lithgow Nanna’s Touch ASD Support
Invites you to attend our Coffee/Chat Get-Together
-on 13th May at 10am to 12pm
-held at Lithgow Library

Welcoming Guest Speaker
To give a talk on -- Self Care Strategies --
for Parents of children with Additional Needs
followed by Q + A session

Dr Tracy Rhodes

Brighter Pathways
Child and Family Clinical Psychology

Dr Rhodes focus is in the area of Complex Childhood presentation and Autism Qualifications-clinical doctorate (child family focus); + PhD (childhood anxiety +conduit problems)with research on developing family based treatment for Children with emotional, behavioural and developmental difficulties.

For more information call Sue - 0409765601.
Don’t miss out – entry Gold Coin donation, with refreshments.

Website: www.wallerawan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Email: wallerawan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
SEMINAR FOR PARENTS:
Food for a happy and calm household
Thursday 8 May 2014
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Can the food in your child’s lunchbox affect their behaviour and health?

Are some of the chemicals put into everyday foods and drinks causing temper tantrums, sleep disturbance and disruptive behaviour in your children?

Join Home Economist and Addictive Abel Community Talks Presenter Louise D’Almeida for a fun and informative 2 hour webinar including Dubbo local and Neurorheological Coach Karina Philippa as our MC for the evening.

- What food additives are linked to health, learning and behaviour problems (including autism and hyperactivity).
- How to read and interpret food labels so you know which additives are worth avoiding.
- How easy it is to shop smarter and still stay healthy.
- How planning and tracking for your additives works.

All attendees will receive a handy Additives to Avoid wallet card to make shopping simple.

Australian Safe Safer database alert: Your Guide to Safer Shopping will be available on the night.

Tickets:
$20 each
ONLINE SPECIAL:
3 Tickets for $45

Bookings are essential!
Questions? Call Louise D’Almeida on 0400 723 556 or ask questions via our Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/MeatPlanningYourWay

Thursday 8 May 2014
7:00pm - 9:00pm
Bathurst West Public School
Salter St Bathurst

Tickets available online at
(Sorry no tickets will be available on the door)

Feedback from Slatyope Community Kindergarten:
This talk was both informative and very well presented. Louise was able to contrast and talk with facts, information and stories to enrich our approach to what would normally be presented as scientific facts and information to parents. Louise gave clear examples of effective strategies that parents can use and the results that can be achieved. Everyone was very interested in the significant changes that Louise has seen. it’s good to know that our children are safe with teachers and carers that know what is going on and are interested in the kids education.

“A Safe Place for Change”: Core skills for engaging children and families.

Presented by Hugh Crage

This free workshop is for professionals who work with children in the child care, education and health sectors, and its aim is to offer a fresh slant on some of the basics of counselling. It will build on the ‘natural helping style’ that many new professionals adopt when working with children and parents, and will focus on the fundamental techniques and strategies used in modern psychology, such as, ‘being with’ clients, reflecting and paraphrasing statements, and allowing the story and needs of the client to naturally unfold. There will be live and video demonstrations, as well as opportunities for practice. Both new and experienced workers will find this workshop insightful and valuable.

Workshop Details
Date: 24 June 2014
Time: 9am - 1:30pm
Venue: Millennium Room
Lithgow Workmans Club
3-7 Tank St, LITHGOW

Please RSVP no later than 17 June 2014

This is a FREE workshop brought to you by the Lithgow Child Protection Interagency. Morning tea will be provided. Please advise of special dietary needs at least two weeks prior to the event. Places are limited, so first in, best dressed!

To register (or request further information) please contact Michelle Granger on (02) 6350 2750 or email her at Michelle.Granger@health.nsw.gov.au.