Welcome back Mr Auld

Staff and students have this week welcomed back our long serving Principal Mr Duncan Auld after two and a half years absence working in senior management positions with the NSW Department of Education and Communities in various locations including Lithgow, Oberon, Bathurst, Orange, Mudgee and Dubbo in 2012/2013 and in 2014 at the State Office in Circular Quay, Sydney. Mr Auld was appointed Principal at the school in 1999 and is held in high regard within the local Wallerawang community, among educators in neighbouring schools and across the greater Lithgow area for his work with sporting organisations, management committees and community organisations. We look forward to his valuable contribution once again to our school.

From the Principal’s Desk

Special thanks is extended to the students and staff of Wallerawang School for the warm welcome received this week as I returned to Wallerawang School. I acknowledge the great work done by school teaching and support staff in my absence to continue the growth of the school and establish new and improved processes for the delivery of curriculum and the provision of engaging and motivating learning opportunities. Thanks is extended to Mrs Lamborn for her efforts in stepping up into the relieving principal position during my absence.

The task ahead of me now is focussing on the development of teachers in their role as educators, supporting them in not only their teaching but also in their own learning and development to continually improve their own capabilities and capacity to effectively work with the students and parents within the school context.

Over the coming weeks and during the semester ahead I look forward to meeting parents, re-acquainting old relationships and developing new ones whilst getting to know all of our students, some of whom I am yet to have worked with.

As the new term commences I ask parents to encourage their children to work hard at school, focus on the processes of learning and working with others, co-operate with teachers and follow the school rules; all of which will ensure the continued enjoyment of learning for all of the children at the school. Please also ensure that children settle into good sleeping and eating patterns as these two factors alone are well known for improving concentration and the retention of new knowledge.

For those families that I have never met before and for others that may be interested I’ll provide a brief overview next week of my experiences and background in education over the past 27 years hopefully putting into context the capabilities and competencies I bring to Wallerawang in leading and managing the school.

We have a very busy term ahead for students and staff alike. I encourage you to read the newsletter carefully, note significant dates on your planners, check your children’s bags for notes and messages, trawl our website for updates, seek clarification from school staff when necessary and work with us
Healthy Harold has arrived! The Life Education Van is visiting our school until Wednesday 23rd July and each class will be attending a session appropriate to their stage. The sessions address many of the components and objectives within the NSW PDHPE curriculum and follow-up activities will be conducted during Life Skills lessons this term. 3/4G and 3/4P have already enjoyed their visit to the van and the remaining classes will attend next week on the following days.

Monday 1/2B, 1/2F, 3/4C & KR
Tuesday 1/2K, 1/2G & 5/6F
Wednesday 5/6G, 5/6Q & KW

The duration of sessions is 1 hour for Kindergarten and Stage 1 and 1 1/2 hours for Stages 2 and 3.

Any outstanding notes and money will be accepted prior to classes attending the van but should be handed in as soon as possible. Permission notes are still available on our website and from the front office. Alternative arrangements will be made for non-attenders while their class is in the van.

Healthy Harold Merchandise

All students will have the opportunity to purchase ‘Harold’ Merchandise directly from Mrs Evans in the Van during THE SECOND HALF OF LUNCH NEXT MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY ONLY. A merchandise list was distributed yesterday. Kindergarten and Stage 1 students should bring the correct money in an envelope labelled with the item/s for purchase and their name and class, to allow the educator to process their order efficiently and accurately.

Debating News

This Friday the 18th of July the Wallerawang Public School Debating Team will travel to Oberon Public School for their second debate. The Topic is "That Primary School children should have a Facebook page". As the visiting team we are again the negative arguing "That Primary school children should not have a Facebook page". The Team is: First Speaker Chloe Petersen, Second Speaker Ella Zorz, Third Speaker Brydie Zorz and Team Advisor Madi Burns. The team is supported by researchers Sara Lane and Kasey Mill.

I'd like to wish the girls the very best of luck, they are a dedicated and hard working team who do a lot of preparation in their own time.

Debating Co-ordinator
Mrs Quinn
Wallerawang School Sport by Mr Campling

This term is already shaping up to be a very busy term for school sport across a variety of different ages and codes.

AFL Clinic

On Friday, 18th July, the primary half of our school will play host to a Central West AFL clinic. This clinic will teach the students the fundamental aspects of the game and develop interest in the sport. This is important as AFL is a growing sport in New South Wales, opening up yet another sporting opportunity for our students. Students will participate in class groups and receive approximately 45 minutes of instruction and game time.

Touch Football

On Friday, 25th July, Wallerawang will play host to Kan-dos in the Girls Touch Football and Cudgegong Valley in the boys. The time of the girls game is 10:30 a.m. while the boys play at 12:00 p.m. It would be great for our parents and community members to cheer on both of our girls and boys teams as they attempt to progress further in the PSSA Touch Football Knockout competition.

District Athletics

On Friday, 1st August, our athletic representatives will participate in the Lithgow District’s Athletics Carnival. Notes and information for participating students will come out shortly. Students placing in the top three in their final in the 100m and 200m as well as those who finished first or second in the 800m and the field events will be those students representing Wallerawang at the District Carnival. A junior and senior relay team for both boys and girls will be made from the four fastest 100m qualification times across their respective age groups. When notes and information sheets are provided to students, it is best to notify me as soon as possible if they are not participating in the carnival. This allows changes to occur before the day’s proceedings and provides other students the opportunity to participate in the carnival.

Touch Football Report

On the last day of term two, Wallerawang played host to Portland Central School in round one of the boys PSSA Knockout Touch Football competition. It was a great game for our boys as each member was given the opportunity to perform and shine. Some of the boys were returning Touch Football players beginning their journey in defending their Western region title success from last year. Others are switching codes or attempting this sport for the very first time. This is a great experience for the old and the new as they showed they play well together as a unit, and demonstrated how supportive they were of each other’s skills and experiences. The boys won the game scoring into the double digits and defended very well. It was only in the latter stages of the second half that Mrs Lamborn turned to me and asked “Have you been keeping score?” To which I replied “I have lost count”. Mrs Lamborn and I are very proud of the boys and wish them well in their next encounter against Cudgegong Valley. This will be a hard fought, and tightly contested game. Photos can be found on page 4.

Watch this space for further information on the Basketball Gala day, the Touch Football Gala day, T20 Cricket as well as other sporting events occurring this term. Information will be provided closer to the date.

Mr Campling

Lost Property.

All lost property gathered at the end of Term 2 has been washed and packaged up and is being stored in the sick bay shower area. Items that have been in that location since the end of Term 1 have been moved to the clothing pool or sent off to Stewart House with their collection.

Some items worth noting that were left behind at the end of Term 2 are:
A size 8 Navy Hoodie with a red HRT logo on the front and the words ‘Holden Racing Team’.
A size 12 ‘NSW PSSA’ Grey Hoodie.
A size 10 Western School Sports Green Polar fleece
A size 12 polar fleece zippered jacket with the word ‘Gondwana’ logo.
A size 10 School Jacket embroidered ‘Pate’ which would have been passed from that family.
A size 12 School Jacket with the name ‘C Anlezark’ which would have been passed from Chloe. There are many items of school clothing and a few generic items in the collection. Please call and claim anything you may have lost last term.

Mrs Van Der Velden
CANTEEN ROSTER

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P&C NEWS

P&C Meeting Next Monday 21st July at 7:00pm straight after the Canteen Meeting.

WANG P&C TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY 26TH JULY
TEAMS OF 8

$25.00 PER PERSON
(includes finger food, Band & lucky door ticket)

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

GET IN QUICK SO YOU DON’T MISS OUT ON THIS FUN FILLED NIGHT.

SCHOOL CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Meeting Monday 21 July 6:30 pm in the School Library everyone welcome.

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

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UNIFORM SHOP

Reminder all lay byes require regular payments, at least fortnightly.

Trivia Night Tickets for Saturday 26th July $25.00 per person. Tickets are available at the uniform shop Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 2:00pm till 3:00pm or Friday 8:45am till 9:30am.