From the Principal’s Desk

Education Week

This year marks 60 years since Education Week was first celebrated in NSW in 1954. "The theme for the first Education Week was 'lighting the way to a better world'. Much has changed since 1954, but public schools still pursue this same strong commitment to that philosophy. Our theme this year is once again 'lighting the way to a better world'.

At Wallerawang School yesterday we held our special open day which included an assembly with student performances, academic awards, citizenship awards and community acknowledgements for service to the school. The hall and COLA areas were overflowing with visitors and a wonderful ceremony took place.

Parents, extended family members and visitors then took the opportunity to visit the classrooms, look through student workbooks, meet teachers and enjoy the ambience of our spacious and modern classrooms.

Morning tea was then provided in the hall for the guests which was a combined effort by the P&C Association and School Staff.

Thanks is extended to everyone that came along and helped celebrate this important event with us. See pages 2 & 3 for details of award recipients along with some lovely photos taken on the day.

‘Jeans for Genes’ Day is tomorrow
See page 6 for full details from Miss Gurney who is coordinating the event.

Trivia Night

On Saturday night the P&C held its annual Trivia Night at the Wallerawang Bowling Club. It was a packed house with lots of fun and challenging questions along with a host of raffle opportunities, 100 club and other fundraising challenges. A huge thank you is extended to everyone that came along and joined in the fun. The band Ekky Thump that played following the trivia session was an excellent addition to this year’s program, providing entertainment right through until after midnight. In ensuring the success of the night a number of sponsors generously donated money, goods and vouchers. See Page 5.

Next School Assembly

Parents and carers are invited to come along next Friday 8th August to our weekly assembly. Awards and certificates from week one along with new nominations from next week will be presented on the day. Assembly commences at 9:15am and all parents, carers and community members are welcome to attend.

Duncan Auld
Principal - Wallerawang Public School
Education Week Assembly

Yesterday we were joined by family and community members to celebrate Education Week. This was a wonderful opportunity for the school to acknowledge the achievements of our hard-working students and dedicated community members who give tirelessly to our school. Mr Allan Beecroft awarded a special presentation to Connor Higgins and Ryan Neale for their selection in the Western Areas teams for touch football and hockey. Our school choir and instrumental groups performed “Like a Drum” and “Que Sera” and showcased the amazing talent that Mrs Gurney, Mrs Fahey and Mr Campling are fostering within the school. After the assembly our guests joined us in the classrooms to see the wonderful and innovative work that the students are doing with their teachers. The morning was finished off beautifully with a lovely morning tea provided by the P&C and teachers. Thank you to everyone who came along to participate in our Education Week activities.

Amanda Brown
Classroom Teacher

Application to Study Awards

KR - Mia Egan & Shaylee Lauer  KW - Keeley Collins & Zac Stack
1/2B - Pheobe Milne & Lindsay Lauer  1/2F - Dekota Edmonds & Wyatt West
1/2G - Cailin Taylor & Brandan Dewar
1/2K - Karmichael Peters-Chapman & Hannah Golan
3/4C - Jay Murray & Ethan Fitzpatrick  3/4G - Hannah Cain & Mackenna Potter
3/4P - Faith McManus & Tayla Walsh  5/6Q - Piper Anderson & Hayleigh Andrews
5/6F - Hollie Cameron & Katahna Woolsey
5/6G - Britanny Griffiths & Ethan Van Der Velden
Life Skills - Brydie Zorz, Sam Petersen & Serena McCann
Reading Recovery - Lachlan Nunan
Library Service Award - Piper Anderson & Lachlan Andrews
Citizenship Awards

KR - Savannah Fitzpatrick & Rydah Woolsey
1/2B - Mitchell Desch & Matilda Borham
1/2G - Jessica Gearsie & Simon Williams
3/4C - Charlotte Jackson & Charlotte Dunn
3/4P - Thomas Seton & Keely Williams
5/6G - David Waru & Courtney Martin
Life Skills - Emily Case

KW - Lachlan Henderson & Leah Hawken
1/2F - Riley Muldoon & Holly Mason
1/2K - Cody Phillips & Tiger Dunn
3/4G - Bray McGovern Ashton Kenniff
5/6F - Hayden McManus & Max Gordon
5/6Q - Cooper Giles & Rachel Cook
Community Awards

Leanne Houlison  Katena Taylor  Gabe Wardle  Sheree Scanlan
Chris Brown  Corey Stockton  Marty Rushworth  Kimberly Gunnulson
Leigh Fitzpatrick  Luke Bilby  Debbie Holder  Simone Burns
Quentin Anderson  Pauline Wellfare  Kim Heath  Kelly Woolsey Weeks
Angela Seymour  Alison Jackson  Kylie Williams  Michelle Van Der Velden
Kylie Mason  Sharon Rushworth  David Bird  Lorraine Bradford
Tammy Brown  Eddie Lamborn  Leanne Walsh  Ann Forrest
Josh Way  Asleigh Morris  Karen Desch  Jocelyn Barnes
Sharon Morris  Joe Fraser  Jeff Fraser  Melanie & Adrian Schindler
Renee Bradford  Tania McMillan  Kathy Lane  Mathew Houlison
Michelle Lane  Mick Quinn  Natalie MacCullagh
On Saturday night the P&C held its annual Trivia Night. It was a successful and fun evening. A huge thank you to all who came along and joined in the fun. The night would not have been possible without the following generous sponsors:

- Springvale Colliery Union
- Angus Place CMU Charity Fund
- Wang Bowling Club
- Capricornia Studio - (Kay Booker)
- Williams & Sons Butcher (Portland)
- Old Inn Massage (Cara McLoughlan)
- Marty and Sharon Rushworth
- Leanne Houlioson - Metro on Main
- Crib Room Restaurant (Black Gold Country Cabins)
- Naturally By Kelly
- Kel Harts Nails
- Eves
- Gloss Hair Creations
- Mayfield Gardens Oberon
- Respectfully (Karyn Mitchell)
- Scenic World Katoomba
- Cronulla Sharks Rugby League

Katena Taylor
P&C President
Stage 3 Antarctica Video Conference

On Wednesday afternoon the students in Stage 3 were privileged to be involved in a Video Conference (VC) where they met and interacted with a science station leader and some of the workers that are undertaking science projects in Antarctica.

The students have just started learning about Antarctica in their classrooms and we were delighted to be able to give them the opportunity to see and meet the people that spend many freezing cold months working at the science stations in Antarctica. They were able to give us a greater insight into the living and weather conditions, terrain, wildlife and the work that they do. Fifteen other schools from around NSW were also involved in the VC with staff at the station answering a variety of questions from the students from different schools.

The students enjoyed the opportunity to utilise the VC as part of their studies and hopefully gained some interesting and further knowledge on Antarctica.

Katrena Fraser
Assistant Principal
Wallerawang Public School

Jeans for Genes

All our students are encouraged to wear jeans this Friday 1st August. We would appreciate a gold coin donation to raise money for research that can help prevent genetic disorders affecting young children.

Kelly Gurney
Co-ordinator

Year 6 Fundraising

Year 6 Parents fundraising meeting
Tuesday 5th August
In our Library at 3:10pm
Please come along and support your children : )
**Sports News**

**District Athletics**

On Friday, 1 August the Wallerawang Athletics team will participate at the District Carnival held at Lithgow. This year the team consists of 48 athletes spanning from 8 year olds to 12 year olds. We know the boys and girls will participate with sportsmanship and the ‘Wang Spirit’ we have come to expect.

**Touch Football Results**

On Friday, 25 July both our boys and girls Touch Football teams played on the school oval. At first it looked like it was going to be called off due to wet weather, but it fined up during the day creating great playing conditions. Unfortunately, our girls team went down to Kandos, but they played very well. For many of the girls it was their first time on a Touch Field, making their performance even more impressive. Both Brittany Griffiths and Hayleigh Andrews had line breaks but Brooke Lewis was our only touch down scorer. I am very proud of the girls and would like to thank Tammy Brown for her efforts as coach!

The boys team then played Cudgegong Valley. Again, the boys played very well and responded to Corey Stockton’s coaching. Cudgegong proved to be more difficult than Portland but with great tactics, speed and hands the day was won 10 – 1. The boy’s attacks were consistent and their defence was impressive. I would like to thank Corey for his continued support as we look forward to versing the winner out of Rylstone and Lithgow. All the best for Round Three!

**Connor Higgins Western Region Touch Representation**

Last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Connor participated in the Western Region Touch Team at the NSW trials. Representing at a NSW level is a truly outstanding achievement making Connor one of the top 100 touch football players in NSW. Though the Western Region team only won the one game I have heard reports that they played very well as a team. Connor was able to contribute to the team with great sportsmanship, communication and skill and scored four touchdowns during the trials. We are very proud of Connor’s efforts. His touch football journey this year will continue in the Boys Knockout team.

**Basketball Gala Day**

The Basketball Gala day to be held at the Wallerawang Indoor Stadium is only a week away. Ms Graham and myself are busily preparing the boys and girls teams respectively. The date of this event is Thursday 7th August. We will need parent volunteers on the day to assist with time keeping and scoring as this day will not be possible without your support. Please see either see Ms Graham or myself if you can help out on the day.

Thanks
Mr Campling
**SCHOOL CANTEEN NEWS**

This week the canteen has apples, bananas, kiwi fruits, watermelon and oranges 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**.

We need more canteen volunteers to help out in the canteen on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, please contact Kimberly on 0409319356.

**Important Reminder**

The canteen is having a **Soup Meal Deal** of Chicken & Corn Noodle Soup on Tuesday, **5th August, 2014**. Pre-order Forms have been sent home this week which need to be returned to school by tomorrow.

Thanks Debbie Holder

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**P&C News**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**More Sports News**

Cricket NSW will be holding a cricket clinics at our school, in school time.

All Classes will be involved, this will start this Friday 1st August and continue on Friday 8th August and Friday 15th August.
Some items worth noting that were left behind at the end of Term 2 are:

A size 10 Western School Sports Green Polar fleece

A size 12 polar fleece zippered jacket with the word ‘Gondwana’ logo.

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

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

Garage Sale

Massive Movie Sale over 1500 movies. 25 Cripps Street, Wallerawang starting at 8am on Saturday 2nd August.
WGEC OPENING
Selected students from Wallerawang Public School, Madison Burns, Maddison Hollands, Madison Radosevic, Brydie Zorz, Ava Lambert, James Cathie, Hollie Cameron, Sara Lane, Kasey Mill and Katahna Woolsey were members of the WGEC Choir for 2014. They performed at Lithgow High School along with students from 8 other schools. They also performed at Three Tree Lodge, Lithgow Shopping Centre and Cooinda. Students should be very proud of the way they performed and for their outstanding behaviour. Our school leaders also attended the opening assembly and were amazed by the outstanding talents from students from each of the WGEC schools. Madison Burns, Shelby McCann, Hollie Cameron, Tylah Piggott and Piper Anderson also performed the song “Happy” and impressed the official party and audience with their amazing performance skills.

25 Years’ Service Award
On Tuesday this week Wallerawang School Staff honoured our General Assistant Mr David Tilley with a ‘25 years’ service to Wallerawang School luncheon. Staff enjoyed a sit down lunch in the library where a special gift and service certificates were handed over and David enjoyed the company of his sister and mother, some of our former staff and all of the current school staff (as they rostered through playground duties, choir rehearsals and recorder practice). Congratulations to Mr Tilley and thank you on behalf of the staff, students and community for your dedicated service to our school.
BOOK WEEK 2014

THIS YEAR’S THEME IS

CONNECT TO READING

To all school families and friends

When: Tuesday 19th August
Time: 9:30am – 11:00am

Where: School Hall for Assembly and Class Parades then to the Library for the Book Fair
(Book Fair will be open Tuesday 11am-3.30pm and Wednesday 8.30am-10am)

ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO COME DRESSED AS THEIR FAVOURITE CHARACTER or ANY CONNECT TO READING theme

We receive 30% commission on book sales to spend on new books for our library. All donated books will have the child’s name permanently displayed inside the cover.

Book Donations are greatly appreciated.

Please join us for a fun filled time at Wallerawang Public School.
Western Touch in Ulladulla
We arrived in Ulladulla on Monday and started with a training game against a local school. Our Team played well and we were handed out the uniforms. Then it was off to relax before the next 3 days and 12 games of touch. Day 1 we had photos nice and early, with 5 games ahead of us. Our team played with spirit but we were defeated this day in all 5 games. Day2 another 5 games to play, we had one win on this day against Riverina who just happens to be my previous area of sport before moving to Lithgow. Day 3 we had a draw and a loss. All in all it was an awesome trip and I met some cool people and made some new mates. Our team came 11th in the Western competition. Thanks to James our coach who was really supportive and kept us motivated.
By Connor Higgins