**From the Principal’s Desk**

**Another great week of learning, fun and working together**

Staff and students have once again worked their way through another busy week. 48 of our students yesterday attended the Lithgow District Athletics Carnival today in Lithgow and we are all looking forward to hearing about their performance and participation. See page 3 for details.

**School Assembly**

Parents and carers are invited to come along this Friday 8th August to our weekly assembly. Awards and certificates from week one along with new nominations from this week will be presented on the day. The recognition of academic achievement, citizenship and sporting capabilities are always a pleasure to celebrate with the kids. Assembly commences at 9:15am and all parents, carers and community members are welcome to attend.

**School Rules and Teacher Expectations**

In supporting your children in their education and well-being at Wallerawang School I ask that every family talk through these rules with their children helping them to unpack what each rule really means, what it may look like in terms of their behaviour and also just how important it is that when everyone on a team follows the same guidelines the whole team performs better. These rules could even be modified to suit many home environments.

Wallerawang Public School is a happy, safe and enjoyable place to learn when children consistently follow the school rules. Our 7 rules are:

1. Follow the directions of teachers and staff
2. Speak politely and respectfully
3. Play in the correct areas
4. Move quietly and safely when moving around school.
5. Take care of all equipment
6. Respect the rights of others (no fighting, bullying, hurting, teasing, swearing)
7. Participate fairly and safely (playing by the rules)

**‘Jeans for Genes’ Day**

A big thanks is extended to children and staff that supported this special fundraising event. We managed to raise $227.40 which has been forwarded to the organisation team to support research.
Bus Behaviour
A heads up to parents that a crackdown on inappropriate behaviour on the buses is under way. School staff are managing all sorts of issues within the school that arise from reportedly poor behaviour on both morning and afternoon bus travel. If your child is on the receiving end of behaviour you perceive as inappropriate please contact the bus company, report your concerns, they can validate information with bus drivers and provide details to us at the school to manage if need be.

For children that have been reported for instigating issues on the bus through a series of reports received by the bus company it can lead to a loss of travel rights. Please reinforce best manners and cooperative behaviour on the buses with your children.

End of year Carols Night
School staff have detailed their interest in coordinating a special evening of Christmas carols at the end of the year. To add to the concept of a fun family evening, children will have the opportunity to join classmates in performing some carols up on a purpose built stage on the school oval. Students will be invited to perform small group items or individual performances as well, which Ms Gurney will manage. The set date is Friday evening 12th December. We ask that you put the date in your calendar now and keep it free. See page 8 for further details from Ms Gurney and an invitation for community input into the evening via a special meeting coordinated next week.

Ice-Challenge and other Social Media Activities
Parents are advised to discuss with their children that activities such as Ice-Challenges are activities associating peer pressure with fear of having to pay money and make donations; which is absolutely ridiculous. A few issues have been identified within our community relating to the ice-challenge that have rolled over into the school and become issues between friendship groups. Please support us in talking with your children about the inappropriateness of such activities, the bizarre nature of feeling compelled to do it otherwise money has to be paid elsewhere and re-affirm that your children have the right to say NO to such requests or nominations. For those as ‘old’ as me you may recall chain letters that used to arrive in the mail anonymously; ice-challenges are social media versions of those early paper and pen based rituals.

Duncan Auld
Principal - Wallerawang Public School
On Wednesday students travelled to Lithgow to compete in the District Athletics Carnival. This was the second attempt at the carnival after inclement weather forced the first carnival to be postponed. Wallerawang students represented the school exceptionally well, always giving 100% in their events. We had many student placings and personal bests obtained throughout the day and everyone was thrilled with the effort of all students.

At the end of the day Cooerwull was announced as the winning school, however Wallerawang did exceptionally well in the overall champion placings with Lachlan Taylor coming away as 11years Boys Champion, Piper Woolsey the Junior Runner-Up Champion and Connor Higgins the Senior Boys Runner-Up Champion in the district. Many of our students will go on to represent the Lithgow District team at the Western Region Athletics carnival to be held in Dubbo in the near future.

Congratulations to all our school representatives, we are very proud of all of you. A full report with student results will be in next weeks newsletter. Thank you to all the wonderful parents and grandparents who came along to support our students.

Some pictures on page7

Katrena Fraser  Assistant Principal - Wallerawang Public School

For more information about these Lithgow Library Learning Centre competitions please contact
Kellie Drengenberg  Children’s Library Officer  -  63529100
KW and 1/2 B lettuce is being used in our canteen.

Edwin was given the job of picking our last pumpkin from 3/4F.

During Term 3 students will have the opportunity to sample our broccoli, cauliflower, beetroot, carrots and spinach.

Covering our lettuce from the frost.

Our plants for the garden and below our ever growing spinach.

The Environmental Crew continue to work hard in our vegetable garden. During Week 6 all students will have the opportunity to help get our summer plants ready by planting a seed. Plants include tomatoes, cucumber, zucchini, peas, corn, lettuce and carrots. All helpers very welcome and any ideas.

Sharon Rushworth
Welcome to the Lunchtime Activity Room

We are having great fun in the Lunchtime Activity Room. There are lots of different activities to keep children engaged and having a great time with friends. The purpose of the Activity Room is to provide a quiet and non-threatening space to play and socialise with other students in a small group environment.

This space provides a safe haven for children to play, use a computer or just chill out and draw or read a book or sit in a cardboard box and dream about the future.

The Activity Room is supervised by teachers to ensure that children have an enjoyable experience.

Mrs Robyn Friedrich
Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 News

As I sit in my newly acquired home office I can see in the distance the last remnants of snow from Friday nights fall maybe we will now see the weather start to change as the countdown to Spring begins. Winter sport is coming to an end I am sure to be replaced by the summer edition with no slowing to the daily routine. I look forward to hearing results as we move towards semi – finals time. I look forward to my varying role over the remainder of 2014; it was great to be so warmly welcomed back at the end of last week. I loved the genuine delight from the students and questions I got about ‘my holiday’. It was far from a holiday but it was nice to have a little extra time to get some things done. I look forward to working with ES1 & Stage 1 but also across the school.

On Friday we had the pleasure of thanking 3 dedicated and appreciated staff members for the work they have done across the school in a variety of roles. I know I have reiterated many times before but Wallerawang is like no other when it comes to staff taking their jobs to the next level. Mrs Jenkins has been an integral part of the staff during the year in both the Learning Support, Release roles and in KW she has slotted comfortably back into the school and has felt right at home developing an excellent working relationship with staff, students and the parent community. Miss Lang has been a long term and respected member of our staff over several years and varied roles. Miss Lang will continue in the Reading Recovery role which she is brilliant at and move back into working with classes to provide classroom teachers with release. Miss Lang has more recently been employed on a temporary basis as Learning and Support Teacher and once again she has supported students and staff in the quality teaching and learning process through her varied and extensive skill base. Miss Lang is well organised, precise and has been a wonderful support to me this year in ensuring departmental requirements have been met and she is sincerely thanked for her professionalism and commitment. Mrs Brown was next in acknowledgement of the outstanding job she has done in the Assistant Principal role from the commencement of 2011. It is hard to reduce what Mrs Brown has done in this role and the way she has committed herself to it and grown and developed in few short sentences. Mrs Brown has given her all to this job. Through her own knowledge and skills and a genuine interest and concern in her students and staff has been able to support and lead a collegial team in the best interests of the students. She has been a valuable member of our Leadership Team. I admire Mrs Brown not only as an exceptional classroom practitioner, but most importantly as an honest, reliable and genuine person who contributes so much to our school environment and community. I look forward working side by side with Mrs Brown learning from her and with her in a collaborate team approach for our students. My sincere and personal thanks Mrs Brown.

Early Stage 1 Mathematics Planning Day

Yesterday Miss Reid and Mrs Warner spent the day planning a measurement unit with our mathematics extraordinaire Ms Foster. Stage 1 have already had their planning time and their unit is ready for implementation in the classrooms.
Stage 1 Planning Day
On Friday our stage 1 team will work together on a general planning and overview day which will set up units for the remainder of the term including embedding assessment and begin to look at the focus for term 4. Stage 1 has been looking at informative texts for the first 5 weeks of term with a focus on Australian Animals. Next Wednesday stage 1 will follow up on their L3 training in Bathurst which I hope to attend with them.

Kindergarten 2015
This time of the year comes around all too quickly. This week letters will go home to all families who have indicated an interest in enrolling at Wallerawang in 2015. The letter outlines information in relation to the parent information session to be held at 7pm in the Library on the 21st August followed by the Kinder Orientation morning from 10am on the 28th August. It would be great to see as many as possible at both. Look forward to seeing you all and working with you as the transition to school process begins.

This week is shaping up to be a hectic one with sports activities consuming much of the week and we all look forward to the results of the game played on Tuesday between Lithgow and Rylstone as to who we play in the next round of boy’s touch football. Many thanks to Corey Stockton and Mr Campling (as Assistant Coach) who have been working with the team. Wallerawang boys will play Lithgow PS on Friday at Tony Luchetti Sports Field 11:00am so bring your loudest cheering voices. Have a great week.

Jenny Lamborn
Assistant Principal
P&C News

CANTEEN ROSTER

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SCHOOL CANTEEN NEWS

The school vegetable garden is currently providing Lettuce to our canteen.

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

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

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

The students enjoyed a very delicious Chicken & Corn Noodle Soup Tuesday. A thank you to our canteen volunteers Kimberly Gunnulson, Anna Fitzgerald and Rita Doalman for preparing and serving lunch.

Debbie Holder

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING COMPETITIONS

100 Club Winner
Mrs Katrena Fraser  Lucky Number: 18

Chocolate Lotto
Children can buy a number for 20c between 1—100. (similar to 100 club) At assembly each week a number will be drawn and the winner will receive a large block of chocolate! Year 6 will be selling the numbers at lunchtimes.

Chocolate Guessing Comp
We also have a jar filled with chocolates, it is 50c a guess. Year 6 will have a table set up in the playground at lunchtimes.

Mrs Walsh

REMINDER

Just a reminder to our families while the car park is being re-surfaced in places please park over at the dam until further notice. Sorry for any inconvenience.

End of Year Carols Evening
Miss Gurney will be holding a meeting in the Library Friday 15th August at 8:30am. Interested parents are welcome to come along and join in with us in planning this event. Thank you.

Miss Gurney

Basketball Gala Day
The Basketball Gala day was held in the Wallerawang Indoor Stadium today. Ms Graham and myself have trained the boys and girls teams respectively. We look forward to sharing the results with you next week.

Thanks
Mr Campling
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

Mrs Brown from 1/2B is looking for some child friendly catalogues and magazines such as Toy Catalogues and Better Homes & Gardens for class use. These can be dropped off at the front office or given to Mrs Brown.

Thank you. : )
Wallerawang Junior League

Could players with Perpetual Trophies from last year for Wang Junior League please return to Mrs Lamborn at the school or at Football training this week and that we are interested in knowing any members of the community that are life members of Wang Junior League.

LITHGOW JUNIOR BASKETBALL MUSTER DAY

Today 6th August 2014
4:00pm – 5:30pm
Barton Street Stadium

Competition starts 20th & 21st August
all attending players new and old in age groups from U/12, U/14, & U/18 Boys & Girls.
NAMES MUST BE SUBMITTED

Competition Days will be:
Wednesdays: u/12, u14,u/16 Girls
Thursdays: u/12, u14,u/16 & u/18 Boys

For more information please ring Rae Swift 6352 1723

BOOK WEEK 2014
THIS YEAR’S THEME IS

CONNECT TO READING

To all school families and friends
You are invited to join our Book Week Celebrations.

We receive 30% commission on book sales to spend on new books for our library. Contact can be made

Wallerawang Lidsdale Progress Association

Wallerawang Lidsdale Progress Association is looking for proactive and forward thinking people to join us to help revive and enhance our town.

We would also like the our towns folk to let us know of persons in our community they think should be nominated for Citizen of the Year for our Australia Day celebrations in January.

Everyone is welcome to come to our meetings which are held at the Wallerawang Bowling Club on the first Tuesday of the month at 6.30 pm.

Contact can be made with Ros Francis at desrosf4@bigpond.com or on 63551954.