From the Principal’s Desk
My time has been spent this week working with principals and aspiring leaders in a three day development program at Brighton-le-sands in Sydney. Working with and developing the next generation of school leaders is very inspiring and rewarding. I feel privileged being asked to present material and facilitate their growth and learning. I’ll be returning to the school tomorrow with great anticipation. Thanks is extended to Mrs Foster, Mrs Lamborn and Mrs Fraser, all of whom have managed my work during this time.

Parent Information Night and Kinder Orientation 2015
It was great to see the attendance of families at last Thursday’s information session for prospective enrolments for Kinder 2015. Amongst the crowd were both familiar faces and those new to the school who came to hear an overview of the school. Thank you to those who took the time to attend and we look forward to valued partnership. With nearly 45 enrolment packages now sent out to families for enrolling their children into kindergarten next year we look forward to Thursday’s Kinder 2015 Orientation Program, running for an hour from 10am -11am. Next year’s kinder children will participate in a special classroom orientation and learning program whilst parents tour the school and get a feel for the learning environment, see first-hand our great facilities and learn a little about the history and evolution of the school over the past 19 years. The P&C will provide tea & coffee during this time for the parents/carers who are waiting. This is always an exciting time as we welcome eager pre-schoolers for the next phase in their learning.

Father’s Day is soon to be upon us and next Monday and Tuesday the P&C will be providing a wonderful service to the children of our school. Father’s Day stalls will be held in the morning on Monday 1st Sept and Tuesday 2nd Sept. All students will have the opportunity to purchase gifts for their dads or for that special male in their life; step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles and so on.

Next week school staff will celebrate SASS Recognition Week. What is SASS? School Administrative and Support Staff. Teachers and administrative staff will combine together on Tuesday for a special luncheon in recognition of our front office team, the school learning and support officers that work in the classrooms and also the general assistants, all of whom do a fantastic job in their particular roles in the school. It will be a privilege to be a part of this special celebration.
Mr Peter Harvey, **Director of Schools Bathurst**, will attend Wallerawang School next Monday for a supervision and management visit. I look forward to meeting with him and sharing stories around the great work of the staff here at the school, the terrific learning opportunities our students have and detailing some of the key findings around our student engagement and learning initiatives.

**School Crossing**
Please be advised that due to no markings on the road the crossing guard will only be guiding children across the road in a guardian role. This means that the Crossing Guard will not be walking the students across the road but will remain on the side of the road. Therefore it is advised that parents cross with their children morning & afternoon until the road markings are completed to ensure their safety.

**School Assembly**
Parents and carers are invited to come along this Friday 29th August to our weekly assembly commencing at 9:15am. Academic awards, citizenship recognition and behaviour certificates will all be celebrated on the morning.

**Duncan Auld**
Principal - Wallerawang Public School

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*Tiddilik Photos*
Dear Parents/Carers,

This term continues to fly by quickly with the winter sport competition coming to an end and semi-finals starting. Congratulations to the Wang division 3 netball team, of which many of our ex-students are a part for their gallant effort throughout the season. Although being defeated in the semi-final over the weekend they played with the same Wang spirit that they have all season. It is great to see Wang re-entering the competition in the juniors and we look forward to it continuing and growing. Wang mini league wraps up this weekend with a carnival in Mudgee and the under 12’s finished their season last weekend. The junior club continues to grow in strength and number once again due to the incredible committee spirit which includes committee, coaches, parents & sponsors. I am aware that the under 10’s Storm team with Wade Fraser, Billy Rushworth & Kye Cameron have made the semi-finals along with the under 13’s of which many of our ex-students are a part of and Corey Stockton coaches. Good luck to both these teams in this weeks competition. I read with interest the article in Saturday’s paper about Abby Wilson and her selection in the under 16’s Australian team to tour Europe next year. Abby certainly is a talented athlete and this is an outstanding and well-deserved achievement for a lovely girl.

It is funny how different weeks bring different priorities and areas of reflection and how at time they all fit together in some way. My daughter Tahnee last week had to interview someone and write a biography from the information gained from the serious of questions. As she had left it to the night before and I was the only one in the house besides her two brothers it was with reluctance that she sat down with her mother to find out my life story to date. The questions were broad and required me to think beyond the norm but it allowed me to focus on the things that I had not had reason to think about for a while. It allowed me to reflect on both family and chosen career and the significance of both. I think all of us no matter what our calling in life impact and influence others in ways we will never be aware of. As I did the dreaded grocery shopping on Saturday afternoon with children in tow after a week of reflection I met 2 families and one ex-students of a boys I taught at Lithgow Primary. There were days when I did wonder if I would survive & if I really could make a difference, but all those years later as these families take the time to acknowledge me, have a conversation and reflect I know that every minute was worthwhile. They are grown men themselves now and they’ve found their own little niche in life and what is important to them. Whilst I reflect on the days spent at Lithgow I would also like to acknowledge and reflect on a respected colleague and long serving staff member of the school who lost her battle with cancer last week. Suzanne Munro was for the time that I spent at Lithgow best known as the French teacher she was an incredibly creative and intelligent lady who committed her life to the teaching children. Our thoughts are with her son Douglas and extended family.

**Touch Football Gala Day**

Unfortunately the touch football gala day was cancelled on Friday due to the weather conditions. This will be rescheduled by NSW Touch Football on a date to be confirmed. The children would be looking forward to the event and accepted the idea that the teams were mixed. Thank you to both Tammy Brown & Corey Stockton who had committed time to coaching the girls & boys respectively.
Could I please ask that all uniforms be returned to me for stocktake and the will be re-allocated once we have a confirmed date.

**PSSA Touch Football**

After a controversial game against Oberon our run in the competition has come to an end. Although disappointing for a great team of good sports they can hold their heads high with what they have been able to achieve. I congratulate each of them for their efforts and it has been a pleasure being involved. A sincere and personal thankyou to Corey Stockton & Mr Campling for once again their incredible commitment & dedication. I know Mr Campling has continued to learn about the game of touch as the games have progressed.

**Tiddalik**

On Monday students from K-6 enjoyed the story of Tiddalik through an animated show. The show was entertaining and engaging and was able to bring a traditional story to life. Thank you to Mrs Warner for her organisation.

**Bathurst Eisteddfod**

This week is a busy time for the Wallerawang students involved in the infants and primary choir. Under the expert guidance of teachers Ms Fahey and Miss Gurney, students have been involved in many events and presentations during the year at a school level and now it is time for them to share their talents with a wider audience. Congratulations to all the students for their commitment to choir during the year and to Ms Fahey & Ms Gurney for developing and nurturing their creative skills. This will be a great experience for the students.

Our individual talents also shone with Maddy Burms being the first soloist yesterday with her rendition of ‘Let It Go’. Madi received a Highly Commended for a character song in costume & solo. The comments received by Madi were “great costume and makeup” “Your stage deportment & presence was good” “The performance grew and became more convincing and quite exciting”. On Friday Piper Anderson, Shelby McCann and Tylah Piggott will take the stage each have been putting in extra practice sessions to ensure that they are well prepared and we wish them all the best as they take the big stage.

**Western Athletics**

Good luck to the following students: Piper Woolsey, Lachlan Taylor, Connor Higgins, Lily Forrest, Sam Lane, Hayleigh Andrews, Dayne Houlison, Eamyn Quinn, Hollie Cameron, Lisa Su, Max Gordon, Madison Burns, Cooper Giles, Brittany Griffiths, Aydan Thomas and Alexa Bird who will be competing in both track & field events at Dubbo on Friday. I know that they will give it their all and represent the school proudly. We look forward to hearing the results from the days events. Thank you to Mr Campling who has once again ensure that the Lithgow District entries were compiled and submitted through Meet Manager.

*Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit we are all the same in this notion. The potential for greatness lives within each of us.* Wilma Rudolph

*Jenny Lamborn*

*Assistant Principal*
Assembly Photos Week 6
**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**P&C NEWS**

**Fathers Day Stall**
Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd September in the Special Programs Room.

**Helpers Needed**
To help out at the fathers day stall on Monday and Tuesday 9:00am till 11:00am. Please leave your name and contact number at the front office if you haven’t already handed in a note.

**Uniform Shop**
REMINDER - all laybys need to have regular payments. A payment needs to made at least fortnightly and the layby needs to be completed within 10 weeks. Thank you.

**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 for 60 cents will be available for recess on Tuesday and Thursday.

Students will be only provided with a spoon for food that has been purchased from the canteen. Students will need their own spoon for food that is brought from home.

Sydney Markets Fresh for Kids canteen campaign starts Monday, 25 August, 2014 until Friday, 19 September, 2014. Each time a student makes a fresh fruit or vegetable purchase from the canteen they will receive a ‘Eat Fresh & Win’ sticker card. Collect 2 stickers and stick them on a entry form. Once the entry form has been completed and returned to the canteen they will receive a minor prize. The entry forms will be forwarded to Sydney Markets to go into the major prize draw on the 13 October, 2014.

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Thank you
Debbie Holder

**YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING**

**Bulb Drive**
Order forms have gone home with your children and orders will need to be back this Friday 29th August.

**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.

Thank you Year 6 Teachers.
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
Road safety around your child’s school
Your child’s safety depends on you

Drop off and pick up by car
Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.
Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about.
Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing wig wag lights.
Always park and turn legally around schools.
Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school’s designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
It’s safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

Walking together to and from school
Plan your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.
Always hold your child’s hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.
Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.
Talk with your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road.
STOP! one step back from the kerb.
LOOK! for traffic to your right left and right again.
LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic.
THINK! whether it is safe to cross.
Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.

Did you know your child is learning about road safety at school?

Website: www.wallerawan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Email: wallerawan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Community Family Fun Day
Portland
@ Saville Park Portland
Wednesday 24th September
11am-1pm
Games for all children
Sausage Sizzle  JUMPING CASTLE
Bring the family along for a great community fun day
All Activities & Food are Free
(This event will be cancelled if raining)
Hosted by

Mayors Christmas Appeal

Mayor Maree Statham invites everyone to donate to the annual Christmas Appeal for our Nursing Home Residents.

Donations of anonymous gifts may be dropped off at the Council Administration Centre, Lithgow Library Learning Centre or Wallerawang, Portland and Rydal Libraries.

Gifts will be distributed by the Mayor at functions to be held at local nursing homes; Coonca, Tanderra, Three Tree Lodge and Tabularum Cottage during December.

For suggestions on suitable gifts go to Council’s website www.lithgow.nsw.gov.au or contact Deborah or Gerda at Council on 6354 9999.

Let’s make this Christmas, a wonderful Christmas, for everyone!

Lithgow City Council
Want to give your child a successful start at school?

(Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters - HIPPY)

HIPPY is a free, government funded program, for Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland designed to help parents prepare their children for school. Materials, guidance and home tutor support are all provided. The focus is on parents spending about 10 minutes a day doing the interactive activities with their children, to build pre-literacy and numeracy skills. HIPPY aims to further develop parents’ skills and confidence to better help their children prepare for a successful start at school.

Employment opportunities are also available to parents.

Centacare requires part time Home Tutors to assist with delivering the HIPPY program.

Centacare is accepting enrolments for 2015 from families living in the Lithgow, Wallerawang and Portland areas with children in the year prior to starting school, usually around 4 years of age (Note: Children must turn 4 years on or before the 31st July 2015).

Interested parents / caregivers can contact Hippy Bowenfels on telephone: 6352 4868 or mobile 0409 362 663 or email hippy@centacarebathurst.com.au

HIPPY Bowenfels is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education through the Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters.

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 desrosfs1@bigpond.com or on 63551954.

Portland & District Swimming Pool
2014 FUNDRAISING BALL
SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2014

You are invited to attend the Portland & District Olympic Pool Fundraising Ball to be held at the Portland Community Centre

Feature “Camel Toe”
$40 per head
BYO drinks & food

Doors open 6:30pm
Band begins 8pm
DRESS CODE - FORMAL
FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.

PROCEEDS from the night will go towards upgrades at the pool.

Tickets available from Angela @ Portland Pharmacy OR Simone & Shane Taylor 63 555 511.