From the Principals’ Desk

School staff eagerly welcomed our students back to school yesterday as they commenced the final 11 weeks of school for 2015. It was great to see them all so energetic for class and keen to catch up with their friends. We are all looking forward to a positive, exciting, rewarding and engaging term ahead.

A big thanks to everyone that has liked us on our Facebook page. By doing so you will receive all new messages and updates as they are posted. Please refer to our ‘Guidelines/Rules of Engagement’ which can be found in the ‘Page Info’ section of our Facebook page under the ‘About’ tab. Please also remember not to take offence when staff members decline your friend request. The NSW DEC discourages this as part of our Code of Conduct to avoid conflicts of interest.

Ms Lang is on leave this week following her recent wedding and honeymoon travel overseas with new husband Adam. On behalf of the staff and students I’d like to congratulate Donna and Adam on their recent marriage and wish them all the best for the future as they start their new life together. When Ms Lang returns next week she will be known as Mrs Dogger (most likely answering to the old and the new name for several months to come as we all adjust).

School FETE will be on next Friday 16 October. Donations are still being accepted for various stalls, see advertisement on page 3 for details. Helpers are still needed on the day and a tear off slip is on the bottom of page 6, please fill in and return to the office. A separate flyer of all things happening on the day will be coming home soon. Looking forward to seeing you there in your dedicated colour!!

NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) Celebrations. In building on from the special school event on September 3, the broader community is celebrating with a different event this coming Friday 9th October. The theme is: We all stand on sacred ground; Learn, Respect and Celebrate. See page 6 for full details of the day.

SunSmart Kids It is timely to remind children and parents about the importance of wearing hats and sunscreen during the warmer and more intense weather. Teachers this week have spoken with children about wearing hats and will begin moving children from the exposed play areas as part of our endorsed SunSmart strategies. Please ensure children wear broad brimmed bucket hats and do not allow them to wear caps as these are not endorsed by the NSW Cancer Council. Any families experiencing financial difficulties are welcome to contact the school office staff and discuss financial assistance to purchase a suitable school hat.

Parents are reminded that should there be any enquiries about classes, student management, homework or general learning then you are welcome to phone ahead and arrange an appointment with the appropriate class teacher.
A reminder once again that the **school canteen** will be open every week on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday during term four. Parents and carers need to supply all food and drinks for children on Tuesday’s and Thursday’s.

A two page **Term 4 Planner** has been issued to students today for placement at home. We encourage you to add items to the planner as they become known to you and use it as a general reference and information point.

**Assembly** will be held this Friday from 9:15am with step up certificates and other awards presented. Parents and community members are welcome to come along and join in the celebration of student achievement, citizenship and positive behaviour.

**When older kids struggle to read and write**

When older kids struggle to read and write, the issue can become fraught for the whole family. Parents can lose their patience and blame the child or themselves and the child loses their confidence and begins shying away from reading at all. Grades fall and interest in school can flag.

Kids who struggle to read often try to hide it from teachers and parents, and develop unhelpful strategies, which only exacerbate the problems.

**Ways to encourage effective reading in older children:**

- Ask your child what subjects they would like to read about.
- When reading with your child, limit reading time to 10 minutes of quality time – and make it fun.
- If reading together is traumatic in your house, do it in a café, or under a tree.
- Before reading aloud, orient your child to the text by talking about it beforehand. Look at unfamiliar words, for example.
- Encourage your child to predict what a word could be based on the meaning.
- Try 'echo reading'. Depending on the text, read a sentence, paragraph or page aloud first, and then get your child to read it.
- Try 'shared reading'. Take turns reading sentences or paragraphs. You read the first sentence and your child the next.
- Read aloud and encourage your child to mimic you by following along behind you. Trace your finger under the words in a fluent way to show where you are reading. Avoid reading word by word.


Duncan Auld
Principal

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**What parents should know about Instagram**

It's hard to keep up with all the social media platforms and apps our kids want to use. **Instagram** is currently one of the most popular social networks for school-aged children at the moment. It's a free, photo and video sharing mobile application and social network for people aged 13 years and over. There's no age-verification process though, so younger children can create an account pretty easily, sometimes without parents even knowing. Instagram say they'll remove under-age users' accounts if they are reported. Instagram has just published "**A Parent's Guide to Instagram**", and it's a great place to start if you want to know more about how it works and how it can be used safely.
P&C News

Our Fete is planned for Friday 16 October which is the end of next week! We are seeking donations of:

- Chocolate Bars for the Chocolate Toss Stall
- Unwanted books for a Book Stall
- ‘White Elephant’ items. Any toys, games, household items, etc. must be in good condition (NO ELECTRICAL GOODS AS WE ARE PROHIBITED TO SELL THESE)

Chocolates to class teachers, all other items to the front office, thanks.

Fete Rides Wristband Order Forms have been sent out and should be returned as soon as possible. All rides are suitable for ages from 4 years. $30 pre-purchase, $35 if purchased on the day.

In Summary

Here’s to another great year in sport and the contribution teachers, SLSO’s and parents give to make sure Wallerawang children have a range of sporting experiences. Congratulations to all children who have been a part of a team or who represented in individual events.

No doubt our highlights were the Boys Hockey Team being Western Region Runners Up and the Boys Rugby League Touch Football Team being Semi-Finalists and the Richardson Junior Rugby League Team - Finalists. Ryan Neale – Western Region Hockey Team, Lachlan Taylor & Donny Peters – Western Region Touch Football Team and Wil Stockton the 11’s Rugby League Team.

The sporting season draws to a close it is presentation time with the Junior Rugby League Presentation being held this Saturday 10th October at the Wang Bowling Club commencing at 11am with all players and families welcome to attend.

Mrs Jenny Lamborn

Sport News

Boys Touch Football - Semi-Final

On the last day of Term 3 the Boys Touch Football Team played Orange Public School in the semi-finals. It was always going to be a tough and fiercely competitive game with many of the boys from Orange in the Western Region team and one also a state representative but in true Wallerawang style this did not faze the Wang boys who were out to give it their all. The ground was picturesque having been prepared from the League Tag and Rugby League Grand finals the following day with the town awash of blue. At half time the score was locked closely with only one point between them with impressive tries scored by younger members of the team; Bailey Brown & Byron Lamborn, following good support from their fellow team mates. The second half saw the score widen but with 2 more tries scored by Donny Peters they still had a chance, but eventually the speed and skill level of the older Orange team were triumphant on the day.

The team consisted of the following players: Ben Fraser, Ryan Neale, Donny & Roman Peters, Lachlan Taylor, Wil Stockton, Eamyn Quinn, Saezar Scanlan, Kye Cameron, Cooper Nunan, Byron Lamborn and Bailey Brown. The boys have varying skills and experiences but once again the whole team can be extremely proud of what they have achieved. Their sportsmanship continued to be outstanding and once again the team were great advocates for Wallerawang School.

Representative Teams and Individuals

A further special acknowledgement and thanks goes to the Year 6 boys who have represented Wallerawang PS for the last time before heading off to High School. Ben Fraser, Eamyn Quinn, Lachlan Taylor, Wil Stockton, Kye Cameron and Donny Peters are great all round sportsman who have represented their school at various representative levels including; PSSA School, district, western & state level in a range of team and individual sports throughout their schooling. Their talented achievements and contribution to Wallerawang school sport is valued.

Acknowledgement of Staff and Parents

These teams are also not possible without the extra time that is committed by teaching staff and parents. A huge THANK YOU to Corey & Pacey Stockton who coached the boys and taught the boys touch football skills that they will continue to use in the game for years to come. Also, special mention and thanks to Jason Whitney who has many refereeing responsibilities but still volunteered his time to referee the boys and offer his advice. It was great having someone of Jason’s calibre refereeing in a PSSA Semi-Final. Thanks is also extended to Mr Campling who is always on call to do whatever is required from setting the field to time keeping.

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Debating Trials
On the last day of Term 3 we had two students, Chloe Petersen and Ben Seymour, selected to try out for the Western Region Debating Team. Chloe and Ben travelled to Bletchington Public in Orange for the trials and were put through a series of tasks throughout the day as part of the trials. Their first task was to watch and analyse the speakers in the final of the Premier's Debating Challenge. They then had to participate in the various workshops to demonstrate their public speaking talents and ability to work as part of a team. Both students represented the school wonderfully and we are delighted to announce that Chloe Petersen was selected in the Western Region Debating Team. This is a fantastic achievement and something that the school is very proud of.

CONGRATULATIONS, CHLOE!!!
Chloe will attend a training camp this term and will then go on to represent the Western Region Debating Team at Collaroy Beach on 22nd-25th November. We wish her all the best for the debates and know that she will represent our school proudly.
I would also like to thank Mrs Angela Seymour for her assistance in transporting the students to and from the trials. - Mrs Katrena Fraser

CANTEEN ROSTER

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Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Incursion – ‘Mini-Beasts’ & ‘Friendship’
Thursday 17th September staff and students of Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 enjoyed an incursion consisting of a visit by Travel Bugs and a day filled with exciting activities to compliment Mini-Beast and Friendship units of work.

Travel Bugs Mobile Mini-beasts provided a fun ‘hands-on’ experience educating our students about the benefits and wonders of invertebrates/’mini-beasts’ within our environment. The students were able to experience first-hand a large assortment such as colourful stick insects, centipedes, millipedes and a giant burrowing cockroach. A large collection of over 200 specimens of preserved mini-beasts were brought along and it was a wonderful collection for our students to see.

Other activities on the day included a bug hunt, sensory bug identification and friendship themed fun activities that contributed to the Wallerawang Friendship Tree created on the back wall of our school hall.

Mrs Sheehan and Mr Howell had a wonderful time organising this event and would like to thank the following staff; Mrs Lamborn, Mrs Fahey, Mrs Carr, Mrs Brown, Mrs Warner, Ms Reid, Mrs Dogger, Mrs Walsh and Mrs Clarke. Their support, enthusiasm and activity supervision contributed to a successful day. We would also like to send a big thank you to Portland Food Works for donating our yummy ice-creams and the terrific parent helpers who cooked the BBQ, organised the food and ice-cream in the canteen and those who assisted with the activities.

Mrs Sheehan
Fete Stall Helpers
I, ___________________, am available to help out at the school fete.

My contact number is ____________________.

Please indicate time/times available:

- Setup from 9:30am
- 10am – 11am
- 11am – 12pm
- 12pm – 1pm
- 1pm – 2pm
- Pack up from 2pm

NAIDOC Day Celebrations
This Friday Lake Wallace will again host the Lithgow NAIDOC Day celebrations. The Lithgow NAIDOC committee has invited Wallerawang Public School students with Aboriginal heritage to participate and invite a friend to join them in this year’s celebrations between 10:00am and 2:00pm. Families are also welcome to attend the celebrations on the day.

Activities during the day include; cooking Johnny cakes, Koori sports, face painting and art activities, boomerang and spear throwing, a zoo mobile and Australian reptile display plus much more.

The children who attended last year’s NAIDOC day celebrations had the opportunity to learn about traditional culture and thoroughly enjoyed the activities and entertainment provided.
Communities and Kids Resource Centre is located at Portland Central School in the playgroup room.
Address: Vale Street Portland
Open: 1-4pm every Monday
It is designed to assist people with the local services that are available in the Lithgow and surrounding areas.
Playgroups will be run each Monday.
- Infant music and move playgroup for 0-2 years old. Time: 9:30-10:30am
- Pre-school play session for 2-6 year old begins at 11:am and runs until 1:00pm
The resource library is here for your convenience.
Information on the following services is available.
- Playgroups
- HACC (Home and Community Care)
- Home Care
- Supported accommodation service (disability)
- Multicultural support and community groups
- Brighter futures
- Legal Aid (free advice)
- Life Line (gambling Help and Budgets)
- Family and Adolescent counsellor
- NILS - Step up loans
- Galloping Gumnut
- Childcare and Preschools
- Community Transport
- Child and Family health clinic
- Library
- Housing NSW
- PCYC
- Family support service
- Community Projects
- Interact (Injury management)

Phone: 6354 5906
Mobile: 0409 522 051
Expressions of Interest for the next Futsal Competition (Indoor Soccer)

WHO CAN PLAY?
Girls and Boys

Friday night Competition subject to demand we will be running the following age groups: Minis and Juniors U/6, U/8, U/10, U/12 and U/14

WHERE DO I PLAY?
At the Wallerawang Indoor Sports Centre, Barton Avenue, Wallerawang

HOW DO YOU REGISTER OR EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST?
Contact Carleen on 0402 205070, or by email cpc_chook@hotmail.com

REGISTER YOURSELF OR A TEAM
Registration and Competition Fees will apply
Mini and Junior nominations need to be in no later than Thursday 8 October
Competition will start on Friday 9 October

Lithgow Family Support Service
261 Main Street, Lithgow
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f-0263512110
e-familyworker2@famsup.com.au
A partnership project of: Lithgow Family Support & Mountains Support
WHEN:  FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2015
WHERE:  WALLERAWANG PUBLIC SCHOOL
TIME:  10AM – 2PM

CHOCOLATE WHEEL
RIDES
BBQ
SHOW BAGS
CAKE STALL
CHOCOLATE TOSS
DANCE PERFORMANCES
FACE PAINTING
THERMOMIX DEMO
TUPPERWARE
LUCKY DIPS
MR WHIPPY
FAIRY FLOSS
PLANT STALL
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Come along and support the school and have some fun!