From the Principals’ Desk

FETE Wrap-up. Last Friday we held the annual school fete which was a wonderful success. The weather was perfect and the kids enjoyed their time going on rides, throwing sponges at staff and friends, eating lots of yummy food, watching special activities, having their faces painted and generally enjoying time with their mates and family. Parents and community members too had lots to choose from to fill their time with us. Mario Fenech was a bonus for all of us and he left a very positive impression on everyone he spent time with during the day. Central to his message on the day was; make time to exercise regularly, respect those in authority, learn from your parents and be self-disciplined.

I extend sincere thanks to the organising committee that gave so much time, effort and commitment into ensuring a great day for everyone. To the volunteers also that helped out on the day running stalls, setting up, packing up and ensuring children were well catered for, I extend a big thanks. Staff too played a significant role on the day in making sure plans went smoothly, supervising children, running stalls and helping out wherever possible.

A message also from our P&C President regarding the fete: “On Friday the annual school fete was held. The day was a great success, with lots of fun had by the children. The fete would not be able to be held without the help of our generous sponsors, our small but hard working P&C committee and the school staff. A special thank you to Leanne Houlison, Kimberly Graham, Sheree Scanlan, Karen Desch, David Bird and Kylie Mason for their organisation in the lead up to and on the day of the Fete. We had many parent helpers on the day assisting with the setup and pack up, on the BBQ and serving on various stalls. Your help was very much appreciated. Thank you” Mrs Katrina Taylor

See page 6 & 7 for a full acknowledgement of the sponsors that also ensured our children had the best possible time at the fete.

Tomorrow, Mr Peter Harvey the Director of Public Schools NSW will attend the school (10am – 12noon) for his final visit in the capacity of Director for the Bathurst group of schools prior to his retirement at the end of the year. Mr Harvey, who attended Wallerawang School as a student in his early years has always had a close affiliation with the school. It is an honour for staff to farewell him and we look forward to sharing morning tea with him following his participation with some classes in the computer lab and the playground. Mr Harvey is well respected and known throughout the region of western NSW and his knowledge, support and experience will be missed by all of us in local education circles.

National Grandparents Day (Sunday 25th October) will be celebrated with a special assembly this coming Friday 23rd October commencing at 9:15am. The choir will perform, children in stage groups will present special items and senior students will present their
thoughts on grandparents. The focus of the morning will be recognising the important role that grandparents play in the lives of children today. Following the assembly visitors are invited to attend classrooms and see their grandchildren in their learning environments and then stay on for morning tea at 11:10am. Parents also are welcome to come along and join us for this assembly. Please accept my apology in advance as I am unable to attend due to commitments in Sydney with the NSW Department of Education. Mrs Fraser will lead the assembly.

**Wear Western colours multi-day.** On **Wednesday 28th October**, Wallerawang Public School is supporting the Wear Western initiative to celebrate sport in schools across Western NSW. Children are invited to wear red and / or green items of clothing and contribute a gold coin as a donation. See Mr Campling’s item on page 4 for more details.

**Kindergarten 2016.** On Monday this week we welcomed the 2016 kindergarten children to the school for the commencement of their 5 week ‘Early Bird’ program. A wonderful program was coordinated by Mrs Lamborn and her team with nearly 50 children attending. Parents were offered a presentation in the school hall whilst their children attended the classroom session. The next session is to be held on Monday 26th October from 10am - 11:10am. Parents are welcome to help canvass the community and ensure that all children ready for school in 2016 are actually coming along to this important transition and preparation program.

**Sporting Team photos.** The school photographers will be back again in Week 5, **Friday 6th November** (please note change of date) to capture photos of all our sporting teams and representative individuals. Mr Campling has listed who is involved in the next column.

**Emergency Evacuation and Lockdown Drills.** Children may have talked with you about participation in our emergency drills last Thursday. As part of our obligations to the safety and welfare of children we carry out emergency drills twice a year to ensure our procedures are known, are relevant and can be actioned in the quickest possible time without compromising safety of children and visitors when they take place.

On Thursday we practised a full school lock-down which requires all children to be securely placed in locked classrooms, all buildings secured, blinds down and everyone on-site accounted for though internal communication systems. This was followed by a school evacuation procedure where once again all children, staff and visitors are required to exit buildings and playground, meet in a specific meeting place, rolls marked, staff and visitors accounted for and then a signal to return to class. These drills are very important for our children and staff to practise. We report our experiences, dates and timeframes to the NSW Work Health and Safety Directorate of the Department of Education. Mrs Auld and Mrs Nancarrow lead the WH&S processes at our school.

**Stage 3** children will head off to Canberra next Wednesday for their National Capital excursion. Due to unforeseen circumstances this event was brought forward one week with the new dates being 28 - 30 October. We apologise for any inconvenience this has caused. I thank parents for your understanding and acceptance at such short notice. We wish them all well as they enjoy a 3 day action packed learning adventure. See page 3 for more details regarding this excursion.

Wishing you all a terrific week ahead as October starts to slip away on us all.

**Duncan Auld**
Principal

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**Sports Photographs Date Change**

Please note that the Sports Photograph day planned for **Wednesday 28th of October** has now been changed to **Friday, 6th of November**. This will take place in the school grounds from 10:00 a.m. Students are to wear full school uniform for their photographs. The children that have represented Western: Ryan Neale (WSSA Hockey), Lachlan Taylor (WSSA Touch Football), Donny Peters (WSSA Touch Football) and Wil Stockton (WSSA Rugby League), are also encouraged to bring their western apparel. The following sports will be involved in the Photo Day: PSSA Rugby League, Boys Hockey, Girls Hockey, Boys Touch Football, Girls Touch Football, Girls Netball, Boys Basketball, Senior Boys Futsal and Senior Girls Futsal. PSSA District representatives in Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country are to be in attendance. The debating team and NAITOC public speakers will also have their photos taken on the day.

Mr Campling
What’s Happening in Stage 3?

National Capital - Canberra Excursion

Our excursion will now take place next week, Week 4 with the new dates 28-30 October. After much angst we have re-organised to accommodate our last minute change of dates. Please ensure you have signed and returned the new permission note with the correct dates to class teachers.

During this excursion students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. This has helped to subsidise the overall cost of the excursion.

Students have been issued with an extensive information pack with all details including the ‘What to pack’ checklist and fully detailed itinerary.

Please be at school by 5:45am to allow packing the bus, checking rolls and boarding. The bus will leave promptly at 6:00am on Wednesday 28 October.

Our arrival back in Wallerawang is scheduled for Friday 30 October at 8:30pm. Should there be any variation to this please tune into 2LT (Radio 90) or check our school Facebook page for any change.

Grandparents Assembly – On Friday of this week our school will be holding a special Grandparents Day assembly which will commence at 9:15am. Our Year 6 leaders will run the assembly and each Stage will be performing an item on the day. Stage 3 have a very fun and interesting item to perform for our guests and we are asking that all Stage 3 students come dressed like their grandparents / older style clothing. This will be part of our performance and should be lots of fun. The students will need to come dressed in the clothes/ costume, ready to go straight to assembly. They will also need their school uniform to get changed into after the assembly. We hope that you are able to support us with the fun performance. So come along to help us celebrate ‘Grandparents Day’.

Mrs Katrena Fraser

Grandparents Day for parents and grandparents. Please join us on Friday 23 October for what promises to be an enjoyable event for all.

- Assembly will commence at 9:15am
  - Early Stage 1, Stage 2 and 3 will perform an item
  - School Choir
  - Stage 1 will perform outside at completion of Assembly
- Grandparents are invited to class rooms
- Morning Tea will be available from the hall for our guests. We ask you to join students in the playground for the recess break.

“School a to z” - website well worth a look!!
The following is a recommended App for devices by the Department of Education. [http://www.schoola-to-z.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z](http://www.schoola-to-z.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z)
Find it in the App store or Google Play store.

Book Club Orders
Book club brochures went home with children last week offering age relevant books at very good prices. Order forms and money are due back to teachers by Friday 23 October, or you can place your order online and make your payment without the need to return your form to school.

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St John First Aid in School Program

Next Tuesday, 27th October, students in Years 3-6 will participate in the St John First Aid in Schools Program as part of our school’s Life Skills Program. The students will attend a 45 minute session which will provide them with some valuable first aid skills they can use in an emergency.

We acknowledge the generosity of St John Ambulance (NSW) and its volunteer instructors in providing this worthwhile program free of charge to our students. Further details are in the following flyer.

Mrs Dick

Wear Western Wednesday

On Wednesday 28th of October, Wallerawang Public School is recognising Wear Western Wednesday to celebrate sport in schools. Children do not have to have represented the Western Sporting Association previously, any red and/or green clothing that reflects pride in our sporting association is appreciated.

Please ensure that your clothing is appropriate and remember to bring along a gold coin donation. This donation will be used to support our school’s future sporting endeavours. I look forward to seeing you all dressed in your red and green!

Thank you for your support with school sport!

Regards

Mr Christopher Campling and Ms Leeanne Graham
Sports Coordinators

Stage Two Science

To assist in the teaching of Science this term, Stage Two teachers are asking for recyclable resources such as tissue boxes, bottles, cardboard tubes and egg cartons. This will help us with an activity held much later in the term.

Science Program

For the whole school Science program we are also asking for donations that may be helpful for the creation of science kits. These items can be for example: magnifying glasses, liquid droppers, funnels, insect nets, iron filings, thermometers, batteries, yarn, string and sticky tape. This will help create class kits that teachers can use from next year onwards. Your support is appreciated in this endeavour.

Thank You

Mrs Fraser, Mr Campling and Ms Graham
School Science Coordinators
The Fete was Great!!
THANKYOU
FETE SPONSORS

34 on Main
Alena
Main Street Cuts for All
Black Gold Country Cabins
Bliss Hair
Blooms the Chemist
Bouquets by Design
Bunnings Lithgow
Butcher on Main
Capricornia Massage
Club Lithgow
Country Table Meats
Dominos Lithgow
Dougherty's Chemist
Dynamite Accessories
Empress Beauty Salon
Eve Lithgow
Ezsence
Featherdale Wildlife Park
Gloss Hair Creations
Good Earth Landscape Supplies
High Street Music
Hunter Mining Methods
Intimate Dreams
Jenolan Caves
Just Jeans
Kel Hart Nail Design
Kiddingabout
K-Teens
Lean & Bennett
Lithgow Gift
Lithgow Post Office
Lithgow Technology Services
LJ Hooker
Main Drycleaner
Max Taylor Mechanic
Metro On Main
Michels Pattissierie
Nails and More
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Paparazzi Nail
Penrith Whitewater
Prints and Frames
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Tara Dowdell - Thermomix
Taronga Western Plains Zoo
Tease Hair
Top to End Hairdressers
TLE Lithgow

Westfund
Williams Shoes
Lithgow Workmen’s Club
Vanilla Cafe
The Fete was Fab!
LITHGOW JUNIOR TOUCH FOOTBALL

Has started on Monday afternoons from 4pm, come join us!!
Tony Luchetti Sportground
Cost $10 per child
Kinder – Year 6
Runs until Christmas

LITHGOW GOLF CLUB - JUNIOR GOLF

Junior Golf clinic has commenced. Join us on Thursday afternoons from 4:00pm. All juniors are very welcome!

For Sale: Kelvinator DeFrost 375 litre Refrigerator
Keep your drinks cold for Christmas or for other parties
Or
For your fruit and vegies
Offers welcome
Phone 6355 1364

LITHGOW MILO T20 Blast Centre

Still time to join in the fun of Milo T20 Blast with free hits, music and plenty of excitement
Program starts on Wednesday 28th October with a FREE COME AND TRY DAY.
Venue: Tony Luchetti Sportground, Lithgow
Time: 4:30pm – 6:00pm
Cost of program: $99 which includes a Sydney Thunder themed participant pack
For more information or to register please contact Mark Wren on 0428040185 or visit playcricket.com.au/t2oblast

Website: www.wallerawan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Email: wallerawan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
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 11:00am 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 advise)
- 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)

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

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 Kick-fit fitness Class for adults. (no martial arts experience necessary)

After 15 years at Wallerawang, we have now moved to our fully equipped studio at Portland.

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Phone: 6354 5906
Mobile: 0409 522 051
Artwork for Paul Toole’s 2015 Christmas Newsletter
Students of Wallerawang school are invited to submit artwork entries for Paul Toole’s Christmas Newsletter. The theme this year is ‘The Colours of Christmas’. Whilst there are several colours traditionally associated with Christmas it will be wonderful to see the range of interpretations. Artwork needs to be in landscape orientation and A4 in size.

Entries to be handed to classroom teachers by Friday 30 October and must include student's name, age, class and grade (on the back of artwork).

CAPERTEE MARKET
3rd Sunday of the Month from 9am to 2pm
- 15 November 2015
- 20 December 2015
Market Stalls outside and inside the hall.
Come and have lunch or morning tea. Great hot food, hot drinks and soft drinks available!
Locally grown vegetables, plants, cakes, jams, soy-wax candles, handicrafts, bric-a-brac and more!!
35 mins from Lithgow
Community Hall in the village of Capertee, Castlereagh Highway
New stall holders welcome.
Phone Lyn on 6359 0054
Re-usable lunch bags can now be ordered. Keep and reuse the lunch wallet over and over to help reduce paper waste.

Please return your order to school by Monday 2 November

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### STUDENT ORDER FORM

Simply write the quantity of each bag you would like to order then add the total amount of money.

Please fill in the name and class of your child below:

Name: ___________________________  Class: ___________________________

* Don’t forget to ask family, friends & neighbours if they would like to order as well. *

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Please return Order Form, along with your payment in an envelope clearly marked "Stickybeaks Order."

Thank you for purchasing re-usable lunch order bags.