What’s On? When?

Assembly
Friday 9:10am

Kinder 2016
‘Early Bird’
Monday’s
9 November &
16 November

Photo Day
this Friday
6 November

Sport Teams,
Debating Team
and NAIDOC
Public
Speakers

Swimming
School
NOW FULL
Week 7
Monday
16 November
to Friday
20 November

From the Principal’s Desk

Last week students in Years 5 and 6 travelled to Canberra for their end of year excursion. It was a great learning adventure for everyone attending and the children must be congratulated for the way in which they represented our school with great manners, maturity and respect for the entire time they were away. The excursion supported units of work studied this year relating to state and federal government, tourism and national infrastructure.

Parent helpers also attended and were responsible for small group supervision. In talking with these helpers upon their return I was constantly reminded that the children were fantastic to be around and were a credit to our school. I would like to formally thank the parent helpers for going away with the kids, taking responsibility for them and helping make the excursion such a great success. Staff too gave up time with family and other commitments and also need recognition for their commitment to the students. Special thanks to Ms Graham, Mrs Bennett and Mrs Fraser. See Mrs Fraser’s write up and more photos on pages 4 and 5.

The Wear Western fundraiser last week was well supported by students and staff alike. We thank you for supporting this Western Area school sports promotion and helping us raise $178 which will be used to support our school’s future sporting endeavours.

Kindergarten 2016
Early Bird 3 was held on Monday with most of the 50 new enrolments participating in the special sessions preparing them for ‘big school’ in 2016. The Early Stage 1 team are providing a terrific program of learning and are looking forward to their transition into the school next year.

Sporting Team Photos
The school photographers will be back this Friday 6 November to capture photos of our sporting teams, debating team and NAIDOC speakers. Mr Campling is coordinating this event and has provided details on page 2 of today’s newsletter.

Next week on Tuesday and Wednesday students in K–4 will participate in the local ‘Waste-Ed’ program, with 2 key focuses; ‘Compost is Catching’ and ‘Wonderful, Wriggly Worms’. See page 3 for a write up from Mrs Dogger who has coordinated the event for us in consultation with Lithgow City Council.
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.

Wishing you all well as we head into November and begin preparing for the end of year wrap up processes of School Reports, Presentation Day organisation, Year 6 Farewell Dinner and much, much more.

Duncan Auld
Principal

Assembly Invite to Parent/Carers of 3/4C

In Term 3, 3/4C looked at the Earth and its Surroundings and did a mini unit on Dinosaurs. This week at assembly students from 3/4C will be performing the Dinosaur Stomp to staff, students and community members. It would be great if you could come along and support our class.

Kind regards
Mr Campling

Stewart House Clothing Appeal 2015

Stewart House together with The Smith Family, bags were sent home with students today. Please take the opportunity to clear out any good quality excess clothing, shoes, linen or towels to send to those in need.

Bags are to be returned to school (not left on the kerb as printed on the bags) by Tuesday 17 November for bulk pick up.

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

You're Invited

Wang’s Big Bang Term 3

Can be viewed on the website or is available to purchase at the front office for $3

Change of Library day for 1/2W to Wednesday

Our Early Birds program has now begun and the Library is needed each Monday morning for kindergarten so 1/2W will have library on Wednesday morning every week until the end of year.

Mrs Nancarrow

Sports Photographs

Photos will be taken this Friday 6 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 NAIDOC public speakers will also have their photos taken on the day.

Mr Campling
National Recycling Week
9th-15th November
As part of National Recycling Week, Kindergarten, Stage 1 and Stage 2 students will be participating in free waste education programs offered and presented to schools by Lithgow City Council.

Next Tuesday 10 November Stage 1 students will participate in the ‘Compost is Catching’ presentation where they will be learning about composting and will be making their own mini compost by reusing a PET plastic bottle.

On Wednesday 11 November Kindergarten and Stage 2 students will participate in the ‘Wonderful, Wriggly Worms’ presentation. Students will participate in hands on activities and discover how worms feed, eat, move and live in a worm farm. Worms are nature’s best recyclers.

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

FOUND items can be claimed at front office:
• A lead for an Apple 5s phone or iPad was found in the school car park around the 20 October.
• A child’s gold identity bracelet with girl’s name engraved was found in our playground.

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Last week Stage 3 travelled to Canberra as part of their unit of studies on State and Federal Government. Over the three days we visited numerous places including: Parliament House, the Electoral Centre, the War memorial, Australian Mint, Cockington Green, Telstra Tower, Australian Institute of Sport, the National Museum, Reptile Zoo and also completed an Embassy tour. The itinerary was packed to capacity and the students were kept extremely busy visiting all these wonderful places. It was a wonderful excursion and was a terrific opportunity for the students to learn about the many different places in Canberra, budgeting their money and a chance to develop their independence.

All the students were wonderfully behaved and we were very impressed with their enthusiasm at the different venues. Our parent helpers were terrific and were always ready and willing to help out where needed. They worked with their groups and staff to ensure that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the excursion. A big thank you is extended to our parent helpers and we would like to invite them all in for this Friday’s assembly so that we can acknowledge their great support. I would also like to thank our teachers and prac student, who all did a great job on the excursion.

Mrs Katrena Fraser
Canberra 2015
Byron’s News -
Tying in with our recent Grandparents Day, Byron shared this interesting information with Stage 2 this week. This is Byron's Pop's racing bike which he won as part of a point score competition. The bike is 79 years old. Cycling was a very popular sport around this time as there were not as many cars on the road and it was used as a form of transport as well.

Byron’s Pop (Mrs Lamborn’s dad) was a long distance road racer. He was competitive in the sport, but times were tough for the family and providing young William with the equipment he needed wasn’t always easy. His mother hand made all his jerseys and when he fell off there were no new ones to replace them so there was patch upon patch.

The road races were held every weekend. For training he would ride to Sydney, sleep in Hyde Park overnight with his bike next to him and then ride back the next day. Can you imagine that steep climb up Mt Victoria Pass on a bike with no gears?

When William started to ride he was one of the youngest riders in the competition. The bike you see in front of you was won by Bill as part of the Speedwell Cup Point score competition and donated by Bennett & Wood of Sydney in 1936. Although in later years he painted it and added to it for recreation purposes, it still has its original frame, leather seat, handle bars, brakes & grips. There were no gears with only a single cog and lots of pedal power and there was no such thing as a padded seat.

Sometimes competitors would ride as part of the point score competition other times in a stand-alone race. Competitors would race in events such as:
- 3 laps to Cullen Bullen and return (42 miles)
- Lithgow to Bathurst & return (86 miles)
- Sydney to Goulburn and many more events during the year

He would tell stories of being so cold at times his hands were frozen to the handle bars when finishing the race. The trophy was handed out with the bike. The photo you see is of Bill as a young rider with his bike & the bottles you see are the ones he used through his cycling. They are stainless steel and were attached to his bike when racing.

We have only recently requested the return of these from a museum who had secured them at the end of his amateur riding career.
**LITHGOW JUNIOR TOUCH FOOTBALL**

Has started on Monday afternoons from 4pm, come join us!!

Tony Luchetti Sportsground
Cost $10 per child
Kinder – Year 6
Runs until Christmas

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**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

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**PORTLAND JUNIOR TOUCH FOOTBALL**

Children aged between 5 and 14 years of age who are interested in playing Touch Football on Thursday afternoons from 4.30pm at the Portland Touch Football Fields should contact Jason or Shane to gain a spot in a team.

**Cost: For the Season Registration $25.00 per child.**

For more information please contact
Jason Whitney on 0459824495 or
Shane Green on 0400903934

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**Futsal (Indoor Soccer) Competition**

Friday Night Competition has spaces available in Under 6’s and Under 7,8,9’s.

**WHO CAN PLAY?**

Girls & Boys

**WHERE DO I PLAY?**

At the Wallerawang Indoor Sports Centre, Barton Avenue, Wallerawang (next to Wallerawang Public School)

**IF INTERESTED?**

Contact Carleen on 0402 205070

Registration and Competition Fees will apply

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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 olds 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 advise)
- Life Line (gaming 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)

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