From the Principal’s Desk

I would like to officially welcome and congratulate Mrs Donna Dogger on her recent permanent appointment to Wallerawang Public School. Donna was selected through an open process of merit selection and is a truly valuable and dedicated teacher at our school. We all congratulate Donna on this appointment.

On Monday I had the pleasure of a visit from Assistant Principal Mrs Foster, Ebony Cafe and Tayla Walsh. The purpose of their visit was to share with me our first 2 students that have gone beyond the Platinum Level of the Step-Up system and achieved Diamond Level. To achieve Diamond Level students at Platinum must receive another 50 green ticks, carry out a self-assessment of their own behaviour, have 3 teachers sign off on their exceptional behavioural characteristics and write 3 of the most significant impacts they have made on the school in terms of managing their behaviours and being role models for other children. Congratulations Ebony and Tayla.

Our final Early Bird session for 2015 happened on Monday with most of the 49 anticipated 2016 enrolments participating. From all reports the children have settled in well during this 5 week introduction to school. They have displayed great enthusiasm as they anticipate the beginning of the new school year. Parents were treated to an information session consisting of school readiness, healthy lunch box ideas, school enrolment information, uniform arrangements, school planning and organisation. A wonderful finale by the new kinders who came and performed a musical item in front of their parents and carers.

A big thank you is extended to Assistant Principal Mrs Lamborn, class teachers Mrs Dogger and Ms Reid, Learning Support Officers; Mrs Julie Clark, Mrs Leanne Walsh and Mrs Janelle Fraser, P & C representatives Mrs Taylor and Mrs Houison, Director of Pied Piper Pre-school Ms Trudy Magus and teacher Mrs Jodie Miliss. Also, to the Stage 1 school staff for accommodating the current Kindergarten children into their planning and structures each Monday.

At last Friday’s assembly we had a special guest Mrs Kay Martin, International Officer for the Wallerawang / Liddesdale CWA. Mrs Martin was in attendance to make a special presentation to recognise the achievement of one of our year six students. Kye Cameron’s entry to the CWA International Research and Poster competition won First Prize at WPS and Kye was presented with a Parker Pen. His work was then entered into the CWA NSW Blue Mountains Region where he was successful in receiving a Highly Commended framed certificate. Kye displayed his usual bright and happy spirit upon receiving the award. Congratulations Kye.

Also at assembly last Friday we farewelled 2 of our practicum students, Ms Dresser who had been working with Mrs Fraser and 5/6B and also Ms Corfield who was assigned to Mr Campling and 3/4C. We wished them well in their future training and entry to the teaching profession. See their photos on page 4 of the Assembly feature.
Special Assembly next Wednesday 25th May - Staff will coordinate a ‘short assembly’ for all students and attending community members to dedicate a special song to the memory of Simon Williams and Rebecca Karini. Ms Gurney, Mr Campling and Mr Howell have written and recorded a beautiful song in remembrance of Simon and Rebecca and will perform this song on the day and dedicate it to the memory of our departed students. The families of Rebecca and Simon will have family representatives in attendance and contribute to the dedication service. Following the assembly, staff will provide morning tea, with a special treat for children and a general morning tea for visitors. Parents and community members are welcome to attend with a start time of 10:30am in the school hall. Any parents preferring the non-attendance of their children at this dedication assembly should consider dropping their children to school at recess time from 11:10am.

Last week was National Recycling Week and students in K - 4 participated in the local ‘Waste-Ed’ program, with 2 key focuses; ‘Compost is Catching’ and ‘Wonderful, Wriggly, Worms’. See page 5 for a full report and some photographs from the program.

Swimming School commenced this week with Ms Graham and Mr Howell being the attending teachers. A terrific program is underway for non and limited skills swimmers and the weather is improving every day, although this year we are privileged to have an indoor program in operation. Several photos were posted on Facebook earlier this week showing the program in action.

All students have the opportunity to see a performance here at school on Thursday 26 November titled ‘Pass the Poetry Please’. This is a lively, visually rich performance that engages and stretches the student’s imagination. It skilfully combines poems past, present, fast, slow and funny characters dressed in costume. Permission notes have gone home and for a cost of $4.50 this promises to be a fabulous show for all. Parents and carers are welcome free of charge.

Assembly will be held this Friday from 9:10am 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.

Duncan Auld - Principal

Captains and Prefects Election 2016
Reminder: Nominations are due Monday 23 November. No further nominations will be accepted after this date.

Speeches for the election will be held on Wednesday 2 December with leaders announced the following morning at 9:15am at a brief assembly. Voting will take place immediately after the speeches on the Wednesday and votes will be tallied by Mr Auld and Miss Foster. The students will have a rehearsal on Monday 30 November where they will practise their full speech using the microphone and system in the hall in preparation for the formal speeches. Please ensure that if your child is running for election that they have their speeches with them on these days. If they require any assistance they can speak to their class teacher or Mrs Fraser. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Fraser.

Mrs Fraser - Stage 3 Head Teacher

Schools Spectacular - Stage 2/3 Excursion
Just one place remains to attend the 2015 Schools Spectacular on Friday 27 November. If you wish your child to attend return your note and $55 to the office as soon as possible.

Library News
The Library staff will be starting their annual stocktake in Week 9. All books are to be returned by Monday 30 November. Overdue notices are being sent home as reminders. Please check for any school library books that you may have at home and return them promptly.

This week is the last week of borrowing for 2015 so make the most of this and come and see all the new books available.

Mrs Nancarrow
Teacher/Librarian

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
ORDER FORMS ARE DUE BACK AT SCHOOL BY THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER LAST ORDER BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Wang’s Big Bang Term 3
Can be viewed on the website or is available to purchase at the front office for $3
Samples of Sport, Debating and NAIDOC photos which were taken on Friday 6 November should be back at school for viewing in Week 8. Photos will be $14.00 ea (no postage charge).

Orders can be placed on line at www.advancedlife.com.au and by using your Family Code (which is located on the back of your child’s school photo) and will be delivered directly to your home address OR

By using the School Code which is 6L8J68KV3. Please note these orders will be delivered to school. Please allow a minimum of 2 weeks for delivery. Keep in mind the last day of school is Wednesday 16 December.

P&C
CHRISTMAS
RAFFLE
Tickets 3 for $2
Additional ticket books are available from the front office. Initial book must be sold and returned before extra books can be issued.

AMAZING PRIZES - DON'T MISS OUT!!
1ST PRIZE – CHRISTMAS STOCKING – 6ft Ladder, Children's Bike, Featherdale voucher, hair salon vouchers, just jeans voucher and lots, lots more. TOTAL VALUE $800
2ND PRIZE – Jenolan Caves voucher, Car detailing voucher, Bunnings voucher. TOTAL VALUE $220
3RD PRIZE – White water rafting voucher, Workies voucher, Bunnings voucher, Kel Hart voucher. TOTAL VALUE $220
4TH PRIZE – Taronga Western Plains Zoo family pass, Vanilla Cafe voucher, Massage voucher, Gloss Creations voucher. TOTAL VALUE $200

Stage Two Science
Thank you to the families who have been sending in their recyclable items for our Science activity later this term. Items such as tissue boxes, plastic bottles, cardboard tubes and egg cartons to suggest just a few, will be put to good use.

Please keep them coming!

Science Program - Whole School
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

Sports Uniforms
Mr Campling has been very pleased with the response of returned uniforms. Thank you to those who have returned their uniform. However, he is still waiting on just a few. Please make it your priority this week to return your uniform. Thank you.

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Assembly
Week 6
Last week students K-4 participated in Lithgow City Council’s Waste Education Program ‘Compost is catching’ and ‘Wonderful, wriggly, worms’, coinciding with Planet Ark’s National Recycling Week.

On Tuesday Stage 1 had lots of fun learning about waste, recycling and composting. The students participated in a variety of ‘hands-on’ activities as they learnt about different types of bins used by waste services and the importance of recycling and composting. Before creating their own mini compost, students identified types of waste used in compost and the different bugs found in compost.

On Wednesday Kindergarten and Stage 2 learnt some facts about worms including information about the different types of things and foods that are suitable and not suitable to feed to worms living in a worm farm. This was followed up by a ‘hands on’ sorting activity where students were given a range of items which they had to sort according to whether or not the item would be suitable to feed to worms. At the end of the lesson students had the opportunity to hold some real worms and view them closely through magnifying glasses.
White Ribbon Trivia Night

In Australia, one in three women has experienced physical or sexual assault in her lifetime. These women are our mothers, girlfriends, wives, daughters, colleagues and friends. The mission of White Ribbon is to change the attitudes and behaviours that support or excuse this violence against women in Australia.

The White Ribbon Campaign objectives are:

- to create widespread awareness of the positive role that men can play in stopping violence against women
- to enable leadership, particularly by men and boys, to bring about social change, and
- to build collective knowledge and understanding of the effective prevention of violence against women.

Lithgow’s Trivia Night supporting White Ribbon will be one of many events taking place across Australia to raise awareness for White Ribbon Day, the UN Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. The event will be held on 27 November 2015, at the Lithgow Workies. Local businesses, organisations, workplaces, sporting clubs, and community members are invited to attend the event. The cost of entry is $10 per person, with a number of fundraising activities running throughout the night for a small donation. Tickets can be purchased at the event however teams greater than two people are requested to register in advance. Bookings can be made by contacting Lithgow Community Projects (28 Main Street, Lithgow 6351 2230). All proceeds from the event will go towards White Ribbon initiatives that aim to reduce violence against women.
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

For rent: 2 bedroom cottage on 4 acres, includes garage and car port. Located 5 mins from Wang, Portland and Meadow Flat.
Face to face meeting essential. Employed persons, with proof of employment, income, references from previous landlords etc - all the usual checks; need only apply.
Outdoor pets negotiable, but no cats. Private, quiet and lots of wildlife. $290 a week.
Ph Meg 0400844949

Pied Piper Preschool is having a...
BINGO NIGHT!
On the 30th November Monday night 7.15pm

We hope you can all make it to the Vale Hall Lithgow to support our Preschool and raise funds for much needed resources...
- Please bring your own bingo dabber or marker
- Bingo sheets will be $4.00 each
Location is Mort St Vale of Clwydd

Refreshments of tea, coffee and cake are provided but please feel free to bring a plate of food

There will be raffle tickets sold at the door for the chance to win various packages
Children are most welcome!

LITHGOW MEN’S SHED GARAGE Sale
- Furniture
- Hand Power Tools
- Men’s Shed Craft Items
- Antique Tools & More

Saturday 28 November 2015
1 Fred Burley Drive, Lithgow
9am - 2pm
$10 a stall for interested stall holders
Call us on 6352 1497 or 6351 4746
Don’t miss out!

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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 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 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)

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