From the Principal’s Desk
As the 2015 school year closes today I write a short message to wish you all well for the upcoming festive season ahead. The year just passed has been full of new learning opportunities for both our students and our staff. I take this opportunity to acknowledge the amazing work done by our teachers, our classroom support staff and the team that manage the front office at the school. Working with such a proficient group of enthusiastic staff certainly creates a sense of security and surety that jobs get done, children are well catered for and the school maintains its important place within the community of Wallerawang.

On Monday evening this week just passed we farewelled the 2015 Year 6 students with a celebration at the Black Gold Country Cabins. With over 140 in attendance it was a beautiful night of great food, excellent company, a few formal speeches and then dancing. All in all it was a great way for our Kinder Class of 2009 to finish up their years at Wallerawang School. A big thanks is extended to Mrs Houlison who almost single handedly coordinated the whole evening, the decorations, the program and the arrangements. An outstanding effort complemented by a lovely memory gift book from the P&C Association for each of the departing children created by Mrs Taylor over many weeks.
Today I also recognise and thank parents and community members for your ongoing support of the school in so many ways; from attending special events to helping with canteen, coaching sporting teams and transporting children to sporting events and other commitments such as debating or representative teams. I also recognise the outstanding work and support provided by the Parents and Citizens Association once again in 2015. A very small but highly dedicated team of volunteers provide such an important service to the school through many and varied activities throughout the year and raise significant amounts of money to invest back into the learning opportunities of each and every child in the school.

In closing and on behalf of the staff at the school I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas holiday period and we look forward to your time with us again in 2016.

Key Dates:

- Thursday 28 January - **Years 1–6 return to school**
- Thursday 28 January - **Uniform Shop** will be open between 9am-10am in the morning and again in the afternoon between 2pm-3pm
- Thursday 28 January - **CANTEEN CLOSED**
- Friday 29 January - **Student Representative Council elections**
- Friday 29 January - **CANTEEN OPEN**
- Monday 1 February - **Kindergarten students begin school**; 9:10am start and finishing their day at 2:30pm for the first 2 weeks
- Tuesday 2 February - **CANTEEN CLOSED**
- Wednesday 3 February - **Swimming Carnival for Years 3-6** (Please note; Year 2 students who are turning 8 years old in 2016 AND have swimming ability may also attend)
- Thursday 4 February - **CANTEEN CLOSED**
- Friday 5 February - **Leaders Induction Ceremony**. At this ceremony all elected leaders: Captains, Prefects, SRC Representatives, House Captains and Vice Captains, will be inducted into their new role and community members, parents and extended families are invited to come along and celebrate this significant event with the children.
- Friday 5 February - **CANTEEN OPEN**

Duncan Auld
Principal
Wallerawang School has registered with Williams and Mathers Shoes who will donate 5% of the value of any school shoes purchased up until 29 February 2016 back to our school. Take this flyer for our school specific barcode to be wanded when you purchase your school shoes.
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