From the Principal’s Desk

As week three disappears once again I need to reinforce the great start we’ve had to the new school year. Children are participating well in their learning, teachers have reported positive classroom interaction between students and the positive feel of the whole school makes us all proud to work here and serve the Wallerawang community.

Last night parents of Kindergarten to Year Two students attended parent information sessions in the school library. These sessions were well attended and parents received a comprehensive overview of school organisation, class structures, behavioural expectations, key learning areas for learning and many other important considerations for children and their educational development.

A sincere thanks is extended to Mrs Lamborn, Ms Lang, Ms Reid, Mrs Warner, Ms Fahey, Mrs Carr and Mrs Brown for their preparation and attendance of the information session.

A reminder that tonight there will be two more sessions held for parents of children in Years 3 to 6.

Year 3/4: Stage 2 6pm-7pm—Library
Year 5/6: Stage 3 7pm-8pm—Library

Please come along and show your support to school staff. These sessions are only offered once throughout the year and the beginning of the year is a great time to get informed, meet with teachers and be a part of your child’s education.

Tomorrow the school choir and school leaders will attend the official opening of the Wallerawang Fire Station departing from the school at 10:30am. School staff are delighted to be taking the choir along to celebrate with local residents and acknowledge the importance of such an excellent facility in our town. Ms Fahey, Mrs Fraser and myself will attend with the children.
Kindergarten teachers this week have begun entry-to-school assessment known as Best Start. The program was outlined to parents last night at the information session which in summary involves teachers working one-to-one with students and assessing their early literacy and numeracy skills. A parent report for families will be compiled and distributed later in the term (approx. week 7). Mrs Lamborn and Ms Reid are managing this program.

Morning drop off zone in the school car park.
A reminder to families that there is a designated drop-off point in the school car park where no parking is allowed between 8:40 and 9:15am each day except for Friday (due to school assembly and parents needing to park). Signage is clearly displayed and parents are asked to observe the need for a quick drop off point in the morning. Thanks to Ms Graham for ensuring the signage is in place and returned each day.

The school canteen will be closed this Friday due to volunteers not being available. Please ensure children bring along fresh fruit for their morning break, their own recess and lunch. Information notes have been distributed seeking volunteers to operate the canteen. Please consider whether you can offer a day a week, a day a month or a couple of days a term; it all helps keep our canteen operating.

Scripture commenced this week for all children in classes K-4. The lessons run from 1:50-2:20pm (K-2) and 2:20 – 2:50pm (Yr 3-4) and are essentially non-denominational, with a focus on positive values, friendship and caring for one another. Parents wishing their child not to attend these lessons need to provide teachers with a note for exclusion from scripture.

Parents are urged to ensure that items of clothing such as hats and jumpers along with other equipment, including lunch boxes, drink bottles, pencil cases and school bags are clearly labeled with children’s names. This ensures a quick and easy return when things go missing.

Parent teacher interviews – parents are asked to support school staff by arranging interviews with teachers via the front office staff (rather than approaching teachers in the playground or during class). Interviews can be arranged at any time throughout the year using this system.

- Upcoming events:
  Please note change of date for the P&C AGM: 
  Monday 16th March at 6:30pm (please update your calendar / diaries at home).
  School Uniform Shop is open each Monday afternoon between 2 and 3 pm.
  Newsletter distributed each Wednesday afternoon via students unless previously advised of a change in date.

The School Assembly will be held this Friday morning at 9:10am. In addition to the presentation of awards and a class item, the Kindergarten children will be presented with their school badges. Parents, carers and relatives are invited to attend.

Duncan Auld
Principal—Wallerawang Public School

Library class times
Library lessons are now into their second week.
Please remind your child to bring along their library bag on their day.
School library bags are on sale from the front office for $8.50 each.
Monday: 1/2W, KL, KR, 3/4F
Tuesday: 1/2B, 5/6F
Wednesday: 1/2K, 3/4C, 5/6G
Thursday: 3/4G, 1/2C, 5/6A

Canteen Reminder
Children need to bring their own spoons from home for certain foods they are bringing to school to eat that require this. The canteen will have to charge for spoons if children continue to ask for them.
Playground Sporting Equipment
In an effort to promote physical activity and curb playground management issues, a variety of sporting equipment items such as soccer balls, footballs, skipping ropes etc. will be available before school, at recess and at lunch. In order to support this initiative, children can bring handballs and tennis balls to school but they are asked to leave their footballs, basketballs (bigger balls) etc. at home. This is because there will be an abundance of sporting equipment items available for all children to use from kindergarten to year six. We would also like to avoid the damage and loss of the children’s own sporting equipment as this is not only quite distressing for the child concerned but expensive for the parents as well. Our house captains were briefed last week and have been entrusted with new responsibility as a part of their school responsibility. Their guidance will also be sought for arranging other forms of physical activity at school as well. I thank the teachers, parents and students for supporting our school and this new playground initiative.

Thank you to Sharon and Marty Rushworth for their donation of two “Laema” footballs to supplement the school sports equipment. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

Mr Campling

Uniform Shop News
Please remember to have your order forms in by Monday 16th February.

Sale items
PLEATED SKIRTS—$5.00 EACH
2 x size 10
3 x size 12
3 x size 14
3 x size 18

SKORTS—$5.00 EACH
5 x size 18

Chocolate Fundraiser
A reminder that ALL chocolate box interest notes are due back Thursday 12th February.
Welcome to our new students!
Boys and Girls Junior Champions and Runners Up from L to R:
Logan Ward, Bailey Brown, Keeley Fraser, Lucy Neaves & Tylah Piggott

Boys and Girls 11 Years Champions and Runners Up from L to R:
Ben Seymour, Wade Fraser, Billy Rushworth, Sophie Clark & Piper Woolsey

Boys and Girls 12 years Champions and Runners Up from L to R:
Katahna Woolsey, Rachel Cook, Ryan Neale & Lachlan Taylor
District Swimming Representatives
Family Day Care

Kelly Cafe family day care has limited vacancies available for 2015. This service is approved and registered with the Bathurst Family Day Care—CCBCCR and also offers before and after school care. Please phone 0408 795 580 for more information.