What's On? When?

Uniform Shop opens
MONDAYS 2-3pm

School Assembly
this Friday 9:10am

District Basketball
trials WPS Stadium
Wed 25 Feb

Western Swimming
Trials Dubbo
Fri 6 March

School Photos
Friday 27 March

School Primary
Athletics Carnival
Jim Monaghan
Sportsfield Lithgow
Wed April 1

Last day term 1
Thursday
April 2

From the Principal’s Desk

The school choir and school leaders attended the official opening of the Wallerawang Fire Station last Thursday. The ceremony was very formal and demonstrated the significance of having such a new facility opening in our local area. The school choir led the ceremony in the singing of the National Anthem and also performed an unaccompanied item for those in attendance. The morning was well attended by locals and state-wide dignitaries all of whom were lifted by the spirit of the children. See page 3 for more photographs of the ceremony. Thanks is extended to Mrs Fahey and Mrs Fraser for leading the organization of the event.

The District Swimming Trials were held last Friday with all of our squad trying their hardest to earn their way to the next round of the swimming trials, to be held in Dubbo. Congratulations are extended to the whole squad for their participation, cooperation and sportsmanship on the day. Special recognition is extended to Ryan Neale (12/13yrs Runner-Up), Ben Seymour (11yr Champion), Wade Fraser (11yr Runner-Up) and Bailey Brown (Jr Boys Runner-Up). The school squad also performed very well overall with Wallerawang finishing in second position. Eight students from Wallerawang will represent the Lithgow District at the Western Region Swimming Trials in Dubbo on March 6;

Ben Seymour, Wade Fraser, Lachlan Taylor, Ryan Neale, Monique Gearside, Jessica Gearside, Bailey Brown and Ben Fraser.
The **P&C Association** have very generously donated $6500 towards the school’s iPad project. This valuable assistance will supplement last year’s donation to completely provide enough iPad for all Stage 3 students. Children will probably have spoken to you this afternoon about **two emergency drills** we rehearsed during the day. Staff, students and visitors experienced a ‘school lockdown’ and an ‘emergency evacuation’ today. Under Work, Health and Safety requirements it is important that these procedures are practiced at least twice per year. Students followed instructions well and teachers will debrief and make any future changes or recommendations during their next staff meeting. Thanks to Mrs Nancarrow and Mrs Auld both of whom manage the complexities of WH&S at the school.

Commencing **next week** the **school canteen will be closed each Thursday** for the remainder of term one. This is 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 and we anticipate that with more volunteers coming forward this closure should only be in place until the end of the term. 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. Dates to remember for this term are, no canteen on: Thurs 26 Feb, 5 Mar, 12 Mar, 19 Mar, 26 Mar and 2 Apr.

**School Contributions**

Invoices will be issued to all families later this week for the voluntary school contributions which we collect to assist in covering the costs of essential equipment, books and resources. The individual fee is set at $30 per child with a maximum of $60 per family.

**Morning drop off zone** in the school car park. A reminder to families that there is a designated drop-off point in the school carpark 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.

In next week’s newsletter I will detail expectations around **school uniform** and **ear rings**, seeking parent’s assistance in ensuring uniforms are worn and that sensible jewellery is selected, minimising the possible risks of damage to ears and other places.

A big thank you to **Cheryl Rutherford** for her thoughtful and generous donation of hockey sticks and shin pads to add to our school hockey kit. They will be put to good use by both our girls and boys hockey teams.

**Upcoming events:**

- **School Uniform Shop** is open each Monday afternoon between 2 and 3 pm.
- **Newsletter distributed each Wednesday afternoon via students unless advised otherwise.***
Headlice

A number of cases of headlice have been reported over the past week. Please check your children for headlice and provide the appropriate treatment if they are infected before sending them to school.

Rugby League team selections

Tryouts will be held on Friday 20th February at the school sports field at 8:40am. Students will need to bring their boots and a spare pair of socks.

EOI—District Rugby League Coaches

Mrs Fraser is looking for people who are interested in coaching the 11 years and open rugby league teams. They will need to be available for after school training sessions and to assist with district selections on Friday 13th March (12-3pm). They would also need to be willing to attend Western Region selections at Dubbo on Monday 30th March and also the David Peachey Cup in Portland on Tuesday 31st March.

If you are interested in being a coach please contact Katrena Fraser at Wallerawang School ASAP on 6355 1210

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Chocolate Fundraiser

Chocolate boxes will be sent home to families who have indicated that they can assist with this fundraiser. They will be sent home with the youngest child at the end of this week. Money or unsold chocolates will be due back Friday 6th March.

Uniform Shop News

Sale items
PLEATED SKIRTS—$5.00 EACH
3 x size 12
3 x size 14
3 x size 18
SKORTS—$5.00 EACH
5 x size 18

Fire Choir
Kindergarten 2015

Website: www.wallerawan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Email: wallerawan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Lithgow Netball
Lithgow netball association are running muster days at the valley plaza on 21/2 and 28/2 from 10-1pm opposite Sunny Ridge Butchers in the Lithgow Valley Shopping Complex.
All current and new players are invited.

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.