From the Principal’s Desk

On Friday this week we will be holding a non-uniform (mufti) day to assist in raising funds for the Childhood Cancer Institute. Special guests at assembly and in classes afterwards are Tanya and Eddie Bosch both of whom are riding their bikes along the Bicentennial Trail from southern Victoria to north Queensland in memory of the child they lost to cancer over 20 years ago and to raise needed funds to assist with research. Children wearing casual clothes on Friday are asked to donate a gold coin when entering the hall for assembly.

Friday is also National Ride Safely to School day. Parents are encouraged to support the day by allowing their primary aged children to ride to school. Staff will be collecting statistics, giving out stickers and acknowledging the riders upon their arrival at school. Students in grades Kinder – Year 2 should only ride to school if in the direct supervision of a parent or adult.

Next Monday evening the P & C Association will hold its Annual General Meeting. It will be on Monday 16th March from 6:30pm in the school library. Parents are urged to come along and consider joining the P & C as a general member which means working with other parents to assist with fundraising, planning special events, running the canteen and many other special activities that help make our school the great place that it is for the kids in our local area. A note was distributed last week detailing an overview of the operations of the P & C along with key positions that volunteers are needed to fill.

Last Friday a contingency of 8 swimmers from Wallerawang School joined other district representatives and participated in the Western Swimming Trials held at Dubbo. All swimmers performed exceptionally, equalling or bettering their previous personal bests and were a credit to themselves and our school. Special thanks is extended to the families that provided transport for our representatives. Further details appear on page 4.

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Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place in Week 9. Interviews will be offered over three days from 23 – 25 March to allow a maximum number of parents to choose their preferred day and time. Notes will go home tomorrow, Thursday 12 March.
The school fish pond is currently undergoing measurements and then modifications in order to bring it up to regulation standard. We anticipate the pond to have a safety mesh platform constructed over the top during the upcoming Easter holiday period allowing the fish to be returned and settle back into their pond. The pond and surrounding stonework was constructed back in the year 2000 by parents, students and staff as a year 6 gift to the school and has been built upon over many years to keep it in order and expand the garden. Mr David Bird, school parent, has worked with staff in developing suitable engineering specifications to ensure compliance with regulations.

As of 2015 the school enrolment policy relating to school exemptions has been updated. The key change is that families attending holidays during school terms are no longer able to apply for exemptions from school unless exceptional circumstances can be validated. Parents will now be asked to provide a letter of explanation for the absence (ie family holiday) which will then be recorded as approved leave on the school roll system. Any existing exemptions will be honoured.

At last Friday’s assembly I spoke with children about not bringing to school cans of food that require opening by canteen staff or teachers. Please see Canteen News further on this page for details regarding this.

A reminder to parents in the playground before and after school of a few child safety matters:

⇒ Parents arriving with children in the morning are encouraged to drop the children off and leave the duty teachers in charge
⇒ Parents should not approach nor discipline other people’s children in the playground
⇒ Access to the school play equipment (before and after school) is currently under review
⇒ Parents in attendance at after school training sessions and meetings must take supervision responsibility for their other child/ren who are also waiting

Duncan Auld
Principal—Wallerawang Public School

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Chocolate Fundraiser
Chocolate Box money is now overdue. Thank you to those who have already returned their money. All money and unsold chocolates are to be returned by Friday at the latest. Any returned after Friday will not be put into the class draws. Each child (youngest in the family) that returns the money for a fully sold box will have their name put into the class draw to win:

1st Prize—$10 iTunes card + family chocolate block
2nd Prize—Family Chocolate Block
3rd Prize—Family Chocolate Block

So, make sure your family name goes into your class draw, good luck!!

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Canteen News

- Please ensure that your child brings a spoon or fork from home to eat their recess or lunch with. They are no longer available from the canteen free of charge. If your child requires a spoon or fork they will be charged 5 cents.
- The canteen helpers are not allowed to re-heat any food that has been brought to school by your child. Please be aware of this when you are selecting items of food for their lunch boxes.
- Unfortunately a canteen volunteer cut her finger opening a tin with a ring pull lid for a child last week. Please DO NOT send aluminium tins to school with your children. If they bring a tin to the canteen to be opened they will be asked to put it back in their lunch box and take it back home. Please empty the food into a plastic container that is easy and safe for your child to open.
Meet Ziggy!

5/6F Class Pet
Hi, my name is Ziggy and I am a budgie and the class pet for 5/6F. I have been given to the class as a reward for their beautiful behaviour and I am here to help develop responsibility and caring. The kids will be in charge of looking after me, feeding me and keeping my home clean. Did you know that having a pet around is very healthy for the mind and helps create a calm atmosphere.

Ziggy the bird
Hi, my name is Ziggy and I’m the class pet of 5/6F. I am a girl and I’m five weeks old. My head shape is round with little eyes and a beak. The shape of my body is long and slim. I am blue with a tiny bit of grey. My feathers are very soft. I am scared sometimes but most of the time I am happy, chirpy, loud and my voice is a very high pitch. My birthday is the 28th of January. Also, I have a brother named Tim who lives in 5/6G.

Ziggy is like a chirpy parrot. She is a soft and silky blanket. Ziggy is a clever bird and likes to sleep a lot. Mrs Fraser is going to make up a roster so on the weekends some of the children can take her home. Ziggy also likes to swing on her swing.

I love Ziggy.
By Sophie Clarke

School Photographs
School photos create wonderful memories which are referred to over and over again and the more years that pass the more valuable they become. The 2015 school photos will be taken on Friday 27th March 2015. The photographer begins 9:15 with Kinder and works his way up through the classes to the 5/6’s. Photographs of each individual child are taken as well as a whole school photo which proves a challenge to have all 300+ children together, smiling, standing still and looking at the photographer.

Photo envelopes have been sent home with each child today and envelopes are available at the office if you would like a photo of all your WPS children together. These are always something very special.

Payments can be made online using the unique Wallerawang School 9 digit code on the top right of the envelope. This is the preferred method of payment, but you can also send your cash payment in the envelope on photo day, which children can hand to the teacher or you yourself can hand to the photography staff. Please do not send cash to school before photo day as the school does not have facilities to store cash on the premises. Details on the front of the envelope will be uploaded to the school website for your convenience.

Ziggy the budgie
Ziggy is our class pet budgie. Ziggy is a girl and she lives in 5/6F. Ziggy is only five weeks old and is still getting used to us and our class. Her brother is Tim from 5/6G.

Ziggy’s head is round and her body is oval shaped. She has short blue, white and grey feathers. Ziggy looks like a plane as she glides through the air. Ziggy is chirpy, happy and easily scared. She is playful and suspicious. She likes to swing on her swing. Her voice is high pitched and sweet. Ziggy has a brother Tim who is 5/6G’s pet budgie.

Ziggy was born on January the 28th 2015 and is two weeks older than Tim. In class Ziggy gets to sit on our shoulder and comes out of her cage to explore.

Ziggy is as soft as a cloud and loves our class and exploring her new life. Ziggy is an amazing bird and 5/6F love having her as part of our class. We feel very lucky to have her here in our school.

The end.
By Katrina Woolsey
National Ride2School Day

It is National Ride2School Day this Friday 13th March.

National Ride2School Day is Australia’s largest celebration of walking and riding to school. It is also a chance for new riders and parents to experience riding and walking to school for the first time. Even if you don’t live close to the school, you may be able to organise to walk or ride part of the way.

National Ride2School Day helps to promote the benefits of physical activity and active transport to the health and well-being of our children.

Students who participate will receive a National Ride2School Day sticker upon arrival at school and will get a taste of the benefits and fun involved in choosing active transport.

For their safety, Stage 1 students should always be accompanied by a parent or carer if they ride or walk to school.

All students who ride a bike or scooter to school are reminded that they must wear a helmet and that they have to dismount and walk across the crossing under the direction of the crossing supervisor.

Western Swimming

Last Friday I had the pleasure of accompanying the District Swimming team to Dubbo for the Western region trials. We had 8 students attend the trials from Wallerawang and I was very impressed with the amazing effort and exceptional behaviour of our students.

Congratulations to Ben Seymour, Lachlan Taylor, Ryan Neale, Ben Fraser, Wade Fraser, Bailey Brown, Monique Gearside and Jessica Gearside for their wonderful effort. All kids did their best and I wish to congratulate them on making it through to the Western region Trials. I would also like to thank the parents who made the effort to travel to Dubbo and support the students.

Katrena Fraser
District Swimming Co-ordinator

P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The P&C is an integral part of the successful functioning of Wallerawang school. It links children, parents and staff during the formative schooling years.

The AGM will be on Monday 16 March 2015 at 6:30pm in the school library.

All positions will be declared vacant. A separate note went home last week detailing these positions. Please seriously consider coming along and taking an active part in your child’s education.

Western Area Basketball Trials

On Thursday, 5th of March Connor Marshall, Billy Rushworth, Eamyn Quinn, Ryan Neale, Sophie Clark and Lisa Su represented at the Boys and Girls Western Area Basketball trials held at Cowra and Bathurst respectfully. The boys and girls were put through many drill based scenarios, taught some skills and were then placed into teams to play games against other Basketball players in Western Region. All have reported that they had a great time, enjoyed playing and meeting other students and have developed their skills in Basketball further. Unfortunately, none of our Wallerawang students were selected, but this does not diminish their skills and efforts exhibited on the day. Thank you parents for supporting your children through this trial process.

Chris Campling
Sport Co-ordinator

Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop will be open Thursday 12th 2-3pm and Friday 13th 9-10am, this will be your last chance to purchase uniforms for this term as the uniform shop will be closed from Week 8 re-opening Term 2. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Reminder: All lay-by’s require regular payments to ensure your lay-by is paid off within the 10 week period. Payments can be left at the office outside of uniform shop hours.
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Assembly
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Amazing Art Work
The Super Hero Club

The Super Hero Club had its first meeting today and Stage 1 students who have been selected for the program had a great time with Mrs Friedrich!

This program is designed to develop students social skills in a variety of areas; such as communication, leadership, peer support and how to deal with everyday issues in the classroom and playground.

The Super Hero Club’s aim is to provide positive experiences that allow all students involved a chance to communicate and demonstrate effective social skills and develop a support network within the school environment.
Why Your Child Can’t Skip Their 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight

James
- Reads 20 minutes per night, 5 times per week

Travis
- Reads only 4 minutes per night ...or not at all

In one week:
- 100 minutes of reading
- 20 minutes of reading

In one month:
- 400 minutes of reading
- 80 minutes of reading

In one school year (9 months):
- 3600 minutes of reading
- 720 minutes of reading

By the end of sixth grade:
- 21,600 minutes of reading
- 4320 minutes of reading

Which student would you expect to read better?
Which student would you expect to know more?
Which student would you expect to write better?
Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?
Which student would you expect to be more successful in school and life?
How do you think each student will feel about himself as a learner?
**Workies Junior Hockey Registration**
Registrations for the 2015 hockey season have now commenced.
All new and previous players welcome.
Juniors is a mixed competition- boys and girls from U7’s to U15/17’s.
If you require further information contact Kylie Holmes 0429003646 or Robyn Millar 0439418177 or email rob.mill07@gmail.com
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**Lithgow District Netball Association**
NetSetGO is Netball Australia’s introductory program for netball. It has been developed to provide children from the age of 5 to 10 years with the best possible introduction to Netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation within the sport.
Program commences Monday 4th May 2015 4pm-5pm for 10 weeks at Wang Indoor Stadium Cost is $55. Please contact Kerrie on 0411607287

**Are you a parent of a 3 year olds in the Wallerawang/Lithgow/Portland area?**

This magic little preschool is a hidden gem... and the good news is....it has a few places left for 3 year olds on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.
Sound like what you need? Call today or call in to visit.
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**Lithgow Thistle Soccer Club**
Lithgow Thistle Soccer club still require players in all age groups from Under 6 (Players must turn 5 this year) through to senior Ladies & Men. All Previous Players who did not attend Muster Day and are intending to play again this season, as well as any new players, please contact Lorraine Keay ASAP on 0419 621 426 or email thistlesfc@gmail.com if you are interested in playing. Competition starts Saturday 2nd of May.
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.

Mu Yeh Taekwondo
Do you want to improve your self-esteem, self-confidence, self-discipline and general fitness? Learn the exciting Martial Art and Self-Defence system of Taekwondo! We cater for juniors, seniors, or the whole family! Mu Yeh Taekwondo specialises in street-wise, women’s and children’s self-defence. Enquire about our Little Dragons class for 4-6 year olds! Also, check out our Kickfit fitness Class for adults. (no martial arts experience necessary)

After 15 years at Wallerawang, we have now moved to our fully equipped studio at Portland.

For more information phone Master Instructor Steve Ashbridge, 6th Dan Black Belt, on 0409 305 327. You can also visit our website at: www.muyehtaekwondo.com

Lithgow Storm JRLFC Muster Day
We are inviting any child wishing to play rugby league to join our club.

The Lithgow Storm has a team in every group from 6’s to 16’s. Our mini league training starts this Thursday 4:00pm at Lithgow Showground, that is for children 6 to 9 years of age. All the older age groups are training and anybody interested in playing can sign up on the nominated days or contact the club.

Children are able to sign up on Tuesday 17th of March 5:30pm and Friday the 20th of March 5:30pm in the canteen area at the Lithgow Showground. Cost is $100 per child they get their socks, shorts, training singlet and jumper to keep at the end of the season. Every child receives a trophy and we take children of all abilities, the main focus of our club is to teach children how to play the game and most importantly have fun.

Steve Brooks—President
Ph: 6351 2737 or mobile 0400 720 695

Black Gold Crib Room Restaurant
Open for a Café Style Breakfast & Morning Tea
Or just a Cup of Tea or Coffee
Weekdays from 6:00am – 11:00am
Weekends from 8:00am -11:00am

Dinner Monday – Saturday 6:00pm