From the Principal’s desk

**Mufti Day - Thursday**

**Tomorrow** is a non-uniform day in support of the devastation caused by cyclone Pam to our pacific nation families in Vanuatu. Children are invited to donate a gold coin upon entry to assembly in the morning.

For those unknowing of my connection with Vanuatu, my family (father, mother, two brothers and myself) lived in the northern island area of Vanuatu (previously known as the New Hebrides) working on mission fields and in government agencies from 1963 – 1972 well prior to their independence. I have also been back many times over the past 40 years since leaving the country. The people of Vanuatu are a beautiful, friendly and peaceful race and our support of their 'rebuilding a nation' will be most appreciated.

Thank you to the parents that have come forward to work in the canteen as volunteers for term two. We have managed to fill all days and weeks all bar two days Friday 29 May and Friday 26 June. If you can help us on either of these days please contact the front office. Thank you to Kimberley Gunnelson for her tireless efforts to compile this roster.

Last Friday was school photograph day and it was great to see so many happy smiling faces lining up for their photos. Mrs Nancarrow was released from usual duties to coordinate the day and was assisted by a number of senior students and school leaders on a roster. Photographers made the effort to drop in at the end of the day and thank us for providing a staff member for the day and also acknowledged the beautiful manners and patience of our children. Special thanks also to our school mum’s Renee Bradford, Kimberley Gunnelson and Karen Desch who helped with coordinating individual photos.

This week commenced with the school and district rugby league teams playing in their respective competitions. On Monday the 11yrs and Sr District Rugby League teams played in Dubbo under the guidance of their managers Mrs Fraser and Mrs Lamborn and then on Tuesday three school teams participated in the Russell Richardson Cup and the David Peachey Shield at Portland. For a full round up of rugby league see page ?. A huge thanks is extended to the managers, coaches and parents all of whom played a significant role in supporting our kids and promoting the sportsmanship of rugby league.

A reminder for parents that were unable to attend parent / teacher interviews last week to contact the school office and arrange an appointment to speak with your child’s class teacher. This communication with parents is so important in developing positive relations between parents and teachers whilst sharing a mutual understanding on the needs of children specifically.
School assembly will be held tomorrow morning, Thursday from 9:10am. The major focus of the ceremony will be the presentation of awards which include Academic, Citizenship, Honour, Leaders and Bronze and Silver behaviour level awards. Please come along and celebrate our final assembly with your children.

I would like to make mention of some special news which has come to my attention: Chloe Peterson has been successful in gaining 'Head of College Award' Scholarship for 2016 at All Saints, Bathurst. Congratulations Chloe and we wish you every success in your future endeavours.

As the term concludes I must take this opportunity to once again extend thanks to teaching and support staff at the school. Term 1 has been incredibly busy, complex at times and very demanding on all of us however the manner in which the staff continue to work so patiently, professionally, with enthusiasm and with a keenness to always do better is very much appreciated by not only myself but also the broader school community.

On behalf of the great team at Wang School we wish you all a happy and safe Easter holiday break and look forward to the commencement of term two on Tuesday 21st April.

Duncan Auld
Principal—Wallerawang Public School

Easter Hat Parade and Picnic

Kindergarten and Stage 1 will be holding their annual Easter Hat Parade tomorrow Thursday 2nd April at 10:30am. We are inviting parents, Grandparents and friends to bring a picnic basket and blanket and join us on the grass for morning tea at the conclusion of the parade.

Our P&C have generously donated fruit and fairy bread for the children as a special treat and our classes will have a visit from a special visitor later in the day.

Our canteen will not be open to purchase from and please avoid bringing treats with nuts.

We can’t wait to see you all!

Uniform Shop News

The uniform shop will be closed Week 10 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.

School Contributions

Reminder: Invoices were issued in Week 4 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. Please pay contribu-

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### Stage 2 Local Excursion
On Monday 23 \textsuperscript{rd} March Stage 2 students, teachers and parent helpers were treated to a guided tour of some of Wallerawang’s significant locations by the very knowledgeable Mr Danny Whitty and his lovely wife Robyn.

We got to visit the old Walker and Barton Cemetery and found out that the cemetery had to be raised at one end when the dam was built. We even got to see the graves of some of the ancestors of some Stage 2 children. We headed to the historic St John’s church and saw the beautiful lead light windows that are worth hundreds of thousands of dollars and the wonderful kauri pews that each have their own number and the insignia of the colonial architect Blackett on them. We learnt about the building of the railway that really began the village of Wallerawang as we know it today and how the Cobb and Co coaches would pick up passengers from the train station to take them onto Mudgee or Bathurst.

At Lake Wallace we learnt about Charles Darwin’s visit to Wallerawang where he sought out the platypus, just to see if the marvellous creature really existed or if it was just a joke. The students, teachers and parents learnt so much about the history of our wonderful area and how important it is to keep the knowledge and pass it on to others.

It was a very exhausting day but well worth it to see things that not many people get to see and learn about the history of Wallerawang. A big thank you goes out to Mr and Mrs Whitty for spending so much time helping us with our learning and to the wonderful parents who helped supervise throughout the day. More photos appear on page 2.

Ms Foster

### Stage 3 iPads
This week we saw the roll out of the iPads to the third Stage 3 classroom, 5/6A. They have been waiting patiently and the P&C has very generously donated the money to purchase the final set for Stage 3. The iPads allow students to extend their learning possibilities and provides great opportunities to utilise them in our 21st century classrooms. A special thank you is extended to Mrs Nancarrow for tirelessly sourcing and setting up the iPads for Stage 3.

A big thank you is also needed for the P&C as without their support and funding the iPads would simply not have been possible. They are currently working hard for the second stage of the iPad project where they will raise funds to roll out iPads to Stage 2.

I encourage everyone to continue supporting the efforts and fundraising of the P&C as they are working very hard to make sure that they resource the children with valuable learning tools for their classrooms.

### Tennis Representatives
Last Wednesday, five of our students played against Eglinton Public School at the Lithgow City Tennis Courts. Brooke Lewis, Piper Anderson, Katahna Woolsey, Ashton Kenniff and Billy Rushworth showed great sportsmanship and performed really well but, on this occasion, were defeated by the Eglinton team. We wish Eglinton all the best in the next round.

K Gurney & L Walsh

### District Soccer
Last Wednesday Cooper Giles and Eamyn Quinn travelled to Lithgow to try out for the Lithgow District Soccer Team. Both boys were successful and will now travel to Dubbo early next term to trial for the Western Region team. We wish both boys the best of luck.

K Foster & C Campling
Western Region Rugby League Trials
Billy Rushworth, Lachlan Schroder, Bailey Brown, Kye Cameron, Wil Stockton, Wade Fraser, Aydan Thomas, Lachlan Reilly, Cooper Nunan, Oscar Gordon and Ben Fraser travelled to Dubbo last week for trials for the Western Region team. All students played to the best of their ability and were a real credit to Wallerawang School. Some made it through to the possibles and probables. Wil Stockton was selected in the Under 11’s Rugby League team. Congratulations to all the boys on their outstanding efforts. Thank you to all parents, coaches and helpers on the day. Without your help these opportunities would not exist.
K Fraser

Richardson Cup & Peachey Shield
Yesterday both the senior & junior teams participated in the Richardson Cup & Peachey Shield held at Kremer Park Portland and hosted by the CRL. This is always a great day of fun, excitement and participation. This year Wang hosted two teams in the Richardson Cup a competitive and non-competitive. The non-competitive team was also about building confidence and encouraging participation and they certainly did us proud, they showed great courage and determination throughout the day and will no doubt hold their own as part of the competitive competition next year. The team consisted of: Lindsay Lauer, Tom Seton, Josh Camberwell, Tiger Dunn, Preston Café, Tyron Griffiths, Brandan Dewar, Oliver Taylor, Gabrielle Dray and Hayden Way.

The competitive team had an outstanding day winning all three rounds against Lithgow Primary, Portland Central and Coeroerull to take them into the semi-finals after placing first in their pool. They then played All Hallows in the semi-finals and although early in the game it seemed like it could go either way it was Wang showed incredible courage in the second half to be victorious by two tries. The boys played well as a team in this game ensuring that their defence was strong. There was little rest before going straight into the finals against St Pats/St Josephs.

These two met in the finals the year before coming out a draw so they were keen to take on the challenge again. Although being defeated by the combination of the two schools the boys did themselves and the school extremely proud. Congratulations to the team consisting of: Logan Ward, Saezar Scanlan, Wil Stockton, Aydan Thomas, Bailey Brown, Byron Lamborn, Ashton McDonald, Joel Lamb, Riley Muldoon and Alexander Jackson.

We will now await the results of the next rounds to see if we progress to the finals day in Dubbo. The seniors of the competition the Peachey Shield boys showed great sportsmanship & talent throughout the day to be placed second in their pool and progress to the semi-finals after defeating Portland Central and St Josephs Oberon. In the semi-finals they came up against a strong Kandos side that ended up taking out the finals against Lithgow PS. The boys should be proud of the effort that they displayed with their never give up attitude. This team consisted of: Dane Hart, Ben Fraser, Wade Fraser, Oscar Gordon, Wil Jackson, Kye Cameron, Lachlan Reilly, Cooper Nunan and Lachlan Schroder.

On behalf of Mrs Fraser, myself and the teams we would like to sincerely thank: Chris Brown, Corey Stockton, Josh Way and Mark Schroder for coaching the teams as without this support it would not be possible to enter teams in these competitions. Also to Peter Gordon, Ryan Dewar and Pacey Stockton who supported the teams and the coaches throughout the day. Also to the moral support provided by parents and grandparents. There’s no place like Wang when it comes to this!
Mrs Lamborn
Public Speaking Competition

Our annual public speaking competition will be held next term. The purpose of our school wide competition is to develop confidence in the children with their skills in presenting before a peer audience. General information and topics for each stage were distributed last week and are also available on our school website, along with a PowerPoint presentation about public speaking which parents may find helpful when assisting their child in preparing a speech. Students have until Week 2 of Term 2 to prepare their speech at home.

Every child from Kindergarten to Year 6 is expected to present a speech. No props, gimmicks or costumes are to be used.

The length of speeches will be:

- **1 minute** for Kindergarten to Year 2, (15 seconds either side is acceptable)
- **2 minutes** for Years 3-6, (15 seconds either side is acceptable)

Throughout Weeks 2, 3 & 4, speeches will be presented in class groups with semi-finalists chosen from each class. Semi-finals will then be held for teachers to select 3 finalists per grade.

At a special assembly on **Wednesday 27th May (Week 6)**, the 3 finalists from each grade will present their speeches before the school and a panel of 3 judges.

Teachers are looking forward to listening to some wonderful speeches.

**Topics**

**Early Stage 1**
My Family  
My Pets  
My Favourite Toy  
My Favourite Place  
My Favourite Sport

**Stage 1**
My Family  
The Day I Met a Wild Thing  
When I Grow Up...  
My Super Power  
My Interesting Past

**Stage 2**
Anzac Day  
A Significant Place in Australia  
The Importance of Remembrance  
My Imagination  
Has Technology Made Our Lives Easier?  
Gallipoli

**Stage 3**
What Can We Do to Save Our Rainforests?  
People I Admire/My Hero  
The Best Pet Ever  
My Most Amazing Trip  
My Best Excuses for Not Doing My Homework

Susan Dick & Leanne Graham  
Public Speaking Coordinators
Wallerawang Public School

ANZAC DAY

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

2015

Lest We forget

Wallerawang Public School ANZAC Day Assembly

23rd April, 2015 – 9:15am

Everyone Welcome!

Wallerawang Community Ceremony – 25th April 2014

Students who are able to march on ANZAC Day are asked to meet in front of Wallerawang Butcher’s at 8:15am.

Students are asked to wear full school uniform.
To the students of Wallerawang Public School,

19/03/2011

My name is Megan and on Wednesday 18th March I was one of the parents volunteering at your canteen. It's the first time I've ever worked at a school canteen and I just had to write this letter to say a big THANK YOU to all of you for making it such a memorable experience for me.

As it was something I'd never done before, I was very much looking forward to it and I have to say that after Wednesday I wish I could come back every week! I was extremely impressed by how beautifully behaved and patient everyone was when waiting in line and each and everyone of you were so very polite and exceptionally well mannered. You have done yourselves, your parents and your school proud. It's a comfort knowing my son goes to school with such wonderful people.

Many Thanks also to Carol Chew for patiently showing me the ropes, you were friendly and a helpful teacher and I hope to work with you again.

Sincerely,

A HAPPY VOLUNTEER!
Stage 2 Local Area Excursion

Website: www.wallerawan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Email: wallerawan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Stage 3 Scenic World Excursion
NSW Spectacles Program and eligibility requirements

What is the NSW Spectacles Program?

The NSW Spectacles Program (the Program) assists financially disadvantaged people in NSW by providing free spectacles and other optical appliances to improve their vision and avoid preventable decline in eye health.

The Program provides funding to participating optometrists and optical dispensers to supply spectacles and other optical appliances to eligible clients free of charge.

The Program is funded by the NSW government and administered by Vision Australia.

What does the Program provide?

If you meet the Program eligibility criteria you are entitled to, in any two-year period to receive:

One pair of single vision spectacles; or
One pair of bifocal spectacles.

If you have particular clinical conditions, you may be entitled to other items including contact lenses, tinted lenses or low vision aids.

These items are provided free of charge through the Program. You can choose to pay an additional fee for items that are not available through the Program (such as multifocal or progressive lenses and non-standard frames).

Who is eligible to access the Program?

The Program is available to low income earners who meet the eligibility criteria:

Most providers participating in the Program are optometrists who can conduct your eye examination. Vision Australia’s website (www.visionaustralia.org/spectacles) lists all participating providers across NSW.

Where can I get further information?

For further information on the NSW Spectacles Program, visit the Vision Australia website www.visionaustralia.org/spectacles
Or contact Vision Australia on:
Phone: 1300 84 74 66
Email: info@visionaustralia.org

Celebrate Easter—Jesus’s triumph—when love overcame death.
Please join us on:

**Good Friday 3rd April**
9am at St Pauls Anglican, Cnr Roy & Railway Pde Lithgow
11am at St John’s, Main St Wallerawang
3pm at St Stephen’s, Williwa St Portland

**Resurrection Sunday 5th April**
9am at St Pauls Lithgow or 3pm at St Stephen’s Portland

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
Eskbank House and Museum

Acting and Stage Craft Classes with Blast Furnace Theatre

Bennett Street, Lithgow

2 May to 27 June 2015 every Saturday

Classes:

Juniors: 7-11 yr. 10 – 11am. $90 for a 9 week term

Intermediate: 12 – 13 yr, 11am – 1pm, $180 for a 9 week term

Adult: 14 yr +, 2-4pm, $180 for a 9 week term

Learn: Voice, movement, monologue Shakespeare, contemporary theatre, dance, singing, acting for film and television, masque, mime, pantomime, musical theatre, physical theatre and more.

Taught by Catherine Lockley from Blast Furnace Theatre.

For information and bookings call Wendy Hawkes on 6354 9999

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 0411 607 287

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.

Lithgow Pony Club

Lithgow Pony Club is looking for new members! Do you want to improve your riding skills while connecting with other local students? Lithgow Pony Club is accepting new memberships and would love to have you join us! Look us up on Facebook under ‘Lithgow Pony Club’ and send us a message, or contact club president Trish Cadalt direct on 0448 551 561. Whether you are a beginner or have been riding for years, we have an ability group to suit you and we look forward to seeing you on our beautiful club grounds!
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

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 Kick-fit 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