From the Principal’s desk
Dear Parents/Carers,

This week brings us to midway through Term 2. The weeks continue to be busy with opportunities beyond what happens in the daily routine of the classroom. Apologies for last week’s error in the newsletter regarding the assembly. The assembly wasn’t held due to the Infants Athletics Carnival. Thank you to Mrs Fraser who got notes out to all our SRC reps explaining that badges will be handed out this week. Children placed at the District Cross Country will also receive their certificates at this week’s assembly. My apologies in advance for Friday as I need to be in Bathurst for a Principal briefing. 1/2W will do a short presentation to showcase what they have been learning in their classroom during this term. The swimming trophies from Term 1 Swimming Carnival have been ordered and will be presented at a future assembly.

This week saw the end of an era with the last cheque issued from the Angus Place Charity Assistance Fund. We are all aware in our school and wider community of the incredible contribution made by these organisations to our town and the impact on the community of the local closures of both Angus Place Colliery and Wallerawang Power Station. Our communities ‘ride on the back’ so to speak of both coal mining and power generation and the impact on our towns and those surrounding of any further closures would be devastating to families and to the community as a whole. I ask you to add your positive and respectful support to the extension of the Springvale Project. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank all those involved in contributing to the Charity Fund and for the many projects and students you have supported through your generosity.

On Friday night Eddie & I had the pleasure of being invited and attending the Lithgow Catholic Ball with family friends. It was wonderful to see the way ex-Wallerawang students conducted themselves both as debutantes and partners. These students included Dayna Stockton, Sarah Sheehan, Mikayla Howarth, Felicity Ray, Ben Beecroft and Greg Nelson. They are all growing into lovely young adults who are making a positive contribution to our community and are a credit to their families.

Last week saw children in Years 3 & 5 participate in NAPLAN. Thank you to
Ms Foster and Mrs Fraser for their coordination of this & the many hours committed to ensuring both the process and finalising material was all completed. These results will be issued to both the school and families in Term 3.

Last week saw school sport continue with the boys playing football against Portland Central. A full report appears on page 4. The boys had a good win and once again demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship. A huge thank you to Portland Central School Principal Murray Borham who refereed the game in the true spirit of children enjoying sport. Today the same team came up against Cooerwull Public School and are wished the best of luck in their second round match.

On Friday Wallerawang Public School hosted the Infants Athletics Carnival on the school oval under the excellent organisation of Ms Lang. A HUGE thank you to her and to the infants staff for a well organised and fun day for the children. The day wouldn't have been possible without the help and support of parents who took on many of the jobs throughout the day as well as helping in the canteen. Special mention to Todd Lane and Kelly Woolsey-Weekes for bringing extra shade covers for the children to sit under helping to put them up and taking them down at the end of the day. Please see Ms Lang’s account of the days proceedings on page 4 and photos on pages 8 and 9. Once again this event demonstrates the wonderful supportive partnership we have with our carers, parent (and grandparent) community and the extra yards staff are prepared to go to provide opportunities for our students.

Tomorrow CWA International Day will be held at Wallerawang PS and is hosted by the CWA. This year’s country of study is Italy. The children have been working hard on their projects and will be judged by Mr O’Mahony prior to the event. Join us for the project presentation and morning tea. For more details see page 3.

On Friday the schools Debating Team will host Round 1 of the Western Challenge Debating Competition against Eglinton Public School. Our debating team: Chloe Peterson 5/6F, Ben Seymour 5/6G, Shelby McCann 5/6A and Kathanha Woolsey 5/6F will debate the topic ‘That weekend sport should be played by all children.’ Chloe, Ben, Shelby and Kathanha have been working hard to prepare their case for the Affirmative Side and we wish them all the best on the day. Thank you to Mrs Arkley-Smith who has been assisting the team with their preparations.

On Saturday under 11’s Rugby League representative Wil Stockton will play a trial match in preparation for PSSA NSW school competition to be held in Tamworth from 2-4th June.

On Tuesday of next week Wallerawang Girls Hockey team consisting of Courtney Martin, Kathanha Woolsey, Olivia McDonald, Brooke Lewis, Piper Anderson, Piper Woolsey, Abbey Trestrail, Josie Way, Sophie Clark, Tia McMillan, Jacova Woolsey, Kelee Fraser, Madeline Holding, Claire Jonkers and Ellie Pender (Goalie) will play against Cooerwull PS. The Boys Hockey team to play in the boys competition against a mixed team from Lithgow PS are Ryan Neale, Ashton McDonald, Mitchell Jewell, Noah Jewell, Ethan Fitzpatrick, Dayne Houlison, Aiden Fitzpatrick, Kade Anderson, Cooper Giles, James Cathie, Jeremy Williams, Kyhe Kattau, Daniel Williams and Eamyn Quinn.

Many thanks to teaching staff Ms Gurney, Miss Reid and Ms Lang and parent Quentin Anderson who have been spending lunchtimes training the teams. They are wished all the best.

Next Wednesday will see our Public Speaking finals being held. See page 3 for full details.

‘Every successful individual knows that his or her achievement depends on a community of persons working together.’ Paul Ryan

Jenny Lamborn Rlg Principal
Public Speaking Competition

Our annual Public Speaking Competition is well underway with semi-finals being completed this week. Teachers across the school have commented on the high standard of speeches presented.

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. Semi-finalist certificates will also be presented at the special assembly and everyone is welcome to attend.

The **Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Finals** will be conducted from 10.15 am. The **Stage 2 and 3 Finals** will be held following recess, commencing at **11.35 am**.

Congratulations to the following children who have made the **Semi-Finals** and to all children for preparing a speech to present to their class.

**Public Speaking Semi-Finalists**

**Kinder:** Curtis Brown, Annika Classnitz, Lowan Francis, Sally Rose, Claire Taylor and Ella Taylor.

**Year 1:** Aiden Bird, Macy Brown, Keeley Collins, Ruby Dunn, Mia Egan, Molly Lambert, Shaylee Lauer, Aleesha Morgan, Rory Sutherland, Rydah Woolsey and Violet Younger.

**Year 2:** Ned Alexander, Ellablu Boyling, Ruby Bradford, Jarah Cafe, Millie Francis, Ty Hanrahan, Marijke McLoughlan, Lachlan Nunan, Lillian Reeve, Blake Rose, Abbey Taylor and Wyatt West.

**Stage 2**

**Year 3:** Kade Anderson, Matilda Borham, Alexandra Fitzgerald, Ella Houlios, Joel Lamb, Lucy Neaves, Holly Robinson, Daniel Rose and Taylor Zorz.

**Year 4:** Alexa Bird, Emily Brown, Harrison De’Rooy, Charlotte Dunn, Keelie Fraser, Madeline Holding, Claire Jonkers, Tylah Piggott and Saezar Scanlan.

**Stage 3**

**Year 5:** Sophie Clark, Lily Forrest, Wade Fraser, Macayla Lamb, Tia McMillan, Max Schindler, Lisa Su, Josie Way and Ella Zorz.

**Year 6:** Piper Anderson, Kye Cameron, Ben Fraser, Brooke Lewis, Shelby McCann, Ryan Neale, Chloe Petersen, Ben Seymour, Lachlan Taylor and Piper Woolsey.

Those children who make the Finals will take a notification home to parents/carers this week.

Susan Dick and Leeanne Graham
Public Speaking Coordinators

Boys Soccer

The boys soccer team played their first game against Portland on Thursday, 14th May. The boys played extremely well and ended up beating Portland 7 goals to nil. **Congratulations** to all team members: ***Cooper Giles, Lachlan Taylor, David Waru, Ryan Neale, Eamyn Quinn, Max Schindler, Hayden Carter, Blake Murray, Ashton Kenniff, Aydan Thomas, Jorden Berry, Matthew Hopkinson and Ben Seymour.***

Coach Luke Bilby was very happy with how the boys adapted to different positions and encouraged each other, all the while being exceptional role models and terrific sports. A big thank you to the very supportive parents and spectators who provided transport and cheered from the sidelines and to referee Mr Murray Borham who gave out some very nice compliments about how well our team played. The boys will play Cooerwull today Wednesday 20th May at Delta Park. Good luck to all boys.

Katrina Foster
Soccer Manager

CWA International Day - ITALY!!

On Thursday 21 May CWA will be hosting a morning tea in the school hall. At this time Year 6 students will be presenting their projects on CWA’s 2015 Country of Study - Italy. The event begins at 10am - 11:10am.

Parents are invited to attend. A delectable morning tea is available at a cost of $7.

Please support our students and CWA.

Lithgow Library

Young Writers Group – this group is running every Wednesday during Term 2 for students aged 8-15. The session is being run by a local author. If you are interested in creative writing, come along on Wednesday from 3:45 - 5:00pm. No booking needed and it’s FREE!
Infants Athletics Carnival

The sun came out and Mother Nature provided us with a beautiful autumn day for the annual Infants Athletics Carnival.

The students were supported by a large number of parents and family members sitting along the side lines cheering them on and enjoying the day.

Wolgan started the day strong winning 25 bonus house points for their house spirit as they paraded past their peers and spectators in the opening house parade.

The competition started with age races and relay events. Gili were always first ready in their red.

After recess the fun continued with novelty events including egg & spoon race, sack races and the three legged race. Thoondu were strong through-out the day especially in the 6 year old age group.

At the end of the day it was Awa that came away with most house points, with a grand total of 417 points!

After lunch the students enjoyed non-competitive rotational activities to conclude the day’s events. The students are to be congratulated on their efforts, sportsmanship & house spirit.

See the photos on page 8 to review all the excitement of the day!

A HUGE THANK YOU to the parents and carers that assisted throughout the day including the canteen volunteers. The carnival would not be such a success without the support from all our wonderful families at WPS.

Advance Notice: Boys Rugby League will play on Friday 29 May at 11:00am. The game will take place in Blayney.

Well worth a visit!!

Lithgow Library Learning Centre is hosting several displays focussing on World War I to commemorate the centennial year of the ANZAC’s. The exhibitions will be available for your perusal until 26 May.

Exhibition items include:
- Poppies on display
- State Library Touring Display of Images
- WW1 Embroidered Postcards
- Uniforms from WW1
- Memorabilia from WW1
- Historic photographs on display

A great opportunity to see these rare items.

Library News

WANGS BIG BANG for Term 1 is now available on the school website and for purchase at the front office. Cost is $4.00. Get your copy now!!

Parent Volunteers: Mrs Nancarrow is looking for volunteers to cover library books with contact. These can be taken home to cover. If needed a demonstration on covering is available.

Please see Mrs Nancarrow

Lithgow High School Year 7 2016

Year 6 children who submitted an expression of interest (EOI) with Lithgow High School for enrolment in Year 7 in 2016 have now received an enrolment package to proceed with the formal enrolment application process. Parents and carers are asked to complete the enrolment application forms and additional consent forms and return to Wallerawang School office by Friday 5th June.

If you haven’t yet submitted an EOI for your child for Year 7 enrolment, please contact office staff for assistance.

Lithgow High School - Year 7 2016 Extension/Enrichment Class

The enrichment class focuses on challenging and extending students. It is taught by a team of teachers (in core subjects) whose brief is to develop independent learning skills and engagement with learning. The teaching team will regularly review student progress to ensure that the aims of the class, and the needs of students, are being met. This class is not designed to grade students on ability. Rather, it is concerned with learning styles.

If your Year 6 student is interested in applying for a position in this class please see Mrs Fraser for assistance with the completion of the nomination form.

‘Application for Entry into the Extension/Enrichment Year 7 Class for 2016’ went home with students last week.
WE’RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE THIS FRIDAY 22nd MAY 2015
It’s that time of year again when our school starts talking about walking! Not only is walking a wonderful way to get you where you want to be, but it also gets your health – and your child’s health on the right track too. So that’s why this year our school is participating in National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 22nd May (next week). Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for some of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine. You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car some distance away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes, it also gives you a great opportunity to reinforce with your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday!

Those students who participate will receive a ‘Walk Safely to School Day’ sticker.

‘Move Ahead with Street Sense’ gives the following advice to parents regarding child pedestrian safety in the traffic environment:

- Children up to eight years old should hold an adult’s hand on the footpath, in the car park or when crossing the road; an adult is defined as a parent, caregiver, grandparent, sibling in high school or older, other relative or neighbour, or other adult as advised by the child’s parents/carers

- Children up to ten years old should be actively supervised in the traffic environment and should hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road
NXT7 Transition Program - Portland Central School (PCS)
This program is for Year 6 students who are considering attending Portland Central School in 2016.
Notes have been distributed to students who have indicated PCS for possible enrolment.
The transition program runs over 3 days:
- Term 2 - Week 5 Thursday 21st May
- Term 3 - Week 4 Thursday 6th August
- Term 4 - Week 4 Thursday 29th October
A permission slip is required, see the front office if a note is needed.

Spellcheck
Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:

Uniform Shop
Reminder: All laybys require payments to be made at least fortnightly and to be completely paid off within 10 weeks.
Thank you

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| Thursday May 21| Anna Fitzgerald  
|                | Kirsty Goodman |
| Friday May 22  | Karen Desch, Sheree Scanlan, Melissa Hawken |
| Monday May 25  | Ann Forrest  
|                | Renee Edwards |
| Tuesday May 26 | Kimberley Graham  
|                | Kellie Webster |
| Wed May 27     | Alana Cafe  
|                | Kate Seton |

Year 6 Fundraising Raffle—Fire Wood

Winner: Cooper Giles

Congratulations!

With Thanks to:
Good Earth Landscaping Supplies—Lidsdale
For their generous donation.

Year 6 Fundraiser
We are conducting a Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser for this term so we are asking for your much needed support.

Funds raised will go towards Year 6 departing gift to Wallerawang Public School.

Students received a Billy’s Gourmet Cookie Dough order form last week. There are 8 scrumptious flavours to choose including Choc Chunk & White Choc Macadamia, Doggie Dough and Gluten Free Choc Chunk. The tubs sell from $13 per 1kg tub – that’s only 33 cents per cookie! You can re-freeze the cookie dough making it very economical and kids will love baking these delicious cookies.

Each student that sells one or more tubs can also choose from an exciting prize program on offer. The more tubs you sell the better the prize! There is a selection of over 40 prizes to choose from such as Wahu, Disney Frozen, Remington, Razor and much, much, more.

WIN A BALI FAMILY HOLIDAY! - You also have the chance to win a 7 night Bali Family Holiday for 2 adults and 3 children, staying at the Holiday Inn Bali Benoa Beach including a $2000 Virgin Australia airfare voucher and $1,000 spending money. So don’t forget to enter! For more details on this promotion and how to enter, please view the inside of the order form.

Order forms along with money need to be returned to front office by the 29th May.
Cookie Dough will need to be picked up from school between 2pm-4pm on Thursday 18th June.
Looking for a Secondary School for your child?

Lithgow High School Year 7 2016,

Parent Information Evening

Tuesday 26th May, 6.00pm - 7.30pm

School Library

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Website: http://www.lithgow-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/
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Primary Athletics

Website: www.wallerawan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Email: wallerawan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
“I’ve got a Teenager!?”

A 4 week Parenting Program Group

Tools for Parents, Grandparents and Carers of Teenagers

- Building resilient teenagers
- Adolescent development
- Positive Parenting tips

Where: Portland RSL Club Conference Room, 10 Wolgan Street
Portland

When: Commences on *27th May * 3rd June (No Group on the 10th June) *17th June and *24th June

Time: 10AM- 12PM

Cost: $5 registration paid at pre-group interview.

Facilitator: Meg Benson- LINC Adolescent and Family Counsellor, qualified facilitator in Teenage Positive Parenting Program (PPP) for Parents of Teenagers, Resilience Doughnut Model and Rage Program Facilitator

Call Meg on 6354 5912 to book a spot
Dear Parents and Carers,
From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.


Privacy Protection

The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students' personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth Australian Education Regulation 2013, data collected by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education and Communities in connection with the national data collection. A privacy notice has been developed to by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department’s website at http://education.gov.au/notices

If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact Jenny Lamborn at the school on 6355 1210.
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**Wallerawang Junior Rugby League - Colour Run has been cancelled due to insurance reasons.**

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