From the Principal’s desk

As I write this newsletter I reflect back over the past week and consider the heartbreaking accident that took the life of one our dear little family members last Wednesday. Simon Williams – friend, mate, buddy and all round comrade for all here at Wang School influenced staff and students alike with his infectious and loving personality.

On behalf of the school community I express sincere condolences to parents, Renee and Shane and also to the extended family and friends that have all been impacted so heavily over this past week.

‘there is no grief like the grief that does not speak’
(Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)

Please consider the following information when deciding on your children's options for Friday this week.

Funeral arrangements

Funeral service - Friday 24th July at Hoskins Church in Lithgow commencing at 11am
Children attending must do so with an adult
Children may be signed out from the front office to attend the funeral
Children attending the funeral are encouraged to wear full school uniform
At the conclusion of the funeral service, Wallerawang school children will each collect a helium balloon in the grounds of Hoskins Church and join together to be part of a mass release of the balloons

For those not attending the funeral:

There will be minimal supervision at school
Children can either be at school or remain at home
Teachers from other local schools will be onsite working with classes and providing supervision
Students remaining at school will release helium balloons at 11am
There will be NO canteen operating on Friday

Advice for parents and caregivers regarding attendance at funerals:

Prior to attending a funeral with children it is a good idea to talk with them about the potential atmosphere of the church and surrounds. They may hear different music from their usual experiences, possibly experience different smells (eg burning incense), witness many people that are very sad and possibly crying, see a funeral car (hearse) and a coffin on display. Visualising and discussing these attributes prior to attendance may prove effective in lessening the unknown stressors for your child.
Education Week Open Invitation
“Celebrating Local Heroes” is the theme for this year’s Education Week which is being celebrated across the state next week.

Around the area / Bathurst
The area launch of Education Week will take place on Tuesday 28th July at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre (BMEC). Proceedings commence at 11am and parents and the wider community are invited to be in attendance. Of special significance, 8 of our students will perform in the WGEC Combined Schools’ Choir, our school leaders will be in attendance representing our school and P & C Association representatives will also be in attendance.

Local / Wallerawang School
Our Special School Assembly and Open Day will be held on Wednesday 29th July. The day will commence with an assembly at 9:10am which will acknowledge student achievements and school community participation. Classes will present items and there will be performances by the school choir and instrumental groups. Visits to classrooms will follow the assembly. See page 3 for our full page overview of the day.

As part of our school celebrations a morning tea will take place at 11:30am for parents and staff which P&C and staff will cater for. If you would like to provide a ‘plate’ to assist with catering it would be greatly appreciated.

This week we welcome final year practicum students from Charles Sturt University who are working with us for the remainder of Term 3. Mr Gavin Howell is working with class 1/2B, Mrs Shireen Sheehan with KL and Miss Rhiannon Mitchell with 3/4F. We look forward to their participation and contribution to the students at Wallerawang Public School over the remainder of this term.

Sport News this week; Lachlan Taylor and Donny Peters are in Coffs Harbour representing themselves, the school, the district and Western Region in touch football. This is the first year for Lachlan and the 2nd consecutive year for Donny. They are playing in Coffs Harbour and after a couple of combined training sessions and 2 trial games on Monday are off to a good start. They have had two wins, a draw and a loss to date. The school community wishes both boys the best of luck as they move through the week’s competition. I am sure that they will learn new things as well as it being a great experience for them.

Next Monday both the boys and girls touch football teams will be playing their first rounds of the PSSA knockout competition against Portland Central School. We are hosting Portland in the competition so the games will be held at Wang Oval from 1pm for the girls and 1:50pm for the boys. Parents and community members are welcome to come along and cheer our squads on. Best wishes to the teams as they prepare for this competition.

On Tuesday Mrs Brown will travel to Penrith with the boys and girls FUTSAL squads to play in the 2015 Futsal Schools State Championships. We wish both the squads well as they compete against government and non-government schools and also extend thanks to parents for their assistance with travel.

Next Thursday students will participate in the character education activity known as ‘The NED Show.’ This program centres around 3 important messages that have lifelong relevance – ‘never give up’, ‘encourage others’, and ‘do your best.’ The program will operate in the school hall from 9:45am and students will learn about NED’s 3 messages while enjoying storytelling, magic, humour and yo-yo tricks. Parents are welcome to join us for this special event. A note with further details will be sent home on Thursday.

On Friday next week children who were successful in their field events will attend the District Athletics Trials at the Lithgow Athletics Track to compete against other district school representatives, all hoping to gain higher level representation at Western level. Permission notes have gone home with these students. As Wallerawang staff are hosting the carnival this year, the P&C will also run a canteen for the teams as they prepare for this competition.

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PVC Semester 1 Return 2015
Parents and carers are advised that Transport for NSW has been reviewing PVC subsidy claims for accuracy because it has introduced a new computer system and this has caused a delay. This has also deferred for a short time, the attendance days collection process for all schools. We understand this overall will lead to a delay of several weeks compared to the usual processing time. Transport for NSW has advised us they are apologetic for the inconvenience.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday July 23
Amber Cafe
TBC

Friday July 24
CANTEEN CLOSED

Monday July 27
Ann Reeve
Kylie Armstrong

Tuesday July 28
Alison Jackson
Melinda Hughes

Wednesday July 29
Alana Cafe
Kate Seton

• Taking Enrolments for 2016
• Parent Information Evening Thursday 20th August 2015 at 7:00pm
• Kinder Orientation Morning Thursday 27th August 2015 from 10:00 - 11:10am

1. Collect Earn & Learn Stickers - 1 for every $10 you spend at Woolies.
2. Stick them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. You can pick one up from Woolies or at school.
3. Once filled, pop into a Collection Box here at school or at Woolies in store.
4. When the promotion is finalised and tallies are complete, schools get to choose amazing new educational equipment.

Lithgow Basketball will be running Aussie Hoops Program commencing 28th July 2015
• Game development program for 5-10 year olds
• Cost: $60 includes ball, singlet and other items
• To register for the Lithgow Program or for further information go to www.aussiehoops.com.au or contact 6352 1635

Rugby League Team
A reminder that all uniforms need to be returned to Mrs Lamborn as soon as possible please.

It’s back! Earn 1 sticker for every $10 you spend.
Wallerawang Public School

Education Week 2015

You’re invited to Education Week!

“Celebrating Local Heroes”

Come along to our special assembly on Wednesday 29th July in the school hall from 9:10am

Open Day Program
9:10-10:30 Assembly in the school hall
10:45-11:30 Open Classrooms
11:30-12:00 Morning tea

Assembly will include:

- Presentation of student and community awards
- Performances by class groups
- School Choir items
- Instrumental Groups