From the Principal's desk

Last week we celebrated education week across all public schools in NSW. I wish to thank the staff, the students and parent community for coming along, supporting such an important event and helping make it the success that it was. Open classrooms and parents visiting them is great for both children and teachers alike. Parents and carers are reminded that teacher interviews can be arranged at regular times throughout the year by contacting the front office and arranging an appointment with the appropriate teacher.

Last Friday our Lithgow District Athletics Trials were held in Lithgow with a squad of 48 competitors attending from our school. There were many pleasing results and personal bests amongst our students in both the field and track events. All students enjoyed the day, participated with true sportsmanship, with many performing their personal best under the pressure of the day. Congratulations is extended to Lachlan Taylor who secured the Senior Boy Champion status and also to Olivia McDonald who was placed Senior Girl Runner-Up.

Outstanding effort and performance, well done.

Congratulations to Sophie Lane, Bethany Hagar, Lily Forrest, Stephanie Radosевич, Olivia McDonald, Jai McMillan, Lindsay Lauer, Roman Peters, Cooper Giles, Matthew Hopkinson, Kye Cameron, Lachlan Taylor and Eamyn Quinn for qualification in the Lithgow District team representing at the Western Area trials in Dubbo on the 28th of August.

Thanks is extended to Chris Campling, Katrina Foster, Rhiannon Mitchell, Jenny Lamborn, Bev Nancarrow and the Wallerawang and Lidsdale P&C for their support of the carnival. It would not have been possible without their input.

Last Thursday children attended the NED show, where 3 significant messages expressed for all people and society were ‘never give up’, ‘encourage others’ and ‘do your best.’ Please see page 3 for Mrs Warner’s wrap up of the activity.

School assembly will be held this Friday 7th August. Public speaking trophies, level awards and other recognition certificates will be handed out on the day. Families are always welcome to come along to our assemblies and help celebrate children’s successes with us all. We will also participate in the ‘jeans for genes’ fundraiser that day. Children may wear mufti clothes (including jeans) and bring along a gold coin donation which will be collected by the SRC at the beginning of the day.
What's coming up?

**Rail safety week** next week. Special guest at assembly which will be followed by a stage 2 and stage 3 specific program in the hall from 10am and 10:30am respectively.

**Book Week** (24-28 August). Special assembly Tuesday 25th August from 9:30am along with a book fair operating Mon to Wed.

**Duncan Auld**
**Principal**

**Basketball**
Tomorrow Thursday 6th August, Wallerawang School hosts the basketball knock out round versus Cooerwull School. The game will begin from 10:00 a.m. and will take place in the indoor stadium. All the best boys! Parents and community members are most welcome to attend.

**Mr Campling**

**Infants Dancing**
Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are very excited about sport this term. Mrs Sheehan has been very busy planning some amazing dance lessons for all infants children. Last week children began with a warm up stretch. This was followed by the YMCA and Macarena dances. All of the children enjoyed their dance lesson and we are very lucky to have Mrs Sheehan as our dance teacher.

**Mrs Brown**

**Yr 6 to Yr 7 2016 Portland Central School**
The next NXT7 day will take place on Thursday 6 August. Attendance notes went home yesterday with students who have indicated their High School preference as Portland Central.

**Write On Competition**
The annual BOSTES Write On writing competition is now open.

Students may submit an imaginative story of up to 500 words. Using the photograph below for inspiration, students compose a short imaginary piece of writing. This may include: narrative, letters, poems, scripts for radio, film and play, interviews or journal entries.

Students will need to be able to: engage the audience, write using a consistent structure, use clever writing devices, use a variety of language and punctuation and show evidence of planning and editing.

The competition is open for students in year 1-6. School winners will be presented certificates at assembly. The presentation of certificates for state winners will be held at the State Library of NSW on 16 September 2015.

Student entries to class teacher by Wednesday 12th August.

**Happy Writing, Coordinating teacher - Ms Kym Fahey**

Last Thursday the children and staff of WPS were entertained in a free performance call The NED Show. NED stands for:

Never give up  
Encourage others and  
Do your best  

The show promoted positive attitudes and encouraged students to do their best everyday. Kathryn Whisler used magic, yo-yo tricks and an engaging story-telling style to get this very important message across. Students were then encouraged to ‘pay it forward’ by purchasing yo-yo products so that the show could continue to be presented free to schools.

Yo-yo’s are priced at $8, $15 and $20 each  
Strings and holders $5 each  
Items can be purchased from school.

The children were very inspired by the yo-yo skills demonstrated by Kathryn and many have been busy trying out their new tricks.

Thank you Mrs Warner for bringing The NED Show to our school!
Now accepting 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

Sports Uniforms
A reminder that uniforms for Rugby League and Touch Football need to be returned to Mrs Lamborn or Mr Campling as soon as possible please. Also uniforms for Futsal to be returned to Mrs Brown.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
THE SCHOOL CANTEEN IS CLOSED THIS FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST. LUNCH & RECESS NEEDS TO BE BROUGHT FROM HOME

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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.

Petition for Barton Ave Pathway
If you would like to support the construction of a dual purpose pathway starting from the intersection of Barton Ave and Forest Ridge Drive to the indoor sports stadium, a petition is available at the school office for you to sign.

It is envisaged that this pathway will accommodate both pedestrian and cyclists and provide a safe route joining up with existing pathways around Lake Wallace.