Dear Parents/Carers,

As we continue to experience hot summer days it’s great to see children aware of the importance of sun safety with the majority of children wearing their hats without prompting. It was wonderful to see parents/carers and grandparents at our first regular Friday assembly to acknowledge children for their behaviour, academic achievement and being great school citizens. School assemblies are times to positively reflect on what is happening across the school. Congratulations to all award recipients for last Friday.

Time spent in classrooms across the school this term has once again reminded me of the benefits of across stage collaborative planning programs and embedding assessment and then teachers using their own professionalism and teaching style in the classrooms. Examples of this over the last week has been stage 2 working together in transferring continuum expectations to “I can” statements that support the students in taking ownership of their own learning. Examples of these for stage 2 are in reading: I can – read a PM level 21 plus text on my own, read all list 5 sight words, read a variety of information books, read a variety of story books, read for at least 10 minutes uninterrupted, re-read when I don’t understand, use picture cues to help me understand the text and know there are different ways to read texts. Kindergarten worked hard on Friday to complete their first classroom assessment embedded into their whole number unit. They had to demonstrate their understanding of the numbers 1, 2 & 3 by placing dots next to the numbers to represent these. Stage 1 have started L3 with students participating in varied activities across the morning and also working on the quality text – Amy & Lois, with stage 3 highly engaged with activities around the planets.

At Monday’s staff meeting Miss Foster and Mr Campling presented to us from a 2 day workshop they both attended on ‘Bridges out of Poverty’. One of these days was in their own holiday time such was their interest and commitment. Thank you to them both for empowering staff with knowledge through their Professional Learning session and sharing knowledge.

Scripture began yesterday afternoon with Scripture teachers; Sister Therese, Mrs Corinne Ogg, Mrs Robyn Pytko and Mrs Kris Young volunteering their time each week in the classrooms across the school. They are thanked for their time and commitment to the Wallerawang students. Also thanks goes to Mrs Warner for coordinating scripture across the school.

The students 3-6 have been enjoying Rugby League Clinics on a Friday in partnership with sporting schools and Country Rugby League. Last year we were lucky enough to receive a sporting grant to run these programs. The infants school will participate next term. I would like to thank Mick, Dave and Mitchell from the CRL for their enthusiasm and support with the program.

Trials have either taken place or are about to take place for sporting teams including boys and girls soccer, futsal and rugby league. Thank you to the teachers Ms Fahey, Mrs Fraser and Miss Mitchell who are coordinating these as it is another duty staff do above and beyond their normal daily roster to give students opportunities. The first of these to be played will be futsal on the 23rd March in Orange.
This week’s feature stage is the stage 3 team of: Stage leader Mrs Fraser, teaching staff Ms Graham and Mr Campling along with ASLSO Mrs Davidson. The staff work together as team supporting each other and learning from and with each other. They love coming to Wallerawang each day to work with the children and the supportive school community.

We wish Mrs Bird a speedy recovery from recent surgery and welcome Mrs Fraser into KR as a learning support officer.

This week we started our community partnership initiative with Black Gold crib room restaurant and head chef Brent and Mrs Maree Fraser. Children had to put forward an expression of interest and were selected to be a part of the 5 week program. The first one is a trial for both the school and the restaurant and we hope to be able to continue it. Black Gold is keen to work with the school and be able to give back to the community that support them. The children involved in the first round of the program are: Jay Murray, Tiarna Wright, Maddy O’Leary, Noah Jewell, Indianna Walsh and Cassie Shanahan.

This week they were introduced to the kitchen and made double chocolate chip cookies that were very tasty. Linda and Rob have recently featured in the Central West Lifestyle magazine which showcases our local area and is well worth a read. It is a beautifully presented magazine with the launch held last Saturday night at Mayfield gardens in Oberon. We thank Rob, Linda, Brent and Maree for offering this innovative program.

Recent feedback from the school community including the P&C and parents present at the recent information sessions suggested that it would be worthwhile to further inform the school community in relation to the school’s behaviour management system. This parent workshop will be conducted by Ms Foster and Mrs Fraser on Thursday 3rd March at 2.30pm giving parents the opportunity to attend before children are collected in the afternoon. This will also involve an easy to understand information flyer going out to the school community.

Friday’s assembly will not be a regular assembly. It is a special farewell and congratulations assembly for Mr Auld. The assembly will be held in the school hall and involve guest speakers Mrs Dick from the school staff and Mr David Bird on behalf on the P&C association. The ceremony will also involve the ringing of the old school bell to begin proceedings, a photo slide show, Mr Auld’s career history, presented by the school leaders, response by Mr Auld, cutting of the cake and presentation of a gift on behalf of the school and school community. People will then be asked to join Mr Auld for a special morning tea in his honour in the school library. Awards will not be handed out during this assembly but there is an open invitation to the school and local community to attend. I need to give my apologies in advance as I will be attending a Principal Network meeting in Bathurst.

On Saturday night I had the pleasure of attending the Newcastle Knights vs Canberra Raiders games with members of WJRL in Orange. It was a trial match in support of Miners with the Knights wearing Orange jerseys and supporters handed out orange fluoro vests. It was a lovely evening with over seven and a half thousand in attendance. It’s great to see the teams investing time in country areas.
With the local show circuit now in full force it is wonderful to see children and community of all ages supporting these events in our neighbouring country towns. As a child I worked with my dad to prepare vegetables from the garden to enter the local produce section and then as I grew entering the cooking section and later the show girl sections and would stand proudly being photographed with the sash after judging took place. For many country towns the local show is the highlight of the year and it is great to see the interest still remains. Over the weekend I was delighted to see the success of young 7 year old rider Macy Brown who was awarded champion rider under 12. Congratulations young Macy!

Have a great week.

Jenny Lamborn
Acting Principal

Expressions of Interest (EOI) for 2016 Football Coaches
Parent/carer helpers are invited to submit an EOI to assist with the coaching of the Russell Richardson (Years 3 and 4) and David Peachey (Years 5 and 6) football teams. If you are interested, please submit your name and details to Mrs Fraser by the COB Friday 26th February.

School Contributions
General school contributions are now due and may be paid up until the end of this term. The contribution supplements costs of essential equipment, books and resources for students. The individual fee is $30 per child with a maximum of $60 per family. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

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National Ride2School Day

It is National Ride2School Day next week on Friday 4th 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 wellbeing 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.

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.

News from the Library
We are having an old Library book Give-away. These are books no longer required in our school library. If your child comes home with a book that has the Barcode crossed out and a cancelled stamp in the title page then this is a book to keep. Have fun with the “free to new home” books.

Thank you to Simone and Madison Burns for your donation of pre-loved books to our school library!

Donations required: Mrs Brown is asking for donations of pre-loved dress-up clothes. You can kindly leave these at the front office.

Thank you

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UNIFORM SHOP - PLEASE NOTE
Due to other commitments the uniform shop will be
CLOSED MONDAY 29 FEBRUARY
OPEN THURSDAY 3 MARCH
2:00 - 3:00pm

Apologies for any inconvenience.
Last week 5/6F had a lovely time making fruit kebabs as part of their mass lesson. They were required to estimate, weigh, read scales and record the mass of whole and cut up pieces of fruit. The students also used this opportunity to focus on healthy eating habits and good hygiene when preparing food. The students did a fantastic job and were rewarded with tasty fruit kebabs at the end of the lesson. They were also happy to share some around to some lucky staff around the school. Great job 5/6F!

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On Tuesday an order form was sent home for the Year 6 Jacket 2016. This year the Year 6 students have opted to have a varsity style jacket. The jackets have a lovely design and are navy blue and sky blue. They cost of the varsity jackets are $55. Orders need to be returned with a $20 deposit by Friday 4th March so orders can be finalised and placed.
Week 4 Assembly

Kinder Buddies
Lithgow City Rangers Soccer Club -
Muster Days

2016 Registration / Muster Days will be at the Marjorie Jackson Soccer Complex on Thursday 18 and 25 February from 4:00pm - 5:30pm. Also every Tuesday of February at Rangers Football complex Lidsdale (Castlereagh Hwy next to Wang Power Station) from 5:30pm - 6:30pm.

Contact Nigal Lloyd on 0409 676 019 or 6351 2697 for further information.

Junior Netball
Any girls wishing to play netball aged between 7-9 contact Jess Turner 0447 255 925
10-12yrs contact Leanne Houlison 0400 312 197

IRONFEST will be held at Lithgow Showground on 16th & 17th April 2016.
Aiming to educate through entertainment, Ironfest features historical events over these days – jousting and other events depicting accurately extremely interesting periods in history. The re-enactments are very dramatic, featuring artillery, cavalry and infantry, and there is a fully authentic military encampment, hospital and blacksmith’s workshop. Lots of roving entertainers, music, dance, woodturning demonstrations, birds of prey, as well as Australian made goods on sale at the stalls.
Saturday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
Sunday 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

For more information you can visit the Ironfest website at www.ironfest.net

AT GATE DURING IRONFEST:
One day - Adult $40; Conc. $30; Child $25; Family $95.
2 Day Weekend - Adult $55; Conc. $45; Child $35; Family $140

FAMILY TICKET includes 2 adults and 3 school age children.
Any extra children over the age of 6 are to have their own ticket.

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

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VOLUNTEER AWARD – YOUTH & OPEN CATEGORIES

Sport and Recreation are again holding the Central West Summer Sport Volunteer Award. It’s getting close to the end of the Summer sporting season, but it’s not too late to recognise the efforts of the outstanding volunteers who keep sport going in our communities.

The Award has separate categories for Open and Youth (25 years and under) to recognise the importance of all aged volunteers in grassroots sport.

In 150 words or less tell us how your volunteer is worthy of being nominated.

All nominees will receive a certificate, with the winner and runner up being awarded $250 & $100 (respectively) to spend on approved sports development programs.

It’s a great way to say thank you to a coach, committee member, official or manager. It’s a simple process that won’t take long, but will make the nominee feel valued as a volunteer.

Nominations can be made online via the Sport and Recreation website sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/volunteer award or call 6362 6623.

Nominations close Friday 1st April 2016

Communities and Kids

MONDAY
Babies Sensory play 0-2yrs 9:30-10:30
Portland Pre School Play session 11am-1pm
Portland Resource Library and referral service 1-4pm
Portland Central School, Vale street Portland

TUESDAY
Early Learners Group 10:00-11.30
Cooerwull School Hall, Main Street Lithgow

WEDNESDAY
Supported playgroup 10:00-12:00
Cnr GWH & Tweed Rd, Bowenfels

THURSDAY
Supported Playgroup 9:30-11:30
Cooerwull School Hall, Lithgow

Each play group is FREE and has a range of children's activities.
Come along and meet some new friends in a fun filled environment.
For more information please call 6354 5906.