Dear Parents/Carers,

It is now week 6 on the school Calendar. Lots have happened in the term and a lot still to happen.

Congratulations to Dayne Houlison, Wade Fraser and Bailey Brown who have been selected to trial in Cowra on Thursday for a chance to represent Western Region in Basketball. The Lithgow District boys will be accompanied by Mr Campling. All the best to the boys, I know that they will represent their school with pride.

There is no rest for some with the Western Region swimming trials on Friday in Dubbo. Wade and Bailey will again hang up their basketball shoes and hit the pool along with Macy Brown and Bailey Neil. Good luck to them all, I am sure the weather will be perfect for swimming.

On Monday the school leaders: Sophie Lane, Wade Fraser, Dayne Houlison, Lily Forest, Ethan Fitzpatrick, Hannah Lambert and Tiarna Wright attended the Young Leaders Network Day in Sydney accompanied by Mrs Fraser and parents. The theme of the day was ‘Master the little’. This was an incredible opportunity for all involved with guest speakers, interactive activities, dancing and fun. It is great to be able to offer these opportunities to the students of Wallerawang. The students recounted on their return the highlights of the day. They talked about how inspirational Ben Austin was when he told his story, about starting with the basics and working your way up. Not judging people on appearance but what they are able to achieve. Andrew Scipione recounted the choices that you make are really important and there is something out there for everyone and that on average a person makes 2,500 choices a day. Nathan Dubsey inspired through talking about taking little steps and building up to bigger things. It was wonderful to hear the excitement in the children’s voices and how privileged they felt to be involved in such an inspirational day. I can see they gained a lot from the experience which will support both their development and confidence during the year and in future years.

The swimming trophies have arrived and look fantastic. Thank you to Ms Graham for organising these. I know the students will be delighted with the design—they are very classy.
This week’s feature team is Early Stage 1: Miss Reid, Mrs Clark, Mrs Dogger, Miss Star, Mrs Wright, Mrs Brown and Mrs Walsh. They love working at Wallerawang in welcoming school community with caring and supportive staff. They work collaboratively to support and nurture the students. Working in ES1 allows them to continue previous partnerships with families and create new ones as they welcome new students into our school. They like working in a supportive team where everyone genuinely cares about their students. They see it as a real pleasure helping little minds grow and encouraging students to reach their full potential. “Kindergarten is fun - never a dull moment...an interesting story every day!

On Thursday afternoon from 2.30 pm Ms Foster and Mrs Fraser will be conducting an information session on our behaviour management system. This will be a short informative session finished in time for the end of the school day. Would be great to have you in attendance.

A reminder that children are not to cross the car park area adjacent the school of an afternoon without the supervision of an adult. Children must be collected from the school playground unless they are walking across the supervised crossing at the front of the school. The school grounds and the stadium are also a smoke free area. Local sporting organisations do a fantastic job in our community to give children opportunities in their chosen sport. We all know that this doesn’t happen without a committed team behind them. Wallerawang soccer is one such organisation who are trying to continue for the children. They have a meeting next Tuesday 8th March at 7pm at the Wallerawang Bowling Club. If you would like to see Wang soccer continue please attend the meeting and lend a hand.

This week’s community feature is Max Taylor our local motor mechanic but much more. Max and his family have been in business for 38 years and they have handed over the reins to new owner Andrew Griffiths. Max will still remain working in the business. I am sure I speak on behalf of the community in thanking Max for his commitment to the local area and always going beyond. I know that same service will continue with the business being a valued part of our local community. Congratulations to the new owners.

Have a great week, look out for each other and value the importance of our great community.

Jenny Lamborn
Acting Principal

Year 6 Fundraising Easter Raffle

Year 6 have started their fundraising for the end of year gift to the school and have decided to hold an Easter Raffle.

We are asking Year 6 students for donations of Easter eggs and any new Easter craft or gift items. Packages of your donations will be made into prize baskets.

Please drop any donations off to the front office by Friday 18th March 2016.

The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 24th March 2016.

$10 raffle booklets will be sent home with all Year 6 students plus any other student who would like to sell some tickets.

Tickets will be 3 for $1 and extra ticket books can be allocated once sold books and money is returned.

Thank you for your help in our fundraising efforts.

Year 6 Jumpers

Order forms and the $20 deposit is required by this Friday 4th March. Sample jackets in 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 have arrived for students to try on to choose the correct size. Please see Mrs Fraser if you would like to try on the sample.
Earlier in January this year, at very short notice, Mr Auld was promoted to a Director of Public Schools role in Orange NSW. There was no time for even quick goodbyes as he commenced his new role at the start of this term.

Last Friday Mr Auld was invited back to a special school assembly so that we could congratulate and farewell him officially in a fashion that Wang does best.

The school leaders delivered a speech detailing Mr Aulds’ contributions to the school and community in his 20 years of service and presented him with a memory book on behalf of all the students which captured some of the significant events of his time here. Mrs Dick spoke beautifully on behalf of staff about Mr Auld from the time when he was appointed to the school as Assistant Principal in 1995 which was at the previous school site now known as Black Gold Cabins. Mrs Dick described his time here with a summary of his accomplishments and made acknowledgement of his vision and passion for always striving to make Wallerawang School an even better educational environment than it already was. Mr Bird, P&C Secretary, spoke on behalf of P&C and thanked Mr Auld for his endless support and work with the association, his integrity and transparency with parents and community. At the conclusion of the speeches a slide show that had been developed by Mrs Nancarrow and Ms Graham was presented to the audience. Of particular mention was the attendance of Mr George Peacock who had been the previous school principal.

Mr Auld talked to the children and reminisced about his years as a teacher, assistant principal and principal, he spoke to them about the importance of coming to school every day to learn and play and always do your best. He discussed the benefits and challenges of stepping up to be a leader in a range of different situations and encouraged children to take on opportunities when they occurred.

Much to his delight, Mr Auld was presented with a gift from the school which was an oil canvas of the Irondale Creek in Wallerawang that had been painted by local artist, Charlie O’Mahony. The cutting of a delicious cake from the Wallerawang Bakery finalised a fitting tribute to farewell Mr Auld whom we wish all the very best.

**From Mr Auld**

Last Friday I said my farewell to the children, staff, parents and special visitors at Wallerawang School after being invited to a special assembly. I found it hard to believe that I’ve been involved with the school for so long. 16 years as principal and 4 yrs as assistant principal prior to that. My connection began with the school in 1995. We now have 300+ young children being educated in their local public school, a wonderful achievement and acknowledgement of the work the teachers and support staff all do each day to engage with community, build trusting relationships and create a learning climate that is attractive to students, their parents and carers and of course the staff.

Wallerawang School is a great school, with committed staff and an inclusive and mutually respectful relationship between teachers and parents. I'll miss the kids and connections that I've been privileged to develop over time.

A big thanks is extended to the children and staff that helped make last Friday such a wonderful experience for me. The beautiful oil art work, painted by Charlie O’Mahony, and given to me as a parting gift is absolutely stunning. Best wishes to everyone associated with the school now, in previous years and in future years.
For Tender
Wallerawang Public School currently has a trailer for tender. The trailer was manufactured for use on school excursions and is no longer required by the school. The current market value is approximately $500. It will be available for viewing on Friday 11th March from 2–2.30pm at the school. Offers are to be made by 3pm on the 16th March 2016. These are to be left at the school office and clearly labelled and addressed to the: Acting Principal – Wallerawang Public School - Mrs Jenny Lamborn

National Ride2School Day
It is National Ride2School Day this 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.

School Photography Date
Wednesday 30th March

ONLINE ORDER CODE
6L8 J68 KV3
enquiries@advancedlife.com.au

School photography day is coming up very soon. Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by following the link above or by using the envelope that has been sent home with your child today.

Important Information
School photos purchased online DO NOT require envelopes returned to school

Late fees/additional charges will be applied for purchases after photo day

Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after photos are taken

Past years’ photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups available at school’s advancedlife & your advancedyou photo sites (follow the link above)

Sibling photographs must be ordered either online or by order envelope prior to the day of photography. A photograph will not be taken without an order. Sibling photographs only apply to children enrolled at the school.
Lithgow District Basketball Trials

On Thursday, 25th of February, the Lithgow District Basketball trials were held at the Wallerawang Indoor Stadium. Three boys from Wallerawang were selected to participate. The boys were put through a number of skill based scenarios and then placed into teams to play games. Successful students from these trials will then participate at the Western Trials at Cowra on Thursday, 3rd of March. Congratulations are extended to Bailey Brown, Wade Fraser and Dayne Houlison for their participation and selection. Girls from our district will also have the opportunity to participate at the Western trials. Thanks is extended to Cooerwull Public School students for their support of the trials.

We look forward to hearing about our students’ success at the Western trials upon their return to school.

Mr Campling
Basketball Coordinator

5/6C Assembly Item

Students in 5/6C have been learning about what is out there in space as well as our place within it. They have been combining technology into their studies to research different celestial objects. They have also created artworks, imaginative texts and informative texts on the space theme. Our class invites you to come to assembly this Friday to look at some of our amazing work.

Thanks
Mr Campling

Sunset Haikus

Big waves look lovely
The big bright beautiful sun
Feels so heavenly
By Hannah Lambert

Warm sand, waves crashing
Sun setting over the sea
A wonderful sight
By Lisa Su

Space Wordle

By Wade Fraser and Max Schindler
Workies Junior & Senior Registration Day

Registrations for the 2016 hockey season will be held at the Lithgow Workies on Thursday 3rd March 4:30 to 6:30pm and Saturday 5th March from 10 to 12pm.

All new and previous players welcome.

Junior mixed competition - boys and girls from U7's to U15/17's.

If you require further information contact Virginia 0409741035 or Robyn 0439418177.

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

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.

LITHGOW THISTLE SFC

2016 MUSTER DAY

Friday, 4th March, 3.30 – 5.00pm
Saturday, 5th March, 11pm – 12.30pm

Marjorie Jackson Oval Clubroom

Players required in all age groups from Under 6 through to Senior Ladies & Men for the Lithgow Competition. All new & past players will be made most welcome. For more information, please phone Lorraine Keay 0419 621 426
WEEKLY SPECIAL!

Monday – Thursday 3pm, 4pm & 5pm sessions

Family of four $40!

Call to book in now on (02) 6355 6347

Lake Lyell Recreation Park
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.