2017 Staffing
As most of you are aware Mr Steven Day is transferring to Stanthorpe State High School as the Manual Arts Teacher. We have now secured a new teacher for the middle school for 2017. Kirstie McCosker will be joining the staff from the commencement to the school year. She has been in Goondiwindi and is excited to be at Wallangarra School as she comes from Stanthorpe and is happy to be closer to home.
Helen Archibald Binge who is our Special Education Teacher is also transferring to the High school next year to the Special Needs Unit. Mrs Sullivan who has a background in Learning Support will be replacing Helen.
We are expecting around 10 or 11 preps for 2017 so the breakdown of classes is yet to be decided. As soon as it is organised you will be notified by the end of the school year.
As the year 2 class is large the students will be split between Mrs Walker and Ms McCosker as it was done this year.
If you have any concerns please contact the Principal.
Depending on enrolments for 2017 all other staff should remain the same.

Swimming
The dates for swimming are the 21st November – 1st December. Again we will need a few parents to assist with transport, to and from the Stanthorpe swimming pool, as the bus can only take 57 passengers and two staff members are required to travel on the bus. Please contact the school if you are able to provide transport.
To date only 3 families have paid for swimming. Please ensure you send in $30 before the 21st of November.

Extended Learning
All students need to be at Storm King Dam by 8.15am to register. Please keep an eye out for Mr Koch or Mr Mac. Students do not have to wear school uniform, but please wear clean and tidy clothes, bring sunscreen, hat and enough food and water for the day. Parents please ensure you collect your child at 2.45pm.
Thank you to all the parents who have provided transport for the students, without your assistance the students would not have been able to attend.

Thought of the Week
Happy, calm children learn the best.

November 11 – Remembrance Day
As the Year 6 will be away at Extended Learning, years 3, 4, 5 will only be attending Remembrance Day. Students will walk to Memorial Hall at 10.30am. Full school uniform is required including a hat. Students will be reciting the poem Flanders Field.

Tuckshop

Thurs 17 November
Leone Thorne – 9 to 1.30pm
Jody Syme – 9 to 11am

Donations
Jayne McCall – patty cakes

Tues 6 Dec
Year 6 Transition to High School

Thurs 8 Dec
Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Fri 11 Nov
Year 6 Extended Learning

Wed 16 Nov
Swimming Commences

Fri 11 Nov
Remembrance Day

Mon 5 Dec
Swimming Carnival 9 Years and up

Mon 21 Nov
P&C Meeting and Break up

Thurs 1 Dec
Presentation Night School of Arts Hall

Tues 6 Dec
Year 6 Transition to High School

Wed 7 Dec
Rewards Day

Tues 6 Dec
Break up Day

Fri 9 Dec
Last Day of Term 4

Dates to Remember

2017 Staffing

Swimming

Extended Learning

Tuckshop

Thought of the Week
As there is only a few weeks of school left, we will not be placing any big orders as we want to deplete the stock. We will endeavour to fill your child’s order, but please be aware, they may not receive exactly what they ordered. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Year 6 Shirt**
The design has been decided and the cost will be $40. Please fill in the attached form if you would like to order a polo shirt.

**Excursion to Post Office**
Wallangarra State School's Prep/1 class enjoyed a fun and educational visit to the historic Wallangarra Post Office. The Post Office is part of the heritage-registered Railway Station, housed in what was the old Station Master's Residence. Local climate data is also recorded there. In conjunction with an English unit on letter writing, Wallangarra's preps and ones posted their Christmas Exchange letters and gifts, as part of an Australia-wide promotion of communication. They also posted their letters to Santa into the special box that heads straight to the North Pole. They learned more about letters, machines at the post office, addressing envelopes and why stamps go in the top-right corner. The students are now even more engaged in their writing and understanding of postal work and its place in our community.

**Community Announcements**

**Fundraiser for Luke Matthews**
On Sunday 20 November the town of Wallangarra/Jennings community will come together to raise funds for local boy Luke Matthews who suffered a tragic accident recently. As most would know he broke his neck from a diving accident and while not sure what the future holds, the finances of Rebecca and Freddy will be stretched. The venue will be the Wallangarra Jennings School of Arts hall commencing at 1pm – 8pm with entry fee/donation $10. Small children are free. There will be live music, bar and snacks. Bands so far include Speak Easy, Blindsided, Chasing the Fence & Phil Emmanuel, The DogWood Three, with more to come. If this day is free please come a long, even for a short while to show your support for the family. Times like this the Wallangarra community bands together to show just how strong and supportive it is of its own.