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79



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125

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Thank you

To the wonderful school community at Waratah Public School, thank you all for your support this year. We have certainly had an excellent year and made some great gains for our students. Working together and building up great relationships is what makes good schools great. We look forward to an even greater year in 2015. Merry Christmas and stay safe.

Kangaroos



Preschool Concerts

What a wonderful way to end our Preschool year! The children in both preschool groups made us all proud, performing so well in their respective concerts. It was lovely to have families visiting us for our party afterwards and hearing about how proud they were and how much they enjoyed the concert.

Santa came to visit after lunch and everyone had the chance to tell him what they'd like for Christmas and have a photo taken. He gave all of the children a bag of lollies and even said that his reindeer and sleigh were parked on the roof!

We would like to thank all of our wonderful families for an amazing year and wish all of our pre-schoolers the best of luck for starting Kindy in 2015.

Possums



DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 4	
Friday 12 December	Presentation Day 9.30 am K-6
Friday 12 December	Last day for canteen
Tuesday 16 December	ES1&Stage 1 Christmas Party Due no later than 12 December
Tuesday 16 December	Stage 3 Christmas Party \$27—Due no later than 12 December
Tuesday 16 December	Stage 2 Christmas Party \$4—Due no later than Friday 12 December
Wednesday 17 December	Last Day Term 4
Tuesday 27 January	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 28 January	Students Years 1-6 start
Monday 2 February	Kindergarten students start
Monday 2 February	Preschool Possums start
Wednesday 4 February	Preschool Kangaroos start

Tinonee Gardens Visit

3S and the choir performed at Tinonee Gardens last Wednesday. Their performances were so fantastic that many of the residents cried with happiness, cheered and clapped. The Waratah students were so well behaved and you could see the pride on their faces when they performed. The staff at Tinonee Gardens were so impressed with the standard of talent and welcomed us back at any time. I would like to thank Tinonee Gardens for allowing us to visit.

2015 BUS PASSES

If you have a child in **Year 2 this year** who has a bus pass and you would like them to have a pass next year (Year 3 2015), you will need to complete a new application form. Passes do not carry over from infants to primary. Any student who has changed address or will change address before the 2015 school year commences should also complete a new application form. Please ensure you tick the box for travel **next** year.

Remember, your child is eligible for a bus pass if:
they are an infant student (K-2) **OR** they are in primary (3-6) and live outside the 1.6 km radius from the school.

P&C News

Thank you for volunteering!!! It is only with your continued support and generous donation of time that the P&C is able to continue providing services to our children and school community through the School Canteen, The Uniform Shop, School Banking, fundraising events and looking after our school grounds. When you spend at the Canteen, buy uniforms from the Uniform Shop, support your child with school banking and support various fundraisers then any money raised goes back into providing for our school and ultimately our children's education.

I want to sincerely thank all the lovely ladies who volunteered in the Uniform Shop 2014 (Rebecca L, Sam, Trisha, Heidi, Nicole, Louize, Gladys and Sarah), to Donna and the dedicated ladies in the canteen, to Rebecca S. and the small group of ladies who process the school banking each week. A huge thank you to Mr Henry and Mr Younger who have worked tirelessly in our gardens.

To all the P&C members and those other wonderful parents who have helped out this year with our P&C fundraising events. Thank you, your help and support is greatly appreciated and we would love to see it continue in 2015.

Festive wishes everyone!

Richelle Ervine

Last Day of Preschool for 2014

Kangaroos - Friday 12th December

Possums - Wednesday 17th December

We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday season!

STUDENTS TERM 1 2015

DATE	ACTIVITY	COST
11 February 2015 (to be paid by Friday 6 February 2015)	Annual Swimming Carnival	\$8-00
Friday 20 February 2015 Final date for payment	Girls and Boys Dance	\$50-00 Term 1/2
	Year 1 – Year 6 Maths Textbook	\$15-00
	Voluntary School Contributions	\$45-00 per family



**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
Waratah Public School
GIRLS & BOYS DANCE (YEARS 1 – 6)**

November 2014

Dear Parent/Caregiver

Dance groups will be held again in 2015, with Ms Cheryl-Ann Stannett, a qualified Dance Teacher, teaching the groups. There will be three separate dance groups, Years 1 & 2, 3 & 4 and 5 & 6.

The cost for 2015 Terms 1-4 will be \$100 .

This payment will be invoiced to students in 2 payments.

\$50-00 to be paid Week 4 Term 1 2015.

\$50-00 to be paid Week 4 Term 3 2015.

Do not send any money with this slip—expression of interest only.

Trish Bowen
Principal



Please return slip to the office NO LATER than FRIDAY 12 December 2014

Waratah Public School

GIRLS & BOYS DANCE (YEARS 1 – 6) EXPRESSION OF INTEREST 2015

I express interest for my child _____ of class _____ to attend dance lessons in 2015.

I understand that payments will be invoiced to me and must be paid by dates indicated and that my child will forfeit their position if payment is not made within the timeframe stipulated.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent / Caregiver)

The Uniform Shop Last Days!!!!

The Uniform Shop's last opening days is this Friday 12 and Monday 15 Dec 2014.

Reduced Price Sale til end of Year

Maroon sports shorts - \$10 all sizes

For Sale

Gold short sleeve polo's – \$18

Boys grey cargo shorts - \$16

Girls maroon shorts - \$16

Girls tunics – from \$38

Broadbrim school hats - \$14

Senior bucket hats - \$14

Opening Times

Monday: 8.30 am—9.15 am

Friday: 2.30 pm—3.15 pm

The Uniform Shop 2015

The Uniform Shop will be open extended hours in the first week back Term 1 2015. These selected times reflect volunteer availability and parents seeing their children off on their first days of school.

Opening Times – Week 1

Wed 28.1.2015: 8.30 am— 9.30 am

Thurs 29.1.2015: 8.30 am— 9.30 am

Friday 30.1.2015: 2.00 pm—3.15 pm

Week 2

Monday: 8.30 am—9.15 am

Friday: 2.30 pm—3.15 pm

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday	11 December	J Sparks
Friday	12 December	D Williams LAST DAY FOR CANTEEN





ARE YOU A DAD WHO WANTS TO SPEND QUALITY TIME WITH YOUR DAUGHTER AND PARTICIPATE IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES TO IMPROVE HER SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING?

The DADEE (Dads and Daughters Exercising and Empowered) program is coming to the University of Newcastle. We are looking for dads and their primary school-aged daughter/s to join in!

The DADEE program:

- Is a world first 'Dads and Daughters' program designed to increase physical activity levels and the social and emotional wellbeing of young girls
- Involves 8 x 90 minute weekly group sessions delivered by leading physical activity researchers
- Builds **confidence**, **self-esteem** and **resilience** in girls
- Teaches girls **sports skills** through fun games and physical activities
- Starts **Term 1, 2015 @** the University of Newcastle

Interested? For more information, contact:

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Chief Investigator: Professor Philip Morgan

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Complaints about this research

This project has been approved by the University's Human Research Ethics Committee, Approval No. H- 2014-0330. Should you have concerns about your rights as a participant in this research, or you have a complaint about the manner in which the research is conducted, it may be given to the researcher, or, if an independent person is preferred, to the Human Research Ethics Officer, Research Office, The Chancellery, The University of Newcastle, University Drive, Callaghan NSW 2308, Australia, telephone (02) 49216333, email Human-Ethics@newcastle.edu.au.

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