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78



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123

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Presentation Day

Our annual School Presentation Day will be held on Friday 12 December. It will begin promptly at 9.30 am in our school hall. We are really excited that all our classes K—6 will be involved in the one Presentation Day ceremony. The structure will be as follows; all classes K—6 will acknowledge 3 students who will receive awards for their learning commitment throughout the year. This will then be followed by awards for Library and ESL. There will also be specialised awards for Dux, Citizenship (Basil Helmore), Leadership, Callaghan College Scholarship, Caleb Faye Memorial, Technology, Dance and Sport Carnival Champions. Our wonderful senior dance group will also be performing for your entertainment. We look forward to seeing you all there in support of our students and our school.

2015—Mr Swain is back

We are so excited to welcome back Mr Chris Swain to our teaching staff in 2015. His return will build on our already amazing staff for 2015.

We are all very busy in preparation for our 2015 school learning year. We have tentatively assigned teachers to stages and stages have been tentatively assigned classrooms. Planning is in process for classes next year, however we need to be flexible as structures can change from one week to the next. For example at the beginning of this year we had 13 new students begin in the first two days. This can alter classes and the configuration dramatically. Therefore please keep in mind that the following arrangements could change.

There will be two kindergarten classes (Early stage 1) and a K1, four 1/2 classes (Stage 1), three 3/4 classes (Stage 2) and three 5/6 classes (Stage 3). This means 13 classes. Also with all the new families wanting to join our beautiful school we could potentially have enough to have a 14th class in the near future. Kindergarten (Early stage 1) teachers are Miss McGregor, Miss Deer and Mrs Green, Stage one teachers are Mrs Batchelor, Mrs Barker (new), Miss Casey, Mr Swain. Stage 2 teachers are Mr Bransdon, Miss Palmer and Mr Lynch. Stage 3 teachers are Mrs Christie, Mrs Cromie and Mrs Wright (new).

Kindergarten and Stage 3 will stay in the same classrooms, whereas Stage 2 will be on the 2nd storey of the two storey building and Stage one will be on the first floor of the 2 storey building. I hope all this information will help make transitions smoother for the exciting new year ahead.

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 4	
Thursday 4 December	Preschool Concert—Possums/ Kangaroos 9.00 am—10.30 am
Wednesday 10 December	Year 6 Farewell—Alder Park Bowling Club 6.00 pm
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

Congratulations

Amber from 4B and Ryley from 5/6C have both qualified for the Country NSW Swimming Championships next February. Amber will be competing in the 100m Butterfly after taking 7 seconds off her personal best time. Ryley will be competing in the 50 Freestyle. Well done and best of luck to you both.

2015 BUS PASSES

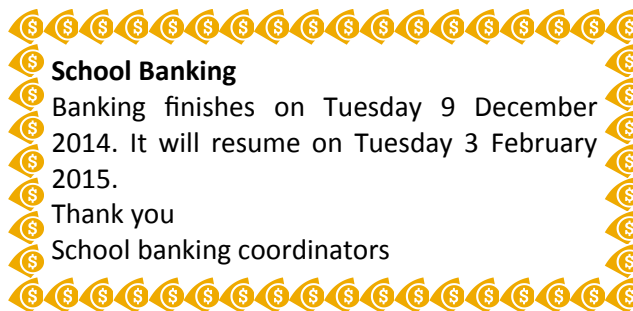
If you have a child in **Year 2 this year** who has a bus pass and you would like them to have a pass next year (Year 3 2015), you will need to complete a new application form. Passes do not carry over from infants to primary. Any student who has changed address or will change address before the 2015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

If you didn't win a Xmas ham at the Spring Fete then here's another chance! Raffle tickets came home with this Bulletin so please check your child's bag for them. Tickets and monies are to be returned to P&C Post box by **FRIDAY 12 December** (not Monday as it says on tickets). Draw will take place at the Presentation Day Assembly.

Merry Xmas to you and yours, Verity



School Banking

Banking finishes on Tuesday 9 December 2014. It will resume on Tuesday 3 February 2015.

Thank you

School banking coordinators

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday	4 December	J Sparks R Peterson
Friday	5 December	D Williams
Monday	8 December	K Baldwin K Carr
Tuesday	9 December	K Ellis A Vega V Buchanan
Wednesday	10 December	J Rowat J Sparks

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!



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

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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)

Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Christmas Party

Dear Parent/Caregivers

November 2014

On **TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2014**, Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 children will be celebrating their end of year party with a day filled with wonderful activities:-

Lunch—a party under the K-2 COLA

Students will eat their own lunch, share watermelon and oranges (provided by teachers) and finish with an iceblock (provided by teachers).

Disco—dancing in the hall.

Waterplay—games on the school oval.



WHAT TO WEAR.

Party Clothes (MUST be sunsmart and safe. NO singlet tops or thongs.)

WHAT TO BRING.

Normal lunch (eg sandwich) and recess, Bottle of water, Hat, Sunscreen, T-Shirt and shorts that can get wet (swimmers alone are not sunsmart), Towel.

Please sign and return the permission note for the water activities to the office by Friday 12 December 2014.

Yours sincerely
Phillipa Batchelor
for ES1 & Stage 1 Teachers



Trish Bowen
Principal

Please return permission slip to office by Friday 12 December 2014

Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Christmas Party

- ♦ I give permission for my childof classto participate in Water Activities on Tuesday 16 December 2014.
- ♦ I understand that my child will get wet playing with sprinklers, sliding on the slip'n'slide and splashing in the clam.
- ♦ I understand that my child will need to wear clothes that are sunsmart (T-shirt and shorts).

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent / Guardian)



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Christmas Party Stage 2

TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2014

Dear Parent/Caregiver

November 2014

Stage 2 Christmas Party is to be held on Tuesday 16 December. We are travelling by train to Nobby's Beach leaving school at 8.05 am and returning by 3.00 pm.

We will begin the day with a fruit break and sunscreen application at the Foreshore Park then walk to Nobby's Beach for beach activities.

Lunch break will be at Nobby's eating area (students are required to bring their own lunch but snacks may be purchased at the kiosk—NO HOT FOOD ITEMS TO BE PURCHASED).

(THERE WILL BE NO SWIMMING AT THE BEACH BUT THEY WILL GET WET IN THE SHORE ACTIVITIES.)

Please ensure your child has plenty of water, lunch and morning tea, sunscreen, swimmers, towel and hat. The children must wear their gold school polo and closed in shoes, they may wear board shorts instead of school shorts.

The cost is \$4.00 to cover train travel.

Please complete the following information and return to the Office with payment by Friday 12 December. There will be no refunds if your child does not attend.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to come along for the day but children must remain with teachers during all activities. Parents/caregivers will be responsible for cost of their own transport. Rail tickets can be purchased at Waratah Railway Station.

Many thanks,
Shane Bransdon
Stage 2 Coordinator

Trish Bowen
Principal

X

Please return slip and \$4.00 to the office **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER**
STAGE 2 CHRISTMAS PARTY – NOBBY'S BEACH

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to attend the Stage 2 Christmas Party at Nobby's Beach on 16 December 2014.

I understand that my child will be walking to and from Waratah Train Station for travel to Nobby's Beach by train.

I understand that there will be no refunds if my child does not attend.

Parent/Caregiver Date



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Christmas Party Stage 3

Tuesday 16 December 2014

October 2014

Dear Parent/Caregiver

Stage 3 Christmas Party is to be held on **Tuesday 16 December 2014**. We are travelling by bus to Strike Charlestown leaving school at 10.00 am and returning to school approximately 2.30 pm

Activities for the day include 1 game of Strike laser tag, 1 game of Strike bowling, shoe hire, lunch consisting of pizza, hot chips, beverages and party food.

The cost is \$27.00.

The children may wear party clothes. Sensible enclosed shoes must be worn. **No sandals or thongs.** Socks will be required for bowling.

Please pay by Friday 12 December. Please complete the slip and return with payment to the office.

There will be no refunds if your child does not attend.

Many thanks,
Stage 3 Teachers

X

Please return slip and \$27.00 to the office **NO LATER THAN 12 December 2014**
STAGE 3 CHRISTMAS PARTY – STRIKE CHARLESTOWN

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to attend the Stage 3 Christmas Party at Strike Charlestown on 16 December 2014. I understand transport is by bus and enclose \$27.00 payment.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent / Caregiver)