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207



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235

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## KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL

### ENROLMENTS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR 2016

If you have friends, family, neighbours that have children ready for Preschool and Kindergarten

Please contact the school office for an application form

Children must turn 5 before 31 July the year they are attending  
Kindergarten

Children must turn 4 before 31 July the year they are attending  
Preschool

#### **AECG Meeting**

We are very proud to be hosting this term's Aboriginal Education Consultative Group meeting this Thursday. It will begin in our Multipurpose room at 10.00 am. Our Didge group will perform and 1/2H will sing the National Anthem in Aboriginal language.

#### **Kindergarten Orientation**

Kinder Orientation for 2016 will continue tomorrow, Thursday 22 October. Thank you to our staff and our buddies, for making our first meeting such a wonderful day.

#### **No Assembly**

There will be no whole school assembly this week and next week. Our next whole school Friday Assembly will be Friday, Week 5.

Dear Parents

**BAKERS WANTED**, Waratah Public School are well known for their amazing cake stalls and that is due to the generous bakers we have within the school community. Again, we ask you to consider baking something which can be sold at the Year 6 fundraising cake stall, which will be held on Thursday, 29 October, 2015. Proceeds will go towards the Year 6 school gift. Please include a list of ingredients. Baked goods can be left in the Multipurpose room on Thursday, 29 October, 2015.

Thank you for your support.

Year 6 Fundraising Committee

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 4**

Thursday 22 October	Kinder Orientation 9.30 am
Thursday 29 October	Year 6 Fundraiser Cup Cake Stall
Thursday 29 October	Kinder Orientation 9.30 am
Monday 2 November	P&C Meeting Library
Monday 2 November	Last day for payment Swimming Scheme
Friday 6 November	Preschool Information session for 2016 parents 10.00 am
Wednesday 18 November	Last day for payment Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 9 December	Year 6 Farewell 6.00 pm
Thursday 10 December	Presentation Day
Friday 4 December	Twilight Picnic

### 2016 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 2016), 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 2016 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 OR 2.3 km or more by the most direct practicable walking route to the nearest school pedestrian gate.

### Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2017

Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2017 will be open to parents of students in Year 5 from 13 October to 16 November 2015.

Copies of an application information booklet are available at the school office now. Parents with internet access are requested to apply online. Online applications will be available from 13 October to 16 November 2015. Parents without internet access can apply at a public library.

The application information booklet will also be available on the High Performing Students Unit's website at:

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement).

All students wanting to go to a selective high school for Year 7 in 2017 will have to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 10 March 2016 at a local school.

Parents are asked to email the High Performing Students Unit: [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au) or telephone: 1300 880 367 if they have enquiries not covered in the application information booklet.

### Australian Air League

The Australian Air League Newcastle Squadron will hold an information night in the Waratah Public School Hall on Saturday 24/10/2015 from 6.00 pm—8.00 pm. The Air League is an organization for air minded young people and has been running continuously since 1934 and is open to boys and girls 8 years and over. The League has separate Boys and Girls Squadrons under the auspices of various Regional Wings and State Groups throughout Australia.

This information night will enable interested children and parents to see who we are, what we do and how we do it. The League is a uniformed disciplined organization whose volunteers must all have current Working With Children Checks.

The League has NCO and Officer ranks and if sufficient boys are interested it's proposed that we start a Newcastle Boys Squadron on the 31/10/2015 in the Waratah Public School Hall. If sufficient girls are interested and we can find 3 ladies who are willing to become Officers we can also start a Newcastle Girls Squadron. Female Officers are willing to come up from Sydney to train the female Officers on another night from the Boys Squadron parade nights.

Sincerely,

Ross Blackford, (0416 034 991)

Officer, Maitland Boys Squadron.

### CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday	15 October	J Sparks
Friday	16 October	D Williams
Monday	19 October	R Ervine J Small
Tuesday	20 October	K Ellis V Buchanan
Wednesday	21 October	K Mavridis K Carr

### Summer in The Uniform Shop For Sale

Gold polo shirts (with logo).....\$18

Boys grey cargo shorts (4-16)....\$18

Girls maroon skorts (4-16)....\$18

Girls Tunics – from.....\$38

Broadbrim Hat (XS,S,M,L)....\$14

Senior Bucket Hat (S/M, L/XL)....\$14

**Cash, cheque or lay-by only.**

Monday: 8.30 am—9.15 am

Friday: 2.30 pm—3.15 pm

### Fundraising

Our "Mango Madness" fundraiser is underway. Order forms came home last week with students but more are available from the school office or the canteen.

Ask family, friends, neighbours and even work colleagues about ordering some juicy mangoes in time for summer. It's a great opportunity to buy a tray of fresh "Kensington" mangoes direct from the farm whilst at the same time supporting our school. The cost is only \$25 per tray with approximately 14-20 mangoes per tray depending on the size.

Use mangoes in dressing's, salsa's, pickles, chutneys and even cheesecakes. As mangoes freeze well they are a great way to keep for delicious smoothies, sorbet or even ice cream. For more great ideas with mangoes checkout Woolworth's "Fresh" magazine for a feature issue on Kensington Mangoes with some great recipes. Orders & payment need to be in by **Thursday 29 Oct, 3pm** to the P&C box at the front office. Payment options include EFT, cash or cheque.

Cheers Richelle & the P&C Team





## What is the National Disability Insurance Scheme?

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a new way of providing individualised support for people with a disability who have a permanent or developmental delay that affects their ability to take part in everyday activities.

If you live in Maitland, Newcastle or Lake Macquarie and are under 65 you may be eligible to access the NDIS.

### Visit us

Find out how the NDIS might assist you, your family member or friend by visiting our information stands between 9.30 and 4pm at:

#### **Rutherford Marketplace**

28th October, 18th November & 9th December

#### **Lake Macquarie Fair**

4th November, 25th November & 16th December

#### **Morisset Square**

11th November & 2nd December

#### **Bonnells Bay Shopping Centre**

9th November & 1st December

**Phone: 1800 555 727**

**[www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au)**



**Fresh North Queensland Mangoes  
Direct from the farm to you!  
Support Our Mango Fundraiser**

If you **love mangoes**, here's your chance to indulge in fresh juicy Kensington Pride mangoes and support our fundraising drive.

We are selling trays of mangoes picked and packed during the premium harvest. These will be delivered to our school in early December.

**Cost: \$25 per tray**

**Orders due: 3pm, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

**For Further information contact:**

**Bec Dodds - Ph: 49 68 0791 or**

**Bec Stoupe - Ph: 0431 722 067**

**Order forms will be distributed early in Term 4.**



# Premiering Short Films

from

**18 CALLAGHAN schools on**

the **BIG OUTDOOR** screen. Starts at 7:40pm – 8:45pm

Written, acted, filmed and edited  
by students K-12.

Bring a chair and indulge in the many offerings  
that will be available and support our local  
community of schools.



## 2015 CEP OUTDOOR DIGITAL MEDIA FESTIVAL

Callaghan College Waratah Campus  
Turton Rd Waratah  
**THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**  
5pm – 9pm



GLENDORE PS HAMILTON NORTH PS HEATON PS ISLINGTON PS  
JESMOND PS MARYLAND PS MAYFIELD EAST PS MAYFIELD WEST PS  
MINMI PS PLATTSBURG PS SHORTLAND PS TIGHES HILL PS  
WALLSEND PS WARATAH PS WARATAH WEST PS  
CC JESMOND CAMPUS CC WARATAH CAMPUS CC WALLSEND CAMPUS

**SCHOOL PERFORMANCES 5PM – 7PM**

**THE MARCHING KOALAS 7PM**

Coffee Ice Cream Nachos Soft Drinks  
Games Face Painting CornCobs Show  
bags Fairy Floss Cupcakes Sausage Sizzle  
Slushies Glow Sticks Popcorn Temporary  
Tattoos Puppets and much more...

**LUCKY DOOR  
PRIZES!!**

TICKETS ARE  
AVAILABLE AT ANY  
PARTICIPATING  
SCHOOL  
\$5 Per Person  
\$10 Family  
Gates OPEN on Turton  
Rd at 4:30pm



**WARATAH PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME - MONDAY 9/11/15 – FRIDAY 20/11/15**

Dear Parent

October 2015

Arrangements have been made to include a learn-to-swim program in our school curriculum.

The Department of Education & Training Special Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The scheme is conducted over 10 days. Each daily lesson is 45 minutes.

**Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25 m confidently unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming Scheme. The Scheme focuses on weak swimmers in Years 2 to 6.**

Instruction will take place at **Lambton Pool**. The Scheme will continue **daily for two weeks** from **MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER to FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER**. There will be no charge for instruction. Total cost for the 10 day scheme is **\$85.00** per child which covers the cost of bus transport to and from the pool and entry into the pool. The bus will leave school each day at 1.30 pm and return at approximately 3.05pm. **(Unfortunately the lesson does not finish until 2.45 pm so arrival back at school will depend on traffic conditions on the day.)**

**Each child should wear school uniform and bring a swimming costume, a towel, T- shirt or rash shirt, water resistant SPF30+ sun block, a hat and warm clothing on a cool day.**

Students will be assessed during the School Swimming Scheme for all water safety skills without wearing goggles.

If your child is eligible for the Scheme, **please complete and sign the form below and return to the office together with full payment of \$85.00 NO LATER THAN MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER.**

**There will be NO REFUNDS if your child does not attend ALL sessions.**

Yours sincerely

Emily Palmer  
Co-ordinator

Trish Bowen  
Principal

**Medical Disclaimer**

Parents please note there is no personal injury insurance cover provided by the NSW Department of Education and Training for students in relation to school sporting activities, physical education lessons or any other school activity. Parents and caregivers are advised to assess the level and extent of their child's involvement in the sport program offered by the school, zone, area, and state school sport associations when deciding whether additional cover, above that provided by Medicare, is required.

The NSW Supplementary Sporting Injuries Benefits Scheme, funded by the NSW Government, covers any injury resulting in the permanent loss of a prescribed faculty or the use of some prescribed part of the body.

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**Please return the \$85.00 and permission slip to the office NO LATER THAN MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2015**

**SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME CONSENT FORM**

I hereby consent to the attendance of my child ..... of class ..... at the School Swimming Scheme classes to be held at Lambton Pool from Monday 9/11/15 to Friday 20/11/15. Travel will be by bus. Total cost for the 10 day program is \$85.00.

***I understand there will be NO REFUNDS if my child does not attend ALL sessions.***

In the event of injury or illness, I also authorise (on my behalf) the seeking of such medical assistance on my behalf that my child may require. Special needs of my child of which you should be aware (eg allergies, sensory impairment, etc):

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Signed: .....

(Parent/Guardian)

Date: .....

**Privacy Notice**

The personal information provided on this permission note, will be used by the Department of Education and Training for general administration and communication and other matters of welfare relating to your child at this event. While the provision of this information is voluntary, it is strongly recommended that all details are completed. Failure to do so, may impede the resolution of welfare issues should you not be able to be contacted. This information will be stored securely.

Please be aware that the media exposure at this event may result in your child's name, school details and/or photograph appearing in a Newspaper, on Television or on the School Sport Unit Website [www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au)



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