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218



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247

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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

School Leaders 2016 Elections

Our school leaders speeches and elections will be held next Monday 23 November in the school hall at 2.00 pm. Parents are most welcome to attend.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 4

Friday 20 November	NO whole school assembly
Thursday 26 November	Sausage sizzle—Fundraiser Preschool to Year 6
Tuesday 1 December	Canteen Christmas Lunch See Bulletin for order form
Tuesday 1 December	Volunteers afternoon tea 1.45 pm
Thursday 3 December	Preschool concert—Kangaroos 9.00 am
Tuesday 8 December	Preschool concert—Possums 9.00 am
Wednesday 9 December	Year 6 Farewell 6.00 pm
Thursday 10 December	Presentation Day
Friday 4 December	Twilight Picnic

P&C News

On behalf of the P&C, we wish to congratulate Mrs Bowen in gaining the position of Principal at Waratah Public School and look forward to 2016 and beyond.



Fundraising

2015 Xmas Hamper Raffle

We have started to receive a small amount of donations for our Xmas hamper/s, so thank you to those who have started the ball rolling. Donation boxes have been placed in classrooms and also at the canteen.

2015 Outdoor Digital

Media Festival

What a great night with a carnival atmosphere!!!

A massive thankyou to those of you who generously provided sweets, slices, cakes, biscuits, cupcakes, toffees, popcorn and scrumptious churros.

To the wonderful parents and teachers who setup, decorated, served, cooked, designed labels, packaged & priced, provided light by phone and then packed up in the rain. Without you, our "Sweet Temptations" stall wouldn't have been such a delicious success in representing WPS but also in raising over \$1000 for our school.

Thankyou Team!!

Regards Richelle



The Uniform Shop – New Stock

We appreciate parent/carer feedback with regard to our school uniform and as a result the Uniform Shop now stocks extra large broadbrim hats. Sizing for these hats is now available in XS, S, M, L & XL priced at \$14.

Save your Newspapers!!

Mr Younger has asked if our school community can help in collecting newspapers. The newspapers are used in helping mulch the gardens and go a long way to keep the weeds at bay. A collection box is being provided outside the Uniform Shop. So please save your newspapers and even your neighbours. Ask your family to collect too!!

Xmas Hamper Raffle – donation suggestion list

Class	Items
Preschool	Crackers/ savoury biscuits, breadsticks, nut mixes, gingerbread, soft drinks/ poppers, cordial
Kinder	Sweet biscuits, shortbread, xmas puddings, pudding pkt mixes, cake & muffin mixes, icing mixes, pancake mixes
Year 1	Jams, marmalades, maple/ golden syrup, honey, minced tarts, UHT or packet custard, jelly packets,
Year 2	Pretzels, popcorn, chips, tinned/jarred fruit/ vegetables, dried fruits, pickled onions/ gerkins, olives
Year 3	Lollies, candies, toffees, candy canes, sweets, chocolates, liquorice, fudge, truffles
Year 4	Spreads, mustard, pickles, chutney, sauces – apple/mint/ cranberry, salad dressings, mayonnaise, gravy
Year 5	Christmas - wrapping, serviettes, bonbons, balloons, paper plates, cups, tea towels, decorations
Year 6	Tea, coffee, flavoured coffee sachets, juices, ice-block tubes, milk flavourings, UHT-milk/ cream,



Summer in The Uniform Shop

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

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

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

Maroon Sports Shorts (4-16)....\$15

Girls Tunics – from....\$38

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

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

Cash, cheque or lay-by only.

Monday: 8.30-9.15am

Friday: 2.30-3.15pm

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday	19 November	J Sparks R Peterson
Friday	20 November	D Williams
Monday	23 November	M Shelford
Tuesday	24 November	K Ellis V Buchanan
Wednesday	25 November	M Sneddon

CHRISTMAS ROAST 2015

The Canteens last special lunch for the year is 'Christmas Roast' on **Tuesday 1 December**. Lunch will consist of roast chicken, roast potato, peas and gravy, Christmas Tree cookie, juice, lollies and a gift.

Cost \$7.00

If you would like to order please send in order form and money to canteen **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 27 November. (NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN)**

NO OTHER HOT FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY

NAME _____ CLASS _____

PLEASE TICK YOUR CHOICES

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> POTATO | <input type="checkbox"/> CHICKEN | <input type="checkbox"/> CHRISTMAS COOKIE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PEAS | <input type="checkbox"/> GRAVY | <input type="checkbox"/> LOLLIES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> APPLE JUICE | <input type="checkbox"/> ORANGE JUICE | <input type="checkbox"/> WATER |

PLEASE RETURN YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER

PRIZES WILL BE DRAWN AT THE TWILIGHT PICNIC ON FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER.

Prizes for Year 6 Fundraising raffle Over \$1200 in prizes to be won!!

Raffle tickets have been sent home for this fabulous fundraiser. Below are some of the wonderful prizes on offer.

Overnight accommodation for two people at Boulevard on Beaumont in a studio spa suite.

(value \$180)

Family entertainment pack—Hunter Valley Zoo family pass, family bowling pass, 2 x movie tickets, 2 x rock climbing admission, 2 for 1 laser tag vouchers. (value \$170)

Family entertainment pack—Oakvale Farm family pass, Reading Cinemas family pass, family bowling pass, 2 for 1 laser tag vouchers. (value \$140)

Family entertainment pack—Toboggan park tickets x 2, mini golf tickets x 2, bowling x 4, rock climbing tickets x 2. (value \$120)

Framed storm print of Redhead Beach by Steven Forward photography at Newcastle Storm Chasers. (value \$260)

Lumina food steamer, veggie box from Georgetown fruit barn, \$50 Kmart voucher, \$30 meal voucher for the Royal at Waratah (value \$130)

Tie dye kit with two cotton white shirts (value \$60)

Tea box by T2—Includes large sachet loose leaf tea, mint tea, canister of French earl grey tea and tea diffuser. (value \$70)

Beauty hamper—Includes Batman and Frozen bath towel sets, assorted soaps, creams and lotions, candles, hair voucher for shampoo, treatment, blow dry and head massage, facial vouchers. (value \$120)

****Sold ticket books and money are to be returned to the school office, be sure to write student name and class on cover sheet to go into the draw; for SuperStrike Bowling and Flipout passes for returning sold ticket books.**

WARATAH PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C

Twilight Christmas Concert

Fri 4th December

At 5pm Bring the family, a picnic dinner, blanket or chair, and lots of Christmas festive cheer...

From 5pm Browse through the Christmas gift stalls for last minute stocking fillers for young and old...

At 5.30 Have a photo with Santa...

For the children... wear your favourite Christmas gear, lucky dips, glow sticks, lollies, drinks & more

6.15pm Enjoy carols & music performed by our talented children

At 7.00pm Drawing winners for the Christmas Hamper Raffle & 4r6 Fundraising Raffle





Fact sheet: School Opal card

The School Opal card provides free travel to school aged students between home and school on weekdays under the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) across the Opal public transport network.

School Opal card can be used:

- On approved travel on school days between the student's home and school, and
- For travel between 06:30 and 19:00 weekdays (21:30 for TAFE school students).



Who is eligible?

To be eligible a student must be a resident of NSW plus:

- Infant student (K-2) older than 4 years and 6 months who lives any distance between home and school; or
- Primary student (Years 3-6) who lives more than 1.6km (straight line) from school, or 2.3km or more by the most direct practical walking route; or
- Secondary student (Year 7-12) who lives more than 2km (straight line) from school, or 2.9km or more by the most direct practical walking route; or
- TAFE student under 18 years of age at 1 January of the year of application and enrolled in a full-time TAFE course for a minimum of 20 hours a week, and is not employed, lives more than 3.2km from the college by the most direct practical walking route, and attends the college closest to their home where enrolment is available.

School Opal Cards enable a student to travel on:

- Mode(s) of transport most applicable for the student's travel requirements; train or bus or both. For bus travel, cards are restricted to individual or a combination of bus operators. For approved ferries; and
- School days only.

For travel outside school hours or days a Child/Youth Opal card is available and provides concession fares and other Opal benefits.

How do parents/students get a School Opal card?

Students with school travel passes this year will be not need to apply for a School Opal card *unless* they are changing schools or their home address or moving from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7.

Those students who do not need to apply will have a School Opal card sent to their school for the beginning of the first term in 2016.

For new applications or for students with changing circumstances, the parents, guardians or students over 16 years are required to fill in a form online at www.transportnsw.info/school-students

After filling in the online application they print it off and take it to the school to endorse. Transport for NSW has the data online from the application and waits for the school to then endorse the application and will mail the School Opal card to the applicant's home address.





Waratah Public School Year 6 Photo Booth

Year 6 students will have their photo taken wearing a graduation cap (mortar board) during weeks 6, 7 & 8 on Wednesday or Friday.

The photograph will be mounted on a commemorative backing and can be purchased for \$5.00.

If you would like to purchase your child's photo, please return the slip and cash to the office by Friday 26 November 2015.

Year 6 Fundraising Committee

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Return slip and cash to the office money box by Friday 26 November 2015

Waratah Public School

Year 6 Photo Booth

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____

to have their graduation photo taken in the photo booth at Waratah Public School.

I would like to order _____ copies @ \$5.00 each and enclose \$ _____ payment.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent / Carer)

Waratah Public School

Christmas Party Stage 3

Monday 14 December 2015



November 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our end of year activities, all Stage 3 students are invited to attend our Party Day at Red Alert Laser Tag at Warners Bay.

When : Monday 14 December 2015.

What to bring : A small bag to carry - recess and water bottle.

What to wear : The students may wear party clothes.

Sensible enclosed shoes must be worn. **NO SANDALS OR THONGS.**

Cost : \$25.00 per student.

(This includes bus travel, 3 games of laser tag, pizza lunch including a beverage.)

The bus will depart Waratah Public School at 9.15 am arriving back at school before the 3.00 pm bell.

Whilst all students are invited to attend, participation in our Party Day is conditional, with the expectation that all students are respectful and well behaved in Term 4. We always put the well-being of our students first.

Many thanks,
Stage 3 Teachers.

Please detach and return permission note and money by Friday 4 December 2015.

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Please return slip and \$25.00 to the office **NO LATER THAN Friday 4 December 2015.**

STAGE 3 CHRISTMAS PARTY - RED ALERT LASER TAG

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____
to attend the Stage 3 Christmas Party at Red Alert Laser Tag on 14 December 2015. I understand transport is by bus and enclose \$25.00 payment. I understand that there will be no refunds if my child does not attend.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent / Carer)