

# Waratah Public School



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Term 4—Week 3 RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY LEARNING

Wednesday 26 October 2016

## KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL

### ENROLMENTS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR 2017

If you have friends, family, neighbours that have children ready for Preschool and Kindergarten Vacancies are filling quickly, so remind friends and family who intend on enrolling at WPS, so they don't miss out.

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

#### **Changes**

Beginning from Week 4 until the Wednesday of Week 6, Mr Metcalfe will be relieving Principal whilst Mrs Bowen is on leave. Mrs Green will be relieving Assistant Principal replacing Mr Metcalfe.

#### **Kinder 2017 Orientation**

##### **Kinder Classroom Visits:**

All sessions 9.30 am—10.30 am

Term 4 Week 4—Wednesday 2 November

Term 4 Week 5—Wednesday 9 November

#### **Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2018**

Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2018 will be open to parents of students in Year 5 from 11 October to 14 November 2016.

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 11 October to 14 November 2016. 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 2018 will have to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 9 March 2017 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.

**A personalised note was given to all Year 5 students last week, please check your child's school bag.**

#### **Outdoor Digital Media Festival 2016**

Callaghan College Jesmond Campus

Thursday 17 November

Tickets available at Waratah Public School

Cost \$5 per ticket

**OR \$10 Family (immediate family)**

We encourage you to purchase your tickets at our school as all ticket sale proceeds go to our school.

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

Monday 31 October	Last day for payment SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME
Monday 7 November	P&C Meeting
Monday 7 November To Friday 18 November	School swimming scheme starts
Wednesday 30 November	Preschool 2017 Meet and Greet for parents and children 9.30 am
Tuesday 6 December	Preschool Christmas Concert 12.30 pm—Possums
Thursday 8 December	Preschool Christmas Concert 12.30 pm—Kangaroos
Friday 9 December	Twilight Picnic
Monday 12 December	Presentation Day
Tuesday 13 December	Year 6 Farewell
Tuesday 13 December	Party Day Preschool Possums
Tuesday 13 December	LAST DAY FOR CANTEEN LUNCHES
Wednesday 14 December	Party Day
Thursday 15 December	Party Day Preschool Kangaroos
Friday 16 December	Last day Term 4

### ICAS English

The following thirteen wonderful students were involved in the ICAS English Competition held in August. We are very excited by their results, including 4 Distinction, 3 Credit, 2 Merit and 4 Participation certificates.

#### Participation

Saffira 1/2R—Year 2, Talea 1/2B—Year 2, Isabella 3/4K—Year 3, Jack 5/6B—Year 6

#### Merit

Austyn 1/2R—Year 2, Joshua 3/4K—Year 3

#### Credit

Silas 1/2R—Year 2, Abbey 3/4L—Year 4, Jayda 3/4K—Year 4

#### Distinction

Eden 1/2R—Year 2, Emma 3/4P—Year 4, Raymond 5/6F—Year 5, Imogen 5/6B—Year 6

Our Principal's Award goes to Raymond in Year 5. Well done to all the boys and girls on an excellent effort.

### ICAS Maths

We had a large group of twenty one clever students involved in the ICAS Maths competition late last August. We are very proud of their results, including the way the boys and girls tried so hard with all the 'tricky questions'.

#### Participation

Talea 1/2B—Year 2, Silas 1/2R—Year 2, Saffira 1/2R—Year 2, Riley 1/2M—Year 2, Kayla 1/2R—Year 2, Tru 1/2M—Year 2, Austyn 1/2R—Year 2, Isabella 3/4K—Year 3, Jessica 3/4P—Year 4, Abbey 3/4L—Year 4, Jayda 3/4K—Year 4, Hannah 5/6M—Year 5, Raymond 5/6F—Year 5, Matthew 5/6B—Year 6

#### Merit

Joshua 3/4K—Year 3, Ashleigh 5/6B—Year 6, Imogen 5/6B—Year 6

#### Credit

Beau 1/2B—Year 2, Eden 1/2R—Year 2, Ryan 3/4P—Year 4

#### Distinction

Emma Barker 3/4P—Year 4

The Principal's Award goes to Tru in Year 2. Congratulations to everyone who sat the test. Awesome effort from everyone involved.



#### Monday 31 October

Halloween Treats at the Canteen—On sale for lunch and recess  
Cost—10c to \$1.50

### The Uniform Shop

New summer stock is here! Layby uniforms for next year and pay off till end of the year. We have lots of second hand uniforms come in recently, so come have a look for a bargain! Students currently in Year 4 and going into Year 5 next year, can purchase the senior bucket hat this term - \$14.



### "Open your hearts and homes for children in need"

Every child has a right to a safe, happy and permanent home.

Settlement Services International (SSI) Multicultural Foster Care provides support for children and young people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds who as a result of child protection concerns can't live with their families, whether this is for just a short time or longer term.

No one denies it is a challenge, but being a foster carer is a commitment that can bring many rewards and you will be supported all the way by SSI.

If you are interested in becoming a foster carer with SSI, contact us by:

- Calling (02) 8713 9200 and asking to speak with the Operations Manager of SSI Multicultural Foster Care Ghassan Noujaim
- Visiting our website [www.ssi.org.au/foster-care](http://www.ssi.org.au/foster-care) and completing an online enquiry form
- Sending an email to [fostercare@ssi.org.au](mailto:fostercare@ssi.org.au)
- Or contact Jessica Varlet by phone on 0423 652 547.

### CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday	27 October	J Sparks E Moncrieff
Friday	28 October	M Keegan
Monday	31 October	J Kennett
Tuesday	1 November	V Buchanan J Sparks
Wednesday	2 November	K Mavridis J Kennett

#### P&C News

The next P&C and final meeting for 2016 is **Monday 7 November**. All welcome!!

#### Fundraising

##### Outdoor Digital Media Festival

As a fundraising opportunity for our school, we are holding a bake stall of homemade "*Sweet Temptation*" treats. It's a great night out for the family with 17 other Callaghan schools participating. We encourage you to **purchase your tickets at our school** as all ticket sale proceeds go to our school. If anyone would like to volunteer their help please contact Richelle on 0419210273.

#### Save the Date

Yes it's on again - The Christmas Twilight Picnic and Hamper Raffle - **Friday evening 9 December**. It's a great evening enjoyed by all - student carols concert, hamper raffles, stalls, Santa and more, so watch this space for more information in the coming weeks. Cheers Richelle & the P&C Team

#### School Banking

There will be **NO school banking on Tuesday 1 & 8 November**.

### **JUNIOR THEATRE CELEBRATION**

A massive congratulations to our year six students who were awarded a huge trophy for their outstanding performance at the Junior Theatre Celebration which took place at the Civic Theatre last Thursday. The students had to make a 10 minute abridged version of their production of High School Musical Jr which was then performed and adjudicated.

Our students received wonderful feedback on their performance and gained a lot of attention from the representatives of Music Theatre International.

Mr Bransdon said he was blown away with the growth in student ability and confidence. Such a wonderful achievement for our students in their first experience of staging a musical.

**WARATAH PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME - MONDAY 7/11/16 - FRIDAY 18/11/16**

Dear Parent

September 2016

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 7 NOVEMBER to FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER. There will be no charge for instruction. Total cost for the 10 day scheme is \$80.00 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 1.45 pm and return at approximately 3.00pm. *(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 \$80.00 **NO LATER THAN MONDAY 31 OCTOBER.**

**There will be NO REFUNDS if you 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.

**SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME CONSENT FORM**

**Please return to office NO LATER THAN MONDAY 31 OCTOBER 2016**

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 7/11/16 to Friday 18/11/16. Travel will be by bus. Total cost for the 10 day program is \$80.00.

☐ I enclose payment of \$80.00.

☐ Payment made online Receipt Number .....

**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):

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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# PREMIERING SHORT FILMS

17 CEP schools on

The **BIG OUTDOOR SCREEN.**

Starts at 7:40pm – 8:45pm

Written, acted and edited by students K-12.

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

Callaghan College Jesmond Campus  
Janet St, Jesmond  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
4:30pm – 9pm



CALLAGHAN  
EDUCATION  
PATHWAYS

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM  
ANY OF THESE SCHOOLS

GlendorePS HamiltonNorthPS HeatonPS IslingtonPS JesmondPS  
MarylandPS MayfieldEastPS MinmiPS PlattsburgPS  
ShortlandPS TighesHillPS WallsendPS WaratahPS WaratahWestPS  
CCJesmondCampus CCWallsendCampus CCWaratahCampus

**PRE SHOW ENTERTAINMENT**  
5:30pm – 7:30pm

FOOD COFFEE/TEA COLD DRINKS SWEET TEMPTATIONS  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE FAIRY FLOSS CUPCAKES JARSTALL  
SHOWBAGS GLOW STICKS FACE PAINTING  
CORN CAKES POPCORN ICE CREAMS BROWNIES  
HENNA TATTOOS WHACK A RAT + much more



**SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMANCE**

by The Marching Koalas at 7pm

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