



## 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

### State Spelling Bee a splendid success

When Year 4 student Emma received her fourth word in the State Spelling Bee on Wednesday 9 November, you could hear the excited cheer from many classrooms around Waratah Public School. In fact, later that day the adjudicator even asked her why she had such a huge smile on her face when she heard her word... What were the chances that she would be asked to spell the name of her school - waratah?! While Emma was down at the ABC studios in Sydney with her mum and sister, staff and students at WPS had been listening to a live stream via the internet. Over the course of the morning, we had already heard Emma correctly spell tarnish, jarrah (what a tricky one!), and violin. Although Emma left the competition in the fifth round with trapezium, we are all so incredibly proud of her. As a prize for making it to the state finals, Emma was given a medallion and a copy of the Macquarie Dictionary. Additionally, she has won a year's subscription to the online version of the Macquarie Dictionary for our school. I'm sure this will come in handy next year when we are preparing our next group of spelling bee competitors!

Ms Katie Cherrington

### DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 4

Wednesday 30 November	Preschool 2017 Meet and Greet for parents and children 9.30 am
Wednesday 30 November	Final Scripture Assembly 2.00 pm
Tuesday 6 December	Preschool Christmas Concert 12.30 pm—Possums
Tuesday 6 December	Canteen Christmas Roast
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 Stage 2 and Stage 3
Thursday 15 December	Party Day Preschool Kangaroos
Friday 16 December	Last day Term 4

### Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell is to be held at Alder Park Bowling Club on Tuesday 13 December. All students in Year 5 and 6 are invited to attend.

The Year 6 Farewell RSVP is to be returned by this Friday, 18th November. We need to ensure that catering is accurate. (*Mrs Macura has spare notes if students need another one.*)

Next Wednesday 23 November at 3.00 pm, there is a meeting in the Stage 3 area for any parent who is able to help with setting up the farewell. If you are unable to be at the meeting, but happy to help on the day, please let Mrs Macura know.

### 2017 Enrichment Class

In the last fortnight, students in Year 4 have been invited to apply for a position in the 2017 Enrichment Class. We had 29 keen students who all tried their best. There are only 13 places this year. Teachers are very proud of each and every one of the students and wanted parents to know that letters will be sent home on Friday informing families of the outcome.

### Face Painter for Christmas Twilight Picnic



If anyone has experience with basic face painting and is happy to donate their time at the Twilight Picnic for an hour please contact Richelle 0419210273

### Summer in The Uniform Shop



There is only 5 weeks left until the end of term!!! The last day for the Uniform Shop will be on Monday December 12 and will not reopen until the first day of school 2017. Layby uniforms now and pay off till end of the year.

### Outdoor Digital Media Festival Thursday 17 November

The P&C is supporting our school's entry into this year's film festival at Callaghan College, Waratah. As a fundraising opportunity we are holding a stall of homemade treats.

#### *"Sweet Temptation"*

homemade treats.

If anyone would like to volunteer their help please contact Richelle on 0419210273.

It's a great night out for the family, with 18 other Callaghan Group schools participating. We strongly encourage you to **purchase your tickets at the school office** as all ticket sale proceeds go to our school.

Tickets available at Waratah Public School

Cost \$5 per ticket **OR** \$10 Family (immediate family)

### P&C News

Yes it's on again - The Christmas Twilight Picnic and Hamper Raffle – **Friday evening 9 December**. It's a great evening for everyone in our school community to come together for a relaxing informal evening, bring a picnic and sing along to Christmas carols sung by our wonderful children. There's hamper raffles, stalls, Santa and more so watch this space for more information in coming weeks.



For our annual Christmas hamper raffle we're asking our wonderful school community to help by donating selected food items. Winning a generous hamper can make a huge difference to someone's family Christmas!!! Donation suggestions are divided into school classes to make for increased variety. See the attached table for suggestions. Donation ideas are certainly not limited to those on the list. Please place donations in the boxes provided in each classroom or at the canteen.

### CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday	17 November	J Sparks
Friday	18 November	S Marshall
Monday	21 November	N Shelford J Kennett N Manahan
Tuesday	22 November	V Buchanan J Sparks
Wednesday	23 November	M Sneddon J Kennett

**Helping Hands Needed  
for Twilight Picnic Organisation**  
**We need help with making raffle  
tickets, hamper wrapping, stall setup  
or helping out on the night—please  
contact Richelle 0419210273**



**Christmas Hamper Raffle –**  
**donation suggestion list**

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

**CHRISTMAS ROAST 2016**

The Canteens last special lunch for the year is 'Christmas Roast' on **Tuesday 6 December**.

Lunch will consist of roast chicken, roast potato, peas and gravy, juice, water, lollies and a surprise!!

**Cost        \$7.00**

If you would like to order please send in order form and money to canteen **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 25 November. (NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN)**

**NO OTHER HOT FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE TICK YOUR CHOICES**

- |                                      |                                       |                                  |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> POTATO      | <input type="checkbox"/> CHICKEN      |                                  |
| <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   |

Waratah Public School

# Christmas Party

## Stage 3

**Wednesday 14 December 2016**



November 2016

Dear Parent/Caregiver

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 :** Wednesday 14 December 2016.

**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 10.00 am arriving back at school By 2.15pm

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 2 December 2016.*

*Please return slip and \$25-00 to the office **NO LATER THAN Friday 2 December 2016.***

### 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 2016. 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 / Caregiver)

### Year 6 Farewell RSTP

Please return this slip to the office to indicate whether you are coming to the Year 6 Farewell.

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ will be attending the Year 6 Farewell and will pay \$25 to the office by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

☐ Unfortunately \_\_\_\_\_ will not be able to attend the Year 6 Farewell.

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_/11/2016

Please choose one of the menu items below if you are attending the farewell:

- ☐ Chicken Schnitzel with vegetables and chips
- ☐ Fish and chips with vegetables and chips
- ☐ Stir fry mixed vegetables with boiled rice

# Party Day Stage 2

**Wednesday 14 DECEMBER 2016**

Dear Parent/Caregiver

November 2016

Stage 2 Party Day is to be held on Wednesday 14 December.  
This year we are remaining at school for a day of fun and celebration

Events on the day will include.....

Stage 2 Dance - in the Hall

Lunch will be Pizza Slices—ordered in.

We will watch a Movie together on the big screen in the hall.

Students will receive lolly bags, popcorn, drinks and an ice block

There will be time for games in the afternoon and prizes.

The cost is \$10-00 to cover PIZZA lunch, popcorn, iceblocks, lolly bags and drinks.

Please complete the following information and return to the Office with payment by  
Friday 9 December.

**STUDENTS may wear party clothes (SUN Smart) and covered shoes.**

Many thanks,

Miss Palmer, Mr Lynch,  
Ms Cherrington and Miss Curtis  
Stage 2 Teachers

Trish Bowen  
Principal

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*Please return slip and \$10-00 to the office **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER***

**STAGE 2 PARTY DAY- 2016**

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_  
to attend the Stage 2 Party Day in the School Hall at Waratah Public School  
on 14 December 2016.

Parent/Caregiver ..... Date .....



# 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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