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243



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276

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Welcome, welcome, welcome to the start of our first term of 2016, and what an exciting start it has been. I mentioned at our prestigious Presentation Day last year that the secret was out about our wonderful school and it is so true. Our reputation in the community is so high that we have even more new students joining our big Waratah Family. This year we have had to form a new class because of our popularity. I am so proud of the students and how well they have settled and this is a credit to our parents and the amazing staff at our school. 2016 is going to be an amazing year.

## Welcome

I would like to formally welcome our new teachers, Miss Cherrington and Mrs Folpp and also welcome the return of Mr Metcalfe and Mrs Curtis. What a fantastic staff line up we have for 2016. Our students are very, very lucky.

## Sport

CrossFit and dance will begin this Friday. Students in Stage 1,2 and 3 are able to pay to participate in the dance program for sport. Students in Stage 2 & 3 are also able to choose CrossFit for school sport. Please see specific notes that were handed out for details.

## Playground

As part of our school commitment to have the best and happiest playground in Australia we have added more to our already long list of activities to choose at play time. Mr Younger has designed a creative maze with 16 stabilised poles for students to explore their imaginative sides. Imogen and Emma's family have also very kindly donated a large outdoor chess set for our school playground. If you have the time and you know a thing or two about chess we would love to talk to you about versing some students in chess. Please see Mrs Bowen if you are interested. Poppy's and grandma's are enthusiastically encouraged to apply.

## Whole School Assembly

Our first whole school assembly will be Friday week 5, 26 February.

## Maths Package

Our Student Maths Package will soon be available for purchase. The Early Stage one (Kindergarten) package will cost \$30 and will include Mathletics, extension resources and a text book. Stage 1 (grades 1 & 2), Stage 2 (grades 3 & 4) and Stage 3 (grades 5 & 6) will cost \$20 and includes Mathletics and extension resources.

## Guitar

As part of our commitment to creative and practical arts we will be offering Stage 2 and Stage 3 students group guitar lessons to form our school guitar group. It will cost \$5 per week and students need to have their own guitar. Please fill out the expression of interest in this bulletin.

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 1	
Tuesday 9 February	Stage 3 (grades 5 & 6) Parent info session 4.30 pm Library
Tuesday 9 February	Stage 2 (grades 3 & 4) Parent info session 5.15 pm Library
Wednesday 10 February	Kindergarten Parent info session 3.15 pm Kinder rooms
Friday 5 February	Crossfit and Dance start Please see notes attached
Friday 12 February 2016	Swimming Carnival—Children turning 8 in 2016 to Year 6 All notes and money to be in by Wednesday 10 February Cost \$10
Wednesday 17 February	Stage 1 (grades 1 & 2) Parent info session 3.00 pm Library

### **Brekky Club**

Our brekky club is up and running again. It is open from 8.30 am—8.55 am for children to have toast, juice/water and fruit. What a great way to start the day.

### **School Banking**

Tuesday's from 2.00 pm. Kindy school banking packs will be available from 9 February 2016.

### **P&C News**

Welcome back everyone! It's been wonderful to see smiling teachers, refreshed children and happy parents after the Christmas break. A big welcome to our new Kindergarten children and their families. I saw a few tears but mostly excited happy faces for this special milestone.

Waratah PS P&C supports our school in many ways but its core services include a fulltime Canteen, Uniform Shop, School Banking and Fundraising, all of which operate only with the help of volunteers and this year we really need help in these areas.

### **Canteen**

To keep in line with the new lunchtime/recess time changes, the canteen has needed to make a few changes to its routines in order to continue providing a healthy variety of food for our children and school community. In order for lunches to be provided by 11.00 am, all lunch orders will need to be made by 9.00 am. The new look menu will be available on Skoolbag.

### **The Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop is open Mondays 8.30 am—9.15 am and Fridays 2.30 pm—3.15 pm. The new price list came out in Term 4 2015 and is available on Skoolbag. We are selling homework bags for \$8 which are made from a waterproof fabric and great for protecting homework and home readers.

### **School Banking**

School Banking, through the CBA Dollarmite program, operates on a Tuesday. Like last year, children bring in their bankbooks along with their filled deposit slip and money, place in the banking bag in the classroom. These will be processed on Tuesday afternoon and bankbooks returned to the classroom. If there are any students who wish to start saving there will be an opportunity to sign up for the program in the near future. Further details in to come.

### **Volunteering**

Without the support of volunteers the P&C simply would not be able to provide these important services for our school. It's also a great way to get to know the school community, meet other parents and help our school for our children. It's certainly rewarding when your children see you involved at school.

If you are able to help out in the Canteen (a couple of hours or a day once a week, fortnightly, monthly), the Uniform Shop (1hr weekly, fortnightly, monthly) or school banking (Tuesday 2.00 pm—3.00 pm) or any P&C activities please contact Richelle (0419210273) or Donna (Canteen Supervisor) at the canteen.

Regards  
Richelle Ervine  
P&C President

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Thursday	4 February	J Sparks
Friday	5 February	S Yarrington
Monday	8 February	R Ervine
Tuesday	9 February	V Buchanan
Wednesday	10 February	K Mavridis

### **Canteen News**

Due to lunch at 11.00 am all orders must be in by 9.00 am.

### **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

### **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST—GUITAR**

We are offering children in Stage 2 and 3 the opportunity to join group guitar lessons. The cost will be \$5 per week and students will need their own guitar.

If you child is interestered please fill in the form below and return to the office.

**DO NOT SEND MONEY AT THIS STAGE. THIS IS AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Childs name

\_\_\_\_\_ Class

\_\_\_\_\_ Parents name

\_\_\_\_\_ Parents signature





Education

**WARATAH PUBLIC SCHOOL  
CROSSFIT TERM 1**

Sports Program :	Crossfit TERM 1
Venue:	Waratah Public School
Date(s):	Beginning Friday 5 February 2016 for whole of Term 1
Classes involved:	Years 3 - 6
Cost of program is:	\$50.00 per term Payable by Friday 19 February 2016 NO REFUNDS
The group will be supervised by:	Class Teachers
Additional Information:	This sports program will commence Friday 5 February and continue weekly until end of term.

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.

Return slip and \$50-00 to the office **NO LATER than 19 February 2016**

Waratah Public School  
Crossfit TERM 1

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Crossfit program.

I have enclosed \$50-00 and understand that no refunds will be issued if my child does not attend.

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Waratah Public School  
**GIRLS & BOYS DANCE (YEARS 1 – 6)**  
Term 1 & 2 2016

February 2016

Dear Parent/Caregiver

Dance groups will be held again in Term 1 & 2, 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 Term 1 & 2 will be:

Year 1 - 2 \$50-00

Year 3 - 6 \$60-00 (includes Costume/Bus Hire for Dance Festival Term 3)

All money and permission notes must be put in the office payment box.

**NO LATE PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

**NO LATER than Friday 19 February (end of Week 4).**

Trish Bowen  
Principal

Please return payment & slip to the office payment box **NO LATER than FRIDAY 19 February**

Waratah Public School

**GIRLS & BOYS DANCE (YEARS 1 – 6) PERMISSION NOTE TERM 1 & 2 2016**

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ to attend dance lessons in Term 1 & 2. I enclose

☐ \$50.00 Year 1 and 2

☐ \$60.00 Year 3,4,5 and 6

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent / Caregiver)

Waratah Public School  
**ANNUAL PRIMARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Dear Parent/Guardians

29 January 2016

The Annual Primary Swimming Carnival will be held on **FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2016** from 9.30 am till 2.00 pm at **MAYFIELD POOL**.

It is expected that all children in Years 3-6 should attend and any Year 2 child turning 8 this year who can swim 50 m is invited to attend. There will be at least one event suitable for all children regardless of their swimming ability. Students will only be able to compete in either the 50 metre OR 25 metre event, not both. Parents are welcome to attend the carnival. All spectators will be required to pay an entry fee at the pool.

The cost for the buses and pool entry is **\$10-00**. (This increase is due to the compulsory payment of lifeguards (2) as per council policy.

Children are asked to bring a **packed lunch** and **water** with them. They will be allowed to buy ice blocks, etc from the pool canteen.

All children need to go to school at the normal time and then will travel to the pool by bus as a whole school. If you wish to collect your child from the pool, it is essential that the teacher be informed so as to facilitate departure supervision. This is an important safety measure.

All children will be required to wear wristbands which will indicate what sections of the pool they are permitted in. This is a departmental requirement. Children will not be permitted in the water if they do not wear the wristband.

Children may wear sports uniform or clothes in their house colour. Thongs will be acceptable. **Broad brimmed sun hats, protective creams and sleeved shirts are essential.**

Please return the consent form with money to the office by due date below.

**MONEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2016 AS STUDENT NUMBERS AND BUSES NEED TO BE FINALISED.**

Ricki Metcalfe  
Sports Coordinator

**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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Waratah Public School – Swimming Carnival

***Please return \$10-00 and slip to Office NO LATER than Wednesday 10 February 2016***

I consent to my child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ attending the PRIMARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL to be held at MAYFIELD POOL on FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2016. I understand travel will be by bus. I understand that there will be no refunds if my child does not attend. Enclosed is \$10-00.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian) Date \_\_\_\_\_

Could you please indicate with a tick ONE of the following:

- My child is ☐ confident to swim 25 metres (without stopping) & novelty event (Blue wristband)  
☐ confident to swim 50 metres (without stopping) & novelty events (Red wristband)  
☐ is a non-swimmer and will participate in the novelty events only (Yellow wristband)

***NOTE: Year 2 students who are turning 8 this year are only eligible to attend the carnival if they can confidently swim 50 metres without stopping.***

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