



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

Stage 2 Camp at Myuna Bay

71 Stage 2 students left at 8.30 am this morning to attend a school camp at Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Camp. Whilst there, students and the teachers will participate in the **ROAR** program—which delivers outstanding and dynamic learning that stimulates and motivates students while complementing the curriculum. Students take part in fun group challenges and activities that promote key learning through:

- Relationships—developing skills in communication, problem solving, cooperation, negotiation, respect and care
- Outdoors—nurturing an appreciation of the natural environment and sustainability
- Action—reinforcing the importance of physical activity for well being
- Resilience—collaborating, negotiating and reflecting on difficult challenges to build courage and strength.

Whether it's working in teams to build a camp fire, climbing the rock wall, shooting a target at archery, navigating blindfolded through a set course or challenging themselves on the flying fox and giant swing, students come away from **ROAR** with positive experiences and a greater sense of themselves. Schools benefit too, with a greater sense of school community and team spirit and increased value of respect, trust and honesty.

Stage 2 teachers and students are looking forward to a great 3 days and 2 nights away. We will be home at 2.30 pm Friday afternoon, tired but very grateful to the parents and carers who helped make the camp possible.

Stage 2 Teachers



Homework Club

8:30 am Tuesday and Thursday

Computers available

All students welcome K-6

DATES TO REMEMBER TERMS 3 + 4

Wednesday 31 August	Father's Day stall—whole school & preschool
Thursday 1 September	Father's Day stall—Preschool, 2nd gifts & laybys
Thursday 1 September	Kinder Connect—5.00 pm
Thursday 15 September	Spelling Bee Regional Finals
Monday 19 September	Kinder Oakvale Farm Excursion
Friday 9 December	Twilight Picnic
Monday 12 December	Presentation Day
Tuesday 13 December	Year 6 Farewell

P&C News

Year 6 Musical – Awesome!!!

Congratulations Year 6 and Mr Branson on providing a stellar performance of High School Musical Jnr last week. I know there were many proud parents and families in the crowd, myself included. Seeing you all on stage, confident, acting your parts, singing, dancing and enjoying yourselves was an absolute pleasure. You should be immensely proud of your efforts and take these special school memories with you forever. Well done!

Premier's Debating Squad - the Waratah Warriors have a win!

Throughout Term 2 and the beginning of Term 3 a group of students dedicated their Monday lunchtimes to a very worthwhile activity - arguing! The Waratah Public School debating squad worked very hard to prepare for their very first year of debating, with a rotating group of 4 students known as the Waratah Warriors participating in each debate. Our topics included "Parents should have to pay their children a reward when their schoolwork improves", "All students should participate in 30 minutes of physical activity each morning" and "Years 5 and 6 should be run like high school to help students transition".

Students were given just one hour to prepare for a debate, in a room without any adult assistance. I am incredibly proud of how students participated and supported one another in every debate, how they behaved when travelling to other schools, and how warmly they welcomed schools to compete here at Waratah.

Despite incredible efforts, we narrowly lost our first 4 debates. However, the whole squad can be proud of Imogen, Amelia, Abbie and Tayla for their well-earned win against New Lambton South Public School in our final debate of the season in Week 3, Term 3.

For any Year 4 and 5 students interested in participating in debating next year, we will hold several squad meetings in Term 4 to give you an idea of what it's all about, with our experienced debaters available to answer all questions.

A huge thanks to the dedicated debating squad. You have made my year very enjoyable! Miss Cherrington

Year 6:

Imogen

Amelia

Tayla

Abbie

Ashleigh

Kara

Aaron

Year 5:

Montanna

Samuel

Lilly

Evie

Anita

Spelling Bee a Splendid Success!

Can you spell the words magician, passionfruit, cinnamon and scientist? Perhaps you should have tried out for this year's spelling bee! Of course, it's very different and far more difficult when you're standing on the stage in front of an audience, spelling the words aloud into a microphone!

A huge congratulations to all our super spellers from Years 2-6 who bravely participated in the 2016 Premier's Spelling Bee on Monday and Tuesday in Week 5. After eight challenging rounds, Junior Champion Speller Emma (3/4P) won out over runner up Jayden (3/4K) by correctly spelling the word *echidna*.

The senior spelling bee lasted for 6 rounds. Senior Champion Speller was Nicole 5/6F who won with the word *superannuation*. Harrison 5/6B was runner up narrowly missing out spelling the word *thesaurus*.

Our school winners will be representing Waratah Public School at the Regional Spelling Finals at Elmore Vale Public School on Thursday 15th September. Good luck spellers!

Katie Cherrington

***Stage 2 jokers Seoul and Jasper entertain the audience
as the 16 spellers nervously wait for the bee to begin***

Waratah Public Speaking Competition

Being able to communicate ideas clearly to others is a key skill for our 21st Century learners. Public speaking skills can be continually developed and improved upon from a very young age. Throughout Term 2 this year, students from Kindergarten to Year 6 worked hard to present several speeches in front of their classes. With valuable peer and teacher feedback, we have noted some excellent improvement in the presentation, engagement and confidence of our speakers across Waratah Public School.

Congratulations to all our stage finalists who competed in the Zone Finals in Week 4, Term 3.

Early Stage 1:

Ava-Rose - If I were invisible for a day

Advay - If I were invisible for a day

Stage 1

Eden - If my dog could talk

Billy - If my dog could talk

Stage 2

Sophia - I want to make a difference

Jessica - You won't believe what I'm about to tell you

Stage 3

Alex - Peace is possible

Kristian - The world is a small place

P&C News

Father's Day Raffle—Yes it's just around the corner!!

The fundraising team is **urgently** seeking donations for this year's Father's Day raffle. If anyone would like to donate a **suitable** Dad prize or **if you can help source prize donations then please contact our Fundraising Coordinator** – Rebecca (0431 722 067) or leave your contact details in the P&C box located at the front office. Tickets will be going out in Week 6 so raffle prizes will need to be finalised by then.



Stall

Due to the huge success last year, the fundraising team are making up **"Father's Day Goodie Bags"** again! We're seeking **sweet & savoury snack** items you may have in pantry already. See advert in bulletin for more information.

Save the dates – Father's Day stall will be on **Wednesday 31 Aug** (whole school & preschool) and **Thursday 1 September** (preschool, 2nd gifts, & laybys).

Regards Richelle & the P&C Team

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday	18 August	J Sparks H Singh
Friday	19 August	M Keegan
Monday	22 August	R Ervine J Kennett
Tuesday	23 August	V Buchanan J Sparks
Wednesday	24 August	K Mavridis J Kennett

"Goodie Bags"



..... seeking donation fillers

Due to last year's popularity, the P&C fundraising team are making Father's Day goodie bags again and seek donations of various fillings such as....

small wrapped chocolates, lollies, chips, pretzels, crackers, popcorn, coffee/ tea/ hot chocolate sachets, mints, muesli energy bars, liquorice, nut mixes to name a few....

Thank you for your support!
All donations to left in the labelled box at the canteen.

Silver Change Challenge



LATEST UPDATE

With just under 2 weeks to go, the latest count has 3/4P with an impressive lead followed by 1/2R

Keep the spare change flowing in.. A pizza party for the winning class

Calling for Volunteers

The P&C are urgently seeking parents who can help out in the Uniform Shop Monday mornings for 1 hour, school banking for ½ hour on Tuesday afternoons and in the canteen. This can be weekly, fortnightly or even monthly!

All help is really appreciated in order to continue providing these important services for our children.

Would love to hear from you!
Contact Richelle 0419210273



Waratah Public School EXCURSION/PERFORMANCE/ACTIVITY CONSENT FORM

Lamilton Road (PO Box
305) Waratah, 2298
Phone 49682221,
49601836, 49661467
Fax: 49661966

Dear Parent
An Excursion has been organised for your child's class. Information is as follows:

Excursion:	Oakvale Farm
Venue:	Oakvale Farm Salt Ash
Date(s):	Monday 19 September 2016
Classes involved:	Kindergarten
Cost of excursion/performance is:	\$20.00 Payable by Monday 12 September 2016 NO REFUNDS
The class will depart from: At (time) and return at (time)	Departing Waratah Public School at 9.30 am sharp Returning approx. 2.30pm
Travel will be by:	Bus/Coach with seatbelts
The group will be supervised by:	Kindergarten teachers
Additional Information:	Children must wear full school uniform with enclosed shoes and hat. Bring lunch, recess and drinks for the day - no canteen facilities. \$20.00 cost includes coach, entry to Oakvale Farm and a bag of feed for the animals. <i>Children must arrive at school by 8.55 am, we will leave after the roll is marked.</i>

Sue McGregor
Coordinating Teacher

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.

X -----
Return permission slip to the office **NO LATER than Monday 12 September 2016**

Waratah Public School - Oakvale Farm Excursion

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to attend the Oakvale Farm excursion on Monday 19 September 2016. I understand transport will be by seat belted bus/coach and there are no refunds if my child does not attend.

I give permission for my child to feed the animals: **YES** **NO** (Please circle your choice)

☐ I enclose \$20.00 to pay for the excursion.
☐ Payment made online - Receipt No. _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Guardian)

Parent Name: _____



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Excursion:	Circus Quirkus
Venue:	West City Newcastle (Panthers)
Date:	Wednesday 31 August 2016
Classes involved:	Year 3 and 4 students
Cost of excursion/performance is:	\$3.00 (cash only) Payable by Wednesday 24 August 2016 NO REFUNDS
The class will depart from: At (time) and return at (time)	Departing Waratah Public School at 12 noon Returning at approximately 2.30pm
Travel will be by:	Bus to and from the venue
The group will be supervised by:	Mrs Curtis and Stage 2 Teachers
Additional Information:	Students are to wear full school uniform, sensible closed in shoes and hat. Students are to bring recess and a water in a small back pack. Students will eat lunch as normal at school.

Lauren Curtis
Coordinating Teacher

Trish Bowen
Principal

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X -----
Return slip and \$3.00 to office **no later than Wednesday 24 August 2016.**

Waratah Public School
Circus Quirkus

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to attend the Circus Quirkus Excursion on Wednesday 31 August 2016 at West City Newcastle. I understand travel will be by bus.

I enclose \$3.00 to pay for the excursion.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Guardian)



Education &
Communities

***Tell Them From Me* student survey:
Information and consent form for parents and carers**

Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation



August, 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

This term, our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar**, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

This survey will help your school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish to. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable answering any question, he/she should leave it blank and move on to the next question. Your child can stop the survey at any time.

If you **do not want** your child to take part in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to our school office by 26/08/16.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the CESE website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Shane Bransdon
Assistant Principal
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Education

***Tell Them From Me* Student Feedback Survey non-consent form**

If you **do not want** your child to participate in the student feedback survey, please sign this form and return it to your school by 26/08/16.

I do **NOT** give consent for my child/children to participate in the ***Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey**.

Name of student/s

Roll class/es

Name of parent/carer

Signature of parent/carer

Date



Kinder Connect

An informal night for parents to come together, meet each other, tour the school and gain some information about Kinder Orientation. A free sausage sizzle will be provided, creating an easy environment to talk freely amongst parents and staff.

Parents only if possible.

Thursday 1 September 5.00 pm (week 7) - RSVP Thursday 25 August

Meet the Buddy playdate

Children are invited to meet their buddy for fun lunchtime activities in the playground. Please sign in at the Office on arrival.

Thursday 15 September 12.30 - 1.30 pm (week 9) - RSVP Thurs 8 September

Orientation

Kinder Classroom Visits: During these open classroom sessions, children will visit the Kindergarten classrooms and engage in great learning activities. Their buddies will join them for the morning. There are 3 sessions run on consecutive Wednesdays in Term 4.

Week 3 - Wednesday 26 October, Week 4 - Wednesday 2 November and Week 5 - Wednesday 9 November all sessions - 9.30 am – 10.30 am

Parent Information Session: This is a chance for parents to find out about starting Kindergarten at Waratah Public School in 2017. Information will assist you to help your child make the smoothest and happiest transition to school.

The session will be held whilst our 2017 Kinder students work with their buddy in the Kindergarten classrooms.

Week 3 - Wednesday 26 October