



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

Waratah Village Sausage Sizzle

This Saturday our school will be at Waratah Village selling sausage sandwiches and promoting our beautiful school, all the way from Pre School to Year 6. If you have time and would like to say hello, pop in anytime from 10.00 am until 1.00 pm.

NAPLAN Results

All Year 3 and Year 5 students who sat the NAPLAN assessments will be given a summary sheet of their results, to take home and share with their parents.

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

Cluster Choir

Week 8

Thursday 8 September 9.30 – 1.00 pm
(dress rehearsal Callaghan Waratah hall)
5.15 pm – 5.45 pm (food/drink available)
6.00 pm – 7.30 pm (performance)



Homework Club

8:30 am Tuesday and Thursday

Computers available

All students welcome K-6

DATES TO REMEMBER TERMS 3 + 4	
Wednesday 31 August	Stage 2 excursion—Circus Quirkus
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

Circus Quirkus

Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) will be going to Newcastle Wests Club on **Wednesday 31 August** to enjoy 'Circus Quirkus,' a free show including internationally renowned jugglers, clowns and acrobats. This show is generously sponsored by the business community of the Hunter Region and its surrounding area. Students will catch the bus to the show after lunch and return to school after recess.



Father's Day Stall - Is next week!!!!

Wednesday 31 August (whole school & preschool)
and **Thursday 1 September** (preschool, 2nd gifts, & laybys).

Father's Day Raffle

Raffle tickets came home today with the bulletin so please check your child's bag. There are some great prizes up for grabs including a fantastic 1st prize.

- 1st - Racenight Package for two – Newcastle Jockey Club & Pacers Restaurant**
- 2nd - \$50 Bunnings Voucher**
- 3rd - \$30 Hoyts Cinema Movie Voucher**
- 4th - \$25 Jake the Barber Hair Cut voucher**

There is also several smaller gift packs to be won!!

A huge thank you to the following for donating and sourcing raffle prizes.

Newcastle Jockey Club & the Stafford Family, JMC Building - The Dwyer Family, The Lojweski Family, The Keegan Family, The Sweeney Family and Leonie & Family.



Helping Hands – We need help on either or both stall days with setting up, selling, wrapping and pack up. Even if it's only for a couple of hours, your help would be greatly appreciated. It's fun helping the children select gifts, and they especially love to see parents or carers helping out at the stall. Please contact Richelle (0419210273) or Rebecca S. (0431 722 067).



Canteen News

The canteen is organising a **Mexican Fiesta** as a healthy special lunch day in the last week of term. See order form in bulletin for more details.

Regards Richelle & the P&C Team

"Goodie Bags"

..... seeking donation fillers

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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



LAST DAY THURSDAY 25 AUGUST

The wining class will be announced at this **Friday's assembly.**

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting this fundraising challenge.
P&C Fundraising Team

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday	25 August	J Sparks
Friday	26 August	S Marschall
Monday	29 August	N Shelford J Kennett N Manahan
Tuesday	30 August	V Buchanan J Sparks
Wednesday	31 August	M Sneddon J Kennett



Waratah Public School
EXCURSION/PERFORMANCE/ACTIVITY
CONSENT FORM

Lamilton Road (PO Box
 305) Waratah, 2298
 Phone 49582221,
 49501836, 49581467
 Fax: 49581986

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 Superannuation Sports 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 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: _____

Mexican Fiesta special day lunch TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

A special day lunch will be held on Tuesday 20 September.

NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE TAKEN

NO OTHER HOT FOOD ON THE DAY

Cost: \$5.00

Lunch will consist of

Mexican Burrito, fresh fruit salsa cup and bag of cornchips

Chicken can be substituted for beef if you choose

Seasoned mince/chicken

(circle preference) ☐

watermelon ☐

Cheese ☐

pineapple ☐

Salsa ☐

orange ☐

Sour cream ☐

Cornchips ☐

If you would like to participate in this special lunch please send money and form back to the canteen no later than **Friday 16 September**.

Name _____

Class _____



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
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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