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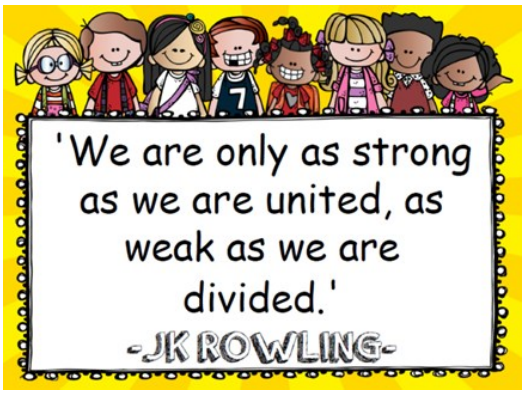
Term 1—Week 6 RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY LEARNING Wednesday 1 March 2017

Whole School Assembly
Friday 3 March—2.15 pm
5/6K presenting

Wellbeing News!
A big ***SHOUT OUT*** to our wonderful community for getting on board with our characteristics program.
For the next fortnight our school characteristic focus is **COOPERATION**. Working together to support each other in the achieving of personal goals is big in the classrooms of Waratah Public School. As the children come home this week ask them about **Bucket Filling**, what does it mean and how does it help achieve our goal of **COOPERATION**?
Have an AMAZING week!



School Interviews
Families are welcome to use the school computer room for booking interviews, if they require assistance or do not have access to the internet. The computer room/Library will be available on Friday 3rd March from 8.30 am—8.50 am or Monday 6th March from 8.30 am—8.50 am and 2.30 pm—3.00 pm. Mrs Butler will be available to assist you during these times.

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 1 2017

Friday 3 March	**2.15 pm Assembly 5/6K**
Monday 6 March	**P&C Meeting**
Wednesday 8 March	**K—6 School photos Possums photos**
Thursday 9 March	**Cross Country**
Friday 10 March	**Kangaroos photos**
Tuesday 4 April	**Easter Canteen Lunch See bulletin for details**

Volunteers
We are very lucky at our school to have such a wonderful school community that like to be involved and volunteer their time. Not only do we have a fantastic P&C run by Richelle, but we also have people like Ebony's mum and Pop doing gardening, and Anakin and Trinity's dad working in the school grounds. Thank you all for your generosity and community spirit.

Cross Country
Due to weather forecasts and the ground conditions we have postponed our cross country carnival until next Thursday, 9 March

Congratulations
Mrs Folpp has successfully gained the position of relieving Assistant Principal at Waratah Public School, in the absence of Mrs Christie. She will supervise Early Stage 1 and Stage 3 classes, coordinate our Learning Support Team and continue to be an integral part of the Wellbeing team. We look forward to working with Mrs Folpp in this new role.

Thank You
Thank you to the Moon family for donating a box full of props. The Stage 2 team are overwhelmed by your generosity and are looking forward to using them in our movie making sessions.
Thanks again
Em

Important Year 6 Information

Year 6 Transition Day at CCWTC

On Friday 10 March, Year 6 students will attend their first transition day at Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus. Throughout the day students will take part in:

- Information sessions regarding life at high school, and
- Taster lessons across a variety of subject areas

Students are required to wear full school uniform including a **school hat**. Students will need to provide their own food for recess, however a sausage sizzle lunch will be provided.

We will leave school by 9:10 am, so please ensure your child/children are at school by 8:55 am.

Permission notes need to be returned by this Friday 3 March.

High Achievers Class at CCWTC

Applications for the High Achievers Class at Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus will be available from our school office from Friday 3 March. If you would like your child to apply for this class, please talk to their class teacher and then collect an application form from the office. All applications are required back at school by **Friday the 17 March**. If your child will be going to Wallsend HS and you would like to apply for their High Achievers Class, please contact Mrs Folpp by Monday 6 March.

Selective High School Placement Test (for current Year 6 Students)

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday the 9 March. This test is only for those students who submitted their application last year. All the best to our year 6 students sitting this test.

Stage 3 Teachers

ICAS Competition

Today students in Years 2—6 have been invited to participate in the 2017 ICAS competitions. Subject areas include Science, Spelling, English and Mathematics. Years 3—6 also have an extra two options focusing on Writing and Digital Technologies. Students can participate in all competitions or choose an area of talent to enjoy having fun with.

If you check the link below, you can find examples of the competition papers. Students are welcome to have a go at home before the actual test. The practice papers comprise sample ICAS questions and an answer sheet. Parents can print out each paper and help their children practise answering the questions by filling out the answer sheet.

https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/download-practice-questions

If parents have any questions, please contact Mrs Macura who is generally in her classroom most mornings. Otherwise, fill in your permission note and return to the school by Friday 17 March.

Waratah Debating Squad—Determinators and Whizkids

Congratulations to the 18 Stage 3 students who tried out for debating this year. We had an incredibly high quality of applicants, and it was extremely difficult to select just 8 students for the squad. These 8 students will represent our school in two teams participating in the Premier's Debating Challenge. Well done to the Determinators (Skyler, Josh, Sophia and Rori) and to the Whizkids (Rachael, Jamaine, Jessica and Marika).

Ms Cherrington and the debating squad attended a workshop at Adamstown Public School on Wednesday 22 February. The trainer, Tony Davey told us that debating is the single most difficult thing that primary school students can be asked to do. We learnt about Manner, Matter and Method, played some creative debating games and finally had to debate against each other on stage.

Perhaps the teachers should be a little nervous that if Waratah Public School debaters ruled the world, they have come up with some strong arguments to abolish the staffroom and recreate it as a student-only party room. The trainer called our squad a group of "evil terrifying debating geniuses" at the end of the day, so we are looking forward to a great debating season. Our first debates will be in Term 2—watch this space!

Ms Cherrington

School Photos

Packs were given to the children last week. Please check your child's bag.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND MONEY TO THE OFFICE. The packs are to be handed to the photographer on the day.

P&C News

Save the date! Our first P&C meeting for the year is Monday 6 March. See over the page.

School Banking

School banking is every Tuesday. Children are to 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. For more information please contact our banking coordinator Bec Sweeney by leaving your contact details in the P&C post box at the front office.

Regards
Richelle Ervine
P&C President

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday	**2 March**	**HELP NEEDED**
Friday	**3 March**	**J Kennett** **M Keegan**
Monday	**6 March**	**M Sneddon**
Tuesday	**7 March**	**V Buchanan** **S Rimmelzwaan**
Wednesday	**8 March**	**J Beveridge**

P&C Volunteer

Name:
_____

Best contact number: _____

I am able to volunteer for the following:

☐ Canteen

☐ Uniform Shop

☐ School Banking

Waratah P.S. P&C

Invites all parents/ carers to our first P&C Meeting for 2017!

When:

Monday 6th March at 5.45 pm for a "meet n' greet" & light supper.
Meeting to start at 6.15 pm.

Where:

School library

Why attend:

It's a great way to meet other likeminded people, have a voice in decision making about your child's education, exchange information and new ideas or raise concerns, find out more of what's happening at school, and lend support to P&C activities. So come along and be a part of the great things happening at Waratah!

EASTER LUNCH TUESDAY 4 APRIL

A special Easter Feast lunch will be held on Tuesday 4 April.
If you would like to order please fill in the form and send back no later than Thursday 30 March. **(NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN)**

NO OTHER HOT FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY

COST $5.00

Lunch will consist of

Fish Burger ☐

Lettuce ☐ Mayo ☐

BBQ sauce ☐ Tomato sauce ☐

Apple juice ☐ Orange juice ☐ Water ☐

Easter Egg ☐

Name:————————————————————- Class:————————

Zone Swimming 2017

Last Wednesday our wonderful Waratah swimmers represented our school proudly at the annual Zone Swimming Carnival.

Every competitor tried their best and enjoyed the honour of representing our great school. During each race our students, parents, grandparents, friends etc all cheered for our competitors. Every student finished with a smile on their face and a positive attitude.

Well done to Mackenzie, Sophia, Hallie, Jayda, Rori, Sahara, Rose, Imogen, Billy, Riley, Harrison, Abel, Keith and Silas.

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STAGE 2 EXCURSION

MYUNA BAY SPORT & RECREATION CAMP

28 February 2017

Dear Parent/Caregiver

The planning of our Stage 2 camp at Myuna Bay has now been finalised.

The excursion will take place from Wednesday to Friday - 26, 27 and 28 July 2017—students will be away for 3 days, 2 nights. It will include coach travel , accommodation, food, activities and equipment used.
A timetable of activities will be available closer to the camp.

The cost of the camp will be $250-00.

If your child is able to participate in the excursion, please complete the form below and return it with a deposit of $50-00 to the school office by Monday 3 April 2017.

A deposit of $50.00 must be paid by <u>3 April 2017</u> to secure your child's place on the excursion .
The balance can be paid off in regular payments to the school office and must be finalised by 30 June 2017.

This excursion is an excellent opportunity for students to participate in a range of outdoor experiences and to develop greater maturity and independence. Students will be expected to demonstrate positive behaviour and attitude on the lead up to camp as spaces are limited to students who can meet the behaviour expectations.

Stage 2 Teachers

Trish Bowen
Principal

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Waratah Public School - Myuna Bay Sport & Recreation Camp
Return to the office by 3 April 2017

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to participate in the Stage 2 Camp to Myuna Bay on the 26, 27 & 28 July 2017.

I understand travel is by coach to and from the camp.

I include $50.00 as deposit for my child to attend the 2017 camp.

☐ I enclose $50.00 payment OR

☐ Payment made online - Receipt Number _____

Signed _____ Date _____
Parent / Guardian

Admin/Excursions Overnight/Broken Bay

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RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY LEARNING

Wednesday 1 March 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The Canberra excursion for Stage 3 will take place on Wednesday 23rd August to Friday 25th August 2017 *(Term 3 Week 6)*. This excursion will help develop an understanding of democracy, government and science. It will also help students develop personally, with a focus on friendships and fun.

The cost for this excursion is $340.00. The cost includes most food, entry fees, travel and accommodation. You are welcome to make payment in full or by instalments, as of tomorrow morning. Places are limited. A deposit of $50.00 is requested by 5/4/2017 to hold a place for your child/children. Full payment is required by the start of Term 3 on Thursday July 21st. A permission note and medical forms will also be sent home and are required to be returned to school on this date.

We will be departing school early at 6.30 am on Wednesday 23rd August, arriving home at approximately 6pm on Friday evening. The students will need to wear school uniform to visit Parliament House and bring recess and a packed lunch on the first day of camp, including a refillable water bottle. A detailed packing list will be sent home next term to help parents get ready for the trip.

The students will enjoy visiting places like Questacon and the War Memorial. The institute of sport is also very popular. Our full itinerary can be found overleaf. A highlight of camp is our visit to the snow and the kids vs teachers snowball fight. Snow gear hire is included in the cost, with students only needing to bring their own gloves and beanies.

If you have any questions about camp, please don't hesitate to ask Mrs Macura. We hope you can join us on this wonderful excursion.

Regards
Monica Macura
monica.white@det.nsw.edu.au
Camp organiser *(on behalf of Stage 3)*

I give permission for my child_____ to attend camp. I understand full payment, a permission note and a medical form is also required to be filled in by the end of Week 1, Term 3 (July 21st).

☐ I enclose a $50.00 nonrefundable deposit

☐ Payment made online Receipt Number _____

OR

My child/children _____ will not be attending camp.

Signed: _____ Date: / /2017

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Dear Parents,

The teaching staff at Waratah Public School takes this opportunity to invite you to attend a Parent Teacher interview. The interviews are being conducted in Week 8, Term 1. This time will be used as an opportunity for teachers to share student progress, discuss support plans, including adjustments and extensions in place to ensure that we are meeting the individual needs of our students.

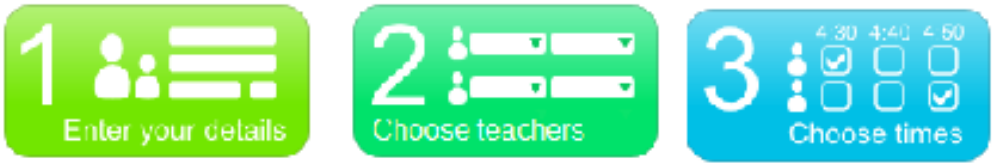
This year we will once again be using an online booking system; this ensures you are able to book times that are best suited to your busy lifestyles. Teachers have nominated specific times that they will be available, both within and outside of school hours.

Follow these steps to book an interview with your child's teacher.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Enter THIS school event code.

Then follow the 3 simple steps.



When you click *finish*, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.
You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close on Thursday 10th

IMPORTANT Information

How long are the interviews?
Interviews are strictly 10 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Where do I meet the teacher?
If your interview is held outside school hours (before or after school) then interviews will be held in your child's classroom.
If your interview is held inside school hours please arrive 10 minutes prior to your interview time and go to the office. The ladies will let you know your meeting spot.

How do I change my time??
You can change your interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking.