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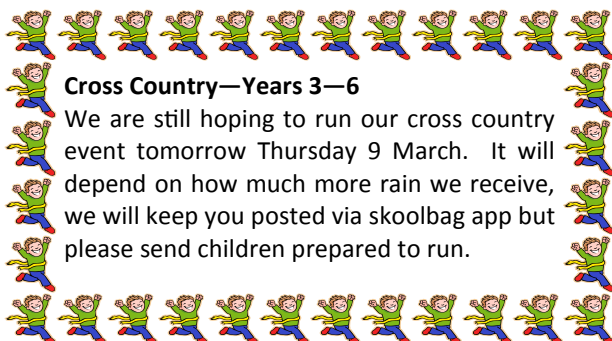
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Term 1—Week 7 RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY LEARNING

Wednesday 8 March 2017

No Whole School Assembly—Friday 10 March

Year 6 transition to High School



Cross Country—Years 3—6

We are still hoping to run our cross country event tomorrow Thursday 9 March. It will depend on how much more rain we receive, we will keep you posted via skoolbag app but please send children prepared to run.

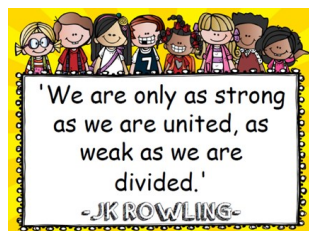
DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 1 + 2 2017

Thursday 9 March	Cross Country—Years 3—6
Friday 10 March	NO WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY Year 6 transition to High School
Friday 10 March	Kangaroos photos
Thursday 30 March	School Disco Night
Tuesday 4 April	Easter Canteen Lunch See bulletin for details
Thursday 4 May Wednesday 31 May	Athletics Carnival Back up date



COOPERATION

Working together to accomplish a goal.



'We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided.'
-JK ROWLING-



Athletics Carnival

The Waratah Public School Athletics Carnival will be held in Term 2 Week 2, Thursday 4 May. A permission note with further information will go out next week. Our back up date, in the event of wet weather, is Wednesday the 31 May.

School Interviews

Don't forget to book your parent teacher interviews. Bookings close tomorrow, Thursday 9 March at 3.00 pm. Further information can be found in the bulletin.

Parking

Please do not drop children off near the school crossings. This is very dangerous and could result in accidents happening. Council rangers have been notified and will be patrolling the area.

Tell Them From Me Survey

We are delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they 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 improve how they do things at school.

We want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 13 March and 7 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

The surveys are for students in Years 4-6 only.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students this week. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 24th March**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.



Education

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

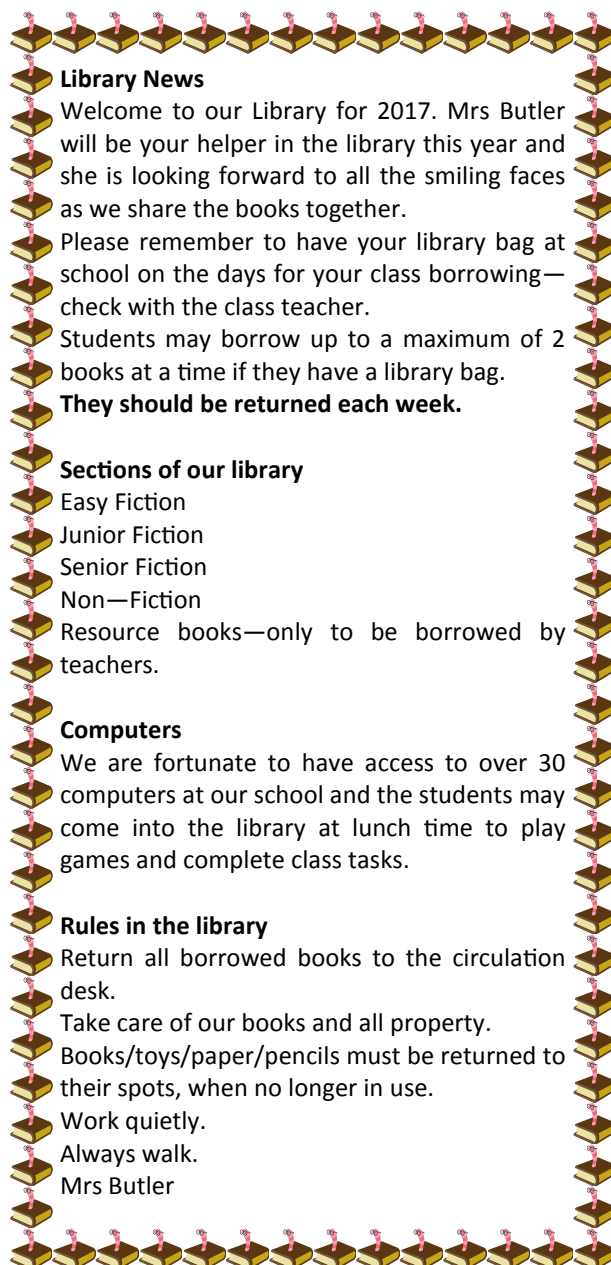
ICAS Competition

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.



Library News

Welcome to our Library for 2017. Mrs Butler will be your helper in the library this year and she is looking forward to all the smiling faces as we share the books together.

Please remember to have your library bag at school on the days for your class borrowing—check with the class teacher.

Students may borrow up to a maximum of 2 books at a time if they have a library bag.

They should be returned each week.

Sections of our library

Easy Fiction

Junior Fiction

Senior Fiction

Non—Fiction

Resource books—only to be borrowed by teachers.

Computers

We are fortunate to have access to over 30 computers at our school and the students may come into the library at lunch time to play games and complete class tasks.

Rules in the library

Return all borrowed books to the circulation desk.

Take care of our books and all property.

Books/toys/paper/pencils must be returned to their spots, when no longer in use.

Work quietly.

Always walk.

Mrs Butler

2017 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

The 2017 Challenge kicks off **Monday 6 March** and closes **Friday 25 August** (midnight) for **students**. Students in K-2 will complete the challenge in their library lessons. The 3-6 students will be supplied with a Reading Record to be kept at school and completed each time they return a PRC book they have finished reading.

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students.

If help is required on how to do the Challenge please contact Mrs Butler at school.



CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday	9 March	A McKenny
Friday	10 March	J Kennett E Moncrieff
Monday	13 March	M Sneddon
Tuesday	14 March	V Buchanan S Rimmelzwaan
Wednesday	15 March	K Mavridis

P&C Volunteer

Name: _____

Best contact number: _____

I am able to volunteer for the following:

- ☐ Canteen
- ☐ Uniform Shop
- ☐ School Banking

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: _____

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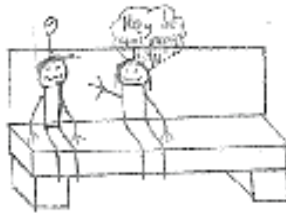
Characteristic
of the
WEEK :

COOPERATION

Written by the students of 3/4P

Ways we show *cooperation* at Waratah Public School...

- We listen to each other without interrupting.
- We encourage everyone to join in.
- We accept the ideas of others.
- We recognise the skills and strengths of others.
- We discuss problems calmly.
- We help people when they need help.
- We work together.
- We Help people when they need help.
- We get together and play well with other people.
- We are friendly and polite.



By Bradley

Helping other people to
accomplish what they
might need a little bit of
help with. Sometimes all it
takes is one word of
encouragement.

- Rose -

definition

Explain how a
classmate showed
cooperation this
week.

Leon has been showing
cooperation because he has
been working well with
everyone in our class. Leon is
always someone who will offer
to help me and he has nice
manners. Last week I noticed
Leon congratulating others on
their writing. Leon has been
trying so hard to accomplish
life goals like doing things he
has never done before. Great
going Leon!

-Eden-

ILLUSTRATION
TIME



By Cooper

WARATAH PUBLIC SCHOOL
DISCO NIGHT – Thursday 30 March 2017

2 March 2017



When: Thursday 30 March 2017

Where: School hall

The *Preschool and Kinder* disco will run between **4.15 pm - 5.00 pm**

The *Years 1, 2 & 3* disco will start at **5.15 pm and finish promptly at 6.15 pm.**

The *Years 4, 5 & 6* disco will start at **6.30 pm & finish promptly at 7.30 pm.**

****Parents please collect children promptly from the hall.****

Admission fee is **\$3.00** per child.

There will be chips, drinks and chocolates available from **\$1.00** each

The disco is for Waratah Public School students only.

We look forward to a wonderful night.

Stage 3 Teachers Trish Bowen
Kirmilly Katen Principal



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.

Waratah Public School
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 3 April 2017 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 _____ Parent/ Guardian Date _____

Admin/Excursion Organiser/Steven Bay



Education & Communities

Waratah Public School

RESPECT

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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 8pm 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 non-refundable deposit

☐ Payment made online Receipt Number _____

OR
My child/children _____ will not be attending camp.

Signed _____ Date: ____/____/2017

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