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Term 1—Week 8 RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY LEARNING

Wednesday 15 March 2017

Whole School Assembly—Friday 17 March

4/5C presenting

The 2017 Waratah School choir will also have their first performance this Friday at the assembly.

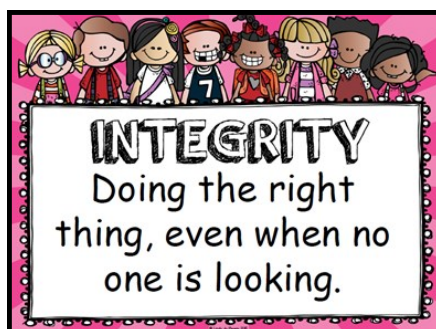
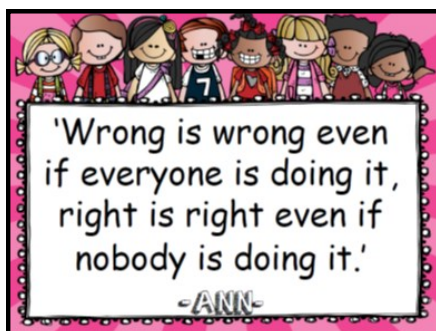
Wellbeing News!

This fortnight we are focusing on the characteristic of **INTEGRITY**. This will involve discussions about the importance of *everyone's* role in being a respectful, responsible learner. We do this because it creates a safe, happy school where everyone **belongs**.

Doing the right thing can be difficult, especially when our friends are doing the wrong thing. However with **courage, strength** and **belief** we can all **STAND UP** for what we believe is **RIGHT**.

The support we are receiving from our community has been amazing. Please continue to discuss with your children past characteristics including punctuality, cooperation and acceptance.

STAND UP, STAND STRONG, STAND TOGETHER!



Harmony Day Tuesday 21 March

Harmony Day will be held next Tuesday 21 March.

Activities for the children will be held in school hours. The children are encouraged to wear something orange.

Catherine Mills

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 1 + 2 2017

Friday 10 March	WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 4/5C presenting Waratah School choir also performing
Tuesday 21 March	Harmony Day
Thursday 30 March	School Disco Night
Tuesday 4 April	Easter Canteen Lunch See bulletin for details
Friday 7 April	Easter Hat Parade Details to follow
Thursday 4 May Wednesday 31 May	Athletics Carnival Back up date

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>.

Cross Country 2017

Congratulations to everyone that participated in our school cross country. The Zone Cross Country Championships will be held on Friday 28 April 2017 at Stevenson Park Mayfield. The children that qualified will be advised and given paperwork to be brought home for parents/caregivers to sign and returned to school. Good luck to Asha, Billy, Coby, Travis, Will, Deacon, Cayliss, James, Grace, Havana, Amy, Darcie, Shaylee, Sophia, Montanna and Emily.

Year 6 Transition Day at CCWTC

Year 6 had a wonderful day on Friday at Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus. Students spent the day familiarising themselves with the high school environment and replicated a day in the life of a high school student through participating in a variety of lessons. Highlights of the day include making slime in science, exploring print making in visual arts, a language lesson where they learnt to count to ten in French; and learning to play the organ, beatbox or guitar to an Ed Sheeran song 'Shape of You'. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Melissa Folpp



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.

P&C News

P&C Fundraising

In the past, the P&C has raised funds for a wide range of items for our school, from updating home reader books, landscaping/ gardening/ veggie patch equipment & plants, sports equipment - basketball backboards and representative sports shirts, to more expensive items - playground equipment, iPads and smart boards. These examples are only a few on the extensive list the P&C has provided and supported. Where ever there is a need by our school and students, the P&C team works tirelessly to fundraise for these items and we could not do this without the support and generosity of our wonderful school community.

However, in the past there have been items the P&C has wanted to provide for our school e.g.: classroom air- conditioning, shade-sails, and a new digital communication board, but not able to. It's certainly not been from the lack of enthusiasm or support from the school. Each item needs to be approved by the department and there are processes, policies and compliances that we are bound by. Many volunteer hours have gone into looking at these options but due to numerous reasons mainly logistical, we have been unable to pursue them. Currently, the P&C is stretched thin with managing our core responsibilities – Canteen, Uniform Shop, School Banking and Fundraising coordination. If anyone wishes to discuss pursuing these ideas further, then I encourage you to contact me directly on 0419210273 or via P&C email – waratahpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Lost Property

The lost property has been sorted entirely (the bin is empty!!!) and laid out on a trestle table in the canteen area. "No named" clothing is on the table whilst "named" clothing and lunchbox articles are in boxes underneath. **By Friday 17 March all clothing unclaimed will be either sold through the Uniform Shop or donated to charity.**

I **strongly encourage** all parents and caregivers to check "LOST PROPERTY" and also their children's uniforms/ school bag items for **clearly written name labels**. The amount of lost property that has no name is staggering!!

Have a great week!

Richelle Ervine

P&C President

0419210273

Easter Egg



Raffle Donations

We are seeking donations of all things Easter, for our 2017 Easter Raffle.

All donations can be left at the school canteen. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat parade on Friday 7 April.

Many Thanks

The P&C Fundraising Team

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday	16 March	K Weston
Friday	17 March	J Kennett S Marschall M Keegan
Monday	20 March	R Ervine
Tuesday	21 March	V Buchanan S Rimmelzwaan
Wednesday	22 March	J Beveridge

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

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|-------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Fish Burger | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Lettuce | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mayo | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| BBQ sauce | <input type="checkbox"/> | Tomato sauce | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Apple juice | <input type="checkbox"/> | Orange juice | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Easter Egg | <input type="checkbox"/> | Water | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Name: _____ Class: _____

**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
Kerrilly Katen

Trish Bowen
Principal

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

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 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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