



**Whole School Assembly—Friday 12 May**  
1/2C presenting

### 3D Printer

We are all very excited about the purchase of our new 3D printer. Staff were upskilled professionally last night during the CEP Technology Hub.

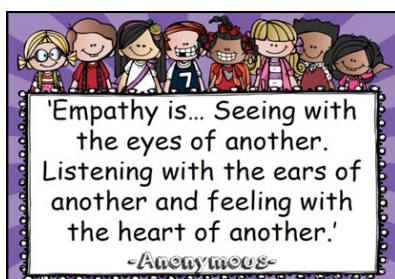
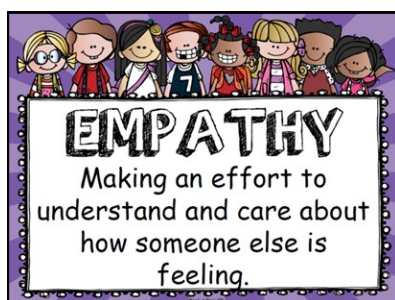
### Wellbeing News!

What a fantastic start to Term 2, we have been extremely busy both in and outside of classrooms. This fortnight our characteristic is EMPATHY. Empathy is at the heart of what it means to be human. It's a basis for acting ethically and for building strong, meaningful relationships. And it's key to ensuring our school is an environment where everyone BELONGS. Empathy begins with the capacity to take on another person's perspective, to walk in another's shoes. Asking why did this happen? Are you okay? Can I help you? How are you feeling?

It is valuing others perspectives, it is not judging the difference but embracing it.

Have a wonderful week!

**The Characteristics Team**



### AECG Meeting

On Wednesday 24 May we are proud to be hosting the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group meeting at Waratah Public School. It will be at 12.30 pm in the Multipurpose room. It would be fantastic to see some of our wonderful Aboriginal families represented.

### DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 2 2017

Friday 19 May	WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 1/2C presenting
Tuesday 23 May	Preschool police station excursion—Possums
Wednesday 24 May	AECG Meeting Aboriginal Education Consultative Group
Wednesday 24 May	Fundraising meeting 2.15 pm Multipurpose room
Wednesday 24 May	Planning Room—Parent Information session 3.15 pm
Friday 26 May	Preschool police station excursion—Kangaroos
Monday 5 June	P&C Meeting 6.00 pm In school library

### Planning Room

#### Parent Information Session

On Wednesday 24 May we will be holding an information session about the recent changes to planning room. This is an opportunity for you to come along and see the new space, develop an understanding of the purpose of planning room and the processes staff and children take to resolve conflict. We will meet under the library cola at 3.15 pm.

Kind regards

Mrs Folpp and Miss Palmer

### Stage 1 Science Visit—Free of charge

On Tuesday 30 May (Week 6) at 9.45 am our Stage 1 classes will join together in the hall for an engaging, fun filled educational visit based on this term's science unit 'Water.' Hunter Water will be bringing the forty five minute long 'Bubbles and Supa Squirt Water Saving Show' to our school. The program's key learning areas include the water cycle, water wise rules and the health benefits of drinking water. Please ensure your child arrives to school on time so they can enjoy this experience.



### **Year 5 Sports Gala Day**

Year 5 students from Waratah Public School joined other Year 5 students from surrounding schools at a sports gala day organised by Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus. Students enjoyed playing tennis, oz-tag, cricket, basketball, volley ball and soccer at a day filled with fun, laughter and great sportsmanship. Waratah students enjoyed meeting students from other schools and becoming familiar with the CCWTC school environment. Congratulations Year 5 students on your outstanding behaviour throughout the whole day. Mrs Connor and myself had a thoroughly enjoyable day with you.  
Mrs Folpp

### Speak Up Waratah!

During Term 2, all classes will have a focus on public speaking. Students will work on specific skills in class, and will also be asked to prepare and present one or two formal speeches in class.

At a primary school level, students are encouraged to explore all aspects of public speaking throughout the year. They are taught how to engage with an audience and present information in a variety of interesting ways. Reciting poems, convincing others of your opinion, participating in classroom discussions, presenting information reports, impromptu speeches, and presenting formal speeches is all a part of this.

The Hunter Inter-Schools Public Speaking competition will be held early in Term 3, so teachers will be selecting 2 students from each stage to proudly represent Waratah Public School at that level. Stage-based finals will be held during weeks 9 and 10 of Term 2, specific dates will be notified soon. It is very common for students to feel unsure or nervous about speaking in front of their peers. In fact, even many adults list public speaking as a greater fear than even sharks or spiders! However, in our classrooms we are focused on learning the skills in a safe and supportive environment, and we need to remind ourselves that sometimes nerves are what help us to do our best.

There will be a parent information session on how to support your child with preparing and practising for public speaking in the school library on Wednesday 31 May from 3.15 pm – 4.00 pm. The information presented will be suitable for supporting students from Kinder to Year 6. Please contact your child's classroom teacher or Ms Katie Cherrington if you have any questions.

Ms Cherrington

### Head Lice

#### Look Who's Back!!!

There has been reported head lice incidences in classrooms. Please check your child's head regularly and treat before sending them back to school.

### Debating 2017

The debating season is about to kick off with our first debate between the Waratah Determinators and Tighes Hill Public School scheduled for next Tuesday 23 May. Best wishes to Sophia, Skyler, Rori and Josh who will all be participating in their first debate. Family members and supporters are welcome to come along, the debate will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room from 10.30 am.

The following Tuesday (30 May) both debating teams will be heading to Mayfield East Public School for our Round two debates. This will be the Waratah Whizkids first debate, so Jamaine, Rachael, Jessica and Marika will be watching the first round debate hoping to get a few skills and tips from their debating squad mates.

### CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday	18 May	A McKenny K Weston
Friday	19 May	J Kennett K Roddom S Marschall
Monday	22 May	M Sneddon
Tuesday	23 May	V Buchanan S Rimmelzwaan
Wednesday	24 May	K Mavridis T Snadden

### THE UNIFORM SHOP

#### Long Sleeve Polo Shirt Orders

Orders can still be made at the Uniform Shop **until this Friday 19 May**. Alternatively, fill in the order form slip attached in the bulletin, return with your deposit to the P&C box in the front office. A receipt will be returned to you as order confirmation via your child at school. **If anyone has not received a confirmation receipt for their order please contact Richelle (0419210273) ASAP.** Sizing is the same as the short-sleeved polo shirts and has the same logo embroidery. A 50% deposit is required at time of ordering and paid in full when ready for collection, or made into a lay-by. Orders to supplier will take approximately 2 weeks from order placement.

Cheers Richelle & The P&C Team

### Uniform Shop Order Form – Embroidered Long Sleeve Polo—\$22 each

Your Name..... Best Contact Number .....

Childs Name..... Class .....

Size Required (2,3,4-16Y)	Quantity	Cost @\$22 each
	TOTAL	
	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	

## P&C News

Next Fundraising meeting is **Wednesday 24 May at 2.15 pm—3.00 pm** in the Multipurpose Room.

Our next P&C meeting date is **Monday 5 June at 6.00 pm** in the school library.

## Fundraising

### Mother's Day Raffle

**Congratulations** to all our Mother's Day prize winners and a **big thank you** to everyone who bought and sold tickets as you helped us to raise just under \$500.

**Thank you** also to our prize donators: - Carla Kelly ([www.lifelockets.com.au/carlakelly](http://www.lifelockets.com.au/carlakelly)), Teresa's, Amcal Chemist and Polished at Waratah Village, North Coast Artist Judith Volkmer, The Sweeney Family, Scented Candles by Louise O'keefe and to all the anonymous donations we received.

### Mother's Day Stall Donations

A **big THANK YOU** to Bec S, Julie S, Bec L, Alison K, Nathaniel B, Savana A, Rachel G, Misbah B, Jodie K, Selina F, Megan M, Alicia A, Lisa R, Sam S, Kellee R, Leonie, Lisa M and Leonie H who volunteered at our Mother's Day stall, for making this event possible for our children to select a gift for their special "Mum", Nan and Granny. **Thank you** also to those generous people, who donated beautiful stall gifts. Your support is greatly appreciated!

## The Uniform Shop

### Winter is almost here !!!

**Bomber jackets (4-16Y) \$32**

**Fleecy straight leg T/pants (3-16Y) \$18**

(cotton polyester fleece, low pill, 2 zippered side pockets, all seams safety stitched, elastic waist with draw cord).

**Boys grey cargo pants (4-14Y) \$22**

(teflon treated to repel stains, zip pocket, 2 side pockets, elastic waist with drawcord),

**Girls maroon cotton bootleg pants (4-14Y) \$27**

**Girls maroon cotton blend tights - \$12 each**

Fleece scarf & Beanie - \$6 each

Gloves - \$4

### Second hand maroon jumpers & track pants – varying sizes \$1-5

### Cash, cheque or lay-by only.

**Monday: 8.30-9.15am**

**Friday: 2.30-3.15pm**

Dear Parents / Caregivers

### Head lice - a guide for parents

There has been an incidence of head lice in your child's class. The following information is a guide to help you deal with head lice in your home. Please check your child's head for signs of head lice and treat them as indicated below if they are present. Continue to check your child's hair over the coming weeks to prevent further infestations.

#### To prevent head lice

- Tie your child's hair back
- Tell your child not to share hats or clothes
- Check your child's hair regularly

#### If your child has head lice

- Treat the child's hair using one of the methods suggested below
- Continue to send your child to school
- Inform the school so they can inform others to check their children's hair, your child doesn't have to be identified
- Do NOT use household chemicals (such as kerosene or methylated spirits) to treat lice.
- spread the conditioner onto the rest of the length of hair. Every hair has to be coated to ensure it reaches the lice.
- When the hair is detangled and manageable, use a fine lice comb to comb out each section several times.
- After each comb out, wipe the conditioner on the paper towel. If the child has head lice, you will see them on the towel.
- Keep combing each section of hair until no further lice, nymphs or eggs appear on the paper towel. Often you will see lots of old egg casings that may take a while to remove.
- Once you have combed and re-combed each section of hair, either plait or tie the hair back.

#### Comb and conditioner method

Head lice breathe through small openings along their abdomens called spiracles. Coating hair in something thick and slimy like a white hair conditioner makes these openings close over, shutting down the louse's breathing for about 20 minutes. Although the louse will not die with this method, it does slow it down so that you can comb them out.

#### You can do the following:

- Sit your child in a low position in front of you and put on a DVD for your child to watch as you work.
- Wrap a towel or kitchen paper around your child's shoulders to catch conditioner spill.
- Apply lots of conditioner to the scalp and massage it through all hair shafts. Lice live close to the scalp, so make sure you cover the hair shaft close to the scalp. Combing will

#### Commercial lice treatment

A commercial lice treatment (available from your local chemist) can be effective, but you will need to read the label and follow the safety instructions carefully. Generally, treatment must be applied twice (one week apart) to catch all growth stages of the lice. When using a lice treatment only treat the heads that actually have head lice or else you are really just contributing to lice resistance of treatment to products.

#### USEFUL TIPS

Head lice often gather on the crown of the head. A good head lice comb should also remove nymphs, the stage between egg and adult louse - teenagers! These can be difficult to identify with the naked eye, but appear as small insects on the paper towel.

**You are invited to the  
Waratah Public School  
Annual NAIDOC day 2017.**



**Our Languages  
Matter**

**2-9 JULY 2017**



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**Please join us:  
Waratah Public School  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June  
9:30am Assembly Hall**

