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Term 3—Week 6 RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY LEARNING

Wednesday 23 August 2017

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 31 August 5.00 pm (week 7) -
RSVP Thursday 24 August**

Tell Them From Me Surveys - Snapshot 2017

We are delighted that once again 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.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

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.

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

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 21 August and 13 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students in Week 8. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Wednesday 6 September**.

Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

Parents will have the opportunity to participate in this round of surveys. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL

ENROLMENTS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR 2018

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 3 2017

Wednesday 30 August	Fathers Day Stall Whole school and preschool
Thursday 31 August	Fathers Day Stall Preschool, 2nd gifts and laybys
Thursday 31 August	Oakvale Farm excursion— Kinder—Payment by Friday 25 August

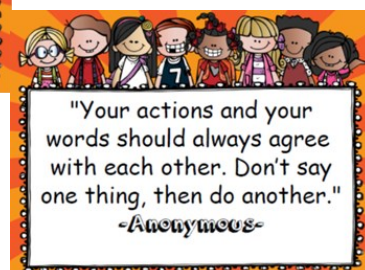
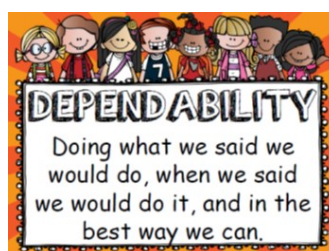
Wellbeing News!

We have just passed the half way mark of Term 3 – time flies when you're having fun. Our characteristic focus switches to **DEPENDABILITY** over the next two weeks.

We **depend** on others to do the right thing by us, we depend on our carers to provide food and clothes, we depend on teachers to provide us with meaningful learning experiences and we depend on our friends for support and guidance.

As a community we **ALL** play this important role for another, there is always **SOMEBODY** out there depending on us. Don't forget that as we move into the coming weeks.

Do what you say you will do, and do it with all of your heart!



ICAS 2017 Science Competition

Late in May, our school had 24 students sit for the ICAS Science competition. Many of the students were in Year 2 and had never experienced an assessment like this before. We are very proud of all the boys and girls who participated.

Congratulations to the following students who received a Certificate of Participation:

- Emma 2/3M
- Ezekial 2/3M
- Otis 1/2E
- Chloe 1/2E
- Billy 2/3M
- Silas 3/4P
- Saffira 2/3M
- Kayla 2/3M
- Patience 4/5C
- Rose 3/4P
- Syed 3/4P
- Annyka 4/5K
- Rana 4/5C
- Travis 5/6K
- Anita 5/6F

Congratulations to the following students who received a Certificate of Merit:

- Alexandra 1/2C
- Eden 3/4P
- Minh 5/6K
- Cameron 5/6M
- Jayden 4/5C
- James 5/6M

In addition, well done to the following students who received Certificates of Credit:

- Ayan 2/3M
- Joshua 4/5C

The following student received a Certificate of Distinction:

- Jackson 1/2C

The Principal's award is given to a student who has tried their best and strived to get a good result whilst participating in the competition. **The winner of the Principal's award for ICAS Science is:**

- Annyka 4/5K

What an awesome result! Well done everybody.

ICAS 2017 Spelling Competition

This year thirty two students sat for the ICAS 2017 Spelling Competition. We are very proud of all our students, including those who received certificates of participation.

Congratulations to the following students who received a Certificate of Participation:

- Syeda 1/2MG
- Jed 1/2MG
- Alexandra 1/2C
- Naveen 1/2C
- Emma 2/3M
- Ezekial 2/3M
- Otis 1/2E
- Chyly 1/2E
- Saffira 2/3M
- Michael 3/4P
- Silas 3/4P
- Finlay 3/4L
- Isabella 4/5C
- Rose 3/4P
- Seoul 4/5C
- Chloe 3/4P
- Rana 4/5C
- Jayden 4/5C
- Cameron 5/6M
- Annika 4/5K
- Travis 5/6K
- Marika 5/6K
- Anita 5/6F
- Raymond 5/6F

Congratulations to the following students who received a Certificate of Merit:

- Jackson 1/2C
- Abbey 3/4P

Six students received a Certificate of Credit:

- Chloe 1/2E
- Billy 2/3M
- Anissa 3/4P
- Eden 3/4P
- Joshua 4/5C
- Minh 5/6K

The Principal's award is given to a student who has tried their best whilst participating in the competition. **The winner of the Principal's award for ICAS 2017 Spelling Competition is:**

- Chloe 3/4P

What an excellent effort! Well done everybody.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday—2.15 pm

Infants dance group will be performing

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday	24 August	A McKenny K Weston
Friday	25 August	J Kennett E Moncrieff
Monday	28 August	M Sneddon
Tuesday	29 August	V Buchanan S Rimmelzwaan
Wednesday	30 August	K Mavridis

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 next weeks bulletin for more details.

Stall

Thankyou to those who have started donating "goodies" for the Father's Day Goodie Bags. Keep the donations coming, check your pantry as these make a wonderful gift for Fathers Day.





The Callaghan Cluster
Choir proudly presents.....

BBQ beginning at 5:15pm

TRIBUTE!

Gold coin donation at the door

Thursday 7th September, 2017
Callaghan College
Waratah Technology Campus Hall

PRINCE

PERFORMANCE starting at 6pm

SPACE ODDITY

LEONARD COHEN
1934 - 2016



Mexican Fiesta special day lunch TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

A special day lunch will be held on Tuesday 12 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

A sweet surprise

Seasoned mince ☐

cheese ☐

Sour cream ☐

Sweet surprise ☐

watermelon ☐

pineapple ☐

orange ☐

If you would like to participate in this special lunch please send money and form back to the canteen no later than **Friday 8 September by 9.00 am.**

Name _____

Class _____

P&C News

Cyber Safety Parent Talk

To help parents be more "Cyber Savvy", the P&C has invited the Police Youth Liaison Officer, Brett Rose, to give a "Cyber Safety" Parent talk on **Monday 4 September**. This event will coincide with the "Cyber Safety Student Talk" to Stage 2 & 3 children earlier in the day. See advert in bulletin for further information.

A brief P&C meeting will follow the Cyber Safety talk. All welcome!

Fundraising

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

Wednesday 30 August (whole school & preschool) and **Thurs 31 August** (preschool, 2nd gifts, & laybys). Gift price range from \$1- \$6.

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 Julie S. (0400 594 098).



Father's Day Raffle

Look at our great prize line up for this year, with even more prizes joining the list:-

1st – Framed signed Knights Jersey – The Telstra Shop, Jesmond & Marketown.

2nd - \$50 Meal Dinner Voucher – The Beaches Hotel, Merewether

3rd - \$50 Meal Dinner Voucher – Pino's Italian Restaurant, Islington

Other prizes include:- **\$80 HP Printer (Officeworks), \$50 Eagle One Car Wash Bucket (ISP Islington), \$35 Armor All Car Wash Caddy (Supercheap Auto, Kotara), Tool Chest & Trolley Combo (Repco, Hamilton), Tackle Box (Tackle Power Sandgate), Back Pack (Aussie Disposals, Kotara), \$30 Event Movie Gift Card, \$30 Coles Gift Card (Coles, Waratah Village), Newcastle Hand Carwash – "Superwash" gift certificate, Burson Auto Parts Broadmeadow Promotional gift pack, Fire Extinguisher (Newcastle Fire Extinguisher Service), Men's cologne & product gift packs (Amcal Chemist, Waratah Village, Cincotta Chemist Broadmeadow), Meat gift pack vouchers (Mayfield Meats, Singo's Meats, Thomas Street Quality Meats – Wallsend).**

So please sell tickets to family, friends, neighbours, even work colleagues. Raffle ticket books went home with last week's bulletin so please check your child's bag. Extra books can be obtained at the canteen or the school office. All sold tickets & money, including unsold tickets, to be returned to the P&C box at the front office by **Thursday 31st August at 3.00 pm**.

Raffle will be **drawn Friday 1 September** at Friday's assembly.

Regards Richelle & the P&C Team

WPS P&C presents

Cyber Safety Parent Talk

Anxious about your child's internet use?
Do you want information about how to safely guide their internet activity?

WPS P&C invites Waratah Police Youth Liaison Officer to talk to parents/ caregivers, about how to best protect their children online and on social media.

Monday 4 September
6-6.45pm
"The Hub" meeting room,
(near the canteen)
Waratah P.S.

Doors open 5.45pm. Light refreshments provided.

To register your interest & numbers attending please email waratahpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au, or text Richelle 0419210273.



"Goodie Bags"

..... **seeking donation fillers**

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 individually wrapped chocolates & biscuits, lollies, small packet 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.