

# Waratah Public School



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Term 1—Week 7 RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY LEARNING

Wednesday 14 March 2018



## Cross Country Carnival

All students 8—12 year old will be participating in our cross country races:

8,9,10 year old—Tuesday 27 March at 9.10 am

11 & 12 year old—Tuesday 3 April at 9.10 am

## Save the Date

### Athletics Carnival

Waratah School Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 31 May at the Fearnley Dawes Athletics Centre, Newcastle West, for all students K—6. A permission note and further information will go home closer to the event. We look forward to seeing parents, grandparents and family members at the carnival.

Melissa Folpp

## Tell Them From Me Survey Years 4—6 only

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 12 March and 13 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 was sent home with students on Tuesday 13 March. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Wednesday 4 April**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

## TERM 1 2018

Friday 16 March

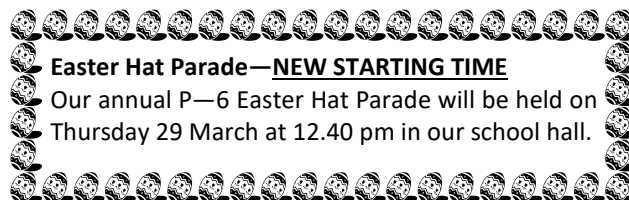
Greatest Shave and Crazy Hair Day 2.00 pm

Thursday 29 March

Easter Hat Parade—STARTING TIME IS NOW 12.40 pm

## Stewart House 2018 Donation Drive

Envelopes have come home today for the Stewart House donation drive. Please return the envelope and money to the school by May 14 2018 to go into the draw to win a family holiday valued at \$4000.



## Easter Hat Parade—NEW STARTING TIME

Our annual P—6 Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 29 March at 12.40 pm in our school hall.



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: Hello Everyone,  
: As you know, this year I am participating in the  
: "World's Greatest Shave".  
: The shave will occur at our school assembly on the  
: 16 March. While this is not a P&C Fundraiser, our  
: wonderful P&C are supporting me in this cause and  
: have come up with the lovely idea of getting the  
: children more involved by having a Crazy Hair Day!!!  
: Children who participate will be asked for a gold coin  
: donation. All proceeds will go towards the target  
: that I have set for the "World's Greatest Shave".  
: Thank you for supporting me in this special cause. I  
: look forward to seeing lots of crazy hair do's on  
: Friday 16 March.  
: Please, no aerosol sprays at school.  
: Sue McGregor  
: .....

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in Week 9 this term. Please refer to the attached information in the bulletin to find out how to access the online booking system and book an interview with your child/ren's class teacher. Bookings are now open and will close on Thursday 22 March. Please let me know if you need more information.

Rebecca Dodds

**Year 6 Transition Day**

Year 6 had an enjoyable day at Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus last Friday. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with high school classrooms and subjects, meet some teachers and students from surrounding primary schools who will attend Waratah Technology Campus next year. It was a pleasure to spend the day with an amazing and respectful group of students. Mrs Folpp

### Evacuation Practice

Last week we held an Evacuation Practise on school grounds to review the procedures in case of the need to evacuate classrooms. The students were very calm, listened to teacher instructions and moved in an orderly manner to the bottom playground.

The school is required to hold an emergency practise each term and we usually hold these in Week 6 each term.

We will be attempting to advertise this before the next practise so parents will have an opportunity to support their child by discussing the need to practise so they will be safe in a real emergency.

If you have any feedback from your child please pass on to Mrs Butler.

### **P&C News**

We opened 2018 with our first P&C meeting last week and it was wonderful to welcome a couple of new faces as well as catching up with familiar ones. Many topics were discussed, and I thank all those for coming and providing valuable input.

Our team membership is currently **very small** and, consequently, stretched thin to provide the P&C's core services – Fundraising, Uniform Shop, School Banking, and Canteen. It is **essential for our volunteer base to grow**, so our wonderful students and school can continue to be provided these valuable services.

A great way to start is by joining our Fundraising Team and help with organising our Easter Raffle coming up! Text Julie Small 0400 594 098 or myself with your contact details.

### Easter Raffle

Easter is at the end of March this year and we are planning our annual Easter Egg Raffle. It will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade. **See advert for more information.** Tickets have come home with today's bulletin so please check your child's bag. All sold & unsold tickets with money to **be returned to the P&C box in the office by Wednesday 28 March at 3.00 pm.**

Regards  
Richelle Ervine  
P&C President  
0419210273



WARATAH P.S. P&C  
**2018  
EASTER RAFFLE**



**Donations  
Needed**

**For all things Easter!**

Donations can be left at  
the school canteen.

Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat parade

**Thur 29 March**

Many Thanks  
The P&C Fundraising Team



**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Thursday	15 March	H Singh
Friday	16 March	S Marschall S Rimmelzwaan
Monday	19 March	J Kennett R Ervine
Tuesday	20 March	S Rimmelzwaan
Wednesday	21 March	A McKenny E Fahey

**The Uniform Shop**  
**Volunteers Desperately Needed !!!**

**We need more volunteers to help on a**  
**Monday 8.20-9.15am &**  
**Friday 2.30-3-15pm.**

**Once a week, fortnightly or even monthly.**

**If we don't get more help, then we'll have to**  
**consider reducing our opening times**  
**which will make it harder**  
**for parents/ carers to**  
**obtain necessary school uniforms.**

**Please contact Richelle 0419210273 for more**  
**information or call into the**  
**Uniform Shop Monday mornings.**

**PROPOSED STUDENT EXPENSES**

	Calendar	Approximate Costing
<b>Voluntary School Contributions</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>\$45-00 per family</b>
<b>Mathletics Package Years K-6</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>\$10-00 per student</b>
<b>Year 6 Grade Shirt</b>	<b>February-March</b>	<b>\$27</b>
<b>Crossfit Sports Program T1,2,3,4</b>	<b>Term 1, Term 2</b> <b>Term 3, Term 4</b>	<b>\$50-00 per student per term</b>
<b>Dance Semester 1 (Term 1 &amp; 2 )</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>\$50/\$60 Per Semester</b>
<b>Dance Semester 2 (Term 3 &amp; 4 )</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>\$50/\$60 Per Semester</b>
<b>External ICAS Competitions</b>	<b>May-June</b>	<b>Notes have been sent home</b>
<b>Life Education</b>	<b>27 August—29 August</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>Year 3-4 Camp Myuna Bay</b> <b>Limited place available</b>	<b>Wednesday 1—Friday 3 August</b> <b>2018</b>	<b>\$250</b> <b>Deposit of \$50 payable by 9 April</b>
<b>Year 5-6 Great Aussie Bush Camp</b> <b>Excursion is limited to 80 students</b>	<b>Monday 20 August – Wednesday</b> <b>22 August 2018</b>	<b>\$270</b> <b>Deposit of \$50 by 9 April</b>
<b>Learn to Swim School Y2-Y6</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>\$80-00 approx.</b>
<b>Year 6 Farewell Dinner</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>\$25-00 approx.</b>
<b>End of Year Christmas Party</b>	<b>December</b>	
<b>K-2</b>		<b>To be advised</b>
<b>3-4</b>		<b>To be advised</b>
<b>5-6</b>		<b>To be advised</b>

**EASTER LUNCH TUESDAY 27 MARCH**

A special Easter Feast lunch will be held on Tuesday 27 March.

If you would like to order please fill in the form and send back to the canteen no later than Friday 23 March at **10.00 am. (NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN)**

**NO OTHER HOT FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY except toasted sandwiches**

**COST \$5.50**

Lunch will consist of

Fish Burger ☐

Lettuce ☐ Mayo ☐

BBQ sauce ☐ Tomato sauce ☐

Ice block ☐ small choc treat ☐ **OR** gluten free treat ☐

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

Dear Parents,

The teachers at Waratah Public School would like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend a Parent Teacher interview. The interviews are being conducted in Week 9, Term 1. This time will be used as an opportunity for teachers to share student progress and discuss support plans, including adjustments and extensions in place to ensure that we are meeting the individual needs of our students.

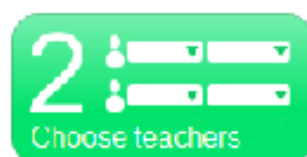
This year we will once again be using an online booking system; this ensures you are able to book times that are best suited to your busy lifestyles. Teachers have nominated specific times that they will be available, both within and outside of school hours.

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

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://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](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

#### 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](http://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 3 EXCURSION**  
**GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP**

6 March 2018

Dear Parent/Caregiver

The planning for our Stage 3 Camp at Tea Gardens has now been finalised.

The excursion will take place from Monday to Wednesday - 20,21 and 22 August 2018 — students will be away for 3 days, 2 nights.

The cost of the camp will be \$270.00.

The price includes coach travel, accommodation, food and activities which may include rock climbing, archery, canoeing and flying fox.

A timetable of activities will be available closer to the camp.

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 9 April 2018.

**THIS EXCURSION IS LIMITED TO 80 STUDENTS.**  
**A deposit of \$50.00 must be paid by 9 April 2018 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 6 July 2018, otherwise the place will be offered to the next student on the reserve list.**

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 prior to camp to ensure participation in this experience.

Parents/Careers will be given information re packing and receive medical forms to complete early in Term 2.

Stage 3 Teachers

Trish Bowen  
Principal

X

Waratah Public School - Great Aussie Bush Camp  
Return to the office by 9 April 2018

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ to

participate in the Stage 3 Camp - Great Aussie Bush Camp 20,21 & 22 August 2018

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

I include \$50.00 as deposit for my child to attend the 2018 camp.

☐ I enclose \$50.00 payment      OR      ☐  
Payment made online - Receipt Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Waratah Public School  
**STAGE 2 EXCURSION**  
**MYUNA BAY SPORT & RECREATION CAMP**

8 March 2018

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 - 1, 2 & 3 August 2018 — 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 Friday 9 April 2018

**THIS EXCURSION HAS LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE.**  
**A deposit of \$50.00 must be paid by 9 April 2018 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 6 July 2018, otherwise the place will be offered to the next student on the reserve list.**

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 in 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 9 April 2018

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ to

participate in the Stage 2 Camp to Myuna Bay on the 1, 2 & 3 August 2018.

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

I include \$50.00 as deposit for my child to attend the 2018 camp.

☐ I enclose \$50.00 payment      OR      ☐  
Payment made online - Receipt Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Guardian