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Term 4 - Week 7 RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY LEARNING

Wednesday 27 November 2019

2020 Leadership Speeches

Year 5 students who nominated to be a school leader in 2020 will be presenting speeches to the whole school on Wednesday 4 December at 9.15 am in the school hall. All family and friends are invited to attend this event. Following the speech presentations, all students from Year 2 to Year 6 have the opportunity to vote. The school leadership team for 2020 will be announced on school presentation day, Thursday 12 December. All the best to all nominees.

Stage 3 Reminders

The Year 7 2020 Orientation is on Tuesday 3 December 2019. Students who will be attending Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus received a permission note with detailed information last week. Students attending other High Schools should receive information directly from the school.

Schedule for CCWTC

9.15 am: Students arrive

9.30 - 10.00 am: Welcome to parents/carers and students

10.00 - 11.30 am: Parents morning tea and information session

10.00 - 1.30 pm: Students attend lessons with peer support leaders

1.30 - 2.00 pm: Students eat packed lunch

2.15 pm: Close of Orientation Day in the school hall. Parents to sign children out.

Important Information:

- Students are required to wear full school uniform and enclosed shoes. Transport for the day is provided by parents/carers.
- Lowes representatives will attend and provide examples of school uniforms.
- School fees and a deposit for the Year 7 camp can be made on the day either with cash or EFTPOS.
- Parents/carers will have the opportunity to meet key staff, ask questions and obtain relevant information regarding Year 7 2020.

Stage 3 Teachers

Reminders

Return to School 2020

If your child is not returning to Waratah Public School in 2020 can you please advise the office by Friday 6 December.

Assembly

Our last school Assembly will be held this **FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2.00 PM**. Stage 1 & 2 will be doing their dance performance. Gold Awards will be presented.

School Banking

Last Day for School Banking **Tuesday 10 November**

DATES TO REMEMBER	TERM 4 2019
Friday 29 November	Stage 1 & 2 Dancing at Last Assembly 2.00 pm Gold Award Presentation
Tuesday 3 December	Year 6 High School Orientation Full Day
Tuesday 3 December	P & C Meeting 6.00 pm Hamilton North Bowling Club
Wednesday 4 December	Parent Helpers Morning Tea 11.00 - 12.00 pm
Thursday 5 December	Pre School Concert 12.30 pm in the Hall
Thursday 5 December	School Open Day 3.00—6.00 pm Callaghan College Waratah
Friday 6 December	Twilight Picnic 5.00 pm at the school
Monday 9 December	Pre School Concert 12.30 pm in the Hall
Monday 9 December - Thursday 12 December	Xmas Book Fair EFTPOS ONLY
Tuesday 10 December	Last day School Banking
Tuesday 10 December	Year 6 Farewell Hamilton Nth Bowling club 6.00 pm
Thursday 12 December	Presentation Day 9.30 am
Friday 13 December	Gold Awards - Student Celebration
Tuesday 17 December	Party Day - ALL STUDENTS
Wednesday 18 December	Year 6 Clap out 2.00 pm
Wednesday 18 December	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Invitation to visit our new Library / Xmas Book Fair!

During Week 9, beginning 9 December, we extend an invitation to parents and family to visit our beautiful school library from 3.00 pm each day. Everything is coming together nicely and the furniture and paint work looks great. The Book Fair will also be on and it is a buy one get one free offer. There will be some great titles for Christmas presents. A wish list will be sent home in Week 8 to remind the students. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits for the adults.

All welcome!

Mrs Butler

REMINDER TO RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS

All our wonderful library books are due back over the next few weeks so please begin searching through the shelves at home and help Mrs Butler by returning when you are finished with them. The final date for student returns is **Friday 29**

November.

Preschool Concerts

The annual Preschool end of year concerts are coming up in the next few weeks. These concerts are a wonderful opportunity for the preschool to bring families together and celebrate the wonderful year that we have had building relationships, educating the children and supporting their development. We are extremely proud to have been part of the beginning of each of their educational journeys and witnessing the development of their unique personalities and abilities.

Everyone is welcome to attend the concert and we look forward to sharing this time with the children and their families. The concerts, which will commence at 12.30 pm in the school hall, will take place on the following dates;

Thursday 5 December - Kangaroos

Monday 9 December - Possums

Thanks for a fantastic year,
Preschool Team

News from the P&C

The Twilight Picnic is fast approaching! We have an excellent team of volunteers helping make this event happen, but we still have vacancies if you would like to assist. Please let Rachel know on 0411 337 290.

In addition to our popular BBQ we will also have a separate food stall selling spinach and feta rolls, sausage rolls, fresh baked sweets from Thompson Bakery, chips and ice blocks. We will also have halal sausages available. These will be cooked separately and sold from the food stall not the BBQ. To make sure we cater for everyone wanting Halal sausages could you please ring or message Julie Small letting her know how many your family would like. We don't want to under cater and people miss out. Julie can be contacted on 0400 594 098.

Keep those wonderful donations coming in for our Christmas Hamper. We are low on grocery items like pickled onions, gherkins, olives, jams and other sweet and savoury spreads, nut mixes and savoury biscuits. If you could help out with these that would be tops. Don't forget those raffle tickets. They can be dropped into the P&C box in the office area. Donation box for hamper items is also in the office area.

Uniform Shop

Thanks to our amazing new volunteers, the Uniform Shop is able to be open Monday 8.30-9.15 again in addition to Fridays 2.30-3.15 as usual.

SCHOOL HATS will now be available for sale in the office, Bucket Hat Stage 3 and Broadbrim K - 4. **CASH SALES ONLY \$14.00.**

Christmas Twilight Picnic

Friday 6th December, 5pm Start

Join our school for an afternoon of Christmas Fun!
Bring a picnic or enjoy the BBQ & other food options.
Watch the kids perform, have a photo with Santa, pose in the photo booth, get your face painted and do some Christmas shopping at our market stall. Raffle drawn at 7pm



Lucky Dips &
Lolly Bags \$2

Face Painting or
Hair Spray \$2

History Excursion 'Families and their histories'

On Friday 22 November Kindergarten had the pleasure to visit BUPA Aged Care Home to spend some time with the lovely residents, it brought smiles to their faces. Some of our Kindy's have shared their experience there.

Written by Stephanie KD -

Last Friday we walked to BUPA Aged Care and we went far from school. At BUPA Aged Care we met some of the residents. We ate fruit salad and a cold drink. We had so much fun.

Comments throughout the day -

Stella KE - 'I can put a smile on that ladies face.' (and she did)

Agnether KG - 'I loved reading to the older people. Can we go back again?'

Connor KD - 'One of our residents was 99 years old and we asked her questions and her throat was sore.'

Mehetabel KG - 'It was a long walk but I liked Bill'.

Logan KE - 'I liked reading to that man.'



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Switch off the screen and get active

Spending time watching TV, going online, playing computer or hand-held electronic games can be fun. It can also be educational. But spending too much time sitting still in front of a screen can be bad for your health.

Effects of too much screen time

- ★ Poor posture
- ★ Poor eyesight
- ★ Strains of the thumb, wrist and elbow
- ★ Sleep problems
- ★ Delayed ability to make friends with others
- ★ Becoming overweight.

How long is too long?

Limit yourself to **2 hours a day** of sitting in front of a small screen, including the computer or TV.

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Screen time facts

- ★ Kids who watch TV for more than 2 hours each day are more likely to have an unhealthy diet, less likely to eat fruit and less likely to be physically active.
- ★ Nearly half of Year 6 girls and more than 6 out of 10 Year 6 boys spend more than 2 hours of leisure time every day sitting still.
- ★ It is more likely that kids will snack on foods that are high in sugar, salt or saturated fat while watching TV.
- ★ Playing 'active' computer games uses more energy than playing 'sitting' computer games, but nowhere near as much as playing sport itself.
- ★ The energy used playing 'active' computer games is not moderate or vigorous and doesn't count towards your recommended at least 60 minutes (1 hour) of physical activity every day.



Initiative of NSW Department of Health, NSW Department of Education and Training, Sport and Recreation, a Division of Communities NSW and The Heart Foundation

WPS Christmas Hamper Raffle

Yes, it's that time of year when we ask our generous school community for donations for our massive Christmas Hamper Raffle. Last year seen over 35 hampers made and raffled off. This year we will continue our massive raffle, however, we would like to start a new tradition of giving 10% of raffle profits to a local charity working to help local families doing it tough over the Christmas season. If you do not receive your raffle ticket book, please see classroom teacher or go to the office. The Hamper Raffle will be Drawn Friday 6th December at the twilight picnic.



Christmas Hamper Raffle- donation suggestion list

Class	Items
Preschool	Crackers / Savoury biscuits, bread sticks, nut mixes, gingerbread, soft drinks / poppers / cordials
Kindergarten	Sweet biscuits, shortbread, Christmas puddings, pudding pkt mixes, cake & muffin mixers, icing mixes, pancake mixers
Year 1	Jams, Marmalades, maple / golden syrup, honey, minced tarts, UHT or packet custard, jelly packets
Year 2	Pretzels, popcorn, chips, tinned / jarred fruit / vegetables, dried fruit, pickled onions / gherkins, olives
Year 3	Lollies, candies, toffees, candy canes, sweets, chocolate, liquorice, fudge, truffles
Year 4	Spreads, mustard, pickles, chutney, sauces – apple/mint cranberry, salad dressings, mayonnaise, gravy
Year 5	Christmas – wrapping, serviettes, bonbons, paper plates, cups, tea towels, decorations
Year 6	Tee, coffee, flavoured coffee sachets, juices, ice-block tubes, milk flavourings, UHT milk / cream

The donation drop off box will be located in the front office.

Donation ideas are certainly not limited to those on the list but make a great range of variety for hampers. If any business would like to donate a prize to go into a hamper, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support The P&C fundraising team

School Open Day

2019!

Join us at
Callaghan College Waratah

to celebrate learning in a range of subject areas including:
CAPA, TAS, PPP and Future Learning, talk to our staff and
view our teaching spaces

Thursday
3-6pm
Entry via Hall Gate

December
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Light refreshments,
fundraising activities
and live
performances