

Waratah Public School



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Term 1 - Week 5 RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY LEARNING

Wednesday 26 February 2020

Breakfast is Served!

Our amazing P&C have nominated our school to be the first in the Hunter to have a local radio station visit the school and host breakfast from their 'Tuckshop' On Friday 6 May, Tanya and Steve from Triple M Newcastle will be broadcasting live from our school for their morning breakfast show. They will be bringing their 'Tuckshop' along with them and will be providing breakfast for all the students.

As part of the morning, all children are encouraged to come dressed as a farmer and bring in a gold coin donation to continue to support our farmers who have been through continued drought, bushfires and floods. Our P&C will collect and make the donation to the farmers.

I'm sure it will be a great morning!

The National Day of action against bullying is coming up on the 20 March. As part of the lead up to this day a fact sheet about what bullying is and isn't has been attached to this newsletter. The fact sheet has the national definition of bullying so that everyone has a consistent, clear understanding of what bullying is.

Pertussis (Whooping Cough) is currently around in the community. If you have concerns, see your local GP or follow the link for a fact sheet.

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Factsheets/whooping-cough-pertussis.pdf>

Mat Freeman
Relieving Principal

Zone Swimming

Congratulations to the wonderful students who proudly represented Waratah Public School last Wednesday at Zone swimming. All students were competitive in their events, with many achieving a personal best time. The sportsmanship and encouragement displayed by our students was outstanding.

DrumCorp

Instructor Madi is extremely impressed with the skills our DrumCorp team have demonstrated over the first few weeks. If any new students would like to join, or would like to attend a drumming class to see if they would enjoy it please see Mrs Folpp.

School Photos

School Photos will be taken on Tuesday 3 March. It is important all students arrive at school by 9.00 am and are wearing their full school uniform. This includes **black shoes, white socks for girls and grey socks for boys**. The School Leadership Team and Sport Captains/Vice Captains will have their photo taken at 8:50 am.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2020

Thursday 27 February	Year 6 transition Day Waratah College Campus
Friday 28 February	School Assembly No class item
Tuesday 3 March	School Photo Day
Tuesday 3 March	Regional Swimming
Tuesday 3 March	P&C Meeting Hamilton North Bowling Club
Friday 6 March	Pre School Photo Day
Wednesday 18 March	Harmony Day
Tuesday 24 March	School Cross Country
Thursday 9 April	Easter Hat parade
Friday 1 May	Zone Cross Country
Monday 4 May	Anzac Ceremony
Thursday 28 May	School Athletics Carnival
Friday 29 May	Regional Cross Country
Wednesday 5 August	Zone Athletics
Monday 17—Wednesday 19	Stage 2 Camp - Point Wolstoncroft Stage 3 Camp - Great Aussie Bush Camp
Friday 28 August	Regional Athletics

Evacuation Practice

Each term, we will be having an Evacuation or a Lock Down Drill to review the procedures in case the need arises in the future.

The students will be required to listen to teacher instructions and move in an orderly manner to the designated area of the playground or classroom.

The school is required to hold an emergency drill each term and we usually hold these on Thursday of Week 6 each term.

We are advertising this before the next practise so parents will have an opportunity to support their child by discussing the situations that may arise and so they will be safe in a real emergency.

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

Reminders

School Photos

School photos will be held on Tuesday 3 March full school uniform to be worn. Family envelopes can be collected from the office. Envelopes to be returned on the day of photos with the correct money.

Mosquitos

Mosquitos are rampant in the playground please remember to apply insect repellent to your children before school or put a roll on in their bag for personal use.

NO AEROSOL SPRAYS.

Payment Reminders

Crossfit and Dance payments are DUE Friday 28 February. PAYMENTS **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED** AFTER THIS DATE.

SRE (Scripture) has re-commenced at school. Lessons are conducted on a Wednesday throughout the term for approximately 30 minutes. When your child enrolled at WPS, you would have chosen one of four available options;

1. Combined - Denominations include; Christian Churches , Anglican, Uniting, Protestant, Baptist, Other
2. Roman Catholic - Denominations include; Roman Catholic
3. Muslim
4. Non SRE

Parents / carers can make a change to the arrangements for their children by contacting the school in writing at any time throughout the year, otherwise the last option you selected will continue from year to year unless you advise us otherwise. The program coordinator for our school is Mrs Pippa Batchelor.

1. The provider for the Combined Scripture is St Philips Christian College, Waratah.
2. The provider for the Catholic Scripture is the Maitland Diocese.
3. The provider for the Muslim Scripture is the Islamic Council and ISRE.
4. The provider of Non- SRE is the staff of Waratah Public School.

P & C Behind the Scenes

Ever wondered what we do when we aren't doing uniform shop or a fundraiser? This is the current workload of the P & C Executive team and what we need to achieve over the coming weeks

- Complete and submit our 2019 audits for all our services, canteen, uniform shop, band, fundraising - huge job
- Provide these and other details to both the P&C Federation to maintain our membership, insurance and incorporation and provide to the ACNC to maintain our charity status
- Compile all program, service and financial reports for the AGM in April
- Formally structuring the School Band program as a P & C managed service including contracts, financials, hiring fee schedule and volunteer recruitment
- Recruiting Canteen Manager, including development of updated Job description, contracts and employment conditions
- Rebranding, restocking perishables and equipment and selecting/evaluating online ordering platform for canteen and purchase of iPad and dongle
- Developing a terms of reference for a newly created Canteen committee and recruitment of positions in the committee
- All background paperwork, approvals and set up for an EFTPOS Merchant Terminal for canteen and uniform shop
- Setting fundraising goals and calendar for 2020 in consultation with fundraising committee then start planning for each fundraiser
- Working with Nick the GA and Principal Mr Freeman in improving the amenities, storage and future use of the P & C area
- Evaluating all processes in the Uniform Shop including stock ordering and stock numbers and how we can make it more user friendly and accessible

There is so much accountability, legally and financially, in running a P&C. We are doing our very best to create the best possible outcomes for our school community. We are incredibly excited to get the canteen back open with a newly employed person and develop nutritious and cost effective food options for our school. We are doing all this with the feedback from the canteen survey carried out last year. We are providing what you asked for. Our fundraising is going to be amazing and our calendar for 2020 will be in next weeks newsletter. Our next meeting is Tuesday 3 March at Hamilton North Bowling club. Everyone is welcome. We will be having a presentation on options for canteen online ordering platforms then deciding what one we will go with.



Get your kids packing everyday lunchboxes

When children help plan and pack their own lunchbox, they are more likely to eat it .

Encourage them to swap:

- Muesli bar to Weet-bix Bites
- Le Snak to wholegrain crackers and cheese



Download our free "SWAP IT Everyday Lunchbox Planner" to try with your child

<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/primary-schools/swap-it/everyday-lunchbox-planner/>



Good for kids
good for life

Have you downloaded the Skoolbag app ???

Download the Skoolbag app to keep updated with what's happening at the school. It will alert you with events occurring, reminders, absentee form , cancellations etc. Follow the instructions below to download.



Definitions of bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence

Bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence are all interpersonal behaviours that can create or contribute to negative social environments. All school communities should have clear definitions outlined in their school policies and procedures for bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence.

Bullying

The national definition of bullying for Australian schools says: Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening.

Bullying can happen in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time (for example, through sharing of digital records).

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have immediate, medium and long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

- mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

However, these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved. Likewise not all online issues are bullying. (Online bullying is sometimes referred to as cyberbullying and refers to bullying that is carried out through information and communication technologies.)



EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!





Waratah Public School 2020 School Photos

2020 School Photos can be ordered online.

To view packages and to place your order please visit
www.newcastleschoolportraits.com
and enter your code.

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Orders to be done before photo day to avoid late fee.
Payments can be made with any Mastercard or Visa cards.

School Packages

A Pack \$65	B Pack \$45	C Pack \$38	D Pack \$26	E Pack \$22	F Pack \$65
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Family Package are
also available online
but must be ordered by
9pm the night before
Family photo day.

Family Packages

Family A Pack \$25	Family B Pack \$35
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Waratah Public School

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Mathletics Program 2020

\$10-00 per Student

All students – Kindergarten to Year 6 will once again be using the Mathletics Program as part of their Math lessons, classroom activities and extension learning at home.

This is an interactive resource that students can use at school and at home and once purchased students will be given personal login details. The program will become an important part of our teaching this year so it is essential that each student has the login code. Normally this subscription would cost over \$100 to purchase for each child so we are getting great value.

If you are having difficulty finding the money to pay for this, please contact the school office to discuss a payment plan. We want to make sure that every child has the best learning opportunities.

Payment can be paid at the front office or online through the School Website – Parent Online Payment.

Mat Freeman
Principal

✂ Please detach and return to the front office with payment - \$10-00
or POP (Parent Online Payment - Receipt Number).

Student Name

Class

☐ Cash Payment \$10-00

☐ Online Payment Receipt Number

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STAGE 2 EXCURSION
POINT WOLSTONCROFT SPORT & RECREATION CAMP

17 February 2020

Dear Parent/Caregiver

The planning of our Stage 2 camp at Point Wolstoncroft has now been finalised.

The excursion will take place from Monday to Wednesday - 17, 18 and 19 August 2020 — 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 \$270.00.

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 6 April 2020

THIS EXCURSION HAS LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE.

**A deposit of \$50.00 must be paid by 6 April 2020 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 2 July 2020, 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

Mat Freeman
Principal

X

Waratah Public School - Point Wolstoncroft Sport & Recreation Camp
Return to the office by 6 April 2020

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to participate in the Stage 2 Camp to Point Wolstoncroft on the 17, 18 & 19 August 2020.

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

I include \$50.00 as deposit for my child to attend the 2020 camp.

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

Signed _____ Date _____
Parent / Guardian

Waratah Public School
STAGE 3 EXCURSION
GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

17 February 2020

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 - 17, 18 and 19 August 2020 — students will be away for 3 days, 2 nights.

The cost of the camp will be \$290.00.

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 6 April 2020.

**THIS EXCURSION IS LIMITED TO 80 STUDENTS.
A deposit of \$50.00 must be paid by 6 April 2020 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 2 July 2020, 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

Mat Freeman
Principal

X

Waratah Public School - Great Aussie Bush Camp
Return to the office by Monday 6 April 2020

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to participate in the Stage 3 Camp - Great Aussie Bush Camp 17, 18 and 19 August 2020.

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

I include \$50.00 as deposit for my child to attend the 2020 camp.

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

Signed _____ Date _____
Parent / Guardian



Waratah Public School
GIRLS & BOYS DANCE (YEARS 1 – 6)
Term 1 & 2 2020

February 2020

Dear Parent/Caregiver

Dance groups will be held again in Terms 1 & 2, with Ms Cheryl-Ann Stannett, a qualified Dance Teacher, teaching the groups.
There will be three separate dance groups, Years 1 & 2, 3 & 4 and 5 & 6.

The cost for Term 1 & 2 will be:

Year 1 - 2 \$50-00

Year 3 - 6 \$60-00 (Includes Costume/Bus Hire for Dance Festival Term 3)

All money and permission notes must be put in the office payment box.

NO LATE PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED

NO LATER than Friday 28 February (end of Week 5).

Mat Freeman

Principal



Please return payment & slip to the office payment box NO LATER than FRIDAY 28 February

Waratah Public School

GIRLS & BOYS DANCE (YEARS 1 – 6) PERMISSION NOTE TERM 1 & 2 2020

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____

to attend dance lessons in Term 1 & 2. I enclose

☐ \$50.00 Year 1 and 2

☐ \$60.00 Year 3,4,5 and 6

☐ I enclose payment OR

☐ Payment made online Receipt Number _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent / Caregiver)

Additional Dance Teachers/Collaborative Dance



Education

**WARATAH PUBLIC SCHOOL
CROSSFIT TERM 1 2020**

Sports Program :	CrossFit TERM 1
Venue:	Waratah Public School
Date(s):	Beginning Friday 14 February 2020
Classes involved:	Years 3 - 6
Cost of program is:	\$40-00 (8 Weeks) Payable by Friday 28 February 2020 NO REFUNDS
The group will be supervised by:	Class Teachers
Additional Information:	This sports program will commence Friday 14 February and continue weekly until the end of Term 1.

Mat Freeman

Relieving Principal

Medical Disclaimer

Parents please note there is no personal injury insurance cover provided by the NSW Department of Education and Training for students in relation to school sporting activities, physical education lessons or any other school activity. Parents and caregivers are advised to assess the level and extent of their child's involvement in the sport program offered by the school, zone, area, and state school sport associations when deciding whether additional cover, above that provided by Medicare, is required.

The NSW Supplementary Sporting Injuries Benefits Scheme, funded by the NSW Government, covers any injury resulting in the permanent loss of a prescribed faculty or the use of some prescribed part of the body.



Please return slip & \$40-00 to the office NO LATER than Friday 28 February 2020

**Waratah Public School
CrossFit TERM 1**

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to participate in the CrossFit program.

☐ I have enclosed payment of \$40.00 - Term 1.

☐ Payment made online Receipt Number _____

I understand that no refunds will be issued if my child does not attend.

Signed: _____ Parent Name: _____
(Parent / Caregiver)

Date: _____