Dear Parents

Yesterday we held our student leaders’ induction. This is a ceremony in which our captains and prefects read the pledge that they have written for their office. It was good to share this time with proud parents and special guest Mr Tim Owen MP. Our students did a great job: the leaders, announcers and our great dancers. Congratulations and well done to our announcers, Rory Johnson, Kayla Travis and Ms Sammons and the dancers who performed for us. Thank you to Mrs Wolfenden for playing the piano and to Mrs Donna Mackenzie and canteen volunteers who catered for the special morning tea.

Flash mob Dancers

Preschool Meet The Teacher

Tomorrow afternoon at 4.45 pm we are holding our “meet the teacher” session in the preschool. We are hoping that many interested parents will attend. Teachers will be discussing

• The preschool program
• Fundraising
• Volunteering opportunities
• Getting involved with your child’s education
• Waratah Public School
• Canteen (food exclusions/allergies)

Parents will also have the opportunity to ask questions.

Communication between home and school

If you have a change of details or if your child’s teacher needs to know of a change of routine, a health matter, family arrangement or perhaps a significant occurrence, please contact the front office staff with the names and class of each of your children.

If your child tells you of an incident that concerns you, please bring those concerns to your child’s teacher who will follow-up the matter with that child, other teachers and students. Please note that at no time should a parent approach a student about a disciplinary matter.

On the following pages I have placed a guide for communication.
Regional Swimming Carnival
Congratulations and our best wishes go to Fletcher (4/5S) who was selected to represent the Zone at the Regional swimming carnival at Maitland on Thursday.

Regards
Maria Williams

Entry and Exit
Reminder to students and parents

Please do not enter and exit through the car park.
This is a very dangerous practice as cars are driving in and out of this area.

Cross Country
The Waratah Public School cross country will be held on Friday 8 March. Students in Years 3-6 plus students in Year 2 that are turning 8 this year will compete. Racing will be on our back playground area and starts at 11:30 am. If you wish for your child not to compete in the school cross country carnival, please send a note to their teacher.

Thanks
Ricki Metcalfe

P&C News
Annual General Meeting 8 April 6.00 pm
Thank you to all who attended the meeting on Monday night. Welcome to the new members. We are looking for someone to mind children for the P&C meetings so that it is easier for people to attend. We would like someone who is child care trained. The position is for one night a month and is a paid position. If you are interested or someone you know might be interested please contact Anne on 0448 688 817 or drop a note in the P&C box.

Trivia Night is coming! 6 April
Start organising your table of 10 for this fantastically fun event at the New Lambton Community Centre. There are lots of great prizes to be won including a family pass to Luna Park. The cost is $15 a ticket which includes 3 raffle tickets. If you need help putting a table together please call Anne and Angela and we will be happy to help.

Cheers
Anne Campbell 0448 688 817

Hot Cross Bunraiser
We are holding a Bakers Delight Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser. The forms will be coming home shortly.

Please place your orders and full payment in an envelope and place it in the P&C Box in the office foyer.

Buns will be ready for collection from 1.00 pm on Tuesday 26 March in the Multipurpose Rooms.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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Information for Parents and Carers Interested in Time banking?
Time banking is a community program that allows the voluntary exchange of services between members. This great initiative, being run by the Volunteering Unit in the Office of Communities, would like to chat to Mums and Dads about the project. P&C Federation is keen to support this discussion, and as such Wallsend Public School has kindly offered to host a focus group.

When:  Wednesday 6 March
Where:  Wallsend Public School
        Cnr Metcalfe and Martindale Streets
        Wallsend.
Venue:  School Library
Time: 1.15 pm – 3.00 pm

You are warmly invited to attend and have a chat to the project providers about why you do or might volunteer your time and what services you might like to exchange, I vote for ironing! Hope to see you there.
EASTER LUNCH TUESDAY 26 MARCH

A special Easter Day lunch will be held on Tuesday 26 March.
If you would like to order please fill in the form and send back no later than Friday 22 March.

COST $6.00

Lunch will consist of
Cocktail fish □
Salad tub (carrot sticks, cherry tomatoes, celery sticks, orange wedge) □
Potato nuggets □ Easter eggs □
Tartare sauce □ or tomato sauce □
apple juice □ orange juice □ water □

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HARMONY DAY LUNCH THURSDAY 21 March

A special Harmony Day lunch (International Food) will be held on Thursday 21 March for children and parents/caregivers.

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If you and your child/children would like to participate in this special lunch please send money and form back to the canteen no later than Friday 15 March. (NOT OTHER HOT FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY)

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NSW GOVERNMENT Education & Communities
### Term 1 Calendar 2013

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This is a parent and community guide for seeking information and expressing concerns

From time to time parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to:

- Discuss the progress or welfare of their own child
- Express concern about actions of other students
- Enquire about school policy or practice

It is therefore necessary to have procedures that will help solve problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results usually flow from working together.

These guidelines aim to:
- provide a guide in order that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner.
- ensure that the rights of students, teachers and parents are respected and upheld.
- support sensitivity and confidentiality.
- help reach an agreed solution

On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.

Trying to talk to teachers when they are trying to teach, manage children or engaged in another conversation is counterproductive.

### CONCERN | APPROPRIATE ACTION
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**The academic progress of own child** | * Contact the child’s teacher either by note, by phone or in person (before or after class times) to arrange a suitable time to discuss any issues.  
**The welfare of own child** | * For minor issues directly contact your child’s teacher to clarify information.  
* For more serious concerns, contact office. State nature of concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with class teacher, stage leaders or Principal  
* To convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues etc. Please contact the office.
**Actions of other students** | * Contact the class teacher for a classroom problem.  
* Contact the class teacher, the stage leader or principal for playground problems.  
AT NO TIME SHOULD A PARENT APPROACH ANOTHER CHILD OTHER THAN THEIR OWN CHILD TO ADDRESS AN ISSUE AT SCHOOL.
**School policy or practice** | * Contact office. State nature of concern and make an appointment to see the principal and/or appropriate member of staff.