Dear Parents

On Tuesday we commenced the installation of the new Department technology system. This system will be rolled out to all schools this year. Regional Technology support has explained that the completed migration from the old system to the new one should conclude in 10 weeks. The new system allows students more technological learning space so that when composing animations and videos our students will have greater storage for their work.

The system operates with Windows 7 and thus is more up-to-date and more flexible than our current system. Of course with all new systems and processes we have been advised that there will be some teething issues and we need to hasten slowly alerting IT of any concerns as they arise.

Harmony Day

One of the aspects of our school that is so very special is that at Waratah Public School, we as a multicultural community work and play together with respect and that we value our diversity. Each Wednesday Mrs Reeves works with a group of students who help lead our “Doing Diversity Differently” program in all our classes. On Thursday 21 March we will be holding our Harmony Day. Mrs Haddow has organised a team of senior students to lead our children through a number of enjoyable activities that will give them further insights to other cultures. We will commence the sessions at 11.30 am with an assembly and continue through the day. Our canteen will also be in participating in the Harmony theme all day with orange being the operative colour and special foods available to order for lunch.

Waratah Easter Hat Parade for students in P-2

Waratah Public School warmly welcomes all family members to come and enjoy this visual spectacular on Wednesday 27 March from 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm in the Infants COLA.

K-2 students can make an “Easter Hat” at home or bring materials to make their hat in class.

Preschool students will be making their hats in class time.

PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please note that the double gate entry is for staff cars and canteen deliveries only. Please do not drop and pick children up from in the school car park.

Safety in school grounds

Please use the Lambton Road pedestrian gate when entering the school grounds on foot. It is very dangerous for pedestrians to enter through the car park gates with vehicles entering and leaving.

5 Minute Parking

Please remember that the 5 minute parking around the school is for 5 minutes only (dropping off of students), please be courteous of other parents that are dropping their children at school. The fines for staying longer than 5 minutes are quite high.

Regards

Maria Williams
Fun Friends
Fun friends is a program operating in all classes from Kindergarten to Year 2. In this program, students learn about being resilient through fun games and activities. As a part of the program, there are suggested activities to practise these skills at home. These will be published in the Bulletin each week.

1. Each night (e.g. around the dinner table), each member of the family says at least one positive/happy thing for the day (it could be something as small as a hug from Mum!).
2. Practice being brave by:
   * Looking people in the eye
   * Smiling
   * Using a brave voice
   * Standing up tall
   * Trying your best and giving it a go

Week 7
1. Discuss things that your child can do to make themselves feel better when they have unpleasant feelings. (this is called self-soothing or self-regulation). E.g.
   * If you are sad: have a cuddle, talk to someone you love, play with a pet
   * If you are sad: go to a chill out zone, have a cool drink of water
   * If you feel worried: talk to mum or dad, listen to some nice music, play a fun game.

Praise them for what they tell you and for doing these things.
2. Ask your child to try and work out what other people may be feeling by looking at their faces and their bodies carefully. Encourage them to make one person feel better each day.
3. Keep encouraging your child to be brave.

P&C News—Bakers Delight Hot Cross Buns
Orders forms and full payment is due 20 March. 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 by 1.00 pm on 26 March in the Multipurpose Rooms.

Anne Campbell 0448688817

Annual General Meeting 8 April 6.00 pm

Library
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 0448688817 or drop a note in the P&C box.

Trivia Night 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, let us know by dropping a note in the P&C Post Box. We will be happy to help.

P&C Uniform Shop Survey
Over the past 6 months many people from our school community have expressed different views and ideas regarding our school uniform and the Uniform Shop. It has been a few years since a review was conducted regarding our school uniform. Therefore, the P&C are currently reviewing the Uniform Shop operations and current uniform stock, and would like to know your thoughts and comments on providing uniforms and a better service for the school community.

Attached to the bulletin is a Uniform Shop survey. Please complete and return, by the end of Term 1, to the P&C box at the office or email completed forms to waratahpandc@yahoo.com.au.
Survey results will be given at the P&C meeting May 6 2013 so please have your say.....

Thankyou for your participation.
Richelle Ervine
P&C Vice President
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.

| QTY | Spring Rolls | 50 cents each | Single serve pizza (cheese and bacon) | $1.50 each | Italian meatballs | 40 cents each | Sweet and sour pork | $3.00 | Large pies | $2.50 | Small pies | $2.00 |

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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K Baldwin |
| Friday  | 15 March | S Niblett  
M Friend  
R Baird |
| Monday  | 18 March | S Hearn |
| Tuesday | 19 March | S Corrigan  
A Campbell |
| Wednesday | 20 March | K Carr |
### Term 1 Calendar 2013

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| 7  | 11 March        | 12 March         | 13 March  
Year 6 expo  
Callaghan College Waratah Technology High 4.00-5.30 | 14 March          | 15 March  
12.20 whole school assembly |
| 8  | 18 March        | 19 March         | 20 March  
21 March  
Harmony Day  
Fundraising Meeting 2.00 pm  
Multipurpose room | 22 March  
K-2 Assembly  
9.10 am  
Yr 3-6 Assembly  
11.30 am | 21 March  
| 9  | 25 March        | 26 March         | 27 March  
Scripture service in the hall 9.15  
Easter Hat Parade (COLA) 2.00—3.00 pm | 28 March          | 29 March  
Good Friday |
| 10 | 1 April  
Easter Monday | 2 April  
State swimming carnival | 3 April  
State swimming carnival | 4 April          | 5 April  
12.20 whole school assembly |
| 11 | 8 April  
P&C Annual General Meeting | 9 April  
Zone Cross country | 10 April          | 11 April  
12.20pm-1pm ANZAC Service | 12 April  
Last Day Term 1  
K-2 Assembly  
9.10 am  
Yr 3-6 Assembly  
11.30 am |
|    | Hols            | 15 April         | 16 April         | 17 April         | 18 April         | 19 April |
|    | Hols            | 22 April         | 23 April         | 24 April         | 25 April         | 26 April |

### Term 2 Calendar 2013

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| 1  | 29 April  
Staff Development Day | 30 April  
Staff Development Day | 1May  
Students return | 2 May          | 3 May  
Whole School Assembly 12.20 pm |
| 2  | 6 May            | 7 May            | 8 May            | 9 May            | 10 May  
Regional Cross Country |
The Uniform Shop School Uniform Survey

The P&C Uniform Shop would like to know your thoughts and comments on providing uniforms for the Waratah Public School community. We are currently reviewing the Uniform Shop operations and stock, and would value your input in order to provide a better service for you.

1. Do you know where the new Uniform Shop is located? Y / N
2. Are the current Uniform Shop opening times convenient for you? Y / N
   If not, what would better suit you?______________________________________________
3. If online ordering was available would you use this option? Y / N
4. If online payments were accepted via internet banking (EFT) would you use this option? Y / N
5. Are you satisfied with the current uniform stock available through the Uniform Shop? Y / N
   If not, what suggestions would you make:
   _____________________________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________________________
   _____________________________________________________________________________
6. If the Uniform Shop were to stock the following items, boys grey shorts and girls maroon skorts (shorts with a skirt front,) would you buy them from the Uniform Shop? Y / N
   If not why? ____________________________________________________________________
7. Would you like to see the Uniform Shop stock other items?
   library bags Y / N
   girls white socks Y / N
   girls hair accessories (school colours) Y / N
   Other _______________________________________________________________________
8. Would you like to see any changes made to the current school summer/ winter uniform?
   ____________________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________
9. Do you have any other suggestions or comments?
   ____________________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________

Thank you for your participation