Dear Parents

What an amazing start to our day with the KOFM breakfast program being broadcast from Waratah Public School! Thank you to all who came early to help, prepared students, organised people and helped liaise with the radio station. Our students had a wonderful time and our whole school community was treated to a BBQ breakfast. The students enjoyed the games, jumping castle and balloons. Congratulations to all who contributed so well to the radio program. We are very proud of all of you.

- “Cool Lingo” segment featured Byron, Isabella and Kayla,
- Mrs Sanderson did us proud in the $1000 quiz segment,
- Cameron spoke about his great granddad who was offered the Tarzan role,
- Members of the cast of our musical “Kids At Sea”– Kadel, William, Hayley and Hiraani beautifully performed a short segment,
- Mahlek and Ms Reeves shared the joke of the day,
- Rory, Lauren, Elliott and Matthew had a few very interesting questions to ask David and Tania,
- Dom and Sophia did a great job talking about their favourite birthday.

David and Tania were very impressed with our students and our school, the grounds, the trees the buildings and the vegetable patch and said they would love to be invited back.

Harmony Day Activities
Thank you to Mrs Haddow for her skill, leadership and patience with the organisation of our Harmony Day activities. Last Thursday the students participated in a Harmony Day Assembly. Thank you to our student leaders for presenting their Harmony Day speeches and to Ms Palmer for working with the leaders, to Mr Mathieson for his great talk and to Ms Reeves for her work with singing for this event. Today senior students led classes in games from around the world.

Parents and Citizens
We had an excellent P&C meeting on Monday night. Thank you to the hard working team who take on this vital role. So much is done for our school through your dedication. Congratulations to the office bearers for 2013
President—Verity Currey
Vice President—Richelle Ervine
Secretary—Anne Campbell
Treasurer—Angela Rodgers
Canteen Manager—Donna McKenzie
Canteen Secretary—Joan Sparks
Canteen Treasurer—Suzie Niblett
Uniform Shop—Richelle Ervine
Fundraiser—Anne Campbell
Patron—Andrea Rufo

Zone Cross Country
Well done to all our students who participated in the zone cross country. Mr Metcalf and Mr Brockbank commended the students on their participation, cooperation and behaviour, especially through the trying conditions. Congratulations to Fletcher (4/5S), who has been selected to represent our Zone at the Regional carnival.

Aboriginal Culture Days
The Callaghan Collegiate has organised 2 special days for Aboriginal students only. On Tuesday our Year 1-4 students participated and on Thursday our Year 5-6 students will participate. Miss Dodds and Mr Mathieson accompanied our students on Tuesday. They were full of praise for our students as they participated in cultural activities such as boomerang throwing, the boys playing the didgeridoo and the girls dancing and playing the tapping sticks. The children were able to look at and hold real artefacts and create their own Aboriginal artworks. The children should all be very proud of themselves for representing our school so brilliantly!

ANZAC assembly
Tomorrow at 12.20 pm we are holding our ANZAC assembly in the hall. Already students have been making poppies and learning about their significance. Our captains will be leading the school in this assembly and we will be joined by members of the Waratah/ Mayfield RSL.

Annual School Report
Our 2012 annual school report is now on our school website. In this report we were able to share information about many of the programs and the highlights of 2012 and report on the results of evaluations, the progress of school targets and the schools plans and strategies for 2013.

Out of Uniform Day
One of the requests from last year’s student evaluation is more out of uniform days. Accordingly, on Friday our Year 6 are holding an out of uniform fundraiser. Students are invited to come to school out of uniform for a gold coin donation. It is expected that sensible clothing will be worn, no midriff or singlet tops are permitted and students will need to wear sensible shoes, not thongs. Money from this fundraiser will go towards the Year 6 gift.

Regards
Maria Williams

What do our school rules mean to you?
2C have been discussing what our school rules mean to them.
Today I would like to talk to you about our school rules. The rules at Waratah Public are Respect, Responsibility and Learning.
The meaning of Respect is the act of noticing with attention. The way I show Respect is, when the teacher is talking I give them my full attention and listen to what they are saying.
The meaning of Responsibility is that everyone is accountable or answerable for their own actions. The way I show Responsibility is when I see a friend or person get hurt I take responsibility in giving my help.
The meaning of Learning is, the knowledge or skill received by instruction or study. The way I show Learning is always doing my homework and always reading.
Montanna 2C

I can be Respectful to others by being a good friend and not being a bully.
I can also be Respectful by being considerate of other children’s feelings.
I can be Responsible by looking after my possessions.
I can be Responsible by looking after my friends.
I can show Learning by being interested in lots of things and borrowing books from the library.
I can also show Learning by being interested in what the class is learning.
Hamish 2C
Fun Friends
Week 11
- Talk to your child about having a coping step plan to achieve goals. Talk to your child about their fun friends book and the goal they have set for themselves.
- Continue identifying red and green thoughts.

School Voluntary Contributions
Contributions have been set at $40 per family for the year. These contributions go towards helping with classroom resources. Payments can be made at the office. See below for details.
Thank you

Office Receipting
Due to finance requirements EFTPOS payments will only be accepted between 8.30 am—10.30 am and 2.00 pm—3.00 pm. Cash payments are accepted at any time. Correct money can be left in the office mail box in envelopes available at the office.
Thank you for your cooperation

Stewart House Donation Drive 2013
Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT. Please return envelopes to the school office by 3 May. Extra envelopes available from office.
Thank you for your support

Gardening News
Bumper crop!!!! This term there has been a flurry of activity in the ‘Vegie Patch’ preparing beds and planting winter crops. Between 5/6M, 5/6P, 2/3S & 3/4B children were digging, mulching, weeding, collecting and germinating seeds, and planting vegies. We have planted beans, peas, snowpeas, radish, spring onions, beetroot, salad lettuces, fennel, Chinese cabbage, English spinach, silverbeet, carrots, basil, parsley and thyme.

A big thankyou to John Henry, John Williams, Mitre 10 Mayfield, all class teachers and especially our young budding gardeners for getting our ‘Veggie Patch’ happening.

P&C Uniform Shop Survey
This is our last week of term and I only have 20 survey responses handed in. Whilst this is great, and I thank those who have participated very much, this is a very small representation of the 300 or so families that attend Waratah Public School.

Decisions regarding our current school uniform and the service the Uniform Shop provides will be based on this survey. So please have your say.....

Obtain a survey from the schools website under “P&C” tab and then ‘Surveys” or at the P&C box in the front office.

Woolworths/Coles Earn &Learn Collecting and Counting
If we are able to recruit parent helpers, we are able to run the Coles and Woolworths programs which provide great resources in sports and literacy programs for our children. If any parents are interested in coordinating this years Earn and Learn program please see Mrs Butler. Thank you

Winter Uniforms
New stock for bomber jackets and girls cotton bootleg pants have arrived. Orders for boys and girls long sleeve gold polo shirts will be available from the Uniform Shop early next term. Please see the Uniform Shop for more details.
Cheers Richelle
P&C
ENTERTAINMENT BOOK
Help us raise funds for Waratah Public School
Pre-order an Entertainment Book from us today to receive over $180 in additional offers!
Order you new 2013/2014 book from Waratah Public School and 20% of your book purchase goes towards our fundraising. The new book is only $60, and you will receive $15,000 worth of valuable offers which are valid until 1 June 2014.
Please don’t forget to reference Waratah Public School when registering your 2013/2014 Entertainment Membership.
Anne Campbell
Waratah Public School

Mothers’ Day Stalls Wednesday 8 May and Thursday 9 May
We would love some donations for the Mothers’ Day stalls. Please leave them in the container near the canteen.

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2013/2014 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK ORDER

Name: ................................................
Child’s Name: ....................................
Class: ................
Quantity Required: .................
@ $60.00each
Total Amount Due: .................

Layby Requested: Yes □
No □

Please complete the slip and return with money in a sealed envelope ‘marked—Entertainment Book’ to the P&C Post Box (located in the office foyer)

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THE SMITH FAMILY SAVERPLUS
SaverPlus can match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to $500
Is your child at school or starting next year? Would you like $500 to help pay for uniforms, books, excursions or a laptop?
To be eligible your need to:
• Have a Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card,
• Have a child at school now or starting next year,
• Have some form of household income, for example, your partner or yourself may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.
To find out more phone 1300 610 355 or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355 or email saverplus@bsl.org.au
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Supervised School Crossing

PEDESTRIANS: you must wait on the footpath where shown, until the School Crossing Supervisor stops traffic and indicates that it is safe to cross.

CHILDREN
STOP CROSSING

DRIVERS: if you are approaching a supervised school crossing and the School Crossing Supervisor is carrying a STOP – Children Crossing sign, you must slow down and stop. You may only proceed when the School Crossing Supervisor and all other pedestrians have left the crossing.