Dear Parents,

Lots of exciting things happening at the end of this term beginning with our Disco tonight... **Wednesday 27 November.**

**Years Pre-Kinder** 4.15 pm—5.00 pm  
**Years 1-3**  5.15 pm—6.30 pm  
**Years 4-6**  6.45 pm—8.00 pm

We hope to see you all there for a fun night as well as your party days, Twilight picnic Presentation day, just to name a few.

**PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA**  
**DATE: 29 November 10.30 am—11.30 am**  
We thank all the helpers and hope you can make this morning tea to allow us to thank you for all your help and support, no matter how small or large. Please RSVP to the office.

**Our Busy Office Ladies Request**  
Can I please remind you to keep requests from our wonderful office ladies to a minimum, if possible, as they will be completing rollover Thursday and Friday? This is a hectic time for them and need our support. Keep smiling ladies!

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### Dates to Remember

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### Book Club

This was our last Book Club Issue for 2013. Enjoy your orders when I get them back to you. The school has been able to enjoy the benefits of supporting this valuable resource by being rewarded with free vouchers at the end of the year. In the past, we have used these vouchers to top up home readers and class readers. The school extends our thanks to everyone supporting us through the Scholastic Book Club program.

**10 Things you didn’t know about Mrs Rigney**
- I grew up on a farm and went to a 2 teacher school.
- My first teaching job was at Mulwala where I went skiing and flying.
- If I wasn’t a teacher I would be a helicopter pilot –full time.
- I love going for coffee with my friends every Thursday.
- My favourite foods are Balmain Bugs and sea scallops.
- I love travelling in Australia and overseas.
- I’ve been to lots of places, my favourites are Spain and Italy.
- I also love going to Sweden and Finland to visit cousins.
- Reading is my favourite activity—biographies and children’s books.
- I have 3 grandchildren—Bridie, Connor and Evie. I love spending time with them.

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### 10 Things you didn’t know about Ms Bignall

- My favourite food is fruit.
- My favourite colour is green.
- I have a penpal in Newcastle, England.
We have never met.
- I use to be a Highland Dancer.
- I love Spring.
- My hobby is to write poetry.
- I love to draw and paint.
- I have 4 children.
- I own a dog named Penny.
- I love meeting new people.

10 things I didn’t know about 2 of our Prefects.

Conor
- I have a fish called Captain Cuddles.
- When I grow up I want to be a Scientist.
- My favourite food is Gnocchi.
- My favourite subject is Science.
- My least favourite subject is Maths.
- I am a perfectionist.
- I am moving to Mudgee in 2014.
- My favourite movie is Star Trek- Into the Darkness.
- I have a pet guinea pig.
- I am a good fixer.

Lewis
- I love being a prefect at this school.
- I have a dog named Oscar.
- When I grow up I want to be a Police Officer.
- I love my teacher Miss Palmer.
- My favourite movie is World War Z.
- My favourite subject is sport.
- I play for a local rugby league team as a winger.
- My best achievement is becoming a leader.
- I love my family.
- I love to eat KFC.

Presentation Day 2013 –
At the end of the year we are holding two presentation day ceremonies on

Wednesday 11 of December,
The Years 3—6 ceremony is at 10.00 am and the K—2 ceremony is at 11.45 am, approx.
For those parents who would like to attend both presentations, there will be morning tea between the ceremonies.
Please mark the date on your calendar...

STILL-Wanted-Gloss Paint!
We require some gloss paint for our shelves in the canteen.
If you have some spare can you please drop it off at the canteen.
Donna would be very appreciative.

Attendance at the end of Term 4.
All students in Kindergarten to Year 11 will be required to attend school up until the last day of teaching, Wednesday 18 December 2013. Prior to this date, students in all year groups should be engaged in meaningful work based on the curriculum and syllabus requirements. Where parents are seeking permission for their child not to be at school for a period of time the matter should be dealt with using the Exemption from School - Procedures. Please contact the office for any enquiries.

Regards
Mrs Butler

Office News
Due to the DEC end of year financial rollover there will be no eftpos and payment facilities from 25 November to 2nd December. Cash payments will be accepted but will not be receipted until 3 December.
Thank you

Swim and Survive
Learn to swim classes are available at a pool near you.
Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive is a fun and affordable water safety program.
For more information
Phone 131302
Or visit
Brochures were sent home yesterday.
Christmas Hamper Raffle

We are looking for donations for the Christmas Hampers. See the list of ideas. Please place in the box outside the canteen. Thank You For Your Support Please check your child’s bag for raffle tickets.

Twilight Concert
Friday 13 December
5.00 pm-7.30 pm
Christmas Gift Stalls
Raffle Draw
Carols and Santa
BBQ and Drinks
NB: You can pre-order your sausage sandwich and drinks. Please see the form in the bulletin.

Dear Members
Please Join Us

Waratah Public School P&C
For an end of year celebration! Monday 2nd December
Drinks at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner at 6.30 p.m.
The Swill and Grill
The Stag and Hunter Hotel
187 Maitland Road
Mayfield

CANTEEN ROSTER

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Day’s activities 7.30am to 6pm – Meals Included
Vacation Care is an inexpensive way to keep the kids entertained these school holidays.
Service Approved for Child Care Rebate & Benefit

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS
Join in the fun these January holidays At the Hunter Sports Centre.
SINGLE SESSION - $15.50 2 SESSIONS ON THE SAME DAY - $30.00
Family discounts for 2 or more participants available for 2 sessions on the same day.
2 sessions include a snack break
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
www.hsc.org.au

STOCKLAND DRIVE, GLENDALE NSW 2285
PO BOX 3187, Glendale NSW
Ph: 4953 6366 Fax: 4953 6587
www.hsc.org.au
Year 6 will be holding a fund raiser on **Friday November 15, 22, 29** and **Friday December 6 and 13** to raise money for the Year 6 gift to the school. The children will be selling ice creams for $1.00 each on both Fridays at lunch time.

Thanks for your support!

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### Some Hamper Donation Ideas

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<td>Coffee</td>
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| YEAR 5                         | YEAR 6                              | Anything that would help    |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|for Christmas Lunch or feed |
| Bon Bons                       | Soft Drink                          | the kids during the holidays.|
| Wrapping Paper                 | Juice                               |                             |
| Sticky Tape                    | Cordial                             |                             |
| Wrapping Decorations           | Apple Cider                         |                             |
| Christmas Decorations          | Soda Water                          |                             |
| Napkins                        | Sunscreen                           |                             |
|                                | Aeroguard                           |                             |

**Merry Christmas**

**and**

**Thank You**

**From the P&C**
Want your child to be successful way past the confines of the school gate? Then you need to make sure your child is tolerant of individual differences and accepting of children and adults who look and act differently to them. There’s no doubt that success in today’s world depends on the ability to understand, appreciate and work with others. The child who is open to differences is likely to have more opportunities in school, in business and in life in general.

Schools are diverse places
Walk into any school ground in Australia and you’ll witness diversity firsthand. You’re likely to see children from many different cultural, racial and family backgrounds. You’ll also see kids with different needs and diverse ways of expressing themselves. Some kids will wear their hearts on their sleeves, while others will be taciturn and quiet. Tolerant kids are accepting of these differences. They make friends with children and young people who may look and act differently to them.

Intolerance breeds bullying
Intolerance, or prejudice, is at the heart of a great deal of the bullying that occurs among children and young people. Kids who look and act differently or who are more isolated often experience bullying for no apparent reason other than the fact that they are ‘different’. Whole-hearted acceptance and even appreciation of differences is a preventative bullying measure that we can all support.

Tolerance starts at home
Kids learn attitudes such as tolerance from those around them. Children in primary school usually reflect the attitudes of their parents. While adolescents are strongly influenced by their peers, parental attitudes still have a significant impact on their attitudes to other people. In short, if you want your child to be accepting of differences – whether they are racial, cultural, behavioural or in sexual orientation – then make tolerance a family trait. Here’s how:

Help your child feel accepted, respected, and valued. When your child feels good about himself, he is more able to treat others respectfully.

Model acceptance. Kids learn what they live so make sure you welcome differences in others, and be sensitive to cultural or racial stereotypes. It also helps on a practical level to discuss prejudice and stereotypes when they occur in the media.

Challenge prejudice or narrow-minded views. Sometimes kids, knowingly or unknowingly, can say the cruelest things about others. As a parent respectfully remind your child or young person about the impact that a narrow view can have on his or her own behaviour as well as on those it may be directed towards. Intolerance of diversity is an attitude that parents should make a stand against.

Answer kids’ questions about differences honestly and respectfully. Teach your kids that it is acceptable to notice and discuss differences as long as it is done with respect. Respect individual differences within your own family. Your ability to accept your children’s differing abilities, interests and styles will go a long way towards establishing an attitude of tolerance in the children themselves. By valuing the uniqueness of each member of your family you are teaching your kids to value the strengths in others, no matter how diverse.

Modern Australia is such a wonderful culturally-rich place. This diversity is part of its magic. One way to make sure our children fully appreciate this richness is to fully embrace tolerance in everything we do.
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### KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL

ENROLMENTS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR 2014

Please contact the school office for an application form

Children must turn 5 before 31 July the year they are attending Kindergarten
Children must turn 4 before 31 July the year they are attending Preschool
CHRISTMAS FEAST
The Canteens last special lunch for the year is ‘Christmas Roast’ on Tuesday 3 December.
Lunch will consist of roast potato, chicken, peas and gravy, drink, dessert and treats.
Cost $7.00
If you would like to order please send in order form and money to canteen NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER - NO OTHER HOT FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY
NAME ________________________________ CLASS __________
PLEASE TICK YOUR CHOICES

□ POTATO  □ CHICKEN  □ JELLY WITH M&MS
□ PEAS  □ GRAVY  □ LOLLY TREAT
□ APPLE JUICE □ ORANGE JUICE □ GIFT
□ WATER

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2013 Twilight Concert Friday December 13
Sausage Sizzle Order Form
Name ________________________________ Class ________________
Contact Number(s) _____________________________ ____________________________
________ Sausage Sandwiches @ 2.50 each Total $ __________
________ Drinks @ $2 each Total $ __________
Order Total $ __________
Please place your order and money in the P&C Post Box in the office foyer by
Wednesday 11 Dec 2013

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Twilight Picnic Helpers
We are looking for volunteers to help at the Twilight Concert on Friday 13 December. The stalls run from 5.00 pm until 6.15 pm. We would appreciate any time you can give.
Money raised will go to equipment for the kids.
Name____________________________ Phone______________
I can help on the

□ Gift Stalls □ BBQ □ Drinks Stall
□ Raffle □ Setup (2pm—5pm) □ Hamper Wrapping

Please place in the P&C box in the office foyer
Call Anne for more details 49688817
Thank you for your support
myFamilyLaw is a free family law app where you can submit your family law query to a real family lawyer in your State in Australia.

Also find information about divorce, property settlement, parenting arrangements, child support, family violence and your financial future.

You can also use myFamilyLaw to find and connect with family law professionals, view inspiring motivational quotes and attend family activities listed in myFamilyLaw Events. myfamilylaw.net.au

Please Join us to be part of the dialog:

Guest speakers will share their stories of inclusion (and exclusion)

Learn more about what social inclusion means for people with disabilities

Entertainment through out the day

Morning tea and lunch PROVIDED

Please RSVP by Friday 29 November 2013 at www.stickytickets.com.au/14091
Or call 4905 0700