Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 2 2013. There are many significant events that will take place during the 9 weeks of this term. Among these are:

- NAPLAN in week 3;
- Whole school testing;
- Reports and interviews;
- School musical production preparation for K-6;
- Preparation for NAIDOC, and
- Our school Athletics carnival.

As well as these we have a number of team sporting events for Stage 2 and 3 including the Knight’s Knockout, touch football and the NSW netball gala day.

**Special Parent session – Family Support Newcastle**

Next Wednesday 8 May between 2.00 pm and 3.00 pm in the multipurpose room Family Support Newcastle will be holding an information session for anybody who is interested in what they do, what services they provide and what groups they run. Why not drop in to hear what they have to say and for a cuppa?

**Young Teen Talk**

On Tuesday 21 May we will be holding “Young Teen Talk” for our Year 6 students. This is an award winning program on puberty, relationships and birth. The cost is $20.00 per student, $14.00 for siblings and $12.00 for adults who wish to see the program. More information will be sent out to Year 6 students this week.

**Staff Development Days**

On Monday and Tuesday this week our teachers participated in professional development on the New National Curriculum in English. Our work with Accelerated Literacy has put us in good stead with this syllabus. Teachers will be trialling material from the curriculum this year. In 2014 there will be full implementation.

**Work accomplished during the vacation break.**

During the vacation break we had a new kitchen installed in our preschool, equipped with a new stove and a dishwasher. The kitchen makes great use of space, has plenty of storage space and looks modern and efficient.

Another innovation is the extension of our preschool grounds so that we can plan more gardens in the preschool to increase learning and play opportunities. Mr Henry extended the fence line and began the process of digging in the preschool boat.

For grounds and safety reasons a new fence has been erected adjacent to the K-2 COLA. The fence blends in with the green of existing railings and fences and hopefully will protect students and plants.

**New faces at Waratah Public School for Term 2**

Welcome to Mr Rob McTaggart, who with Mr Mathieson (on Mondays) will be replacing Mrs Wolfenden from Tuesday to Friday. Also welcome to interns Michael Fenton and Daniel...
Hoadley who will be working with Mrs Butler and Mrs Christie. These arrangements will be for all of Term 2.

Regards
Maria Williams

Fun Friends
Term 2 Week 1
- Continue to develop your child’s coping step plan and work on the first couple of steps. You may wish to develop more plans after your child has experienced success with the first one.
- Praise your child when they show listening, helping, smiling and sharing behaviours.
- Continue to use relaxation strategies as needed.
- Go through your child’s coping step plan with them. (look at their Fun Friends Book)
- Assist your child to turn red thoughts into green thoughts as needed.
- Continue to practise relaxation strategies.

Dance Term 2
Dance notes will be coming home today for children in Years 1—6. Money must be paid no later than 24 May.

Sports Carnival
Our annual sports carnival will be held on Friday 24 May. Cost for the carnival is $5 and is payable at the office by Thursday 23 May. (NO REFUNDS) Notes will be coming home with children shortly.
Junior—(K-2 children turning 7 in 2013) 10.00 am—12.30 pm
Senior—(Yrs 3-6 and Year 2 children turning 8 in 2013)

Stewart House Donation Drive 2013
Please return envelopes to the school office by 3 May. Extra envelopes available from office.
Thank you for your support

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

Application for Opportunity Class placement in Year 5 2014
Parents seeking Opportunity Class placement for Year 5 entry in 2014 are required to submit an application by 17 May 2013, i.e. the student is currently in Year 4.
Online applications open Monday 29 April 2013, via the website:
All other applicants must complete an official printed application form, which will be available at the school from 6 May 2013. Applications must be returned to the school by Friday 17 May 2013.

Woolworths Earn & Learn
Woolworths Earn & Learn is back, and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for your primary school.
It’s simple to participate. From Monday 8 April, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points from the checkout operator. There’ll be one point for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once your Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet is complete, place it in the Earn & Learn Collection Box, either at your school or at your local Woolworths.
For more detail about the program visit www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn
Thank you
Mrs Butler
P&C
Our next meeting will be held on Monday 6 May at 6.00 pm in the library. Everyone is welcome. We are still looking for a baby sitter for these meetings. If you know of anyone who is a qualified child care assistant and is looking for a little extra money please call Anne or drop a note in the P&C Post Box.

 Mothers’ Day Stalls
Whole school and 3 day preschool will be on Wednesday 8 May and 2 day preschool on Thursday 9 May. Students will be able to purchase a second gift on Thursday 9 May. Gifts range from $1 to $5. If you would like your child to purchase a gift please send the money to school with them or give it to their teacher. If you can spare some time to help on the stalls please let me know ASAP.

Fundraising Meeting Thursday 16 May
Multipurpose room
If you have any fundraising ideas we would love to hear them. Come along and enjoy an informal discussion on fundraising for the kids. If you would like to volunteer a little time on any of these event, please call Anne.

Fundraising Events for Term 2
Mothers’ Day Stall
Islington Markets—26 May (we are clearing out all old stock)
Pie Drive
Steggles chicken fundraiser
The pie drive and steggles fundraisers will run together. Perfect for winter dinners!

Happy Mothers’ Day
To all the mums, grandmas, nannas and carers
We hope you have a wonderful day
From the ladies of the P&C

Cheers
Anne Campbell 0448 688 817

THE UNIFORM SHOP
Winter Uniform
Winter stock has arrived. The Uniform Shop is fully stocked with bomber jackets, girls cotton bootleg pants, girls maroon tights, and maroon scarves.
The Uniform Shop also has many 2nd hand maroon jumpers, of varying sizes, also for sale. Embroidered long-sleeve gold polo shirts can now be ordered at the Uniform Shop.
Take advantage of our lay-by service for your child’s winter uniform needs.

The Uniform Shop
For Sale
Maroon Fleece Scarf $2
(old supplier stock)
Girls maroon bootleg pants $15
(Size 4, 8,10,14 only)
2nd Hand Maroon Jumpers
varying sizes
Cash, cheque or lay-by only.

Monday: 8.30-9.15 am
Friday: 2.30-3.15 pm

Uniform Shop Survey
A huge thankyou to all those people who filled in a survey form. Your varied responses and suggestions were greatly appreciated. Results will be presented at the next P&C meeting.
Cheers Richelle

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