Dear Parents

Congratulations to Ms Reeves for her excellent preparation for the Kindergarten Maths talk. I am sure that those parents who attended really appreciated the session.

National Testing
This week students in Years 3 and 5 have been sitting for their NAPLAN tests. On Tuesday they sat for spelling, punctuation, grammar and writing. On Wednesday they sat for Reading and Thursday they will sit for Numeracy. On Friday we will hold a catch up for those students not able to sit for tests due to sickness. It is appropriate to catch up on one or two tests rather than five on one day. If your child has missed out on all their 5 tests they will NOT be tested on all of these on one day.

For more information about NAPLAN please see: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan

Knights Knock Out
Thank you Mr Metcalf, who has been coordinating, and to Mr Myers, who has been training our teams for the “Knights Knock Out” rugby league competitions on 23 and 30 May. The competition is hotly contested and a long held tradition in Hunter schools.

Athletics Carnival
On Friday 24 May we will be holding our sports carnival. The carnival is a K-6 event with races and activities organised for Years 2-6 and K-1 students. Our younger students will stay for a shorter time but will be able to enjoy their time with the rest of the school. Thank you to Mr Metcalf and Ms Reeves for their work on the carnival.

Young Teen Talk
Following her wonderful sessions with our students in 2012, award winning educator Mrs Susie Blackwood has been invited back to present “Young Teen Talk” in Term 2 for Year 6 on Tuesday 21 May.

Young Teen Talk © is a light hearted & interactive health & sexuality program developed by CHI. It is presented to us again by Susie Blackwood, registered nurse - midwife. This program provides an excellent opportunity for the students to ask questions & to discuss a range of health & sexuality subjects in a safe environment.

Regards
Maria Williams

Food Allergy Week 13-18 May
Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware.

Find out more: http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au

Is your child making friends at school?
Children who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills:
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.

Fun Friends
Week 3
- 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.

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

Doing Diversity Differently
Term 2—At home poster competition
Awards presented Week 8 Assembly
21 June 2013
Topics
Kinder—Children’s Day
Stage 1—World Peace Day
Stage 2—National Refugee Week
Stage 3—National Sorry Day
Students are to make a poster on an A4 sheet of paper/cardboard. Students can use pencil, crayon, texta, or paint. Posters need to represent the topic. ALL posters will be collected by DDD team members each week.
Ms Reeves

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: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. 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.

School Photos
Our school photos will be taken on Tuesday 28 May for whole school and 3 day preschool and Thursday 30 May for 2 day preschool. Cost of packages will range from $16 to $43. Family packs cost $16 to $22. Photo packs were sent home yesterday Tuesday 14 May. Envelopes for family photos will be available from the school office. Students are asked to bring back photo orders and correct money on Tuesday 28 and handed to the photographer. Please note that the office is not handling photo money, all transactions are directly with the company.

Sports Carnival Reminder
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)
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)
9.45 am—2.45 pm

Marine Debris Activity Day
Friday 17 May
Amanda Burrows from the Catchment Management Authority will be doing 30 minute lessons for classes this Friday. The School Environment Leaders and 3/4B will be invited to go on a free excursion to further investigate the issues raised. Notes will be coming home with the children.
Mrs Butler

Parent Helpers for Public Speaking
If you are interested in helping our children prepare for the upcoming public speaking competitions next term please see your child’s class teacher.
Thank you

NSW Government
Ukulele Lessons
Ukulele lessons are once more available to students at Waratah PS in Term 2. Logistically it has been a little difficult to organise as it has not been possible to offer classes during school time and the limited amount of time available at lunch time has not allowed teachers to cater for different ability levels. The classes are also available to students who attend other schools. This is an inexpensive and fun way to start your child’s musical life. Classes will be held on Wednesday afternoons in the multipurpose room and will start in Week 4 after NAPLAN.

The fee structure varies depending on the class.

**LEVEL/TIME/FEE**
Beginners 3.15 pm—3.45 pm $9 x 6 = $54
Intermediate 3.45 pm—4.30 pm $13 x 6 = $78
Experienced 4.30 pm—5.30 pm $16 x 6 = $96

The school is not involved in payment of fees for this activity so please contact the teacher Jane who will be taking over from Mark Jackson. I highly recommend Jane as a teacher. Jane and Mark perform in a group called the Do Riders and jointly run The Sum of the Parts music school.

Contacts: Jane 4963 5413
Mark 0430 434 291
jane@thesumoftheparts.com.au
mark@thesumoftheparts.com.au

Marilyn Sanderson
Ukulele Group Facilitator

K-2 Awards Term 2 Week 2

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Class of the Week  KM
Playground Award  Ella

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**P&C News**

**Fundraising Meeting**
Thursday 16 May 2.00 pm
Multipurpose Room

**Mother’s Day**
A huge thank you to all of the lovely ladies who helped on the Mothers’ Day stalls. What would I do without you? Congratulations to all the raffle winners and thank you to Sarah Corrigan for running the raffle this year.

Thank you to all parents and caregivers for their generosity in donating gifts for the Mothers’ Day stall, for buying raffle tickets and for supporting the P&C’s fundraising efforts.

We hope that everyone had a wonderful day.
Anne Campbell

**School Photos – 28 May**
A reminder that school photos are just around the corner. Drop into the uniform shop and have your child looking smart for their photo day.
The Uniform Shop
Sports Carnival 24 May – House Shirts
The uniform shop has embroidered house colour polo’s in limited sizes. Purchase one for your child for carnival day!

**Long Sleeve Polo Shirt Orders**
Long sleeve embroidered polo shirts can be ordered from the uniform shop until 9.30 am Monday 20 May 2013. Orders will be placed that day to supplier and will take approximately 2 weeks. A 50% deposit is required at time of ordering and paid in full when ready for collection, or made into a lay-by. Sizing is the same as the short sleeved polo shirts.

If you are unable to make an order at the uniform shop personally, then fill in the order slip attached in the bulletin and return with your deposit to the P&C box in the front office. A receipt will be returned to you as order confirmation via your child at school.

For any further inquiries contact Richelle 0419210273

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**The Uniform Shop**
**For Sale**
- bomber jackets from $37
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- maroon fleece scarf $2
- 2nd hand maroon jumpers $4 varying sizes

Cash, cheque or lay-by only.

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Head lice - a guide for parents

To prevent head lice
- Tie your child’s hair back
- Tell your child not to share hats or clothes
- Check your child’s hair regularly

If your child has head lice
- Treat the child’s hair using one of the methods suggested below
- Continue to send your child to school
- Inform the school so they can inform others to check their children’s hair, your child doesn’t have to be identified
- Do NOT use household chemicals (such as kerosene or methylated spirits) to treat lice.

Comb and conditioner method
Head lice breathe through small openings along their abdomens called spiracles. Coating hair in something thick and slimy like a white hair conditioner makes these openings close over, shutting down the louse’s breathing for about 20 minutes. Although the louse will not die with this method, it does slow it down so that you can comb them out.

You can do the following:
- Sit your child in a low position in front of you and put on a DVD for your child to watch as you work.
- Wrap a towel or kitchen paper around your child’s shoulders to catch conditioner spill.
- Apply lots of conditioner to the scalp and massage it through all hair shafts. Lice live close to the scalp, so make sure you cover the hair shaft close to the scalp. Combing will spread the conditioner onto the rest of the length of hair. Every hair has to be coated to ensure it reaches the lice.
- When the hair is detangled and manageable, use a fine lice comb to comb out each section several times.
- After each comb out, wipe the conditioner on the paper towel. If the child has head lice, you will see them on the towel.
- Keep combing each section of hair until no further lice, nymphs or eggs appear on the paper towel. Often you will see lots of old egg casings that may take a while to remove.
- Once you have combed and re-combed each section of hair, either plait or tie the hair back.

Commercial lice treatment
A commercial lice treatment (available from your local chemist) can be effective, but you will need to read the label and follow the safety instructions carefully. Generally, treatment must be applied twice (one week apart) to catch all growth stages of the lice.
When using a lice treatment only treat the heads that actually have head lice or else you are really just contributing to lice resistance of treatment to products.

USEFUL TIPS
Head lice often gather on the crown of the head. A good head lice comb should also remove nymphs, the stage between egg and adult louse - teenagers! These can be difficult to identify with the naked eye, but appear as small insects on the paper towel.