Dear Parents

Dance Festival
Congratulations to our Senior and Junior Dance Troupes who have both been selected to be a part of the Hunter Dance Festival. It is a great achievement for a school to have one dance troupe selected to the festival, to have 2 is really exceptional.

Kids at Sea—School Musical
This week classes have commenced the choreography of their songs for our whole school musical, “Kids at Sea”. Teachers have reported great enthusiasm as the students sing and move to these catchy numbers. Thank you to Miss Sammons for her work choreographing the songs.

Next week we will commence training a choir to support classes with their singing. Mrs Curtis and Mrs Campbell will be working with students. Mrs Campbell has kindly offered to coach a small group of selected vocalist who will have special parts in the production.

Thank you also to the parents who have offered to help with sewing for “Kids at Sea”. Next Wednesday at 3.15 pm in the library we will have a production team meeting. The aim of the meeting is to look at all the scenes and gauge what costumes and materials we need to source.

Forum
Last Tuesday at 5.00 pm the Federal Minister for Education, Mr Peter Garrett held an educational forum in our school hall. Of our school, he said that he had done his homework, and the data indicated that Waratah Public School was a successful school. It was good for Waratah Public School to have this recognition before other educationalists in the Hunter.

Year 6 -7 Transition Workshops
Today students from Year 6 participated in a transition day at Waratah Technology High. The students had the opportunity to see classrooms and experience firsthand a taste of what it would be like to be a student at the high school.

Athletics Carnival
It was very disappointing to have to postpone our carnival last week due to the dreadful weather conditions.

We will endeavour to have our athletics carnival this Friday 31 May. Forecasts indicate that the weather will be dry until Friday so that the grounds can dry out sufficiently to allow our students to participate in safety and comfort. However, it is that time of the year when the rain comes down and spoils our athletics carnival fun. We will contact parents by text if the carnival is off.

If rain persists throughout the week we will try
to postpone our carnival once again. If this is not possible we will have no option but to take students who are wishing to try out for zone in the 100m, 200m and 800m age races. Students who are less enthusiastic about participating in running races will be left at school on the day. If this is the case, then for students who are in K-2, we will organise a sports carnival at school at a later date. Please note that these arrangements will take place only as a last resort. Hopefully it will be sunny by the end of the week.

Our school canteen will be operating at the sports carnival and at school. Pies, sausage rolls and cakes will be available.

Climate Cam Workshop
Today students in Year 4 have had the opportunity to attend the Newcastle City Council Climate Cam workshop for schools which was held at City Hall. The students learnt about sustainability, and ways to save energy, water and waste at school and at home. They worked in groups to develop action plans to make our school more sustainable.

Photo Days
Tuesday was our photo day for K-6 and the 3 day preschool. On Thursday the 2 day preschool students will have their photo day. It was a very busy day with all classes, individual students and family groups being photographed. We finished the day with a whole school photo and a casual Year 6 photo shoot.

Regards
Maria Williams

Interschool Chess Challenge 2013
(endorsed by the NSW Junior Chess League)
On Monday 17 June, there will be a chess competition for interested students, to be held at Swansea High School. This is a tournament for individual students who have a strong understanding and working knowledge of chess, it is not suitable for beginners. If your child is interested in taking part in this event, please contact Mrs Christie by Friday 31 May. There will be a limited number of spaces.

Mrs Christie

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.

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

Congratulations
Congratulations to Lachlan in 5/6P who will be representing Newcastle in the Number 1’s Under 11’s representative team as goal keeper. This is the 3rd year that he has represented Newcastle in hockey. He will be playing in Tamworth in the school holidays and also in Sydney against teams from Dubbo, Central Coast, Sydney and Lithgow. Waratah Public School wishes him every success.

Well done to Laing in 5/6P who attended the first round primary boys touch football tryouts. There were 30 children who were nominated to represent their school and Laing was 1 of 5 boys picked to move through to the next phase. Good luck Laing.

Congratulations to the Senior and Junior Dance troupes who have been successful in their audition for the Hunter Schools Dance Festival. Your hard work and dedication to perfecting your dance routines has paid off. More information will follow concerning costumes, dates and tickets at a later date.

Miss Palmer

Touch Football Representatives
On Wednesday, both Isaiah (5/6C) and Laing (5/6P) trialled for the Newcastle region’s combined school touch football team. Congratulations must go to both boys for representing our school so positively. There were over 30 students who trialled on the day with Laing making the final six students who will compete for the Newcastle region on June 7. Well done!
P&C Pie Drive
Pie Drive order forms were sent home last week. All orders are due back in by Friday 7 June. There are some yummy pies and cakes to choose from so why not ask your friends and family if they want to order some too? The family with the most amount of orders will win a 2013 / 2014 Entertainment Book! Spare order forms can be found above the P&C post box or at the canteen.

The Uniform Shop

For Sale
bomber jackets from $37
girls maroon cotton bootleg pants $27
girls maroon tights $10
maroon fleece scarf $2
2nd hand maroon jumpers $4

Cash, cheque or lay-by only.

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

Waratah Public School
150 Year Anniversary
2014 Fete
If you would like to join the 150 year Fete Committee or just have some ideas on how we can celebrate please join us on Wednesday 19 June 3.15 pm in the Multipurpose Room.

Shopping Bus Trip
26 October 2013
Start gathering your friends together for the shopping trip of a life time. Have fun, win prizes and grab some great bargains.
$55 a seat incl. lunch.
(Ticket layby is available)

2013/2014 Entertainment Book
Now Available For Only $60

Packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers from the best restaurants, cafés, hotel accommodation, attractions and activities. Layby is available. See form attached

Child Care Position
P&C Meetings
Must be qualified Paid Position
Send your details to waratahpandc@yahoo.com.au
### CANTEEN ROSTER

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### KIDS AT SEA

I would be able to help with the sewing of costumes for the school musical.

Child’s Name: ____________________

Class: ___________

Parents Name: __________________

Contact Number: ________________

Signed: ________________________  
(Parent/Caregiver)

### 2013/2014 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK ORDER

Name ____________________________ Phone ____________________

Child’s Name____________________________ Class ________________

Quantity ___________ @ $60.00 each  Total Amount $__________________

Layby Request  Yes/No

Please complete the slip and return with money in a sealed envelope marked “Entertainment Book” to the P&C Post Box (located at the main office)

### Uniform Shop Order Form – Embroidered Long Sleeve Polo

Your Name_________________________ Best Contact Number ________________

Childs Name________________________ Class ______________

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Is your child starting primary school in 2014?
If your child is starting primary school in 2014, you need to know about the Schoolkids Bonus. It is a new payment to help eligible families with the costs of primary and secondary school studies.
If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you may be eligible for up to $410 each year for your child to help cover the costs of uniforms, stationery, sporting gear, school fees or excursions. Half is paid in January to help with back-to-school costs and half in July for ongoing costs. When your child moves into secondary school, the rate increases to $820 per year, again with half paid in January and July.
Each November, Centrelink will write to Family Tax Benefit Part A customers whose child is likely to be starting primary school in the New Year and ask them to check and update their child’s education details. If you’re eligible, all you need to do is tell Centrelink when your child is starting primary school to activate the payment and it will continue to be paid into your bank account twice each year, for as long as you remain eligible.
Please note that children in preschool are not eligible as preschool is not part of formal primary education.
For more information, including the full eligibility criteria, visit australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus.

Information materials
A range of information materials are available on the Schoolkids Bonus website (refer to bottom right side of web page). Hard copies of the brochure and factsheet are available free of charge so please contact us if you would like copies sent to your preschool.
· Schoolkids Bonus Brochure – provides basic information about the Schoolkids Bonus
· Schoolkids Bonus Factsheet – provides more detailed information about the Schoolkids Bonus in a simple question and answer format
· Schoolkids Bonus Pathfinder – a simple flowchart to explain eligibility for the Schoolkids Bonus
· Schoolkids Bonus Postcard – a useful image to put on your preschool website or in your electronic newsletters as it contains the link to the Schoolkids Bonus website where parents can obtain more information.