Dear Parents

Congratulations to our Waratah Public School junior rugby team who won all their games in the Knight’s Knock out. The boys play in the finals on Wednesday 17 July. Mr Metcalfe reported that the team’s behaviour and cooperation was excellent. Thank you to Mr Metcalfe, for his organisation and to Mr Myers for his skill and dedication in training and preparing the team.

Carnival

Friday was a perfect day to hold a sports carnival and we had a wonderful day. The weather was mild and sunny and the grounds were dry. Well done to all our students, who were cooperative and participated well in the many activities. Our K-2 students especially were excited about the program, particularly Kindergarten as the carnival was their first big excursion! It was good to see so many parents and family members at the carnival, thank you for sharing this time with us. Thank you too to all the volunteers who helped with the carnival and ran the canteen. Congratulations to the organising committee, especially Mr Metcalfe and Ms Reeves for their excellent organisation of the day.

Kindergarten and Preschool Enrolments

In order to ascertain our classing organisation and to be able to confirm student placements, the school needs to have a good idea of who will be coming to school or leaving the school next year. Should you know of anyone who is moving into the area or will have school age children next year, please let the office staff know. I am enclosing a form in this bulletin.

Changes to home time routine

If there are changes to your child’s home time routine, please contact the office and also let your child’s teacher know. Children can forget your careful instructions and often present at the foyer upset and confused about home arrangements.
NAIDOC 2013 at Waratah Public School
Yesterday a group of parents and I gathered to commence organisation. We are planning to hold our NAIDOC activities on Thursday 25 July and have some great ideas including many of the popular activities from last year. Our next meeting will be Tuesday 25 June at 2.00 pm in the multipurpose room.

Phones at school
Students should take their phones to the office each morning and collect them before going home each day.

Preschool Talk next Wednesday
Next Wednesday 12 June at 4.30 pm in the preschool, we are holding a parent information session for the parents of preschool children. The afternoon will be a great opportunity to catch up with the latest information about preschool. There will be child minding available.

Website
Thank you to Mr Lynch who does a wonderful job keeping our website up to date. It is a great resource for information, with great video clips, the school news bulletin and a handy place to find our school notes. If students have misplaced notes parents are able to download these from the website.

Midyear reporting
On Friday 14 June we are sending home reports for our K-6 students. After last year’s successful introduction we are continuing to use the reporting format generated through our “SENTRAL” system. This format provides all the features of the DEC system whilst allowing for easier access for teachers and schools and also presenting a cleaner more attractive format.
In the week commencing 17 June we will be holding student progress meetings. All parents will be sent a note asking them to nominate dates and times for their child’s progress interview. Students will attend a part of this meeting in order to talk about their progress and their goals for Semester 2.

School Uniform
At Waratah Public School we encourage students to wear school uniform every day and appreciate parental support with this. Please see the back of the bulletin for a complete list.

Regards
Maria Williams

Athletics Carnival
We had splendid weather last Friday for our fun filled athletics carnival. Thank you to everyone for their tremendous support in what turned out to be a very successful athletics carnival. The parents who helped out in the canteen and with the events did a fantastic job and the carnival could not run without their help.
I would like to also give a huge thank you to all the students who participated to their fullest and were extremely enthusiastic. It made the day really exciting and fun for everyone involved.

Athletics Carnival ribbons
The ribbons will be handed out at this Friday’s assembly. The assembly commences at 11:30 am. Students that came 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their heat or final will receive a ribbon. There will also be an announcement on who the winning house is for 2013.
Ricki Metcalfe

Rugby League
Congratulations to our U10 rugby league team who won the Knights Knockout competition last week. The boys won all six games on the day, which featured schools from the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Hunter regions. They will now play at Hunter Stadium on Wednesday July 17. The boys did not only play extremely well, they represented the school with great sportsmanship and showed fantastic leadership. Well done boys, we are very proud.
Ricki Metcalfe
Earn & Learn
Help support our school again! Remember to collect Earn & Learn points stickers when you shop at Woolies. The more we collect, the more our school will benefit. This year we are aiming to redeem our Earn & Learn points for Reading/Maths equipment. The Woolworths Earn & Learn program ends on Sunday 9 June. Thank you for your support.

Key dates to note:
We have until 26 July 2013 to complete the returns process.
Any questions please see Mrs Butler.

Worm Farm
We are looking for another worm farm if any family has one to give away.
Thank you
Mrs Butler

Pie Drive
Pie Drive orders are due back this FRIDAY 7 JUNE. An Entertainment Book will be given to the family that orders the most. What better to have for dinner in the winter months than a nice hot pie!!
If you can help sort the pies when they arrive on Thursday 20th June, please let Verity know on 0421 599 458. Thank you.

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.

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)

Child Care Position
P&C Meetings
Must be qualified
Paid Position
Send your details to waratahpandc@yahoo.com.au
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**STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO WARATAH PUBLIC SCHOOL - 2014**

Please complete **ONLY** if your child / children **WILL NOT** be returning to WPS in 2014  
(Year 6 need not complete)

Family Name _____________________________ Date Leaving ____________

Name of NEW school __________________________

Signed __________________________ (Parent / Caregiver)

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**NEW ENROLMENTS**

Do you have friends, family or neighbours that have school aged children moving into the area. Please get them to contact our office staff.

Family Name _____________________________ Contact details __________________________

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**CANTEEN SPECIAL DAY – PICK A PIE**

The Canteen ‘Pick a Pie’ will be held on **TUESDAY 25 JUNE**

Lunch will consist of your choice of pie, sauce, milk and treat

If you would like to order please send in order form and money to canteen

**NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 21 JUNE** - **NO OTHER HOT FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY**

**COST $5.50**

**NAME ____________________________ CLASS _________**

**PLEASE CHOOSE ONE(1) FROM EACH COLUMN**

- □ potato
- □ cheese
- □ cheese & bacon
- □ plain
- □ tomato sauce
- □ BBQ sauce
- □ banana milk
- □ water
- □ choc milk
- □ straw milk
- □ plain milk
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Family Support Newcastle’s Family Relationships Skills Project would like to invite parents or carers of dependent children to a free, 2 week workshop on.....

**Playful Matters**

This is a seriously fun hands-on group
Come and experiment with some friendly child’s play
Enhance your relationship with your child

Discussions will also include:
Why play matters to children’s development
The wonderful worlds of play – Imaginary play, Messy Play, Outdoor Play
  Playful movement,
  Using play “every-day”

**When:** Wednesdays over 2 weeks
12th and 19th June, 2013
Time: 10.00am – 1pm

**Where:** Waratah Family Centre
Cnr Turton Rd and High Street
Waratah

A light lunch and children’s activities provided
To reserve your place in this exciting program, please call Family Support Newcastle on 4926 3577

The Family Relationship Skills Project is funded by the Australian Government and auspiced by Family Support Newcastle.
UNIFORMS
It is expected that all children will wear school uniform at all times. With all children in uniform it is easier for new students to be assimilated into the school. It helps maintain school pride and spirit and children are more easily identifiable when on excursions.

Because of the safety factor, the wearing of open-toed sandals and thongs is discouraged. Girls should not wear nail polish or excessive jewellery. Boys should not wear necklaces, as they can cause injuries when playing games. Earrings other than studs or sleepers are not allowed.

The school uniforms are detailed below:

SUMMER UNIFORM

Girls
‘A’ Line Dress, cotton dacron, maroon and navy tartan, white collar and tie, or
Maroon shorts with Gold Polo shirt
White Socks
Black Shoes

Boys
Grey Shorts
Gold Polo Shirt
Grey Socks
Black Shoes

WINTER UNIFORM

Girls
Tartan pinafore/skirt
White shirt
Maroon stockings
Maroon Track Suit
Gold Polo Shirt
Maroon Jumper/Cardigan/Sloppy Joe/Bomber Jacket
White Socks
Black Shoes

Boys
Grey Shorts or long grey pants
Gold Polo Shirt
Maroon Track Suit
Maroon Sloppy Joe/Bomber Jacket
Grey Socks
Black Shoes

SPORTS UNIFORM (Yr 3-6 only)

ALL PUPILS
Gold (not Yellow) Polo Shirt with collar and school badge on pocket.
White Socks
Sports Shoes or Joggers

Girls
Maroon Wrap-around Skirt/Maroon Shorts
Maroon Scungies

Boys
Maroon Shorts
The theme for WED (World Environment Day) this year is **Think. Eat. Save. Reduce your footprint.** Campaigners want us to look at ways we can reduce the amount of food we throw away. According to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), each year 1.3 billion tonnes of food is wasted. This equates to the same amount food produced in the whole of sub-Saharan Africa. At the same time, 1 in every 7 people in the world go to bed hungry and more than 20,000 children under the age of 5 die from hunger each day.

Given this enormous polarization **Think. Eat. Save** – follows the lead of *Love Food Hate Waste* and encourages people to be more aware of the environmental impacts when choosing food and to make informed decisions about the food we buy. The FAO estimates that a third of global food production is either wasted or lost. Food waste is an enormous drain on natural resources and a contributor to negative environmental impacts.

This year’s World Environment Day encourages us to take action in our home and then see the difference we and our community can make to reduce food waste, save money and help our environment.

Do your bit for World Environment Day June 5, check out these websites and support the global efforts to reduce food waste.

*www.unep.org/wed/*
*www.thinkeatsave.org/*
*www.lovefoodhatewaste.nsw.gov.au*

Cheers Richelle Ervine (WPS Environment Group)