Dear Parents

It has been a very busy and productive term at Waratah Public School with maths groups in full swing, NAPLAN testing, special sporting events and carnivals, development of our Learning Support Team structures, increased participation in our environmental and multicultural programs, class excursions and special visitors, dance preparation, school musical preparation, assessing and reporting and planning for Term 3 just to name a few items!

End of term Discos
This afternoon and evening, Wednesday 26 June, we are holding a series of end of term discos in our school hall.
Preschool and Kindergarten are from 4.15 pm to 5.00 pm
Years 1 to 3 are from 5.15 pm to 6.30 pm and
Years 4 to 6 are from 6.45 pm to 8.00 pm
Thank you to our Interns, Danial Hoadley and Michael Fenton, for their work with the disco and to all the teachers who are volunteering their time to supervise and run the programs.

Term 3
Week 1
TUESDAY—Students commence Term 3 on Tuesday 16 July.
We are going to start the term with a number of important occasions. Please read the following to best prepare for the number of events that are in quick succession.

WEDNESDAY 17 July—Knights’ Knock Out
On Wednesday our junior rugby team play in the Knights Knock out final. We are taking a bus load of student supporters to encourage their school mates. Responses to the offer have been coming in.

THURSDAY 18 July—School Production—costume meeting
On Thursday at 9.00 am in the multipurpose room we will be holding a meeting about the school production.
If your child is a principal character or you are able to help with sewing, this meeting is for you.

Week 2
Thursday 25 July
On Thursday 25 July, we are holding our NAIDOC Day. We have had great meetings preparing for this event and I thank the wonderful support of parents, teachers and staff from Waratah Technology High for their planning and preparation.
On Thursday, 25 July, students will be permitted to wear yellow, red and black. The celebration will begin with an opening ceremony in the hall. Students from Waratah Technology High School will be singing, dancing and playing for our students. They will then join us for the rest of the day. Our students will be placed into K-2 groups and 3-6 groups. In these groups they will
participate in a number of activities including: making damper, tasting food, face and nail painting, storytelling, singing and art, indigenous games, artefacts talk, a mob walk, listening to didgeridoo, dance workshops, planting bush tucker, making friendship bracelets and an art workshop.

Of course, such a day takes a great deal of preparation and needs a lot of help. Thank you to those parents who have indicated that they are available to help. If you have not as yet responded, but are able to help, please complete the following form. All parent helpers are invited to morning tea and lunch, so knowing numbers will greatly help with catering.

Week 3
Education Week is week 3—the theme for Education Week 2013 is “Telling our Stories.”
MONDAY 29 July—dance performance at Charlestown Square
TUESDAY 30 July—our open day is Tuesday 30 July
WEDNESDAY 31 July—a special parent workshop on Accelerated Literacy will be held on Wednesday 31
WEDNESDAY 31 July— Friday 2 August—
Stage 3 excursion to Canberra
Please book these dates on your calendar.

School vacation
Term 2 concludes on Friday 28 June and Term 3 commences on Tuesday 16 July. The holiday break comes at a good time to shake off winter ills, rest and gear up for a very busy Term 3.

Regards
Maria Williams

3/4B
3/4B have spent the week studying Dorothea MacKellar’s iconic Australian poem, My Country. They all did a terrific job when performing a reading of the poem to the primary assembly. The class also displayed their creative artworks to the students and parents showing how they visually interpreted lines from the poem. Year 3 students Jack, Janah, Hannah and Jacob also did a stellar job running the assembly. Well done, 3/4B!

‘Her pitiless blue sky…the drumming of an army’
by Faith

Need a boost to your mid-year school budget?
The second payment of the Schoolkids Bonus is coming in July. If you are eligible you could receive up to $205 for each primary student and up to $410 for each secondary student.

You could receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school and receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or you are a primary or secondary student receiving an income support payment.

If you think you are eligible and you haven’t already updated your child’s education details with Centrelink, then visit Online Services by 29 June 2013 to ensure you receive the correct amount and are paid on time.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaced the Education Tax Refund in January 2013 so eligible families cannot claim education expenses in their 2012-13 income tax return.

To ensure you receive the Schoolkids Bonus payment in July, check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus
Child Care Position
P&C Meetings
Must be qualified
Paid Position
Send your details to waratahpandc@yahoo.com.au

Shopping Bus Trip
26 October 2013
Start gathering your friends together for the shopping trip of a lifetime. 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. Please see form attached.

P&C Fundraiser
Sausage Sizzle
We’d love you to join us at Woolworths Mayfield Saturday 27 July From 8.00 am

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PROUD SUPPORTERS OF WARATAH PUBLIC SCHOOL
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

I will be able to help with Naidoc celebrations on Thursday 25 July.
There will be ___ adults attending.
Name..................................................
Child’s name..........................................
Class ......................

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 ___________________________

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)
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Kindergarten Teddy Bears Picnic

Dear Parents, Carers and Grandparents,

We are so excited to invite you to join us for a teddy bear’s parade and picnic.

When: Friday 28th June
Time: 12:30pm
Where: Waratah School Hall
Bring: Sandwich, drink and picnic rug.

All Kindergarten children will need to bring a teddy or soft toy.

We are looking forward to a fun time.

From all the Kindergarten Teachers.