Dear Parents

The theme of Education Week is sharing our story and over the past two weeks we have taken advantage of many opportunities to do just that.

What a wonderful two weeks our students are having!

NAIDOC THANKS
Thank you to everyone who supported our NAIDOC festivities last Thursday. The students were so excited, happily participating in the many interesting sessions. The support of many families was wonderful. We had a great contingent of parents and extended families lending a hand enabling students to enjoy such a wide range of activities. These included, making Johnny cakes, trying crocodile and kangaroo sausages, making art and craft, dancing, singing, playing Aboriginal games, learning about traditional life, spear throwing, planting bush tucker, face and nail painting and making friendship bracelets. We were excellently supported by Waratah Technology High School students and staff who lead dance, games and art workshops. As well as this Mr Mathieson and Mrs Robinson volunteered a great deal of time expertly helping prepare the day. The children were treated to a sausage sizzle at lunch time. All in all it made for a very happy and productive day, with students participating with total cooperation and respect!

For an excellent “You Tube” clip please go to our web page and select news and then NAIDOC celebrations. Thank you to Mr Lynch for creating this and many other features that make our web page truly outstanding.

National Tree Day
Thank you to Mr Younger, Richelle Ervine and Mrs Butler for their work with preparing for National Tree Day activities. The students had many hands on activities during the middle session of the day. Our student leaders planted the first shrubs in our new waratah garden and students added more indigenous species to our bush tucker garden, weeded, mulched and prepared new speciality gardens. It is so good to see our students’ commitment to sustainability and to watch our school grounds come to life.

Education Week Open Day
It was lovely to see so many families at our open day. Thank you for sharing this time with us, for coming to open classrooms and staying for lunch. Thank you to Mrs Mackenzie and her team for ensuring there was ample for visitors’ lunches.
Congratulations to Mrs Green and KG and Miss Sammons and 4/5S that delighted us with their performances and well done to our student leaders who admirably lead our assembly. Thank you to Mrs Christie and Mr McTaggart who prepared excellent digital stories about our Maths groups and our journey into environmental education. The presentations gave everyone a good look at what is being done and how students feel about it. Thank you also to Mrs Christie for coordinating the electronics for the assembly – everything went off without a hitch!

Callaghan College Education Week Celebration
Congratulations to our 5 Stage 2 students, Elliot, Connor, Kadel, Eva and Kate who received awards of recognition at the Callaghan Pathways celebration today.

Dance Festival
Congratulations to our Junior Dance Troupe who performed at Charlestown Square today and to Senior and Junior Dance Troupes for their excellent performances during the Hunter Dance Festival.

Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra
This morning, bright and early, Stage 3 boarded their buses and commenced their journey to Canberra and the snow. We wish teachers and students a happy and safe time as they explore our nation’s capital, visiting many significant places including Parliament House. The students are being accompanied by Mrs Christie, Mr Metcalfe, Miss Palmer and Mr Hoadley. They will be returning on Friday evening. We will send a text to parents on Friday afternoon informing them of the buses ETA.

Parent Afternoon tea and workshop sessions
This afternoon Mrs Christine Wall talked to parents about the English strategy “Accelerated Literacy” that is being implemented in many schools across Australia. Tomorrow Mr Lynch will be giving parents the opportunity to find out more about the ways we teach maths today and the sort of things their children learn in maths groups.

Regards
Maria Williams

NSWTF supports National Tree Day at WPS
This year students at Waratah Public School were sponsored by the New South Wales Teacher’s Federation who sponsored the event at our school - donating $500 towards the purchase and planting of trees.
Students, teachers and community members spent the morning planting new tress, attending to our new school gardens, bush tucker garden and vegetable patch. The students weeded gardens and added mulch to help with keeping the plants growing happily.
Our school gardens and environment are a place to be proud of.
Each year, around 2500 preschools, kindies, primary and high schools across Australia take part in Schools Tree Day. Students nation-wide have learnt how to plant, and care for the seedlings they grow. Schools Tree Day 2013 was on Friday 26 July.
Brett Lynch

K-2 Awards Term 3 Week 1 & 2

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Class of the Week 1D/2C
Playground Award Charlotte/Isabella
Waratah P.S. Masterchef
At the end of last term, 5/6M turned organic produce from our vegie patch into a mouth-watering gourmet banquet. Cooking in a makeshift kitchen in the multipurpose room, students worked together in small groups to read their given recipe, identify & collect ingredients, prepare, cook, clean up and finally serve their dish. On the menu was Potato & Leek Soup, Pesto Pasta, Fresh Herb Bread, Spinach & Cheese Cob, Crunchy Carrot Slaw and Roasted Beetroot, Feta & Green Salad.

The days cooking session was all about taking fresh herbs and vegetables grown by students in the vegie patch and providing an opportunity to create tasty meals for everyone to try. Students were encouraged to sample food they hadn’t tasted before. It was delightful to see many surprised faces at how good their dishes turned out. A few students even remarked they hadn’t liked a certain vegetable before but now they did after tasting the sessions cooked meals.

Before sitting down to eat, each group was asked to comment on the dish they prepared:- recipe name, ingredients, any difficulties they encountered and what they enjoyed most about their cooking experience. Here’s what a couple of students said.

“ We made spinach and cheese cob. The hardest thing was chopping the spinach. The easiest was stirring the mix. The ingredients we used were silverbeet, sour cream, mayonnaise, french onion soup mix, tasty cheese, and 2 medium cobs. We reckon our one would taste the best because we cooked it!”

“Our exquisite beetroot salad was made over a short period of time which involved properly cleaning the salad. We peeled the ends of the peas and peeled the cooked beetroot. After we had shaken the dressing we dried the salad and broke the ingredients up into small pieces. We arranged them into a neat and orderly fashion. Then we cut the beetroot and feta into small cubes. After we placed them on the platter we added the awesome finishing touch – the dressing. Whulla.. finished and ready to serve! We also got to wear these awesome aprons!

So many positive outcomes and comments came from this cooking master class, however, this opportunity couldn’t have come together without the help and coordination of teachers, parent and grandparent helpers, P&C and canteen ladies, and of course 5/6M. Well done and thank you to those who helped make this cooking master class one experience to remember!

Bon Appetite!
Richelle Ervine
P&C

Waratah Public School
P&C Meeting

Please Join Us On Monday
5 August 2013
At 6.00 pm In The Library
If you have anything to add to the agenda please email Anne At a.tempo@bigpond.com
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

Sausage Sizzle  
New Dates  
Woolworths Mayfield  
24 August  
And  
9 November  
Come and join us for this mouth-watering event. If you can help out on the day please leave a note in the P&C Box in the office foyer or call Anne on 0448688817

2013/2014 Entertainment Book  
Now Available For Only $60  

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

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P&C Fundraiser  
This term our fundraiser will be a “FREEZER FILLER”. If you would like to place an order please fill out the form at the back of the bulletin and return it with your money to the CANTEEN by Wednesday 14 August. Delivery will be on Monday 19 August. Please ask your neighbours, friends and family so they can enjoy not only great prices but delicious winter treats! Thank you P&C
KINDERTGARTEN 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

School Banking Volunteer
Name: __________________________  Best Contact Number: _______________________
I am able to volunteer:

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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)

The Uniform Shop
For Sale
bomber jackets from $37
girls maroon cotton bootleg pants $27
maroon fleece scarf $2
2nd hand maroon jumpers & tracksuit pants $4 (varying sizes)
boys 2nd hand grey long pants (sizes 4-6 only; varying prices)
Cash, cheque or lay-by only.
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To get your kids loving fruit & veg.

The simplest way

To join us at Facebook.com/eatitobeatit

www.eatitobeatit.com.au

For more Information visit

www.cancer.org.au

Eat it To Beat It

Nutrition Snapshot

To get your Kids Loving Fruit & Veg.

Make ready-to-eat snacks. Keep cut fruit and veg

Keep it interesting. Cut fruit and veg into a

able to eat. Let them feel cut up or grate it

wash fruit and veg for their lunch box. If they're

Put your Kids in charge. Let them choose and

Make sure you eat enough fruit and veg. So, out first tip is to make sure

enough. Children often copy their

sometimes it's hard to get them to eat

keep your children healthy, but

Eating plenty of fruit and veg can help


Other tips are:

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Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Heather Garden: 9472 3392

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**Date for Order Form to Be Returned** — Wednesday 14 August 2013

**Collection Date** — Monday 19 August from the canteen

All products supplied by Ithaca Cold Storage

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**Children's Name ________________________**

**Buyer's Name __________________________**

**Contact No __________________________**

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**Freezer Fillers**

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