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some people who have been working very hard and very long and have volunteered their time. These people include one of our mums, Mrs Anne Campbell, a singing teacher who has prepared and is conducting our choir for the production and Mrs Sanderson who has been giving up lunchtimes since Term 1 to work on the production. As well as this we have a huge number of teams, staff, students and parents, who have been working together, finding costumes, sewing, building, coaching, and choreographing in their own time to make the production what it is. Please see the back page of this newsletter for the list of credits.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with our very talented principal characters. It has been an absolute pleasure!

Information for Thursday night – Kids at Sea – Waratah Technology High School hall
Doors will open at 6.00 pm.
It will not be a late night. The evening performance commences at 6.45 pm and should be over by 8.15 pm.
Students come dressed in costumes. They should bring water bottles and a jumper.
6.00 pm - Principal Characters are to report to Waratah Technology High hall.
6.00 pm - Other students are to report to Waratah Technology High library.
On Thursday Night—Report to teachers
The choir, prompters, stage crew and the principal characters will need to report to the hall on arrival and will stay in the hall. They will need to report to Mrs Williams, Mrs Sanderson and Miss Sammons.
All other students will be housed in the WTH library for the Thursday 29 evening’s performance. They will need to report to their allocated teacher when they arrive. They will stay in the library until they are escorted to and from the hall for their performance and will return again to the hall for the finale. There is a covered walkway between the library and the hall.

Collecting children on the night
We want your child to go home with the right person so ask that parents collect their child from the hall after the teacher marks off the child’s name. If parents have arranged for someone else to collect their child, the teacher will need to be made aware of these arrangements in writing.

Food arrangements
Children should have a light dinner before the performance.
They should bring a plastic disposable bottle of water but not food as they should have had dinner and extra will just make them feel queasy.

What to bring
Unless otherwise specified they should wear their costume.
They should bring a jumper or jacket labelled with their name. They must wear shoes.

Attendance
We encourage our students to attend both performances. If your child cannot be at the evening performance we need to know so that alterations can be made to the dance line up.

Video
We have permission for the school to video the performance and will be able to sell DVDs to all who order them so please do not make videos of the performance as this will breach copyright.
Some of our students have stipulated they are not permitted to be filmed. We will not have any close ups of these students to ensure that they cannot be identified. If parents take videos they might inadvertently tape someone who should not be filmed.
Please do not make videos of this performance as this will contravene the rights of privacy of our students.

Photos
On Wednesday we will be taking photos of students and groups and will make these available for parents to order, however parents are most welcome to take photos of their child.

Regards
Maria Williams
**Father’s Day Stalls**  
**WHOLE SCHOOL AND 2 DAY PRESCHOOL**  
**THURSDAY 29 AUGUST**  
Second gifts may be purchased on Friday 30 August  
NB: Days differ from last year due to the musical performance.

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**Canteen Roster**

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**Election Day BBQ – Volunteers Needed!**

Waratah Public School (WPS) P&C will be holding an Election Day BBQ on the 7 September 2013 to help raise funds for much needed equipment and resources for our students. By helping the students at WPS, you are not just helping them, but you’re also investing in the long term future of our community.

Volunteers are URGENTLY needed to make this a truly successful event so any time you could spare to help out would be truly appreciated. We are looking for 4-6 people per timeslot and roles will involve ticket sellers, BBQ cooks and food service. The BBQ will operate from 6.00 am until 3.00 pm and we will be doing bacon & egg rolls in the morning and sausage sandwiches for lunch.

Please fill in the attached slip and return to the P&C post box (located at the office) or contact Angela on 0410 487 996.

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**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. Please see office for an

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**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)

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**Election Day BBQ – 7 September 2013**

Name: ______________________

Best Contact Number: _______________

I am able to volunteer (please tick √ a time)

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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

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CANTEEN PIZZA DAY Tuesday 3 September 2013

The canteen is holding a special pizza lunch day on Tuesday 3 September. If you would like your child to participate in the pizza day please fill out the form below and return it to the canteen no later than Friday 30 August. Lunch will consist of pizza, drink and lolly treat

Cost: $6.00

No other hot food will be available on this day.

Name:--------------------------- Class:-------
Pizza Cheese □ Vegetarian □ Meatlovers □
Poppa Orange □ Apple □ Water □
Lolly treat □

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CHILD PROTECTION PERMISSION NOTE
(please return to class teacher)

I give permission for my child ______________________________ of class ____________
to take part in the Child Protection lesson about the correct names for body parts.

Signed: ___________________________________ Date: ____________________
(Parent / Caregiver)
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"Kids at Sea"
Waratah Public School
K-6 school musical

"Kids at Sea" is a very popular musical that has been performed by schools all over Australia with great songs, witty dialogue, and amusing characters.

It is set in 1900 in London and the mysterious Far East.

Join us as we sail the seven seas with young Harold Sindbad, meeting pirates, mer-people, sultans, Roc Birds and ending up on Neptune's Fabulous Treasure Island. The show's theme is one of fun, optimism and having a positive attitude to life.

Evening and main performance Thursday 29 August
6.45 pm – Waratah Technology High School Hall
Tickets still available at the office
Adults $15 Children $10
Or
$50 for 2 adults and 2 children
Ticket sales will be available at the door between 6.00 and 6.30 pm—CASH ONLY

ON SALE NOW—DON’T MISS OUT
Thank you to our wonderful production team

**Costuming** - Mandy Woods, Leoni Butler, Mrs Marschall, Mrs Ervine, Ms Dyet & Marilyn Sanderson  
**Tickets / Program** - Brett Lynch  
**Ticket sales** - Erina Robertson, Sue Gorgievski & Vicki Iredale.  
**Publicity** - Brett Lynch & Leoni Butler  
**Lighting and sound (Life Like Systems)** - John Henry & Zackery Lees  
**Video** - John Henry, Lynden Lees & Shaun Dodds  
**Photography** - Brett Lynch & Rebecca Dodds  
**Supervision & First aid** - Linda Rigney & Leoni Butler  
**Prompters** - Lily Hodgson, Kayla Travers & Taylah Stow  
**Stage crew** - Ambrose Farragher, Rory Johnson, Lewis Riley, James Shanahan, Hayden Taylor, Nathan Birkett, Emily Palmer, Marilyn Sanderson & Madeline Sammons  

**Choreography**  
Madeline Sammons & class teachers  

**Finale**  
Ruby Rickard, Niamh Currey & Brianni Gedeon  

**Dance Coaching**  

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**Choir – Anne Campbell**  
assisted by Lauren Curtis  

**Props and backdrop** - Emily Palmer, Rebecca Dodds & David Mathieson  
**Drama coaching** - Marilyn Sanderson & Maria Williams  
**Director** - Maria Williams

Thankyou to Waratah Technology High School for the use of their hall & facilities