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**KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL ENROLMENTS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR 2015**

If you have friends, family, neighbours that have children ready for Preschool and Kindergarten

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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**Congratulations**

What an honour it was to have so many people attend our 150th celebration ceremony last Friday. Over 1000 people shared in the celebrations and were witness to the absolutely gorgeous students at Waratah Public School. There was also a lot of positiveness around the high standards of our grounds. Congratulations to everyone for raising the bar for Waratah Public School.

**Thank you**

Thank you to all those people who attended our school fete on Saturday. It was such a great day with so many highlights. It wouldn’t have been as successful without the support and generous donations of our kind school community. Thank you to Verity Currey for her absolutely fantastic organisation and to Richelle Ervine and John Henry for coordinating it all on the day. Although there were a lot of very tired people on Sunday it was well worth it seeing our great community come together and enjoy celebrating and working for our wonderful school.

**Please Return**

Random parents/carers from our community have been given the opportunity to participate in focus discussion groups next Wednesday or Thursday at 3.30 pm or 6.00 pm.

Could our parents who have received invitations already, please RSVP to the office by tomorrow. This will then enable us to invite more people to replace those people who are unable to attend. If you would like to know more about these discussion groups or would like to be involved please contact Mrs Bowen.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**Preschool Gardens**
Our preschool grounds are looking amazing thanks to some very hard-working staff and students. Our sensory garden is nearing completion and looks fantastic, with new bench seats, plants, bird bath and ‘animals’, being added in the holidays. We will soon be adding a frog pond, chalkboards, perspex painting screen, texture poles, mirrors and animal habitats. We have also improved our dirt pit by adding plants and created a ‘quarry’ area which has been divided into three textured areas; a digging pit, mulch and stones. It has been a huge success so far and the children have been enjoying their new play spaces. Thanks to Mrs Bowen for approving and supporting these projects and being so enthusiastic about improving the Preschool. Thanks to Mr Matheson, Mrs Rufo, Miss Palmer, Mrs Ward, Mr Younger and John Henry for giving up their time and supporting us over the past few weeks! Your help is very much appreciated! We would also like to thank the teachers and students of 4C, 3S and 2L, for their continued help in creating these spaces.

**Swimming Scheme—Expression of Interest (Students 8 years of age and over)**
**Closes Friday 24 October**
There are 60 positions available for the School Swimming Scheme. It will run from 10 November to 21 November 2014. The approximate cost (based on last year) will be $85.00. This includes bus fare and pool entry. **We need close to 60 students to attend or the price will rise or we may not be able to run this program.** Positions will be allocated on a ‘first come first served’ basis. Please complete the form sent home and return it to your child’s teacher ASAP. **DO NOT send money with this slip—expression of interest only.**

**Kinder Orientation Morning Tea**
To welcome 2015 Kinder children and their families to WPS, the P&C will be hosting a morning tea from 9.30 am—10.30 am on October 28. As sending a child to “big” school is an exciting yet daunting time, it is an excellent opportunity for new parents to meet some current WPS parents, have a cuppa and a chat. There will also be talks from the Cancer Council about healthy lunchboxes, a Commonwealth Bank representative regarding school banking; and the Uniform Shop will be open for uniform purchases and laybys.

**Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2016**
Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016 will be open to parents of students in Year 5 from 14 October to 17 November 2014. Copies of an application information booklet will arrive at the school around 14 October 2014. Parents with internet access are requested to apply online. Online applications will be available from 14 October to 17 November 2013. Parents without internet access can apply at a public library. The application information booklet will also be available on the High Performing Students Unit’s website at: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement). All students wanting to go to a selective high school for Year 7 in 2016 will have to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 12 March 2015. Parents are asked to email the High Performing Students Unit: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone: 1300 880 367 if they have enquiries not covered in the application information booklet.
Well done Waratah Public School!!
You should be very proud of hosting such an amazing 150 Year Birthday Celebration and Spring Fete. From all the positive and complimentary feedback I have received over the last couple of days, and our initial accounting, we can honestly say its been a smashing success.

We wanted this celebration event to be not only a major fundraiser for our school, but also an opportunity to share this historic milestone with our school community, students and teachers both past and present, and the wider local community. It was a great pleasure to meet our oldest ex student Lorna Graham last Friday and hear all the old school yard stories being passed around by many ex students and teachers who attended our special assembly and afternoon tea. 
Richelle Ervine

Thank you
I cannot thank enough all those people, both young and old, who contributed in some way to help organise these special events. To the awesome students and fabulous teachers of WPS who put in all those extra hours to help get our school looking so beautiful, both inside and out, who organised and coordinated stalls, painted banners, sourced prizes, organised volunteers, plus much much more, was greatly appreciated. To the office ladies and WPS support staff – your patience and “nothing is a problem” attitude, at even the smallest and continual requests, was great!

A major thank you goes to our school parent and family community for your generosity with donations (that came in from far and wide), sourcing prizes, making stall goodies, volunteering your precious time, generous help and unfailing support. A special thanks goes out to the wonderful group of ladies who helped and supported me in the lead up to the fete. No matter what task was thrown at you “nothing was a problem”. With what I have experienced over the last week in organising these events, has made me feel very proud to be a parent at Waratah Public School.

To all our sponsors, local businesses, charity groups and external stall holders – thank you for your generous donations of prizes, equipment, food, supplies, on the ground help plus a whole heap more.

My apologies if I have missed anyone but again a huge thank you to everyone involved for making this historic event one to be remembered. It is through team work that successful events such as this can only be achieved!

Regards
Richelle Ervine
Waratah P.S  P&C

Raffle Winners
T Sutton—2 Night’s Accommodation - Tradewinds, South West Rocks
A Banks—Charcoal Native Animal Framed Drawing by artist Judith Volkmer
K Martyn—1.5 hour de-stress and energetic cleanse ($80) – Nanette Lamrock’s Natural Energetics
J Boyle—Gift Voucher ($99) – Just Liberated Hairdressers
G Small - Family Pass - Shark & Ray Centre, Bobs Farm
G Small - Stihl BG 56 Blower ($299) – Taylors Mowers & Chainsaws
M Thorton—Jumbuck Portable BBQ ($160) – Bunnings Kotara
S Asvestas—Taronga Zoo - 2 adult passes ($92)
L Pritchard—Toboggan Hill Park – Family Pass ($80)
M Mace—Oakvale Farm & Fauna World - Family Pass ($60)
E Fahey - 2014/2015 Entertainment Book ($60)
P Lawless—Twine Restaurant Pokolbin $50 restaurant credit
H Baird - Outdoor Laser Skirmish Gift Voucher ($44) - Battlezone Playlive Lasertag
B Turner—Kit & Kaboodle Domestic Cleaning Services (2hr cleaning service)

Donkey Lotto—B. Myers
Winning Class for the highest chocolate wheel donations—4B
Runners Up—2L

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Thank you to the following for their generous support: of Waratah Public School Spring Fete

- Stuart Ellis of Motive Power Publications
- Waratah Rotary
- Waratah Smutters Cricket Club
- Tradewinds – South West Rocks
- Artist – Judith Volkmer
- Natural Energetics – Nannette Lamrock
- Just Liberated Hairdressers
- Shark and Ray Centre – Bobs Farm
- Taylors Mowers & Chainsaws
- Bunnings Kotara
- Oakvale Farm & Fauna World – Salt Ash
- Twine Restaurant - Pokolbin
- Battlezone Playlive Lasertag
- Kit & Kaboodle Domestic Cleaning Services
- Taronga Zoo – Sydney
- Toboggan Hill Park
- Blockbuster Video - Waratah Village
- Norris Hair
- Gloria Jeans - Waratah Village
- Powerhouse Museum Sydney
- K-mart Waratah
- Georgetown Pharmacy
- Trophy Shop Mayfield
- Hunter Valley Gardens
- Moonshadow Cruises
- Hunter Ice Skating Stadium
- Superstrike - Warners Bay & Newcastle
- Adina Vineyards
- Australian Temporary Fencing
- Baskin Robins – Waratah Village
- Newcastle Maritime Museum
- Maitland Goal
- Mr Rental – Charlestown
- Total Generator – Heatherbrae
- H&K Giftwares
- John Sawers Electrical
- Newcastle Permanent - Waratah
- Commonwealth Bank - Mayfield & Maitland
- Hamilton TAFE
- NCD Distributors
- D&S Jones (Norco milk)
- Top Cut
- Kev Baldwin Wholesale
- Streets Ice Cream
- Newcastle Refreshments and Snacks
- Thompsons Pies
- Mitre 10 – Mayfield
- MGH Packaging

Cllr Mr Andrea Rufo (OAM) & patron Waratah P.S P&C
- Mr Chris Swain
- Ms Cheryl Stannet
- Mr Worimi Dates

Callaghan College – Waratah Technology Campus
- Hunter Valley Martial Arts
- Waratah Physie Club
- Hot Gospel
- Heart Of Erin
- New Leaf
- Marching Koalas
- Hunter Valley Amusement Rides
- Ruby the Clown
- Pennys Ponies
- Newcastle Party Pets