Thank you
To the wonderful school community at Waratah Public School, thank you all for your support this year. We have certainly had an excellent year and made some great gains for our students. Working together and building up great relationships is what makes good schools great. We look forward to an even greater year in 2015. Merry Christmas and stay safe.

Preschool Concerts
What a wonderful way to end our Preschool year! The children in both preschool groups made us all proud, performing so well in their respective concerts. It was lovely to have families visiting us for our party afterwards and hearing about how proud they were and how much they enjoyed the concert.
Santa came to visit after lunch and everyone had the chance to tell him what they'd like for Christmas and have a photo taken. He gave all of the children a bag of lollies and even said that his reindeer and sleigh were parked on the roof!
We would like to thank all of our wonderful families for an amazing year and wish all of our pre-schoolers the best of luck for starting Kindy in 2015.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Last Day of Preschool for 2014
Kangaroos – Friday 12th December
Possums – Wednesday 17th December
We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday season!

STUDENTS TERM 1 2015

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(to be paid by Friday 6 February 2015) | Annual Swimming Carnival | $8-00 |
| Friday 20 February 2015  
Final date for payment | Girls and Boys Dance | $50-00 Term 1/2 |
| | Year 1 – Year 6  
Maths Textbook | $15-00 |
| | Voluntary School Contributions | $45-00 per family |
November 2014
Dear Parent/Caregiver

Dance groups will be held again in 2015, with Ms Cheryl-Ann Stannett, a qualified Dance Teacher, teaching the groups. There will be three separate dance groups, Years 1 & 2, 3 & 4 and 5 & 6.

The cost for 2015 Terms 1-4 will be $100.
This payment will be invoiced to students in 2 payments.
$50.00 to be paid Week 4 Term 1 2015.
$50.00 to be paid Week 4 Term 3 2015.
Do not send any money with this slip—expression of interest only.

Trish Bowen
Principal

__________________________________________________________________________________
Please return slip to the office NO LATER than FRIDAY 12 December 2014
Waratah Public School

GIRLS & BOYS DANCE (YEARS 1 – 6) EXPRESSION OF INTEREST 2015

I express interest for my child _____________________ of class __________ to attend dance lessons in 2015.
I understand that payments will be invoiced to me and must be paid by dates indicated and that my child will forfeit their position if payment is not made within the timeframe stipulated.

Signed: ________________________________ Date: ________________
(Parent / Caregiver)

The Uniform Shop Last Days!!!!!
The Uniform Shop’s last opening days is this Friday 12 and Monday 15 Dec 2014.

Reduced Price Sale till end of Year
Maroon sports shorts - $10 all sizes

For Sale
Gold short sleeve polo’s – $18
Boys grey cargo shorts - $16
Girls maroon skorts - $16
Girls tunics – from $38
Broadbrim school hats - $14
Senior bucket hats - $14

Opening Times
Monday: 8.30 am—9.15 am
Friday: 2.30 pm—3.15 pm

The Uniform Shop 2015
The Uniform Shop will be open extended hours in the first week back Term 1 2015. These selected times reflect volunteer availability and parents seeing their children off on their first days of school.

Opening Times – Week 1
Wed 28.1.2015: 8.30 am—9.30 am
Thurs 29.1.2015: 8.30 am—9.30 am
Friday 30.1.2015: 2.00 pm—3.15 pm

Week 2
Monday: 8.30 am—9.15 am
Friday: 2.30 pm—3.15 pm

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LAST DAY FOR CANTEEN
ARE YOU A DAD WHO WANTS TO SPEND
QUALITY TIME WITH YOUR DAUGHTER
AND PARTICIPATE IN PHYSICAL
ACTIVITIES TO IMPROVE HER SOCIAL
AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING?

The DADEE (Dads and Daughters Exercising and
Empowered) program is coming to the University of
Newcastle. We are looking for dads and their primary
school-aged daughter/s to join in!

The DADEE program:
- Is a world first ‘Dads and Daughters’ program designed to increase
  physical activity levels and the social and emotional wellbeing of
  young girls
- Involves 8 x 90 minute weekly group sessions delivered by leading
  physical activity researchers
- Builds confidence, self-esteem and resilience in girls
- Teaches girls sports skills through fun games and physical activities
- Starts Term 1, 2015 @ the University of Newcastle

Interested? For more information, contact:
Alyce Barnes 4921 6566 or DADEE@newcastle.edu.au

Chief Investigator: Professor Philip Morgan

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The DADEE program is funded by Port Waratah Coal Services, Hunter Children’s
Research Foundation and Hunter Medical Research Institute.

Complaints about this research
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have concerns about your rights as a participant in this research, or you have a complaint about the manner in which the research
is conducted, it may be given to the researcher, or, if an independent person is preferred, to the Human Research Ethics Officer,
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49216333, email Human-Ethics@newcastle.edu.au.