World’s Greatest Shave
Thank you to students, teachers, family and friends who donated to my fundraising efforts for the Leukaemia Foundation. We have raised $459 to date with more donations still coming in.
Danial Hoadley

Disco Night—Wednesday 26 March
Our school disco night will be held on Wednesday 26 March. Please check the back of the disco note coming home.
Preschool—Year 2  5.00 pm—6.00 pm
Years 3—6  6.15 pm—7.30 pm
Admission fee is $3.00 per child
Chips and drinks available for $1.00 each

While your kids are having fun and are safe at the disco, parents and carers of children from Preschool to Year 6 are invited to attend:
A Parent and Carer general parenting information session focusing on building a resilient family presented by the GOT IT team.
Preschool, Kinder—Year 2 parent’s session 5.00 pm—6.00 pm
Year 3—Year 6 parent’s session 6.30 pm—7.30 pm
Where: Multipurpose room

Harmony Day
One of the aspects of our school that makes it so special is that at Waratah Public School, we as a multicultural community work and play together with respect and that we value our diversity.
On Friday 21 March our school will be holding Harmony Day celebrations. Mr Hoadley has organised teams of senior students to lead the classes through various enjoyable activities that will give them further insights to other cultures. The day will progress as normal with an allocated time dedicated to these activities.
Harmony Day will have a colour theme and we encourage all students to participate by wearing orange. Our canteen will also be participating in the harmony theme all day with an assortment of orange food with special foods available to order for lunch. We request a gold coin donation with the out of uniform participation donations going to charity.
Stage 2 Camp Update – Booked for Monday 8 September
Well done Stage 2! We have plenty of expressions of interest to attend camp on Monday 8 September (Term 3 Week 9) and so plans will be going ahead and more information later. This camp is at The Great Aussie Bush Camp and we will be having a pre-camp presentation night to discuss organisation in Term 3, a couple of weeks before the date. Looking forward to a great night away...
Stage 2 Teachers.

Lunchtime Soccer Competition
Lunchtime soccer competition for Years 2-4 will be organised this week. This is a friendly competition and good sportsmanship will be recognised. FFA School Rules apply. (Attached to team sheet)
Teams can be mixed ages and girls and boys. The competition will be 7-a-side, played on a small field and umpired by volunteer students from Stage 3.
Stage 3 students are invited to be ‘game leaders’ for the teams.
Each team may invite one teacher to participate but they cannot score goals or be the goal keeper. (No, not even you Miss Sammons!)
Matches begin at 1.15 pm and go for 15 minutes.
Collect your team sheet ASAP and fill out your teams details...
At the end of term, the team with the most points will negotiate a prize with Mrs Butler.
PS A red card will dismiss you from the competition so keep it friendly everyone. (Yes, that means you Mr Forbes!)

The Archibull Prize
Congratulations Waratah PS... We have been successful in making it to the second stage of the Archibull Prize competition by completing our expression of interest and demonstrating ability to participate. The next stage requires as many children and staff as possible to complete the survey on line to earn 5 points for our school entry.
What is the Project about? Our students can not only win cash prizes for their creativity, they can put their town on the map by participating in the Archibull Prize!

The Archibull Prize is an Art4Agriculture initiative delivered with the support of funding partners. The program has been running successfully in NSW for the past three years. Activities use art and multimedia to engage students to learn through hands on experience about the challenges of feeding, clothing and housing the world with a declining natural resource base.

How Does the Project Work?
The Archibull Prize is an integrated program which will engage secondary and primary school students in agricultural and environmental awareness through art, design, creativity and teamwork by:
Providing a blank, life-sized fibreglass cow to successful school entrants to create an artwork on or to use as the subject of an artwork.
Giving each school their own primary (food or fibre) industry to explore and showcase. In 2014 this will be Beef or Dairy or Wool or Cotton.
Pairing schools with Young Farming Champions and Young Eco Champions who share their sustainable farming journey and work with the students throughout the duration of the project.
Supplying a resource kit with curricular connections.
Supplying Matisse paints.
Connecting farmers, natural resource managers and industry and community experts with students.
“Farmers, community, educators and business working together for a sustainable future”

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School Voluntary Contributions
Contributions have been set at $40 per family for the year. These contributions go towards helping with classroom resources. Payments can be made at the office. Thank you.

P&C NEWS
Last week I asked you to have a think about what the P&C should spend their hard earned fundraising dollars on. We had several suggestions at the last P&C meeting (see below) but would like to hear from the school community as a whole. So please number the suggestions below with 1 being your favourite idea and 8 being your least favourite idea. If you have any other suggestions, please include and score them too and return the tear off slip to the P&C Postbox by FRIDAY 28 MARCH.

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Fundraising Meeting
Thursday 27 March 2.00 pm
Topics for discussion will be:
- Money collection
- Easter Fundraiser
- Mothers’ Day
- Fathers’ Day
- Pie Drive
If you have anything you would like to add to the agenda please email to me by 26 March. Please advise Anne on your availability on 0448 688 817 or email a.tempo@bigpond.com

150 YEAR FETE MEETING
If you are interested in being on the fete committee or just in finding out more about what is being planned, come along at 1.30 pm on Monday 24 March – meet outside the school canteen. If you haven’t already filled in your orange fete questionnaire, there are spare copies above the P&C post box. We are still looking for helpers across several areas. Thank you.

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
The AGM will take place on Monday 7 April at 6.00 pm in the School Library. As well as presenting the Financial Reports for 2013, voting for the 2014 P&C Executive and Sub-Committees will take place. All positions have been declared vacant and everyone is very welcome to nominate for a role. No experience is necessary as all training will be given by the outgoing person.

Verity Currey
P&C President

P & C NEWS
P&C will be holding an Easter Raffle on Thursday 10 April to coincide with the K-2 Easter Hat Parade.
Tickets will be available next Wednesday 26 March with the school bulletin. The ticket price will be 50 cents each.
Easter Egg donations would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the Canteen. Let’s all show our support so that we can make this the best Easter Raffle ever!

School Banking
School Banking is on Tuesday. For students who wish to start school banking, the process is to open an account for your child at your local Commonwealth Bank branch. Parents will need to take along the child’s birth certificate and their own identification. For parents with existing Commonwealth Bank accounts and those who have access to netbanking, a new account can be opened online. For further information or help please contact the Commonwealth School Banking Helpdesk on 1800 674496 (Monday—Friday 9.00 am—4.00 pm).
Family Support Newcastle’s Family Relationship Skills Project would like to invite dads, mums or carers who have a role in raising children to 4 FREE ‘HANDS ON’ SESSIONS in:

When: Fridays (4 weeks)
21 & 28 March and 4 & 11 April 2014
Time: 10.00 am—12.30 pm
Where: The Family Centre
Corner of Turton Rd & High St Waratah
FREE children’s group available on site
Ring on 4926 3577 to book

2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)
Permission Slip
I give permission for my child ………………………………………………..of class ………………………
to participate in the following 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).
All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The certificate and individual student report are also suitable for your child to include in a portfolio.
Please return the permission slip and entry fee for selected competitions by Monday 7 April 2014.
(NO SLIPS OR PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.)

□ Computer Skills—20 May 2014 ($8.00)
□ Science—4 June 2014 ($8.00)
□ Writing—16 June 2014 ($17.00)
□ Spelling—17 June 2014 ($11.00)
□ English—29 July 2014 ($8.00)
□ Mathematics—12 August 2014 ($8.00)
□ All of the above ($60.00)

Please find enclosed $……………………………………………..entry fee.
I understand that there are no refunds if my child does not attend school on specified dates.
Signature of Parent/Guardian …………………………………………………………………..
Date …………………………………….

EASTER LUNCH TUESDAY 8 April
A special Easter Feast lunch will be held on Tuesday 8 April.
If you would like to order please fill in the form and send back no later than Friday 4 April.
NO OTHER HOT FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY

COST $6.00
Lunch will consist of
fish pieces □
potato balls □ easter eggs □
tartare sauce □ tomato sauce □ sweet & sour □
apple juice □ orange juice □ water □

Name:------------------------------------- Class:-------