Harmony Day
On Friday 21 March, Waratah Public School celebrated Harmony Day. Everyone came to school dressed in orange, the colour of Harmony Day. During the day we had our wonderful Year 6 students split up into pairs or groups of 3, who then went around to different classes from Preschool to Year 4, teaching those little ones about Harmony Day and multiculturalism. There were different activities for each stage, but all celebrated the different cultures around the world. We also played games which everyone enjoyed. I’d like to thank Mr Hoadley, our wonderful stage 3 teacher, who organised this special day.
By Maka S. (5/6C)

Support a Reader
If you have about 5 minutes to spare any day of the school week then this is the program for you. Next term we will be running a fantastic program called Support a Reader. It relies on training volunteers to help assist students with their reading fluency. It is a really easy program and only requires you to come to the information session next Wednesday morning at 9.00 am, then 5 to 10 minutes once a week or as many times as you like. You don’t have to be a great reader yourself I promise you, so if you’d like to make a difference to someone else’s life, come along and see what you can do to help.

Yeon (5/6C) and Hyunwoo (2C) enjoyed Harmony Day by dressing in their national costume (South Korea).
Easter Hat Parade and P&C Raffle
The P&C will be holding an Easter Raffle on Thursday 10 April to coincide with the P-2 Easter Hat Parade under the COLA starting at 12.00 pm. All parents/caregivers welcome. It’s only a little over 2 weeks until our Easter Raffle, so please bring in your donations of eggs ASAP so we can start to make up some “eggciting” Easter prizes for our raffle.

Donations can be left at the Canteen.
Tickets came home yesterday with the children. Please check your child’s bag. The ticket price will be 50 cents each. Please return to P&C box in office foyer.

Let’s all show our support so that we can make this the best Easter Raffle ever!

P&C NEWS
Please have your say in where money raised can be spent at the school. Return the slip to the P&C Postbox by FRIDAY 28 MARCH.

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Fundraising Meeting (Change of Date)
Meeting will now be held on Monday 31 March 1.30 pm in the Multipurpose room. Topics for discussion will be:
Money collection
Easter Fundraiser
Mothers’ Day
Fathers’ Day
Pie Drive
Please advise Anne on your availability on 0448 688 817 or email a.tempo@bigpond.com

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.

150 YEAR FETE
Thank you to everyone who has filled out the orange fete questionnaire with offers of support. We will be in touch shortly to discuss where you can best help out. The first fete newsletter will come home next week with the Bulletin – exciting times!

FREE RAFFLE for business owners. If you or someone you know owns a business, please drop your business card in the fishbowl at the front office or at the preschool and you will go into the draw for a family pass at Super Strike Warners Bay. Raffle will be drawn on 28 March. (Please note that business owners may be contacted for resources and/or donations for our 150 year celebration fete).

CANTEEN ROSTER

| Thursday | 27 March | J Sparks R Peterson |
| Friday   | 28 March | K McElligott |
| Monday   | 31 March | K Baldwin |
| Tuesday  | 1 April  | K Ellis A Vega V Buchanan |
| Wednesday| 2 April  | J Rowat J Sparks |

KidzCare – General information
OPENING HOURS: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
COST: $38* per day (plus excursions)
*CCB Approved
A copy of our current holiday program can be found on the Newcastle PCYC website: www.pcycnsw.org/newcastle
For enquiries, please contact the club on 49 614 493, or via email at newcastle@pcycnsw.org.au
Visit the Wetlands in the Holidays
The Hunter Wetlands Centre at Shortland is offering fun activities for kids and families these holidays. Kids can learn bush skills, go on a bike safari, make bush perfume or join Tantrum Theatre drama workshops and participate in the creation and performance of ‘Reptilia’. Booking essential - go to www.wetlands.org.au For dates, times and costs.

There’s plenty to do at the Wetlands - walking trails, playground, dip-netting, reptile talks, bike and canoe hire. Bring a picnic or enjoy a fresh and delicious lunch at the Spoonbill Cafe. Come along on Easter Saturday for a fun filled morning with craft, face painting, games, BBQ and a special treasure hunt. All entry $5, school holiday special - children 3-12 yrs, $2.

Resilient Families – A parenting information session
Parents and Carers of children from Pre-School 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
When: Wednesday 26th March
Pre-School, Kinder - Year 2 Parent’s Session: 5:00pm – 6.00pm
Year 3 - Year 6 Parent’s Session
6:30pm - 7:30pm
Where: Multi-Purpose Room
Waratah Public School
The Got It! Team is from the local Health Service and are currently working in the school with some of our younger children and K-Yr2 Teachers.

18 March 2014

When: Wednesday 26 March 2014
Where: School hall
The Preschool, Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 disco will start at 5.00 pm and finish promptly at 6.00 pm.
The Yr 3 - Yr 6 disco will start at 6.15 pm & finish promptly at 7.30 pm.

**Parents please collect children promptly from the hall.
Admission fee is $3.00 per child.
There will be chips and drinks available for $1.00 each. Glow sticks will be available for $1.00
The disco is for Waratah Public School students only.
We look forward to a wonderful night.
Please understand that if your child’s behaviour has not been acceptable this semester they will not be invited to attend.

Year 6 Teachers Trish Bowen
Principal

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Newcastle Permanent Junior Ranger Fun Day
A great opportunity to have an exciting learning experience at Blackbutt Reserve where children can participate in fun and educational activities.
When: 11am - 1pm, Tuesday 16 April 2014
Where: Blackbutt Reserve top flat, entry off Freyberg St. Free sausage sandwich for children only, $1 each for adults. Drinks available for purchase.

Compulsory parental supervision at all times. Children must wear fully enclosed shoes. Blackbutt Reserve Office: 4804 3344. Email: blackbutts@nsw.gov.au

NSW Education & Communities
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:------