Star Struck Puppets
Our school has been lucky enough to be invited to participate in a once in a life time opportunity. The Callaghan Education Pathways group of schools of which we are a part have been asked to participate in Star Struck. Kate (5/6C) has been invited to represent our school in life size puppet making and drama production for Star Struck. We are really excited about being given this fantastic opportunity.

Good Luck
Ruby (5/6C) and Fletcher (5/6H) will be trying out for the Regional Touch Football Representative team this Friday. Give it your best because you are both amazing.

Athletics’ Carnival
The canteen will be opened at the Athletics’ Carnival (Federal Park) for recess and lunch—no ordering is necessary. The school canteen will operate as usual for K—2 lunches.

150 Years Commemorative pavers
A note has been sent home for families to order personalised engraved pavers for our special 150 year commemorative garden. The cost of a paver is $30.
Orders are due by 5 June. There is an order form in this bulletin.
Emily Palmer

DATES TO REMEMBER

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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 Fundraiser
Pie drive order forms have come home today with the bulletin. Please find extra copies in the P&C box next to the counsellor’s office. Orders need to be returned by Tuesday 17 June with money to the P&C box or canteen. Pie drive collection date is Wednesday 25 June from the Multipurpose room from 2.30 pm.
Dear Parents,

The teaching staff at Waratah Public School takes this opportunity to invite you to attend a Parent Teacher interview. The interview gives us an opportunity to reflect on your child’s progress throughout the first semester of 2014.

This year we are using an online booking system; this ensures you are able to book times that are best suited to our busy lives. Teachers have nominated specific times that they will be available both in and out of school hours.

Follow these steps to book an interview with your child’s teacher.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Enter THIS school event code. GRVWB

Then follow the 3 simple steps.

1. Enter your details
2. Choose teachers
3. Choose times

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

IMPORTANT Information

I don’t have the internet, how do I book an interview?
For parents that don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones, 5/6C classroom will be available at 3.05 pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of weeks 5, 6 and 7, so that parents can still make their own bookings.

How long are the interviews?
Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Where do I meet the teacher?
If your interview is held outside school hours (before or after school) then interviews will be held in your child’s classroom.
If your interview is held inside school hours please arrive 10 minutes prior to your interview time and go to the office. The ladies will let you know your specific meeting spot.

How do I change my time??
You can change your interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking.
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Don’t forget School Banking Tuesdays.

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**Return to school office with payment by Thursday 5 June 2014**

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**Waratah Public School**  
**Paver Order Form**

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**Agility Professional Tree Service** – 0428 034435  
**Waratah Professional Tree Care** – 0414 706653  

Our students and gardens thank you very much for your kind donations of tree mulch delivered this week.
How to talk more with your kids

The links between school achievement and parents’ ability and propensity to talk with kids from a young age is indisputable.

If you were to focus on one thing to give your child an advantage then do what should come naturally talk with them.

The links between school achievement and parents’ ability and propensity to engage in conversation with kids from a young age is indisputable.

The language stimulation they receive when they talk with parents is one factor. The language of first borns is generally more extensive and richer than their siblings who spend less time in one-on-one situations with a parent.

But engagement in conversation with parents benefits kids in a far broader sense. It is trite to say that kids learn a great deal from their parents but, in fact they do when we talk with them.

In many ways it is through conversations that kids get a real sense of us and who we are. It is by talking with kids that we impart some of our knowledge, ideas, wisdom and thoughts as well as how we get a window into their worlds and how they think.

Getting conversations going with kids can be a massive challenge. Busy schedules, homes designed for individual enjoyment rather than group living, and kids that clam up are some of the blockers to conversation that parents meet.

So you may need to be a little cunning, a little proactive and a little inventive to get some chat going at home.

Here are five ideas to help you get more conversation going in your family:

1. Turn off the TV (and other screens). Most homes have a range of electronic screens that you compete with to get their attention. Don’t be afraid to take control of those screens and create a little conversational space. Start with a screen-free day each week or screen-free hour each day if you are a home full of screen junkies.

2. Turn on the TV (and other screens). If you can’t beat them, join them. Some television programs provide great conversational fodder particularly for older children and teens. This can range from “who’s going to win Australian Idol?”, “what happens to the winners of Australian Idol?” to “what is the point of Australian Idol?”

3. Have more mealtimes (with the TV off). The family that eats together talks together...or they should. I have a theory that families with a strong food culture (i.e. they love food and value the whole eating experience) have strong bonds. So make mealtimes special and insist that kids sit until everyone finishes rather than they eat all their peas. Avoid turning mealtimes into food fights that you can’t win.

4. Move more. If sitting and chatting is not your child’s thing then try getting them up and moving. Boys will often talk when they walk or play so consider getting some action happening. When their hands are busy the tongues will often loosen up.

5. Try shoulder-to-shoulder parenting. Sitting together in a car, washing dishes and playing a game can provide opportunities for talk. Take the eye contact out of the equation and you may find the talk just flows with some kids.

Every family has their own way of getting the talk happening. Figure out what works for you and make sure it happens. It seems to me that the best communication in families happens when no one is working at it BUT in busy modern families you do need to work at communication. That is the way of it. You have to work hard at family.