Go Waratah Public School
It was an absolute pleasure to host over 50 teaching colleagues at our technology network meeting on Tuesday afternoon. Our wonderful Mrs Christie was one of the coordinators and also impressed the crowd when she presented some of her own 21st Century learning strategies. Waratah Public School—Where Great Things Happen!

Swimming
Mr Metcalfe will be handing out the swimming ribbons to those students who placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd at the swimming carnival on Friday 20 February at our whole school Friday assembly.

WPS Stage 2 Aboriginal Dance Group
This year Waratah Public School will be forming a Stage 2 Aboriginal Dance Group for both Aboriginal and Non—Aboriginal students. The purpose of the group is to expose our students to a variety of dance forms that encompass the Aboriginal culture. Formalised lessons will start in Week 6 on Tuesday 3 March 2015 at 8.00 am in the school hall. As there are limited spaces available, an audition process may be necessary to ensure all applicants are given an equal chance to participate.
If your child would be interested in participating please fill in the permission note coming home today and place it into the box at the front office by Friday 27 February 2015.
For more information please see Miss Deer.
Thank you
Amy Deer

School Photos
School photos will be taken on Tuesday 3 March for K—6 and Preschool Possums. Preschool Kangaroos will be taken on Friday 6 March. Envelopes have come home today. Family envelopes can be picked up from the school office. Please check your child’s schoolbag.
Payment is made on the day of photos being taken and must be handed to the photographer. Money is not accepted at the school office.
Please have correct money in the envelope as the school office will not have change. Please read all information on envelopes carefully.

DATES TO REMEMBER  TERM 4

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Library News
“The more you read the more you learn!”
Library borrowing has started! Here is some information about how it all works.
Kindergarten Library: Students with a library bag will borrow a book and they can take this home.
Stage 1 (Years 1/2) Library: Every student will borrow a library book. Those students with a library bag can take theirs home while the other students will keep theirs for reading at school.
Stages 2/3 (Years 3/4/5/6) Library: Every student will borrow a book for reading at school. Those students with a library bag may borrow a second book to take home.
It is really important that all library books are returned on each student’s library day. Here are the class library days:
Monday: 4/5/6W—KD—3/4P—5/6M
Tuesday: K/1G—1/2B—1/2S
Wednesday: 3/4L—1/2C—3B
Thursday: KM—5/6C—1/2H
Thank you
Ms Sammons

WARATAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DANCE PERMISSION SLIP
Please return $50.00 & slip to the office payment box NO LATER than FRIDAY 20 February
(no late payments accepted)
Waratah Public School
GIRLS & BOYS DANCE (YEARS 1 – 6) PERMISSION NOTE TERM 1 & 2 2015
I give permission for my child ___________________ of class __________
to attend dance lessons in Term 1 & 2. I enclose $50-00 payment.
Signed: ___________________ Date: __________
(Parent / Caregiver)

P&C Fundraiser
Volunteers are needed to help on the BBQ this Saturday 21 February between 8.00 am—1.00 pm while the election is on. Please contact John on 0448 001 886 if you can help in any way.

STUDENTS TERM 1 2015

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Waratah Technology Campus Open Day
If you have a child in Year 6 at Waratah Public School you and your child are invited to attend our 2015 Campus Open Day.
When: Tuesday 24 February 2015
Time: 4.00 pm—5.30 pm
Where: CCWTC Hall (parking at rear of school)
For more enquiries please contact Waratah Technology High School on 4968 1939

Hunter Sports High School
Open night
When: Tuesday 24 February 2015
Time: 6.30 pm
Where: School Bini
For all prospective students and their parents/carers
Please contact Mrs Christie for more information and application forms or contact Hunter Sports High School on 4943 5755

Waratah Technology High School High Achievers Class
Applications forms can be picked up from Mrs Christie.

FOR STUDENTS STILL TO PURCHASE MATHS PACKAGE
These packages are available from the school office for the cost of $25 (for students in year 1 to year 6) and $15 (for students in kindergarten).
The Math package contains the student login details for the online Math program, Mathletics. This is an interactive resource that students can use at school and at home. It will become an important part of our teaching this year so it is essential that each student has the login code. Normally this subscription would cost over $100 to purchase for each child so we are getting great value.
Year 1 to Year 6 Mathletics package also contains a Maths Mentals book, which will be used in class to support daily learning.
The pack also includes a small photocopy levy, which enables teachers to differentiate for each child’s learning ability.
If you are having difficulty finding the money to pay for this, please contact the school office to discuss a payment plan. We want to make sure that every child has the best learning opportunities.
I give permission for my child .........................................................of class ........................................
to participate in the following 2015 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 Tuesday 24 March 2015.
(NO SLIPS OR PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.)

□ Science—3 June 2015 ($8.00)
□ English—28 July 2015 ($8.00)
□ Mathematics—11 August 2015 ($8.00)
□ All of the above ($24.00)

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 ...........................................