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DATES TO REMEMBER

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Aboriginal Dance Group Stage 2

Thank you to all those parents and students who have shown an interest in our Aboriginal Dance group. Due to school photos we were unable to start our dance this week. We will definitely be starting next Tuesday 10 March in our School Hall with the support of students from WTHS and some wonderful parents within our school. Thank you

Amy Deer
Dance coordinator

Year 6 Transition Day—Waratah Technology Campus Friday 6 March

All Year 6 students are expected to attend, regardless of which high school they will be attending in 2016. There is no cost, and students will be provided with a sausage sizzle lunch. It is a fantastic opportunity for ALL Year 6 students, as it is a general transition to high school routines and classes. Mrs Christie and Mrs Cromie will be accompanying the students to and from WTC. It's always a fun, interesting day, and this year we will have the high school to ourselves as the high school students will be at their swimming carnival. Please see Mrs Christie for more information.

The Catch Program

We are very excited and proud to create and implement the “Catch Program” at Waratah Public School. No it’s not a sporting program…. The Catch program involves employing extra staff (SLSO’s) for classes 9.00 am until 11.00 am most mornings to support students learning. The School Learning Support Officers (SLSO’s) will be involved in a variety of different initiatives to support and extend our student’s learning. They will be upskilled in the latest techniques and strategies to enable them to support our students and help them to be the best that they can be. The “Catch Program” also involves a partnership with the TAFE. This partnership involves the TAFE providing volunteers for our school who are training as SLSO’s and the school then committing to upskilling the TAFE students in a school setting. This is such an exciting initiative for Waratah Public School and our students will benefit greatly.

Year 6 Fundraising

Year 6 students have started selling Zooper Doopers for 10 minutes straight after school on M, W, F, starting this week (Week 6). They will be under the COLA and outside the 2-storey building. Zooper Doopers will be 50c each!
**EASTER LUNCH TUESDAY 31 March**

A special Easter Feast lunch will be held on Tuesday 31 March. If you would like to order please fill in the form and send back no later than Friday 27 March.

**NO OTHER HOT FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY** as cocktail fish has to be ordered from the fish shop.

**COST** $6.00

Lunch will consist of

- cocktail fish
- potato wedges
- Easter treat
- tartare sauce
- tomato sauce
- apple juice
- orange juice
- water

Name: ___________________________  Class:—————

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**STUDENTS TERM 1 2015**

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**P&C News**

We opened 2015 with our first P&C meeting on Monday night and it was great to see familiar faces again along with some new ones. Our P&C membership is currently small and with all the services the P&C provides WPS - Canteen, Uniform Shop, School Banking, fundraising plus much more, we are stretched thin to provide just these core services. It would be really wonderful if that helper/volunteer base could grow so our school can reap the benefits of “many hands making light work”.

**Fundraising**

We are again, taking advantage of the “hungry hordes” and “sweet tooths” at the next State Election, held here at WPS on Sat 28 March, with a BBQ and Cake Stall. Help is what we need!! If you are able to help in anyway with setup, cooking, selling, pack up and of course chatting, even for as little as an hour please contact/txt Richelle (0419210273) or John Henry (0448001886) or leave your details in the P&C post box at the front office.

**AGM**

The 2014 P&C year will close at the end of March with the Annual General Meeting or (AGM) which will be held on **Monday 30 March 2015 at 7.00 pm**. Along with the financial wrap-up for 2014, voting for the 2015 P&C Executive also takes place. Only those financial members are able to vote and membership costs only $1.

This meeting will also be a farewell thank you to our current President Verity Currey who has been in the role for the past 6 years. Verity has been a staunch supporter of WPS and achieved many great things for our school during that time. A small thank you supper in her honour will be at 6.30 pm prior to the meeting. It would be lovely if all could attend to show our appreciation for all Verity has done for WPS.

**Uniform Shop**

More senior bucket hats have arrived and a copy of the Uniform Price List is now on the Skoolbag App.

Cheers Richelle
CANTEEN ROSTER

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EXCURSION/PERFORMANCE/ACTIVITY CONSENT FORM

Dear Parent

A camp has been organised for your child's class. Information is as follows:

Excursion/Performance/Activity: YEAR 3 & 4 CAMP

Venue: MYUNA BAY SPORT AND RECREATION CENTRE
        WANGI ROAD MYUNA BAY

Date(s): MONDAY 17 AUGUST – TUESDAY 18 AUGUST 2015

Classes involved: Stage 2

Cost of excursion/performance is:

Total cost: $170-00

$50.00 Deposit MUST BE PAID BY Friday 27 March 2015

AS THERE ARE ONLY 50 PLACES AVAILABLE FOR ALL OF YEAR
3&4, A DEPOSIT MUST BE PAID TO SECURE YOUR CHILD'S PLACE.

Balance must be paid in full by Friday 24 July 2015

The class will depart from: Departing from school on Monday 17/8/2015 at 8.00am
At (time) and return at (time) Returning on Tuesday 18/8/2015 at 2.30pm.

Travel will be by: Bus with seatbelts and luggage bin.

The group will be supervised by: Year 3/4 teachers and Myuna Bay Recreation Staff

Additional Information: There will be NO REFUNDS without a Medical Certificate.

Shane Bransdon
Assistant Principal

Trish Bowen
Principal

18 February 2015

Please return slip & $50 deposit to office by 27 March 2015

(LATE paying students will be put on a waiting list.)

☐ I give permission for my child ________________________ of class ________ to attend the Myuna Bay
Recreation Centre on Monday 17/8/15 until Tuesday 18/8/15.

I understand there will be NO REFUNDS without a Medical Certificate.

Signed: ____________________________ (Parent/Guardian)    Date: _______________
4 March 2015

Dear Parent

We are presently undertaking the planning of our Stage 3 excursion to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains.

The excursion will take place from Wednesday 5 August 2015 and it will be over 3 days. It will include coach travel, motel-style accommodation and visits to major tourist attractions around Canberra, eg Parliament House, War Memorial, Questacon, Mint etc. A full itinerary will be sent home nearer the excursion date.

We will also visit the Snowy Mountains on a day trip where the children will enjoy the snow—this is subject to weather conditions.

All travel, accommodation, meals and entry into the various attractions will be included in the cost, which will be $350.00.

If your child is able to participate in the excursion, please complete the form below and return it to the school office by 2 April 2015.

THERE ARE ONLY 60 POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR ALL OF YEAR 5 AND 6.

A deposit of $50.00 must be paid by 2 April 2015 to secure your child’s place on the excursion. You can begin paying this deposit in instalments immediately to ensure you have paid a total deposit of $50.00 by the due date.

The remainder may be paid off in regular payments to the school office with final balance due 24 July 2015.

This excursion has been thoroughly enjoyed by our children in past years and I urge you to permit your child to participate this year.

Yours sincerely
Robyn Christie                                                   Trish Bowen
Assistant Principal                                            Principal

Waratah Public School - Canberra Excursion Permission Slip

Return to the office by 2 April 2015.

I give permission for my child ______________________________________ of class ________ to participate in the Stage 3 children excursion to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains from 5 August 2015. I understand travel is by coach and he/she will be staying at Capital Country Holliday Village Lodge for 2 nights, and that I must pay a deposit of $50.00 by 2 April 2015 to secure my child’s position.

I understand that there will be NO REFUNDS without a Medical Certificate.

Signed ___________________________________________             Date ______________

Parent / Guardian