



Waratah West Public School
– Moving Forward Together



BECAUSE OF HER, WE CAN!
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Principal's Message

Dear Families and Friends of Waratah West Public School,

Celebration

On Monday 6th August, Harley, Latisha, Hamish, Estelle and Revan were recognised at the Callaghan Education Pathways **Education Week Assembly** as outstanding public school students. We are very proud of these fine young learners.



Congratulations to Jackson, Jamie, Harry, Jessica and Savannah, who represented us at the **Zone Athletics** carnival on Friday 10th August. Savannah was selected to give the Acknowledgement of Country, and performed this task impressively in front of a huge audience. Harry has been selected to compete at the Regional Athletics carnival.



Last week all K-6 students participated in Newcastle City Council's **Water Safety Education Program**. The program is based around teaching preventative measures and basic fundamentals of water safety, including beach safety, pool safety and open water safety.

Representatives from the **Sydney Sixers** cricket team are working with students K-6 to develop fundamental movement skills. All students are enjoying participating in these exciting activities.



Assembly

The Assembly spotlight this week is on our public speakers. Please join us on Friday at 2:15pm to hear our Stage 2 students perform their speeches.

Father's Day Breakfast

Dads, Grandads and other important male family members are invited to join us for a breakfast BBQ on Friday 31st August at 8:30am.

Upcoming School Events

Our school choir are busily rehearsing for the **Cluster Choir** performance on 13th September. Mrs McCormack is very pleased with their efforts so far. Rehearsal dates as follows:

Rehearsal 1

When: Thursday, 23rd August 2018

Time: 9:15am to 1:00pm.

Where: Waratah Technology High School Campus.

Travel: Private car.

Rehearsal 2 – Full Dress Rehearsal

When: Thursday, 13th September 2018

Time: 9:15am to 1:00pm.

Where: Waratah Technology High School Campus.

Travel: Private car.

Mrs Dyett is making preparations for our **Book Week parade** to be held on Wednesday 26th September at 2pm. The theme this year is 'Find Your Treasure', so let your imagination run wild in preparing a book related costume for your child.

Plans are underway for the **school sleepover** to be held on Friday 14th September. Students will sleep in school classrooms, supervised by teachers. Your child will need a sleeping bag/swag/airbed. Further details will be provided closer to the date.

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 18th September.

NCCD Data

Attached to this newsletter is information regarding the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with a Disability. All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005.

Attendance Matters

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. Our school works in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

https://education.nsw.gov.au/.../atten.../attendance_parents.pdf

Feedback

At Waratah West Public School we are very fortunate to have supportive and friendly parents and families. Our families recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between home and school and understand the importance of a strong working relationship. For these reasons we welcome and encourage families to participate fully in the life of our school. Many thanks for your support of the respectful ethos of our school by setting a good example in your own speech and behaviour towards all members of the school community. On several recent occasions I have heard fantastic feedback about our school 'on the grapevine', and I thank you for sharing a positive message about our wonderful school in the wider community.

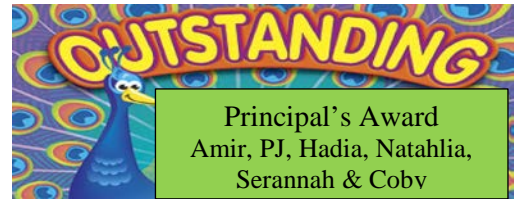
Student work

Silver class have been working with alliteration:

- Harry** *Harry has a huge house. On his farm he has horses.*
- Matthew** *The seagulls sang a song that made many sleep on Saturday.*
- Layla** *Layla likes Lusiana's long lollipop.*
- Teddy** *Teddy taps turtles while tackling tigers.*
- Bailey** *Bailey bought black boots but Baileys brother bought blue boots.*

Saffron *Ferdinand found five ferocious fighting frogs flinging fruit.*

Savannah *Savage Savannah savaged single snakes and single snakes savaged senior snails.*



Nicola Moroney, Principal.

Rissole and salad Roll with Fresh Fruit Platter

Yalla Café's rissoles are made with lean beef mince, fresh herbs from our school garden and free range eggs from our happy hens. Your rissole roll comes with lettuce, tomato and beetroot to make a tasty meal. Our famous refreshing fruit platter will be served after your meal. There is a tasty vegetarian option available. Please note students are to bring their own drink. The cost is \$2.00 per student.



CALENDAR - Term 3

Week 4

Friday, 17 th August	Kinder Transition Assembly 2:15pm
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Week 5

Friday, 24 th August	Kinder Transition
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Week 6

Friday, 31 st August	Father's Day Breakfast Kinder Transition Assembly 2:15pm
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NOTES TO BE RETURNED:

Cluster Choir & \$2

Religious Education Preference Note



SHAQUILLE & Harley

Resolving Concerns

There may be occasions when concerns cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried, respectful and confidential atmosphere.

These guidelines aim to provide an appropriate procedure to deal with common concerns.

Please note: School social media message pages are not monitored regularly, and are therefore not an appropriate forum to raise a concern.

CONCERN	APPROPRIATE ACTION
The academic progress of your own child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directly contact the child's teacher either by note, phone or make an appointment to discuss in person at an appropriate time
The wellbeing of your own child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For minor issues, directly contact your child's teacher to clarify information. For more serious concerns, contact office and arrange a suitable time to talk with class teacher. Please contact the office to convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, health issues, custody details etc.
Actions of other students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact the class teacher for a classroom problem. Contact the child's teacher or principal for playground problems.
School procedures or practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact office and make an appointment to see the principal and/or appropriate member of staff.
Actions of a staff member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact the Principal directly for an appointment.

Please note: No Parent/Carer is permitted to directly approach another person's child.

The school will deal with issues between students as part of the school Student Wellbeing procedures.

ALL SCHOOLS ARE PROTECTED BY THE INCLOSED LANDS PROTECTION ACT OF 1901 - Revised 31 July 2012

In very rare cases where people wishing to express concerns do so in an aggressive, threatening or violent manner, the Principal (or nominee) has the legal authority under the "Inclosed Lands Act" to:

- Direct the person to immediately leave the grounds.
- Call the police to remove the person should he/she refuse.
- Withdraw future permission (by letter) for the person to enter the grounds without permission of the Principal.
- Seek further legal avenues.

The Crimes Amendment (School Protection) Act can be applied if any offences under the act occur, such as harassment or intimidation of staff or students on school property or on entering or leaving school property.

Assembly Awards

CLASS	RESPECT AWARD	SUPERSTAR AWARD
AQUA	Shalandra	Kaysen Jaiden
TANGERINE	Lucy Hadia	Karlarnie Lucas
SILVER	Amir Lusiana Teddy	Natahlia Ci'Anna
PURPLE	Coby Latisha	Gloria



The Callaghan Cluster Choir proudly presents...

Thursday
13th September
6pm

Callaghan College
Waratah Technology
Campus hall

gold coin donation

AROUND THE WORLD!

You are invited to join us in a Cluster Choir musical journey of songs that evoke the adventure, romance, excitement and exhilaration of travel.