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Principal's Message

Semester One Reports and Interviews

Teachers are currently writing Semester One student reports. These will be distributed on Friday 28th June. You are invited to meet with your child's teacher in Week 10 to discuss progress. A note with further information has been sent home.

Beginning School in 2020

Registrations are now open for children commencing Kindergarten in 2020. Children who will be five years old by the 31st July 2020, are eligible to start kindergarten in that year. If you would like a tour of our wonderful school, please call our school office to make an appointment.

All children who will be commencing Kindergarten at Waratah West Public School in 2020 are invited to attend our Transition to School program, which will take place every **Friday morning 9am-11am from Friday 9th August**. Children will participate in a play based morning session with our Instructional Leader and Kinder teacher, Emma McCabe. Transition to School aims to develop positive attitudes to coming to school, enabling children to feel comfortable and familiar in the school environment. It is a valuable opportunity to initiate genuine partnerships between school and families.



NAIDOC Planning

Please join us on Tuesday 25 June 10am in Yalla Café to assist Bianca with planning for our important NAIDOC celebration. Morning tea will be provided. Many thanks to our Aboriginal families for leading the organisation of this special event. Our NAIDOC activities will take place **on Friday 2nd August**.



Year 6 Students

One of the ways Callaghan College, Waratah ensures your Year 6 child is supported is to gather detailed information on their strengths and challenges in learning. Today staff from Callaghan College, Waratah will be at our school to administer two assessments for all Year 6 students. This will allow Year 7 teachers to plan for the individual learning needs of all students. The first will be a 40 minute literacy assessment and the second a 40 minute numeracy assessment. Please be aware there is no need for your child to study or prepare for these assessments.



Jack's Place- Curious Legends

Tickets are selling fast for the performance on June 22nd. A number of \$10 tickets have been set aside for families from our school. In order to get them, people just need to use this code when booking: **waratahwtics** (see poster for booking website)

A free family pass has been donated to our school. Please contact the school office if you are interested in this- first person to call will receive the pass.

Student Safety

Please be vigilant with safety when dropping off and picking up students. The street can become very congested at pick-up time, making it difficult for drivers to see small children. If you are parked across the road, please do not call children to cross over to meet you at your car. Teachers will wait at the front of the school with their class for you to meet your child. A teacher is stationed at the designated pedestrian crossing to see children safely across the road.

Assembly

Please join us at 2:15 for Assembly. Aqua will perform in the spotlight this week.

Bush School

A fantastic day was had last Friday at Blackbutt. As part of our commitment to learning in and about the natural environment, we held an outdoor learning day in the bush. Bush School is an ethos that encourages the development of children's emotional and physical development through outdoor play, activities and exploration in a bushland environment. The philosophy of Bush School is to encourage and inspire children through positive experiences and participation in engaging, motivating and achievable tasks and activities that foster independence, confidence, communication skills, and self-esteem.

Originally a concept developed in Denmark, children attending 'Forest Schools' were found to have developed strong social skills, the ability to work effectively in groups, and generally had high esteem and confidence in their own capabilities. These attributes proved to be an effective foundation that consolidated learning in the classroom and raised academic achievement.

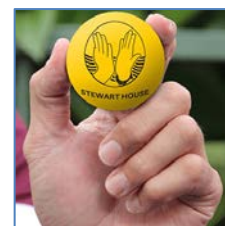
At WWPS we have found that children who struggle with anxiety and the lack of freedom that classroom walls offer find that Bush School helps to enhance their learning, increases self-esteem, independence, risk taking, language and much more. The staff, by observing and working with the children when appropriate, allow children to explore their own preferred learning styles while developing a lifelong love and understanding of the natural environment.

We're already looking forward to our traditional Term 4 Beach School!



Stewart House

A reminder that handballs are available to purchase from the office (\$3). All money raised goes to supporting Stewart House. Recently our school was recognised as a Gold Sponsor of Stewart House, due to our fundraising efforts and school staff contributions through the Salary Contribution Scheme.

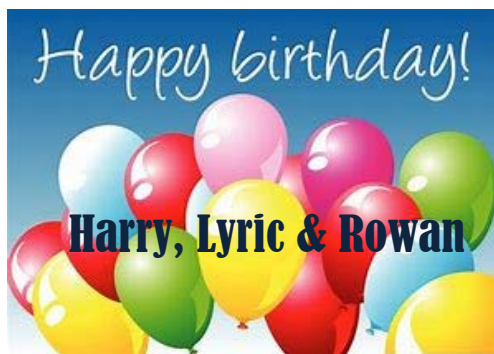


Nicola Moroney, Principal.

Aboriginal Cultural Activities

Bianca Duncan will work with us on Tuesdays to support Aboriginal cultural activities. Please pop in and have a yarn to Bianca if you are able to help out with NAIDOC Day planning. Bianca is also working with students to start a dance group, and organise a didge group, so all helpers are welcome.





Woolworths Earn and Learn

We are participating in Woolworths Earn and Learn. Earn stickers for shopping at Woolworths. Collect them and bring them in to the front office. We will then be able to exchange them for fantastic resources for our students.

Once again we acknowledge the ongoing support that Manager Derk and his team at Mayfield Woolworths provide for our students.



Meal Deal - Nonna's Pasta & Fresh Fruit Plate

Waratah West is serving up a lunchtime treat with our delicious pasta meal deal. There will be two kinds of sauce - one roasted pumpkin, bacon and vegetable and the other tomatoes, garlic, ham and vegetables. We always had fragrant herbs from our school garden and top with a sprinkling of cheese. Some fresh fruit will be served after your meal.

There will also be Vegetarian and Halal options available.

Students to bring their own drink. The cost is **\$2.00 per student.**



CALENDAR - Term 2

Week 8

Friday, 21st June

Assembly 2:15pm

Week 9

Tuesday, 25th

NAIDOC Planning
10:00am Yalla Café

Friday, 28th July

Semester 1 Reports
sent home.

Week 10

Tuesday, 2nd July

Parent, student &
teacher Interviews

Wednesday, 3rd July

Parent, student &
teacher interviews

Friday, 5th July

Assembly 2:15pm
Last Day of Term 2

SCHOOL RESUMES TUESDAY, 23RD JULY

Notes and Payments

- **Parent, Student & Teacher interview.**
- **Stage 3 Major Excursion, Canberra 2019 – deposit \$50 DUE NOW**
- **Children's University \$15.**
- **2019 Book Packs, Kindergarten \$15 and Years 1-6 \$25.**

Entertainment Book 2019-2020

The Entertainment Book 2019-2020 is coming soon! The cost is \$65 and the school receives 20% from every book sold – a great fundraiser for our school. For more information, see Mrs Bunny at the school office (purchases can also be made online).

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School timetable changes from 1 July

There will be some timetable changes to school services to improve reliability.

It's easy to check your timetable.

- 1 Visit: newcastletransport.info/plan-your-trip/school-services
- 2 Type your school name into the search field.
- 3 Select your school bus route to download the PDF timetable that will be effective from 1 July.

Don't forget to tap on with your Opal school card!
Tapping on and off provides Newcastle Transport with important data to determine bus services to your school.





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Junior Taggers SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC NEWCASTLE

Wednesday July 17th
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