



Waratah West Public School – Moving Forward Together

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Education Week

Last week across the state was Education Week. The theme this year is 'Learning Together'. Usually this would be an opportunity for us to welcome families into our school to showcase the amazing educational opportunities that your children are engaged in. Unfortunately, due to COVID, we are still restricted from having parents on school grounds. Our school participated in a 'Callaghan Education Pathways' network of schools Education Week video that celebrates the learning of all children across our network of schools. Please enjoy viewing this fabulous video on our Waratah West Public School Facebook page.

Zoom Assembly

Thanks to our school leaders Pride and Ci'anna for their professionalism and flexibility in navigating the Week 3 Zoom Assembly. Unfazed by some technical difficulties, they persevered to lead our remote ceremony. Congratulations to all our award winners.

Internship Placement

This term we are working closely with the University of Newcastle and have an intern placed at our school. Ms Mikaela Evans will be working with Kindergarten (Aqua) throughout the term, as she finishes her Bachelor of Teaching studies.

Dance Group

It is fabulous to see the Dance Group hard at work and having lots of fun each Friday afternoon. We are very fortunate to have Ms Jody Hooker, dance teacher at Callaghan College Waratah Campus, teach the group each week, ably supported by Miss Nichol.

School Excellence in Action 2021 - 2024

Schools across NSW are currently embarking on a new school planning cycle. Our staff are working through professional learning and a deep reflective process to ensure that we develop a strong school strategic plan for the next four years that sees every student, teacher and leader make strong academic growth. Later in the year, we will be asking parents and community members to contribute to and review the plan with us so that we can ensure we are listening to the needs of our community. Our aim is for the school plan and school vision to be shared by everyone so that we can work together to achieve the best possible outcomes for your children.

School Uniform

I appreciate that the weather has been rather cold and wet of late. I have noticed that non-school uniform items are creeping in. Jumpers, track pants and hoodies that are not navy blue; hats that are weekend hats... Usually there is an exceptionally high standard of uniform at Waratah West PS. Here are 3 reasons why we believe school uniform is important –

1. School uniforms make us a team. Kids are expected to show up to play weekend sport (when we were allowed to) with the correct team sport uniform. It's all about team pride.
2. It puts all of the children on a level playing field. There is no social exclusion or discrimination when everyone wears school uniform. No one has 'better' clothes than someone else.

3. It prepares the students for later on in life. A lot of adults work in an occupation that require them to wear a uniform. Wearing a school uniform is good practice and preparation for adulthood.

Please ensure all items are labelled with your child's name. Thank you to Mrs Murdoch who washes the lost property regularly. If your child's name is on the items it makes it very easy to return them to the rightful owner.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty please ring the school office as we have a number of options that could support you to ensure that your child or children are in full school uniform. I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Year 3 and Year 5 Reading and Numeracy Check-in Assessment

Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in a new reading and numeracy check-in assessment in Term 3, 2020. The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor Year 5 student learning following the period of learning from home. The Check-in assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 5 students from 17 August to 4 September 2020.

The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 3 students from 21 September to 23 October.

Year 6 Fundraiser

Thursday 20th August Year 6 Ice cream Fundraiser day!

Support our senior students and buy a delicious ice cream for your recess!

Choice of vanilla ice cream with sprinkles and /or chocolate topping.

Ice creams will be served in a cone. \$2 per ice cream. (Limit one per child).

All money raised will help our Year 6 students raise money for their leaving gift to the school.

Principals Award



*Sage
Cillian
Tamsyn
Eedie
Beaudean
Lusiana*



*Harley, Shaquille, Markus,
Aria, Natahla*

Assembly Awards

	Class Award	Superstar
AQUA	Harvie, Aladini, Lyrik	Callum, Sebastian
TANGERINE	Shaquille, Luka, Rowan	Harley, Cillian
SILVER	Latanah, Lucy, Karlarnie	Myah

	Class Award	Superstar
PURPLE	Isabella, Blake, Ty	Robyn, Natahlia

CALENDAR - Term 3

WEEK 4

Monday, 10th August Newsletter

WEEK 5

Friday, 21st August Zoom School Assembly

WEEK 6

Mon, 24th August Newsletter

WEEK 7

31st August – 4th Sept School Dentist Visit

Fri, 4th September Zoom School Assembly

WEEK 8

Mon, 7th September Newsletter

Thurs, 10th September School Photos

****FOOD ALLERGIES****

We have students at school with serious food allergies. Please refrain from packing nut products (including Peanut Butter and Nutella) and strawberries for school lunchboxes. Help us protect our students' health. Thank you!



2020 Student Requirements

Bookpacks are available for all students to use in their classroom. The bookpacks include a selection of exercise books and stationary items for all students. The cost of the pack for Kindergarten students is \$15 and for Years 1 to 6 \$25. We will no longer request a School Contribution of \$35 per year.

Payments can be made on-line through the website at: <https://waratahwst-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>. Click on the "MAKE A PAYMENT" link and follow the instructions.





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