Assembly Roster
This week’s assembly will be hosted by 3P.

Honesty
Last week three boys found a mobile phone belonging to a parent and handed it in so it could be returned. Well done – Mikie, Jonny and Braedyn! You are excellent school citizens and set a fine example for others to follow.

Year 7 Orientation Day
Tomorrow Wednesday 3rd of December year 6 students are invited to attend Waratah Technology Campus for the Year 7 2015 Orientation Day. Detailed information is attached on the back of the newsletter.

Celebration Day
Celebration Day is fast approaching and will be held next Wednesday 10th December. Students are reminded to be in full school uniform on the day. This includes black shoes and white socks. Parents will be contacted via telephone if their child will be receiving an award on the day.

End of year Class Activities
Information will be coming home this week about end of year activity days. Please read carefully and return note and money (if required) to the office before the due date.

Summer holiday fun
Book your children into one of our fun-filled camp next school holidays. Your children will be kept busy and active while learning new skills and making new friends. You’ll have peace of mind knowing your children are safe and well looked after. For details, visit Sport and Recreation website www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/

For the love of science
Science is a method of engaging with, and trying to understand, the world. Professor Tim Flannery says if a child is interested in pursuing science, encourage them to develop persistence and humility – the idea that they won’t always be right. Listen to the podcast: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/science-tips/for-the-love-of-science

Pleasures of free play
Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination. Under scheduling your child: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child

Important Dates
4th December Year 6 Farewell Planning Meeting
10th December Celebration Day
11th December Year 6 Farewell
15th December Stage 3 Party Day
16th December Stage 2,1 and Early Stage 1 Party Day
17th December End of Term 4

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Year 6 Farewell
The final Year 6 Farewell Planning Meeting is on Thursday 4th December at 3.15 on the Stage 3 floor.

Invitations have been sent home for Year 6 students. Please return the acceptance slip with money to the office.

Year 5 have been invited to the Year 6 Disco. Please return the acceptance slip with money to the office.
Library News
Just another reminder that all student borrowing has now closed for the year. If your child receives an overdue notice, could you please assist with locating the books and returning them as soon as possible.
There is still no winning class in my competition to return all loans to the library, but some classes are very close - keep searching!
Louise Troup
Teacher Librarian

Canteen News
Wednesday 3rd December  Jess, Kristy
Thursday 4th December  Tammy, Nat
Friday 5th December  Mandle, Sarah (recess)
Monday 6th December  Gayle
Tuesday 7th December  Jane

Thompson's Pie Drive
Thank you to everyone that purchased from our pie drive. Your support is very much appreciated. Profits go back into the school to purchase educational toys for the students to use at school.
Orders can be collected on Thursday from the school hall located behind the canteen between noon and 3.15pm.

Year 1
Year 1 are studying Workers in the Community unit this term in HSIE. They had a visit from Mr Scott Brent who works as a Special Operations Paramedics at Rutherford. He shared his experiences, role and responsibilities with the students. He sure has motivated a lot of students.

Harvesting the Gardens
Last week students from 5/6RP and 2GR harvested their gardens.

2GR harvested a bumper crop of potatoes while 5/6RP pulled their spanish onions and picked some cherry tomatoes from 3C’s garden.
Robogals

Last Thursday, the Stage 3 girls were involved in a program run in conjunction with the University of Newcastle called Robogals.

Robogals is an international program that aims to encourage an increase in the number of females choosing engineering, science and technology as a future career.

Our girls-only environment became a Lego robotic classroom for the morning as the girls learned in a fun way the basics of engineering, robotics and programming.

In small teams, the girls used computers to program their robots - after they named them of course - to complete a series of challenges. They needed to make their robot cover the most area of a table, go through an obstacle course and knock down as many pasta filled cups on the obstacle course as possible. They could also program their computer to talk, laugh or make faces.

Teamwork, problem solving, maths, testing, modifying, fun, discussing, sharing ideas and IT skills were just some of the features of this dynamic workshop.
MAYFIELD WEST DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL
Learning For Life

Celebration Day Presentation
Wednesday 10th December 2014

Parents, caregivers and community members are invited to attend the Mayfield West Demonstration School Celebration Day Presentation.

**Time:** 9.15am

**Venue:** Mayfield West Demonstration School - Middle COLA

Please come along to enjoy the presentations, entertainment and share morning tea in the hall after the ceremony.

As parents and caregivers may be seated in the sun, a hat or umbrella is recommended.
Invitation
Year 7 2015 Orientation Day

Year 6 Students and Parents/Carers are invited to attend our Orientation Day

When: Wednesday, 3rd December 2014
Time: Students to arrive at 9.15am and depart at 2.00pm
Location: Callaghan College, Waratah Technology Campus School Hall
9.30 – 10.30am Welcome to Parents/Carers and Students, followed by introductions
10.30am Close of morning session
Parents/Carers are welcome back for a BBQ lunch at 1.30pm
1.30pm BBQ for Students and Parents/Carers in the Harris Street playground
2.00pm Close of Orientation Day

On Orientation Day:
• The Uniform Shop will be open from 8.00am - 4.00pm
• Book Packs and bus-rail pass applications will be available from 10.30am - 11.30am

Transport is to be provided by Parents/Carers
(Parking at rear of school in Waratah Park - Turn off Turton Road into Harris Street)
Students to wear their Year 6 school uniform
Junior Ranger Fun Day

The theme of our next free environmental fun day is aquatic action, with fun craft, interactive games, planting activities and critter displays. Kid's get a free ice block!

9.30am to 11.30am, Tuesday 20 January 2015

Carnley Avenue reserve
(off Carnley Ave, Kotara)

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Compulsory parental supervision at all times. Children must wear fully enclosed shoes.

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