

Teamwork

Recognition of Service

What began so many years ago has resulted in a lifetime of wonderful memories and experiences for not only the students but also our retiring Principal, Mr Peter Hancock.

To recognise his years of service, commitment and dedication, firstly you need to know the history of a man that has touched the lives of many throughout his career.

Peter Hancock began his teaching career in Willala, a one teacher school west of Boggabri and from there transferred to Premer as a Teaching Principal.

In 1984 Pete taught at Warialda Public School, Gravesend Public School and Bingara Central and then finally moved to Warialda where he would continue teaching and eventually become Principal and finish his career.

In 26 years as a classroom teacher he touched the lives of over 700 children introducing special programs like Bike Education, Korean culture and Language.

Throughout his career he has played a very large role, not only in the classroom but also on the playground and sporting fields coaching rugby league, cricket and soccer just to name a few.

It is the hard work and close observation that has resulted in our school gaining funding known as the BER which upgraded our school hall and Library. As a result of his tireless work our school achieved the desired results and now have the outstanding facilities which our students enjoy everyday.

Pete's passion always came down to the children. "I have found working with children to be most rewarding as they are frank and refreshing in their take on the world" Pete said.

He recalls his most rewarding moments and smiles remembering his last trip to Canberra on a school excursion. As they walked around "Civic" first thing one morning one of the boys had said "This is the best day of my life, ever".

Pete has been a long serving teacher, principal, friend and an invaluable member of this community. To honour and recognise his years of service Warialda Public School is hosting an evening of celebration on Saturday 7th November at Blair Athol. Tickets are available from the school office.



"The favourite things about Mr Hancock for me was how he would shake our hand and he would know everyones name, even if you were new to school, he always new our names".

An ex student

Upcoming Events

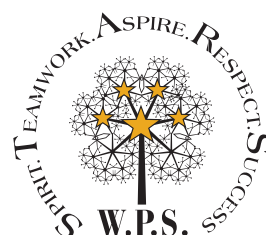
Date	Event
OCT	
26th	Girls Touch Sydney
27th	AECG Meeting
30th	World Teachers Day
NOV	
16th	Kinder Transition
20th	Kinder Transition
DEC	
4th	Kinder Transition
11th	Presentation Day Year 6 Farewell Afternoon

Community Notices

Quote of the Week

The most wasted day of all is that one which we have not laughed.

Nicolas Chamfort.



P r i n c i p a l

The students of Warialda Public School have enjoyed another thoroughly exciting week at school. Whilst visiting classrooms, it really stands out that our students are smiling and genuinely engaged in their learning. As a teacher, it is very rewarding to see the children trying their best and taking pride in their achievements.

Professional Learning

Whilst the students are working diligently, so too are our teachers. On Monday, the staff hosted colleagues from Pallamallawa and Gravesend Public School's for professional learning around the topic of 'consistency of teacher judgement'. Without making this sound more complicated than it needs to, this learning was designed to remind teachers about the importance of consistency when applying grades to student work. I know that all of the staff found this training beneficial and will be useful when looking at assessment tasks in the future.

Playground upgrade

We have been busily continuing to make improvements to our already brilliant school. Last week, Derek Rose was top-dressing some of our oval area with loam and did a great job. Much to the delight of our keen matchbox car crew, he also refilled the sandpit with a load of fresh sand. The children spread the sand faster than a bobcat and have certainly enjoyed tunnelling and making new highways! Whilst he was here, preparations have begun for a new vegetable patch area where we will establish an outdoor classroom. At this stage, the ABC's Jerry Coleby-Williams will be opening our garden on Friday the 20th of November. Whilst on the point of our school grounds, it is important to acknowledge Mr McClymont who keeps our school looking spectacular with green grass and inviting gardens.

Kindergarten 2016

Our 2016 Kindergarten children enjoyed another wonderful transition opportunity on Friday and Mrs Waller reported that they are making pleasing progress in their readiness for school life. We are thoroughly looking forward to welcoming these little people into our school on a more permanent basis in February. There are still three more transition days to come in Term 4 so if you know of any other children new to our area or considering our school, please encourage them to make contact with the school to participate in these days.

Student Leaders

Whilst the school year will quickly come to an end, there is still much to be done. One of the most important tasks is electing student leaders for the coming year. Students in Year 5 will shortly be requested to nominate their interest in a leadership role. They will then need to deliver a short speech in which they will outline the qualities they possess that will make them a suitable leader for the 2016 school year. I will provide more information in the next fortnight about this process.

PSSA Knockout

Today, our extremely talented PSSA Girls Touch Footballers are in Merrylands competing in the New South Wales Finals. This is an outstanding achievement and I can't wait to hear about their experience. Regardless of the final results, our girls have done a tremendous job in reaching the final eight teams in the state and should be exceptionally proud of what they have accomplished thus far. I must also acknowledge Miss Cole who has been the driving force behind the team and put so much time and energy into this team. Also, a special vote of thanks to the parents of the players who have so generously assisted in providing transport throughout a long season and for being such positive role models to the girls. A full report will be included in next week's newsletter.

AECG Meeting

Tomorrow, we will be hosting an AECG meeting at 10am to hopefully establish a committee dedicated to the learning of Aboriginal students. Staff and parents from Warialda High School will be in attendance and I would strongly encourage any interested parties to join us in the school library from 10am.

Recognition of Service

Finally, it is with great pleasure that I can announce that a special function will be held on Saturday the 7th of November to celebrate the outstanding career of former Warialda Public School Principal, Mr Peter Hancock. I had the distinct privilege of encountering Mr Hancock during my own career (mostly as opposing football coaches) and always enjoyed his company. I always walked away from my time with Mr Hancock impressed by his commitment to the students in his care. He consistently treated them with kindness and encouraged them to do their best. If you are interested in joining us for an evening to officially acknowledge his successful career, please contact our office for more details.

Kind regards,

Dan van Velthuisen

Awards and Achievements

PBL weekly winners

KW	Cooper Hall & Jesse Irwin
1/2W	Riley Irwin & Trinity Turner
2/3C	Allan Johnson & Thomas Bell
3/4M	Kirralee Mintoff & Karina Jung
4/5/6M	Cody Vogt & Peter King
5/6D	Ashlea McKay & Oliver Ledingham
Playground	Dylan Fenton & Jai Harrison

Assembly Award Winners

KW	Cooper Hall, Summa Beel, Jesse Irwin, Angus Stewart
1/2W	Lilly Brice, Riley Irwin, Lisa Digby, Nicholas Cook
2/3C	Bella Tuthill, Isabele MererKing, Jay Farrawell, Scarlett Nieddu, Taeya Rose
3/4M	Wesley La Fontaine, Grace Parker, Charli Rose, Liliana Reardon
4/5/6M	Cody Vogt, Lacey Smith, Jack Williams, Brendan Cook
5/6D	Cooper Rose, Grace Sleiman, Kayley Mintoff, Ryan Vogt
PBL	Jay Farrawell, Emma Hall
Principal	Jai Turner, Isabel Biddle, Ella Moodie, Lachlan Mayne, Angus Stewart

Congratulations to these students, well done!

Gallery



Fishing with Mr V

Notices

Warialda Public School

extends a warm invitation

To the

Recognition of Service Evening

Honouring Peter Hancock

Saturday 7th November 2015

At

Blair Athol, Warialda Rd

Inverell

From 6:30 pm

Drinks and Canapes

Tickets \$100 per head

RSVP 1st November 2015

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Canteen Days

Monday	open
Tuesday	closed
Wednesday	open
Thursday	open
Friday	open

AECG Meeting

AECG meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th October at 10am in the School Library. Light morning tea will be provided.

Save the Date

Presentation Day and Year 6 Farewell is on Friday 11th December 2015

HALLOWEEN DISCO

SATURDAY

31st October

6.00pm to 8.30pm

Warialda Golf & Bowling Club

Prizes for the following:

- Best costume
- Best dressed
- Best dancer
- And lots more...



So get your costume together and come trick or treating and bust some moves on the dance floor.