

Respect

Remembrance Day



Up Coming Events

NOV

- 16th School Captain Speeches
Puberty Education
- 17th Puberty Education
- 20th Kinder Transition - full day
Opening of Vegie Garden
Assembly 11.50am 2/3C
Swimming for Sport

- 23rd Intensive swimming daily
- 27th Fishing Excursion

DEC

- 2nd P & C Meeting – 5pm
- 3rd Yr 6 Transition to WHS
- 4th Kinder Transition - full day
End of Intensive Swimming
- 11th Presentation Day
Yr 6 Farewell
Reports go home

Community Notices

Share the Care with Schools
The Future of Gwydir Shire

Notes to be Returned

Fishing Club
Intensive Swimming

Quote of the Week

"The most important thing is to
enjoy life - to be happy -
it's all that matters"

Audrey Hepburn

Recognition of Service



A lovely evening at the beautiful Blair Athol Estate was held to honour retired Principal Mr Peter Hancock on Saturday 7th November. Many fond stories were shared with some laughs and some tears throughout the evening. Pete accepted a lovely medallion from Dan and the 5/6 Class.

A poem for Mr Hancock

There's a special person in every child's life,
who's shoes no one could fill.
He's a Principal with amazing dedication, heart of gold and will.

For every child who knows him,
will understand its true...
A day without Mr H. left us a little blue.

You shook my hand and knew my name,
no matter how busy, it was always the same.
An ear to listen and a shoulder to cry,
after failure you would cheer after every try.

So thank you Mr Hancock for all that you have done,
You have made my schooling interesting and completely fun.
Throughout the playground your whistle will still ring out loud
To say you were my Principal, I am truly proud.

P r i n c i p a l

Week 6 at Warialda Public School was thoroughly enjoyable with an incredible amount of activities and events keeping staff and students on their toes! As Term 4 continues to gain momentum, I can't help but admire the way in which our students continue to shine by consistently demonstrating our core values of Spirit, Teamwork, Aspire, Respect and Success. Not only are the students working diligently and exhibiting impeccable manners but our staff continue to work tirelessly ensuring that your children are receiving the best education possible.

Classroom Visit

Whilst spending time in classrooms throughout the week, I particularly enjoyed my visit to 2/3C. Miss Cole and her students have been learning about visual literacy and have created their own picture books. Each student showed me their story and you could really tell just how proud they were of their finished products. Whilst they were all of an impressive standard, I was particularly taken by Ally Horn's work as her artwork completely told the story.

Remembrance Day

Last Wednesday, staff and students participated in Remembrance Day activities and ceremonies to pay tribute to service men and women who have fallen whilst serving their country. I had the privilege of accompanying Emma Hall, Alexander Smith and Byron La Fontaine to Captain Cook Park to participate in our communities Remembrance Day ceremony. Emma shared a reading with those in attendance whilst the boys laid a wreath. I was extremely impressed with the way in which they represented the wider student population and commend them for their maturity and leadership. Thank you also to all of our students who made a gold coin donation that will be promptly forwarded to the Pozieres French-Australian School Project.

Waste Free Wednesday

Whilst we remembered fallen soldiers last week, we also participated in another initiative known as Waste Free Wednesday. It was incredible to see so many of our students embrace this concept and bring to school a lunchbox containing significantly less packaging. Whilst our lunchboxes contained lots of healthy options, we also produced far less rubbish! A healthier and cleaner day – well done to all!

Sporting Superstar

On Thursday, Mrs Barnett organised for her class to be visited by a sporting superstar! Miss Ottilia Stridh has represented Sweden in Ultimate Frisbee at the World Championships. Miss Stridh worked with the students of 3/4B to share her expertise and skills. We were very grateful for this visit and most appreciative of Mrs Barnett's initiative in organising this special visit.

Sports Council Awards

On Friday night, several representatives of WPS attended the Warialda Sports Council Awards Night. Congratulations to Rachel Coulton, Emma Hall, Courtney Barwick and Charlie Horn who were all nominated for awards. As well as these individual nominations, the WPS PSSA Girls Touch Football Team, League Tag Team and the Senior Girls 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay Teams were also nominated in the category of Team of the Year. Also, congratulations to Miss Cole who was nominated for her outstanding contributions to sport in our community. It is incredibly exciting to announce that of these nominees, Charlie Horn was awarded Sub-Junior Boy Champion; Courtney Barwick was awarded Sub-Junior Girl Champion; the WPS PSSA Girls Touch Football Team were awarded Team of the Year; and our very own Miss Cole was recognised for her services to sport in Warialda.

Fishing Club

Students in Years 4 to 6 who have been participating in Fishing Club have received a permission note to attend an excursion on Friday the 27th of November. The children will be taught the finer points of fishing by experienced anglers from the Department of Fisheries. At this stage the exact location is still to be determined as we'll need to assess the height of the river and conditions to ensure all aspects of safety are covered. This excursion is a wonderful opportunity for parents to join us and assist in what will be a very fun day! I have issued a challenge to our students. The challenge is that they need to think of their best "one that got away" story to share with us during the lunch break on the day!

Health Talks

Please be reminded that the scheduled Puberty Education sessions for parents and students are taking place tonight in the school Library. From 5pm to 6pm fathers and sons will take part in the session and from 6pm to 7pm mums and daughters will attend. The sessions for students will take place as advised tomorrow (9am – Boys; 10am – Girls).

Leaders Speeches

Today, we had the distinct honour of listening to our Year 5 children present their student leadership speeches. They all talked about the qualities that they possess that would make them a suitable choice. Each student did a fantastic job and really should be proud of taking part in this process. Their peers have now voted and the successful nominees will be announced at our annual presentation ceremony held on Friday the 11th of December. Finally, I would like to remind students that regardless of the outcome, each and every student who presented a speech is already a leader and our school is fortunate to have such inspiring young people.

Kindergarten Transition

This Friday, the lovely Mrs Waller will host our second last Kindergarten transition for 2015. On this occasion, our future stars will spend a full day at school – how very exciting! Parents are reminded that they should make sure that their children take a nutritious, packed lunch, water bottle and most definitely, a hat! Having an insight into Mrs Waller's plans, it is safe to say these little champions will sleep very well on Friday night!

Assembly

Since starting at WPS in early June, I have been very encouraged to see more and more parents joining us at fortnightly assemblies. This week, Miss Cole and 2/3C will host our final whole-school assembly for 2015. I thoroughly look forward to each assembly as it is an amazing way to acknowledge the achievements of our students. Beyond this though, it is a great excuse for parents to come and visit us and be apart of our brilliant school.

Garden Opening

We are very fortunate to have the ABC's - Gardening Australia celebrity, Jerry Coleby-Williams visiting WPS this Friday to officially open our new vegetable patches. Mr Coleby-Williams will spend about half an hour with students before enjoying a morning tea with parents and community members sharing his passion and experience for gardening. Please join with us in this very exciting opportunity. I've had the pleasure of meeting Jerry when I was at Croppa Creek Public School and he is a fascinating person with a wealth of knowledge.

Intensive Swimming

Mrs Haug has been busily organising our Intensive Swimming Program for students in Years 2 and 3 (and for those in Year 4 who are still unable to swim 25m). Notes have been distributed to students and these need to be returned promptly. Water competence and safety are such an incredibly important skillset for our children to acquire – particularly when swimming is such a prominent past time in Australia.

Have a terrific week!

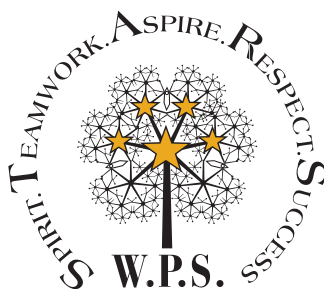
Kind regards,

Dan van Velthuisen

Awards and Achievements

PBL Weekly Winners

K/W	Kayla Digby Anna-May Sharpe
1/2 W	Mia Ireland Samuel Hall
2/3 C	Frank Reardon Ellie-May Turner
3/4 B	Toby Bell Ella Moodie
4/5/6 M	Angus Digby Jade Baker
5/6 D	Isabel Biddle Emma Hall
Playground	Lillee Sankey Charlie Dawson



Sporting Success

On Friday night our girls were successful in their bid to win the 'Team of the Year' Award at the Warialda Sports Council Presentation evening. This is another great achievement for the girls, which they are very proud of. Miss Cole was also awarded on the night for 'Services to Sport'. Congratulations to Miss Cole and the Open Girls Touch Football Team.



School Notices

Fishing Club

Years 4 to 6 Fishing Club students will participate in an authentic fishing adventure. In conjunction with the Department of Fisheries, they will travel to Gravesend on Friday 27th November to learn more about fishing skills. Any parents that are keen to attend are welcome. Students do not need to bring any fishing gear as the Department of Fisheries will provide all fishing rods, reels etc. Please make sure permission notes have been returned back to Mr V before Friday 20th November 2016.

Intensive Swimming

Years 2 & 3 will be participating in an Intensive Swimming Scheme from Monday 23rd November to Friday 4th December daily for 2 weeks at a cost of \$3.50 per day or \$35.00 for 2 weeks. Years 4 – 6 students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills are able to attend as well. Please ensure your permission note is returned to school by Friday 20th November 2015.

Special Guest

Jerry Colbey-Williams

This coming Friday WPS are fortunate enough to have the expertise of Mr Jerry Colbey-williams visit and officially open our school garden.

An invitation is extended to any keen gardeners to join us on Friday at 9.30 am to meet Jerry and enjoy a question and answer opportunity.

Morning Tea will be provided. We look forward to sharing this wonderful opportunity with you.

Notices

P and C News

Canteen Helpers Needed

Our Canteen is in need of helpers. If you are a Parent/ Granny/ Community member with a day spare we would love to hear from you. Please contact the School office 6729 1131.

Canteen Opening Days

Monday -	OPEN
Tuesday -	CLOSED
Wednesday -	OPEN
Thursday -	OPEN
Friday -	OPEN

Canteen Specials

Wednesday 18th Nov
Fresh Fruit Cups \$2.50

Wednesday 25th Nov
Muffins - \$2.50

Available lunch & recess

Donations of Cakes/Slices

The P & C will be providing a morning tea on Friday 20th November for the opening of the school vegie gardens by Jerry Coleby-Williams. We would appreciate any donations of cakes, slices or biscuits for this event.

Position Vacant

Warialda Public School P & C is looking for a Canteen Supervisor. The canteen supervisor is responsible for the profitable management and operation of the school canteen. Position starts Term 1, 2016. 14 hours per week. There will be a trial period for the duration of Term 1.

Applications close 20th November 2015.

For more information and criteria email Tammy Hall at warialdapspandc@gmail.com

For Sale

P & C are selling re-usable hessian Totes. Available in two sizes, medium & large at a cost of \$12.00 & \$15.00 respectively. If you would like to purchase, please see the school office.



Notices

WHAT'S UP WPS?

ABOUT US

Sophie, Georgia and Isabella came up with the idea of forming a group that posts an article in the weekly school newsletter. They gathered up more people to help Bedelia, Izzy, Stacey, Rachel, Charlotte, Jade and Abbiegail. Together we came up with the name 'WHAT'S UP WPS'.
By Izzy Biddle and Sophie Hall.



SIX QUICK QUESTIONS

Our reporters have taken to the playground and selected two people (Anna-May Sharp and Jay Farrawell) to ask six quick questions...

1. What do you want to do when you grow up?

Jay's Answer: Be an archaeologist (someone who studies dinosaurs)

Anna-May's Answer: A Pre-School Teacher

2. Favourite super hero?

Jay's Answer: Power Rangers (dino charge)

Anna-May's Answer: Green Lantern

3. Favourite canteen food?

Jay's Answer: Ice cream

Anna-May's Answer: Ice cream

4. Favourite TV show?

Jay's Answer: Pokemon

Anna-May's Answer: Peppa Pig

5. Best Friend?

Jay's Answer: Allan Jonson

Anna-May's Answer: Ashlee Rees

6. Favourite core value?

Jay's Answer: Spirit

Anna-May's Answer: Aspire

WEEKLY JOKE

Sophie: How do you get Pichachu on a bus?

Jade: How?

Sophie: Pokemon.

Community Notices

Share the Care with Schools

Changes in your child's mental health can affect their education and relationships.



You can talk with your school to:

- ⇒ Set up an individualised support plan tailored to your child's needs.
- ⇒ Identify a staff member your child can talk to.
- ⇒ Develop a plan together with the school to help your child remain engaged with the school during tough times.
- ⇒ Learn about the help available from the school and outside agencies.
- ⇒ Help your child return to school following a mental health crisis.

You can support your child by working together with the school.

Start this conversation by contacting support staff at your child's school.



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The Future of Gwydir Shire

Gwydir Shire Council is embarking on a process to consider the long term future of the Gwydir local area. We want to hear from residents what they think about the future of Gwydir, and what Council needs to do to support this.

We want to hear a range of views from the community on a range of topics relating to local government. We are seeking expressions of interest from residents to come together and discuss important issues for the future of the Gwydir local area on 4th and 5th December 2015.

As part of the process, you will be expected to partake in meaningful group discussions about the future of the Gwydir local area. You will be compensated for the time you spend participating.

Please note, your expression of interest is just that – it does not guarantee you will be selected to participate. Participants will be selected on the basis of ensuring a diverse range of views about the future of the Gwydir local area. This initiative is open to residents of Gwydir local area only.

If you are interested in participating, please fill out a short survey including your contact details at www.1ka.si/futuregwydir

To request a hard copy of the survey please call Council Offices – Bingara (02) 6724 2000 and Wyallda (02) 6729 3000 and one will be posted out to you with a reply paid envelope.

Expressions of interest close 5.00pm on Wednesday 25 November 2015. Once you have expressed your interest, the University of Technology Sydney may be in contact with you by phone or email to provide further information.