

## Well Done 3/4M



### Upcoming Events

Date	Event
<b>NOV</b>	
16th	Health Evening Captain Speeches
17th	Health talks
20th	Kinder Transition Assembly 11.50am Opening of Vegetable Garden
<b>DEC</b>	
4th	Kinder Transition
11th	Presentation Day Year 6 Farewell Afternoon

### Community Notices

Annual Sports Awards

### Notes to be returned

- Personal Development
- Student Leadership

### Quote of the Week

All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them. Walt Disney

# P r i n c i p a l

The last week saw incredible rain inundate our area with some enormous totals recorded. With many of our WPS families busily trying to harvest much valued crops, the timing of the rain hasn't been ideal but hopefully the ground dries up quickly so the Headers can get going again quickly.

Once again, our staff and students have enjoyed a fantastic week at school. Our two senior classes have been participating in the Go4Fun program, an initiative of Hunter New England Health. Each Tuesday, our two senior classes are learning about healthy lifestyles and investigating the impacts of unhealthy choices. To coincide with this idea of paying a little more attention to healthy choices, I have a challenge for all of our students! This coming Wednesday, will be called 'Waste Free Wednesday'. Students should try to pack a lunch whereby nothing needs to be unwrapped and thrown away. This even includes simply putting sandwiches straight into a lunchbox rather than using cling wrap. There's a challenge for everyone!

## Kids Help Line

Last Friday, our Year 6 children participated in a videoconference with Kids Help Line. The videoconference was aimed at providing children with ideas as to how to deal with bullies and what to do or whom you can talk to if you have a problem. I spoke with several students following the one-hour session who all reported that they found it particularly useful and informative. Mrs Digby was also able to report that she was immensely proud of our students and their conduct during this event.

## Kindergarten Transition

Whilst the Year 6 children were busily engaging with their videoconference, Mrs Waller and Mrs Walker had their hands well and truly full at another kinder transition day. We were delighted to be joined by 24 extremely energetic little stars that all thoroughly enjoyed their day at school. Mrs Waller does a tremendous job in preparing these sessions ensuring that they are meticulously planned and specifically catering for the needs of each child.

## Remembrance Day

On Wednesday, our students will be observing a minutes silence to honour fallen soldiers as part of Remembrance Day. Our student leaders will accompany me to participate in an official service at Captain Cook Park, laying a wreath in memory of soldiers who have lost their lives whilst serving their country. Our students are asked to bring a gold coin as we will be participating in the Pozieres French-Australian School Project. The gold-coin donations will be forwarded to the Camp Gallipoli Foundation and will be used to rebuild the school in honour of fallen servicemen and women. In recognition of our involvement, the name Warialda Public School will be engraved on the monument to acknowledge our contribution to the project.

## Leadership

Year 5 students who are aspiring to be appointed to a leadership position in 2016 would be by now busily preparing their speeches. I have encouraged students to simply talk about the qualities that they possess that would make them a good leader. I have also emphasised the point that being a good leader is not about popularity or cool clothes – it's about being someone who sets a good example and who can be relied upon. These speeches will take place at a special assembly on Monday the 16th of November 2015 at 11:50am. Parents and family members are welcome to attend. Those students who are preparing a speech are reminded that they must have shown their speech to Mr van Velthuisen by Friday the 13th of November.

## Men's Shed

I was very excited to receive a visit from Mr Garth Skinner on Friday afternoon who along with his Men's Shed colleagues have been making wooden lure blanks for our students. These blanks will be painted and equipped with the necessary hardware so they can be used by our young anglers when chasing that elusive 100cm cod! I would like to sincerely thank Mr Skinner and the Men's Shed for their wonderful support of this activity.

## Recognition of Service

Finally, on Saturday evening, a very special event was hosted at Blair Athol, Inverell to recognise the outstanding career of former WPS Principal, Mr Peter Hancock. It was indeed an enjoyable evening filled with many tales from Mr Hancock's time at the school. On behalf of the entire WPS community, we wish Peter and Jan every success for the future and thank him for his contributions to this wonderful school. It would also be remiss not to thank Mrs Laura Cush for planning and making all of the arrangements for this event. You did a brilliant job!

Have a delightful week!

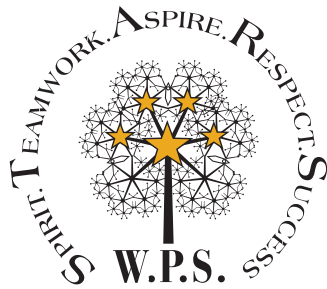
Kind regards,

Dan van Velthuisen

# Awards and Achievements

## PBL Weekly Winners Assembly Award Winners

<b>K/W</b>	Max Barwick Anna-May Sharpe	<b>KW</b>	Sarah Slater, Max Montgomery, Jaymz Nolan, Max Barwick
<b>1/2 W</b>	Lisa Digby William Reardon	<b>1/2W</b>	Mia Ireland, Riley Rose, Charlie Hall, Jymari Robinson
<b>2/3 C</b>	Madison Findlater William Ledingham	<b>2/3 C</b>	Imogen Hall, Ally Horn, Amelia Hall, Ellen Rees
<b>3/4 M</b>	Lillee Sankey Sarah Clarke	<b>3/4M</b>	Luke Hall, Austyn Hansen-Brown, Riley McGrath, Andrew Walker
<b>4/5/6 M</b>	Logan Biddle Charlie Horn	<b>4/5/6M</b>	Liam Cleal, Rachel Coulton, Phillip Forster
<b>5/6 D</b>	Grace Sleiman Brayden Miller	<b>5/6 D</b>	Liam Cleal, William Mayne, Ashlea McKay, Frank Bundock
<b>Playground</b>	Samuel Hall Amelia Hall	<b>PBL</b>	Sophie Hall, Kayla Digby
		<b>PRINCIPAL</b>	Charlie Horn, Andrew Walker, Isabel Merer-King, Lisa Digby, Ryley Plain



## Gallery

Congratulations to our Assembly Award Winners from Friday





# Notices

## Gold Coin Donation for Camp Gallipoli on Remembrance Day 11/11/2015

AUSTRALIAN schools are being urged to participate in a fundraising initiative that revives one of the most touching gestures after World War I. To help mark Remembrance Day on November 11, school children across the country will be asked to donate a gold coin to help rebuild a dilapidated school in the village of Pozieres in France, where thousands of Australian troops died in fierce fighting in 1916.

The fundraising campaign mirrors one conducted in the 1920s when Victorian school children collected pennies to rebuild the shattered school in the village of Villers Bretonneux, which Australian soldiers had liberated in 1918. The project is being organised by the Camp Gallipoli Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation established to educate Australian children about particular moments during World War I. It has been described by the French Department of Veterans Affairs as the best project from Australia to mark the centenary of World War I.

French President Françoise Hollande and Adelaide's Margaret Forbes, 86, the daughter of World War I soldier Arthur Blackburn who was awarded the Victoria Cross for his resolute leadership and personal bravery at Pozieres, have endorsed the project. This will be a simple but very meaningful initiative, Camp Gallipoli Foundation chief executive Chris Fox said.

After the traditional minute's silence on November 11, a hat will be passed around the assembly at each participating school so children can make their contribution.

"We want to reinforce the memory of Australian casualties of the battle, to provide an enduring legacy in the village for local children to have a connection with Australia, and to encourage our children to learn and understand the great sacrifice this village represents," Mr Fox said in a statement.

All participating schools will be acknowledged on a special website and on a plaque at the school in Pozieres. Building work is scheduled to begin in July next year and be completed around the same time in 2017. The campaign proposes building seven classrooms, a teachers' common room, a small library, toilets, an assembly hall and some accommodation.

## P and C News

### Canteen Helpers Needed

Our Canteen is in desperate 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



**ANNUAL SPORTS AWARDS PRESENTATION DINNER**



Warialda Golf & Bowling Club  
Friday 13th November 2015  
Commencing at 7pm

Entertainment by local musician  
**Tahlia Stevens**

Tickets are available at Warialda Newsagency  
Cost: \$25/adult and \$12/child 12 & under