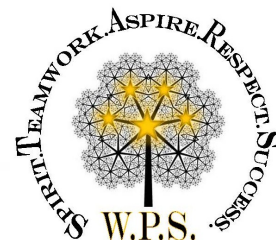


Warialda Public School

Week 5 - Term 3

10th August 2015



Spirit. Teamwork. Aspire. Respect. Success

Week 5 is focused on

ASPIRE



Congratulations to the large team that qualified to compete at Zone Athletics.

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From Mr van Velthuisen's desk...

It seems just a distant memory now but the Athletics Carnival that was held at the end of Week 3 was such a brilliant day. We had blue skies and unseasonably warm weather. I was extremely proud of all of our students and the way in which they participated throughout the day. An impressive statistic that is worth sharing is that we had an attendance rate of 97% which is extremely pleasing and clearly demonstrates the desire of our children to engage in school activities. It was also very exciting to see the carnival return to a whole-school event with the infants and primary students all competing together on the one day. A genuine highlight was seeing the Years 3 to 6 students cheering on the Kinder boys and girls as they roared down the 100m track (wildly crossing lanes but smiling).

On Tuesday of last week, our PSSA Girls Touch Footballers travelled up into the cold country of Glen Innes to play their third round fixture. The Glen Innes team has a reputation of being well-drilled and very skilled, ultimately presenting a significant challenge. Impressively, our girls recorded a 5-1 victory showing their skill and teamwork throughout the game. The girls will now play either Uralla or Ben Venue in the fourth round. Thank you to Mr Paul Hall who generously gave up his time to assist in transporting the students to and from the venue.

Last week, several of our students participated in the ICAS – English test. I have looked through the test and it was certainly quite challenging. The completed tests have been returned to the marking centre and students shall receive their results in coming weeks. I am confident that the students have all performed admirably and will be recognised by being awarded certificates of achievement.

This Wednesday evening, we will host our Kindergarten orientation evening for students commencing in 2016. The session will commence at 5:30pm in the Library and will be an excellent opportunity for parents to become more familiar with school life at Warialda Public School. A major aspect of this introduction to WPS will be explicitly outlining our Positive Behaviour for Learning values – *Spirit, Teamwork, Aspire, Respect and Success*. Whilst these are the values we actively promote at school, they are also the values we encourage the wider school community to model.

Recently, a permission note went home with all students relating to activities that are conducted with our School Chaplain. Mr McIntosh teaches students leather craft skills, gardening and guitar. The process of completing the note that was sent home allows us to ensure that parents have granted permission for their child to participate in the activities specified. Further, it ensures that parents are completely aware of the activities in which their children are participating whilst at school.

On Tuesday of last week, students in Year 6 took home an information note about the Middle Childhood Survey that is being conducted by the University of New South Wales. Our Year 6 children will complete the survey (as an in-class activity) in the first week of September. If you **do not** wish your child to complete this survey, parents should return the tear-off section included with the note sent home.

Earlier in the Term, I included in a newsletter a bookmark that can be used when reading with your children. I hope you have found this useful. The primary purpose of using this particular bookmark is to promote the development of comprehension skills when reading. By asking your child to read a short passage to themselves (just the area that they can cover with their hand) and then retelling or recalling the section in their own words, they are developing essential comprehension skills. Reading and comprehension are such essential skills and ones that need refining on an ongoing basis. To assist parents in learning more about helping their child with reading, Warialda Public School will be hosting a **Reading Workshop** on *Wednesday 26th August 2015 from 5:30pm* in the school Library. The workshop will provide practical advice and ideas about ways in which you can help your child develop their reading and comprehension skills. More information will be included in next week's newsletter.

Last week, our PBL value being promoted was 'getting along'. This reminded me of a poem written by Roy Newman who recently visited WPS for our NAIDOC celebration. In his poem "*Let's be Grey*", Roy writes about getting along:

*Old mate, we've come along way now,
Since those battles at Botany Bay
So why judge me for being black or white,
Cause I only see people in grey.
I'm known as Gomila-Roy Didge,
But my real name is Roy Newman,
If you'd like to be my friend for life,
Just simply colour me human.
If everyone adopted my attitude,
From both sides there'd be no more confrontation,
And the positive progression would be allowed to continue,
Striving for that elusive one nation.*

Have a lovely and productive week!

Kind regards,

Dan van Velthuisen

Important Reminders

- ♦ Tuesday 11th August - ICAS Maths Test
- ♦ Wednesday 12th August - Footy Colours Day
- ♦ Wednesday 12th August - Kinder Information Meeting 5.30pm
- ♦ Friday 14th August - Assembly 1/2W Item 12.45pm
- ♦ Monday 17th August - Gold Coast Excursion all week
- ♦ Friday 21st August - Kinder Transition 8.30am to 11.05am
- ♦ Tuesday 25th August - Inverell Eisteddford
- ♦ Wednesday 26th August - Parent Reading Workshop
- ♦ Friday 28th August - Assembly KW item 12.45pm
- ♦ Friday 28th August - Regional Athletics Carnival
- ♦ Monday 31st August - Young Communicator Awards Class

Positive Behaviour for Learning



KW

Max Barwick & Dominic Miller



1/2W

Nicholas Cook & Riley Irwin



2/3C

Jack Kent & Harry Barwick



3/4M

Lochlan Lane & Elijah Lane



4/5/6T

Jarrold Nolan & Bailey Edwards



5/6D

Lucy Lockyer & Isabella Reardon

PLAYGROUND

Sam Hall & Jack Williams

Kindergarten Transition Program for 2016

The Early Birds Program will run again this year during Terms 3 and 4 each fortnight on Fridays in the KW classroom.

**Our Kindergarten information afternoon will be
Wednesday 2nd August at 5:30pm in the
Library.**

Starting school is big step for you and your child. It can be both challenging and exciting. As families, the support you give your child as they start school is vital as you are your child's first and most important educator.

Our first transition day is Friday 21st August in Mrs Waller's KW classroom, commencing at 9:00am. Children may arrive at school by bus, walk or ride. The playground is supervised from 8:30am each day. Children will need to be collected at 11:00am.







Wednesday 26th August

Appointments & visiting the school

In line with Departmental Policy ALL visitors to the school are to sign in at the office.

Teaching staff have very limited free time. Please phone the office if you need to meet or speak with a teacher and a suitable time will be organised.



Warialda Junior League

Junior Girls League Tag photos will be taken this Tuesday 11th August.

Please be at Nicholson Oval ready for photos by 4pm.



FOOTY COLOURS DAY WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST

Wear your team colours and support
the Fight Cancer Foundation.

At lunch time there will be a sausage
sizzle and drink for \$5.00 with all
proceeds going to support this
worthy cause.



Preschool at Gravesend

The Gwydir Mobile Children's Service is working hard to set up a preschool at Gravesend.

To move the process along and prove that we need the service we will be holding a

playgroup for children aged 0-5 years

Monday August 10th 10am-2pm at Gravesend Public school



Please note parents must stay with their children on the day.

Please bring drinks (water only) fruit, cheese and yoghurt and a healthy lunch (NO NUTS please) and spare clothes. Cost Free

If you are interested but cannot attend please email Wendy at wendy@gwydirmobile.com.au
This day would compliment not replace the Pallamallawa day. Children would be very welcome to attend both venues. Hope to see you .

Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser

Cupcakes are ordered by the half dozen \$12.00 (per half dozen)

Sugar Cookies/ Gingerbread Cookies - sold individually \$2.50 each

Money must be returned with order form.

We would like to thank Bakers Loaf Warialda and The Gingerbread Lady – Yetman for their assistance with this fundraiser.

**Please return your order and money to Warialda Public School
by Monday 31st August.**

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