

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### NOVEMBER

**11th** Assembly KL-11.50am  
Stage 2 & 3 swimming  
Remembrance Day Service

**18th** Kindergarten Transition - full day  
Stage 2 & 3 swimming

**25th** Captain Speeches  
Musical

#### DECEMBER

**2nd** Kindergarten Transition - full day

**9th** Presentation Day  
Year 6 Farewell

**16th** Last day for students

### Save the Date

**25th November**  
Twilight Musical on the Oval.

# Remembrance 11 Day this Friday..

Our school leaders along with Mr van Velthuisen will attend the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Captain Cook Park this Friday, whilst all other students will remain at school for our morning service.

Commemorating Australian Forces in the Vietnam War from 1962 to 1975.

**Wider than Gwydir...** Computers, Helicopters and more.....  
Last Friday Megan Townes from Microsoft joined our students to talk about her career in the field of technology. Megan was captivating with her knowledge and expertise.  
On the 18th November we are expecting some serious action on the school oval with a visit from David Warburton from Rural Air Work. This year has been an extremely busy year for Wider than Gwydir hosting many guest speakers. In 2017 we look forward to continuing this program with another S.T.E.M day planned for term two.

## Sporting Stars @ W.P.S shine!

Congratulations to the following students who have been nominated for major awards at this Friday nights Sports Council Awards.

Abbie Kent, Georgia Curtis, Ally Horn, Lillee Sankey, William Mayne, Charlie Horn, Isaac Armstrong and Toby Bell.

Well done and goodluck!

# Principal's Report

Warialda Public School is an absolute buzz with activity. Our staff and students are constantly on the move and engaged in fantastic learning. Our dedicated staff have been delivering exceptional lessons aimed at engaging students with rich learning experiences. We are exceptionally lucky to have such a dedicated team aspiring to provide the absolute best learning experiences for our brilliant students.

Congratulations to our 2017 Kindergarten students who have completed yet another transition day. Our 2016 transition to school program has been broadened this year to include more days at school, learning routines and becoming familiar with their new surrounds. The feedback we are receiving from parents of our newest students is extremely positive and we are incredibly proud of this program. Again, well done to the boys and girls as well as our highly experienced teaching team of Mrs Durkin, Mrs Lanesbury and Mrs Waller.

Recently, I applied (on behalf of WPS) for a Federal Government grant to start a pilot program designed at taking our school to the forefront of 21<sup>st</sup> century learning. The proposal will include our school developing a Coding and Robotics program across all grades as well as delivering professional learning to staff around the effective use of these technologies. It's certainly a very unique initiative and will certainly be a crucial element in achieving our first **Strategic Direction** – *Highly motivated and engaged 21<sup>st</sup> Century learners and citizens*.

I'd like to thank our many parents who completed the Tell Them From Me survey. This survey will certainly be used by staff as a way of reflecting upon our delivery of service and all feedback will be taken on board and acted upon where appropriate.

2016 has been a monumental year in terms of undertaking and creating new initiatives and opportunities for students – all aimed at achieving our three strategic directions. I am very proud of our progress and all of the great initiatives and programs that we create for students. 2017 will be even bigger and better again with a great deal of planning taking place to ensure we provide the absolute best education to your child.

The 7 weeks of the Super 6 Cricket competition regular season wrapped up on Friday with the West Indies finishing on top (so far!) The finals will start this week with all teams playing. The Grand Final will be played next week and I would encourage as many spectators as possible to attend – watching some incredible skills on display. At the conclusion of the regular season, Charlie Horn has finished as the leading run scorer with 166 runs from the 7 games whilst Jack Digby was the leading wicket taker – claiming 16 wickets. An interesting statistic is that over 90 children have played Super 6 cricket representing over 53% of the school!

This Friday, our school will take part in a Remembrance Day ceremony. The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the World War 1. Our student leaders will accompany me to the Epitaph at 10:30am to lay a wreath on behalf of our school.

Our students have been busily preparing for the very exciting twilight concert scheduled for Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of November. A barbecue dinner will be available from 6:30pm on our school oval with the concert starting from 7pm. It will be a lovely occasion to bring a picnic blanket, enjoy a steak sandwich and be entertained by our talented students.

Our wonderful administration staff have been busily researching school records so that our honour boards (in the office) can be updated. A special thanks to Mrs Carroll and Mrs Williams who have done an exceptional job in attending to this task.

Have a great week!

Kind regards,

Dan van Velthuisen

Principal (Relieving)

# Celebrating Success



## From little things big things **GROW**

Peer inspired learning is a wonderful program introduced by the Year 5 class. Year 5 students instigated the program making play dough and activities to assist Kindergarten and Year 1 with their mathematics. The younger students are engaged and love the assistance of the "bigger kids" which makes learning so much fun. This is another wonderful initiative that promotes quality education in a fun and enjoyable environment.



## **Big** School Fun





# Notices

Thinking about getting **Santa photos** this year? Then keep Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> December free! Rachel Sherman has kindly offered her time to take photos for our school families to help fundraise for the P & C. There are 3 packages available as follows:

**Single Packages** (individual 5 x 7 inch print and 4 wallet prints (2.5 x 3.5 inch) in display folder. Package cost: **\$15**

**Triple Packages** (3- 5 x 7 inch prints and 4 wallet size prints) in display folder.

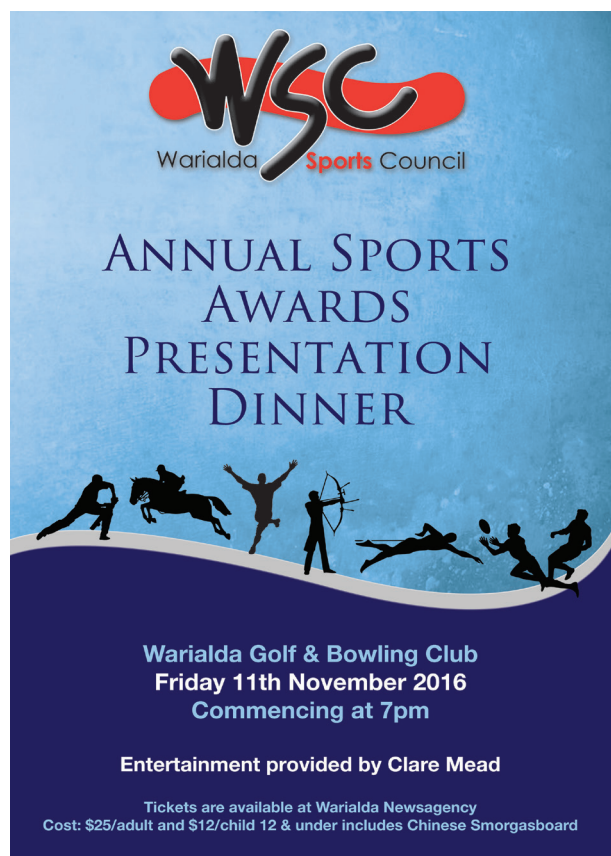
Package Cost: **\$25**

**Deluxe Package**

(5- 5 x 7 inch prints and 12 wallet size prints) in display folder. Package Cost: **\$35**

We are asking parents who are interested to in having Santa photos to return the time slot form ASAP as we will work on a 'first in best dressed' rule. Packages will be delivered to the school by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

## Community...



The poster features the WSC logo at the top, followed by the event title in large, bold letters. Below the title is a silhouette illustration of various sports activities. The bottom section contains the venue, date, time, and ticket information.

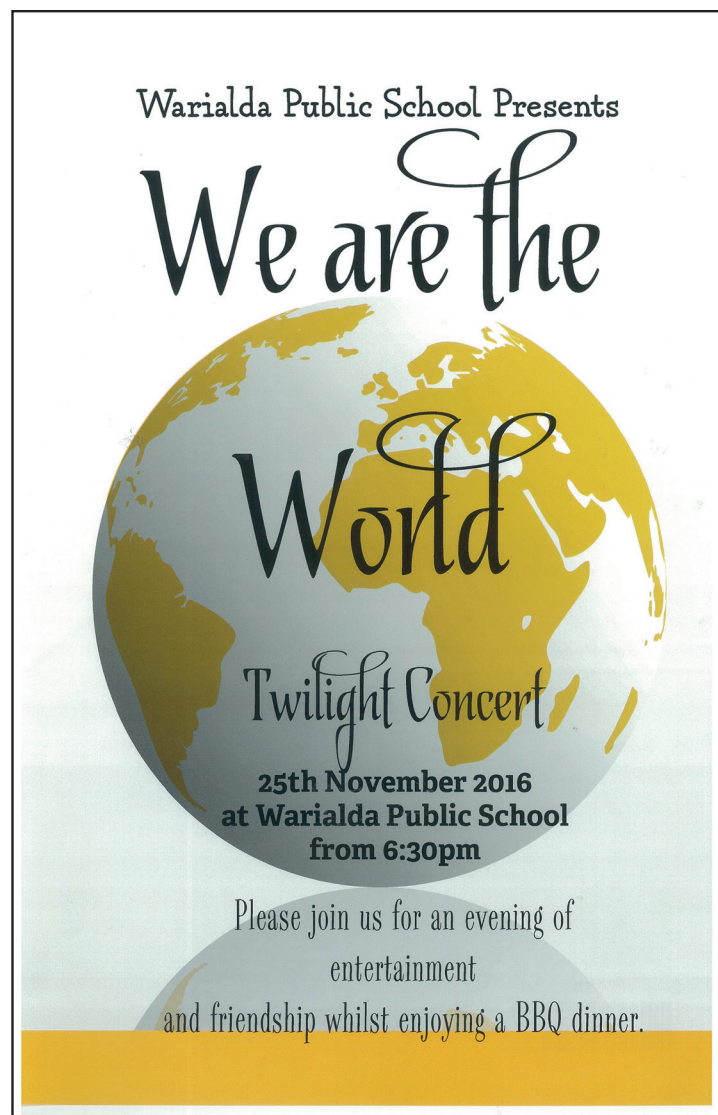
**WSC**  
Warialda Sports Council

**ANNUAL SPORTS  
AWARDS  
PRESENTATION  
DINNER**

Warialda Golf & Bowling Club  
Friday 11th November 2016  
Commencing at 7pm

Entertainment provided by Clare Mead

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



The poster features a large globe in the center with the text 'We are the World' overlaid. Above the globe is the text 'Warialda Public School Presents' and below it is 'Twilight Concert'. The date and location are listed below the globe, and the bottom section contains an invitation to join for an evening of entertainment and friendship.

Warialda Public School Presents

**We are the  
World**

Twilight Concert

25th November 2016  
at Warialda Public School  
from 6:30pm

Please join us for an evening of  
entertainment  
and friendship whilst enjoying a BBQ dinner.