



Good Luck to our  
Cricket Team



### Upcoming Events

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| 1st  | Warialda vs Moree Cricket                 |
| 11th | Assembly 11.50am<br>5 DB item performance |
| 18th | Kinder Screening for Hearing              |
| 22nd | P & C AGM                                 |

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| 1st | Deadly Australians<br>Visiting Performance |
| 8th | Assembly 12.50pm<br>3/4C Item performance  |

### Community Notices

- \* Moree PCYC Fun4Kids
- \* Easter Disco

### Notes to be returned

- \* Primary Excursion
- \* Cricket
- \* Gwydir Band
- \* Zone Swimming
- \* Kinder Hearing Test

### Quote of the Week

Aim for the moon. If you miss,  
you may hit a star.

W. Clement Stone

# Principal Report

After enjoying some fantastic rain throughout summer, the last fortnight has been exceptionally hot and certainly a period where the countryside has started to brown off. Thankfully, our responsible students have been consistently wearing their wide-brimmed hats and drinking lots of water.

Our student numbers at WPS are very healthy with 164 current enrolments. This higher than expected number has resulted in a slight change to our staffing structure. Commencing from today, Mrs Tracey Digby will teach our Year 5 class on a full-time basis whilst Mrs Barnett's expertise will be utilised on Thursday's and Friday's to oversee some new and exciting projects. Students in 5DB will take a note home today explaining the change to this class structure.

## **AECG Meeting**

On Friday, Warialda High School generously hosted an AECG Meeting. Both Mr Hampton and myself are extremely passionate about ensuring an AECG is established in Warialda. Thank you to Mr Hampton and his staff for their hospitality and also, thank you to those parents, students and community members who were in attendance.

## **“Wider than Gwydir”**

I am very excited that we will be offering our Year 5 & 6 students a new fortnightly program that we're calling *Wider than Gwydir*. This program is specifically aimed at making our students more aware of the career pathways and opportunities that exist beyond their years of formal schooling. Each fortnight, we will connect with guest speakers (via video conference) representing a multitude of professions. Ultimately, the core purpose of this program is to inspire our students and make them realise that there are endless opportunities in life. I have invited a number of other schools from our region to also connect with us via these fortnightly video-conferences.

## **Parent Information Session**

Our scheduled Meet the Teacher – Parent Information Session is rapidly approaching. This event will be a fantastic opportunity for you to connect with the school but most importantly, your child's teacher. If you're yet to do so, please mark the 9<sup>th</sup> of March onto your school calendar (5:30pm to 6:30pm). I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible.

## **Waste free Wednesday**

Last year, we had a go at participating in an initiative known as *Waste Free Wednesday*. It was hugely successful with nearly all of our students in the school participating. The concept is simple in that on Wednesday's, students should aim to bring their lunch to school in a lunchbox and ensure that its contents are items that aren't in wrappers of any sort. Typically, this means healthier foods are being consumed and simultaneously, we are generating far less rubbish. It's a program that's healthy for us and healthy for the environment. In 2016, I am going to remind students that every Wednesday will be *Waste Free Wednesday*!

## **Zone Success**

Congratulations to our amazing swimmers who attended the Inverell Zone Carnival on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of February. The students performed superbly and Mr Porter reported that many personal bests were recorded. From this carnival, 17 students have gained selection to swim at the North West trials in Armidale on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March. We congratulate all students on their fantastic efforts and for the way in which they represented WPS.

## **Cricket Boy's**

Good luck to our 1<sup>st</sup> XI cricket team. Tomorrow, they will take on the team from Moree Public School. The game will be played at Nicholson Oval, Warialda with the first ball to be delivered at 10am. Our boys have been training enthusiastically and I am confident that they will represent our school to the very highest standard. A full report of the game will be included in the next newsletter.

## **Well done Year 6**

Congratulations to Mr Rob Porter and the students of 6P for hosting an entertaining assembly last Friday. The class recited some witty poems, using expressive language and amusing facial expressions to entertain the audience. A special mention must also be afforded to our student leaders who hosted their first assembly for the year and did so to an exceedingly high standard.

## Home Reading

As part of classroom routines, students are encouraged to actively participate in the Home Reading Program. Teachers routinely remind students to take and return readers from their classroom. We all know the huge benefits that can be achieved to student outcomes by reading regularly. Please work with us in encouraging your children to diligently participate in home reading.

## Classroom Helpers

As I've mentioned in recent newsletters, all classes are actively seeking parent helpers. It is an enormous help to students to have additional helpers in their rooms – particularly during reading group times. If you are able to assist, please ensure that you let the classroom teacher know and a timetable can be arranged. The only requirement for parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles etc. wishing to volunteer is a Working With Children number. These can be obtained without cost from the RTA.

## Voluntary School Contribution

Parents were issued with the 2016 Voluntary School Contribution notes early last week. The amount of \$45 is as the name suggests a voluntary payment but one that is designed to further benefit your student. If you are able to make this voluntary school contribution, please send the amount to the school office in a clearly marked envelope.

I'll finish with a really great quote that I recently came across – *"There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning"* Jiddu Krishnamurti.

Have an amazingly happy week!

Kind regards,

Dan van Velthuisen

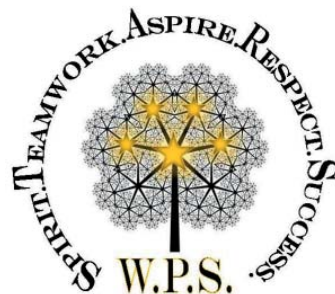
# Certificates of Achievement

KL	Mason Nieddu, Max Tu, Darcy Hawkins, Jackson Charter, Brooklyn Kennedy, Lilli Lane
K/1W	Charlie Wood, Kailie Dyer-Cleal, Alec Michel, Anna-May Sharp, Ashley Rees, Kingston Hall
1/2W	Jordie O'Dell, Sam Hall, Trinity Turner, Jack Farrawell, Kayla Digby, Lachlan McIntosh
3/4C	Jadyn Sullivan, Jorja Durkin, Riley Rose, Riley Irwin
3/4S	Tomas Kelleher, Madison Findlater, Brayden Dufty, Charlie Hall, Clancy Bowman, Klarissa Ventura
5DB	Sophie Hall, Lochlan Lane, Brooke Allison, Grace Parker, Holly Duff, Liam Perry
6P	Will Jones, Isaac Armstrong, Grace Sleiman, Tanaya Temple, Darcy Wood
PRINCIPAL'S	Ellie Michel, Jackson Charter, Cooper Rose, Max Montgomery
PBL	Harry Barwick, Liliana Reardon

# P B L W i n n e r s

## PBL DRAW – Week 3

KL	Harry Kellett & Lilli Lane
K/1W	Kingston Hall & Jaymz Nolan
1/2W	Samuel Hall & Kayla Digby
3/4S	Ella Turner & Brayden Dufty
3/4C	Ally Horn & Jay Farrawell
5DB	Logan Biddle & Georgia Curtis
6P	Brendan Cook & Bedelia Johnson



# S R C N e w s

## EASTER RAFFLE

SRC are holding an Easter Raffle. All donations would be appreciated. They are asking for donations of items for the raffle. These can be left at the office. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 24th March. The more items we get the bigger the raffle will be.



# P & C N e w s

## AGM - CHANGE OF DATE

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2015  
5pm in School Library

All welcome



# Community Notices



**PCYC MOREE**  
**MOREE PLAINS YOUTH COUNCIL**  
**RUN4KIDS COLOUR RUN**

**TIME 4 KIDS**  
time4kids.org.au

**EARLY BIRD TICKETS!**  
**\$50 Adult**  
**includes T-shirt, Glasses & Sweat Band!**  
**FREE Under 17**  
**Packs available for purchase \$25 each**

**MUST BE REGISTERED BY FRIDAY MARCH 31ST.**

**Any Registrations after this date are \$60 per adult and no pack is guaranteed.**

**SATURDAY APRIL 16TH**  
**2PM**  
**Moree District Services Club**

The event involves running/walking through colour gauntlets placed throughout the course. The event will be followed by;

- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- NOVELTY EVENTS
- ICE-CREAM VAN
- SNOW-CONES
- PHOTOBOOTH

**DON'T MISS OUT OF THIS FANTASTIC FAMILY EVENT!**

All participants will be required to complete a PCYC Membership form as a waiver on the day. This will be free of charge. For more information regarding the event please contact the PCYC on 02-67523741

## WARIALDA GOLF AND BOWLING CLUB EASTER DISCO

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2016

From 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Dress up as your favorite Easter character and bring your dancing shoes.

All ages welcome!

Join us for fun Easter celebrations!

Lots of chocolates to be won.

Meat Raffles and Members Draw will also be on. Tickets available from 6:30 p.m.

## CHANGE OF DATE

**MUSIC MEETING WITH MRS CONWAY**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015  
12.45pm in School Hall due to Zone Swimming Carnival