

### Upcoming Events

#### MARCH

- 14th Music Meeting with Mrs Conway
- 18th Kinder Screening for Hearing
- 21st Soccer Trials
- 22nd P & C AGM
- 24th Easter Egg Raffle drawn

#### APRIL

- 1st Deadly Australians Visiting Performance
- 8th Assembly 12.50pm  
3/4C Item performance

### Community Notices

- \* Inverell Eisteddford
- \* P & C Association
- \* Moree Junior Soccer
- \* Gravesend Fundraiser
- \* Pally Hall

### Notes to be returned

- \* Primary Excursion
- \* Year 6 Moving into Year 7
- \* Kinder Hearing Screening

### Quote of the Week

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.



### Our PBL Aspire Lesson by Year 5

Year 5 have been studying the inspirational Aboriginal Author Sally Morgan.

# Principal Report

Our week has been amazingly productive with the school simply a hive of activity. I've been trying to get to classes to help with reading groups and what I have witnessed thus far has been extremely impressive. The teachers are doing a fantastic job developing specific programs tailored to a variety of reading levels. The activities are engaging and informative. I was a little concerned though that whilst reading a book about racoons with a group in Miss Withers' room (Year 1/2), some of the children suggested that I had a striking resemblance to a racoon!! Very cheeky!

## **Meet the Teacher**

Our Meet the Teacher was a tremendous success. Those in attendance represented 21 of the families from WPS. We started in the library and looked at some whole school matters – particularly initiatives being undertaken in 2016. It was such a pleasure to host this event particularly as its intention was not just to enable parents to meet the teachers but to further strengthen the relationship between the school and community. Thankyou for supporting this wonderful event.

## **Speech Therapy**

After a great deal of consultation with staff and by analysing available evidence, it is exciting to announce that we will be launching a Speech Therapy Program at WPS. We will be working with Mrs Sandy Scotton and tutor – Mrs Jill Walker to deliver this extremely important package. I know that the staff and myself are extremely excited about this program as it will certainly bring about improved outcomes for our students.

## **Wider than Gwydir**

This Friday, our Years 5 and 6 students will participate in their second video-conference for 'Wider than Gwydir'. To accompany this program, students are completing an online survey, telling us about careers they are interested in. So far, the data coming back to us is really informative and giving us a fantastic insight into what students want to be when they are older. The students have also been invited to enter a design competition – designing a logo for the program. We are very lucky to have our highly talented, world-famous artist – Mel Simmonds judging this contest. The standard of entry so far has been exceptional.

## **North West Swimming Carnival**

On Monday, the North West Swimming Carnival was held in Armidale. There were some electrifying swims by WPS students. It was lovely to see our boys and girls greeting their school mates as they climbed out of the pool with a pat on the back and a sincere "well done". There were countless amazing individual efforts on the day but a special mention must go to our Senior Girls 4 x 50m Relay Team (Liliana Reardon, Georgia Curtis, Abbie Kent & Lucy Lockyer) who touched almost simultaneously with the team who came third. Our team finished an agonisingly close 4<sup>th</sup>. Well done to all competitors and a sincere thank you to the parents and friends who gave our students such warm and generous support.

## **Cattle Drive**

An initiative that has been well-publicised of late is the Warialda Public School Cattle Drive. Mrs Wendy Mayne has worked tirelessly to organise this fundraiser for which we are all extremely appreciative. The money raised from the upcoming sale will be used to complete a Technology Upgrade in our school hall. We intend on installing a new multi-touch screen, along with computer and cabinetry making this space far more functional and professional. The cattle sale/auction will take place tomorrow at the Inverell Saleyards from about 8:45am. A full report will be included in our next newsletter.

## **Excursions**

The Primary Excursion notes are due back to the office by this Friday. It is absolutely essential that if you want your child to attend either of these excursions, that you return the permission note along with the \$50 deposit by Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March. Both excursions will be an incredible experience for students and one that they will always remember. If you are wanting your child to attend but require an extension to pay the required deposit, please contact our lovely office staff to make such arrangements.

### Annual General Meeting

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March at 5pm in Library, our P&C will host their Annual General Meeting. The P&C would certainly welcome all new members and indeed encourage representatives from as many families as possible to attend. Our P&C is an amazingly friendly and hard-working group who have done and continue to do incredible things for our students. I look forward to seeing as many people as possible in attendance.

### School Safety

Last week, we had a visit from a Highway Patrol Officer who wanted me to remind our students about road safety. He had observed some students not using the crossings in town or not crossing the road with enough care. I have reminded our students about road safety but I would appreciate if all of our parents could also take a moment to remind students about crossing the road with care. Also, if siblings are walking to school together, reminding the older boys and girls about looking after their young brothers and sisters. Thank you for your support!

### Staying informed

It is so easy to keep up to date with the happenings at Warialda Public School. The information you need is only just at your fingertips. If you are ever wanting information, you can use our Skoolbag App, the WPS Facebook page, our school website, the school newsletter, Radio 2NZ Inverell, The Warialda Standard – School Update and the noticeboard on Hope Street. We pride ourselves on our ability to keep families and community abreast of what is happening at our school. We are always looking to do things even better so if there are other ways of disseminating information, please contact the front office to share your ideas.

Rather than share a quote this week, I want to keep up with the times and share a website! I subscribe to this website for my boys and they love it. It's also great because it breaks down all of the year level appropriate skills that they learn at school so that you can monitor their progress. The website is <https://au.ixl.com/> - I can't recommend it enough!

I hope everyone has a terrific week!

Kind regards,

Dan van Velthuisen (Relieving Principal)

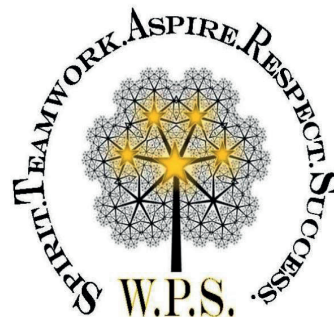
## Certificates of Achievement

<b>KL</b>	Maddy Bell, Aidan Warren, Charlotte Dawson, Darius Rowan, Lilli Lane, Harrison Brooks
<b>K/1W</b>	Kruze Solomon, Ryley Plain, Elsie Taylor, Millie Taylor, Ryli Ireland, Whitney Sherman
<b>1/2W</b>	Max Barwick, Isabella Ormston, Dakota Macey, Thomas Bussell, Ellie Michel, Angus Stewart
<b>3/4C</b>	Cassidy Turner, Luke Hall, Ellen Rees, Ally Horn, Ellie-May Turner, William Reardon
<b>3/4S</b>	Alexander Waller, Lisa Digby, Wesley La Fontaine, Taeya Rose, Khloe Edwards, Braith Macey
<b>5D</b>	Angus Digby, AJ Williams, Ella Moodie, Beau Solomon, Natalie Tu
<b>6P</b>	Jack Digby, Charlie Horn, Jack Williams, Hope Sankey
<b>PRINCIPAL'S</b>	Brooke Allison, Grace Sleiman, Jack Farrawell, Banjo Mitchell, Ally Horn, Isaac Armstrong



# PBL Weekly Winners

<b>KL</b>	Brooklyn Kennedy & Charlotte Dawson
<b>K/1W</b>	Kingston Hall & Alec Michel
<b>1/2W</b>	Jordie O'Dell & Maggie Reardon
<b>3/4S</b>	Scarlett Nieddu & Clancy Bowman
<b>3/4C</b>	Riley Irwin & Christian Miller
<b>5DB</b>	Natalie Tu & Angus Digby
<b>6P</b>	Abbie Kent & Kayley Mintoff
<b>PLAYGROUND</b>	Daemon Frohmsbee & Hope Sankey



Winners have received a pick from the prize box. Well done WPS!

## Our Student Representative Council for 2016



Congratulations to our representatives. We look forward to working together to reach our goals.

# School Notices



**advancedlife**

Photo day 28th April 2016.

Dear Parents,

School photography day is coming up very soon. Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by following the link above or by using the envelope.

Important Information: School photos Online do not require envelopes to school. Don't forget to order your sibling photos. Now Late fees/additional charges will be applied for purchases after the photo day. Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after photo was taken.

Past years' photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups are available at schools advance life and your advance life photo sites (follow the link above).

Sibling photos must be ordered either online or by order envelope prior to the day of photography. A photograph will not be taken without the order. Sibling photographs only apply to the children that attend the school.

Advance Life would like to express our appreciation to Warialda Public School for placing their trust in us. Please remember we offer a 100% money back guarantee on our products to ensure your peace of mind. We would also love to receive feedback or resolve any issues you may experience as fast as possible to ensure your satisfaction. If you have any questions, comments or feedback relating to your advance life experience, please contact us at [enquiries@advancelife.com.au](mailto:enquiries@advancelife.com.au)

## Casual Cleaners Required

Our school cleaning contractors require casual cleaners.

To be eligible you must have a working with Children certificate. Inquiries should be directed to the school office on 6729 1131.

## P and C AGM

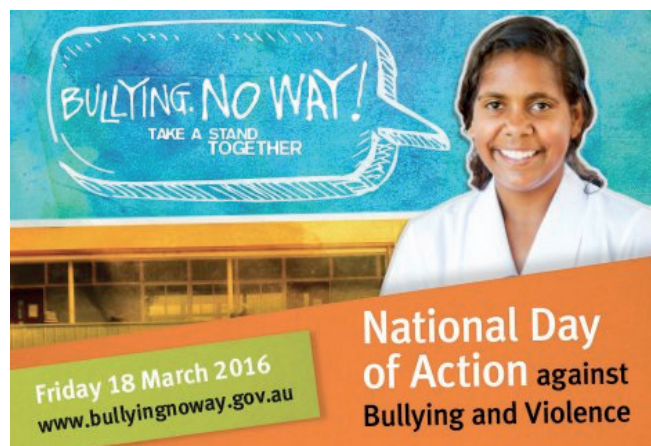
On the 22nd March our P and C will meet in the school Library. Please join us.

## SRC Easter Egg Raffle

This is a wonderfully delicious way to assist the SRC in raising money to go towards many wonderful projects throughout the school. Tickets are \$1 each and are available at the school office if you require more.

## Head Lice

We have had a few cases of head lice reported to the office. Please check your children's hair and be on the lookout.





# Community Notices

## INVERELL EISTEDDFOD SOCIETY INC.

68th Annual Eisteddfod

### 2016 Syllabus

Dance  
18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> May

Concert  
Tuesday 26th May

Adjudicator—TBA

Entries Close 18th March 2016

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

**NOTE:** FOR ALL FUTURE EISTEDDFODS WE WILL BE SENDING THE SYLLABUS AND PROGRAMME BY EMAIL SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS ON THE ENTRY FORM. THANKYOU

Federation Of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW

Express Engage and Enlighten State-wide Forums

**"Building Capacity in Our P&Cs"**

P&C Federation would like to cordially invite your P&C to attend our forum

New England Electorate

**When:**  
Thur 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**Where:**  
MacIntyre High School  
Swanbrook Rd, Inverell NSW 2360

**Time:** 10am - 2pm  
Registration from 9.30am

Light lunch and refreshments provided

Registration Open Now!

Click to **Register**  
For Further information  
Call Debbie:  
Ph: 1300 885 982  
or  
Email: [projects@pandc.org.au](mailto:projects@pandc.org.au)  
RSVP: 5pm  
11<sup>th</sup> May 2016

*Your P&C*

"An Initiative of Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW  
Funded by the NSW Government"

## Moree Junior Soccer Club

Registration Dates

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Ron Harbourne Oval

10.00am - 12.00 noon.

Registration Fee \$120.00 per player

Ages 5-16yrs - Proof of age for first time player

Shinpads & Shorts for sale on day of Rego.

More information contact Terry-Anne  
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website [www.moreesport.com.au](http://www.moreesport.com.au)

or online [www.myfootball.com.au](http://www.myfootball.com.au)

## SAVE THE DATE

### MAJOR SCHOOL FUNDRAISER FOR 2016

### GRAVESEND 100 MILE LUNCH

all produce used located within 100 miles.

Entertainment, fine food, special guests...

SATURDAY 30TH APRIL FROM 1PM

Gravesend Recreation Ground

Invite your friends!

(More information coming soon)

PALLAMALLAWA HALL - SUNDAY 10TH APRIL 2016 COMMENCING AT 3PM

Bring nanna and the neighbours for a FREE dinner, a catch up and music from one of Australia's leading Jazz vocalist and trumpeter, Vince Jones. Everyone welcome to the free event!