

### Upcoming Events

#### MARCH

- 21st Soccer Trials
- 22nd P & C AGM
- 24th Easter Celebrations
- 29th Return to School

#### APRIL

- 1st Deadly Australians Visiting Performance
- 7th PBL Day and Assembly  
3/4C Item performance



### Northern Trials Representatives

A large contingent of students travelled to Inverell last Friday to compete in a range of sports with seven students gaining selection. Well Done WPS.

### Community Notices

Opera in the Paddock  
Inverell Junior Rugby  
NIAS

### Notes to be returned

- \*Year 6 Moving into Year 7
- \* Deadly Australians

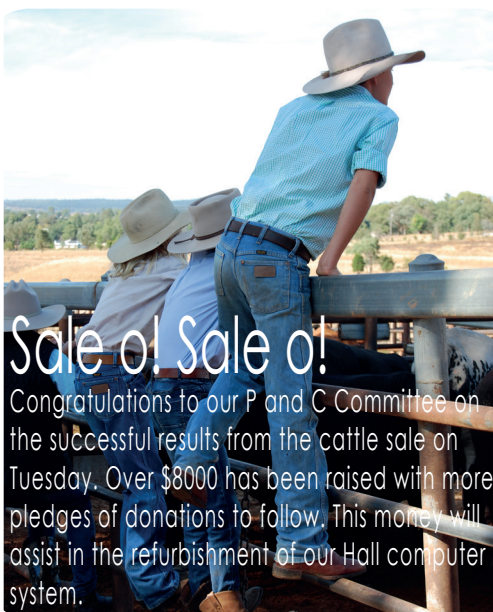
### Quote of the Week

A journey of a thousand miles  
begins with a single step.

Confucious

### Easter Egg Raffle

Excitement is building for the draw of our Easter Egg Raffle. We would like to thank you for purchasing tickets and remind everyone there is still time. We will draw the raffle during the morning Easter celebration on this Thursday. Tickets are available from the School Office.



Sale o! Sale o!

Congratulations to our P and C Committee on the successful results from the cattle sale on Tuesday. Over \$8000 has been raised with more pledges of donations to follow. This money will assist in the refurbishment of our Hall computer system.

# Principal's Report

This Term has gone by in the blink of an eye. There have been so many highlights already with our School, Zone and Regional Swimming Carnivals, PSSA Cricket Knockout fixture against MPS, two quality assembly items, Meet the Teacher Evening and the P&C Cattle Sale to name just a few. This coming Easter weekend will certainly be an opportunity to take a break and enjoy some well-deserved relaxation with family and friends.

Each Department of Education school in NSW is required to work towards Strategic Directions – designed collaboratively with staff and community. When trying to achieve a goal or reach a destination, it is essential that everyone involved actually knows the intended goals and contributes to reaching these. I thought that it may be worth restating our Strategic Directions so that they are fresh in our minds. They are:

1. Creating highly motivated and engaged 21<sup>st</sup> Century learners and citizens
2. High performing, collaborative and dynamic staff
3. A positive and inclusive culture with strong community partnerships

We are certainly making big steps towards achieving these specific directions but still have much to do and I look forward to working with you in aspiring to successfully reach these goals.

I wish to thank all of our staff that are currently preparing sporting teams for our PSSA Knockout commitments. Each lunch break it is quite impressive to see (and participate in) so many students engaged in extra-curricular activities – developing skills in sport under the guidance of enthusiastic staff members.

Last week, our Year 5 & 6 students heard from Mr Andrew Anderson as part of Wider than Gwydir. Mr Anderson is a former Rural Crime Squad Officer and School Teacher. He presented a fascinating story about his career journey so far and certainly inspired students. Thank you to Mr Anderson and we look forward to hearing from our next speaker in a fortnight.

Whilst all classes are successfully conducting daily reading groups, we continue to call for volunteers. I recently fielded an enquiry from a retired member of the Warialda Community asking how they could assist with reading groups. All that we require is that volunteers have a Working With Children number (obtained for free via the RTA) and then they are able to assist. If you know of any retirees or grandparents who are able to be a part of this program, please encourage them to do so. I sincerely appreciate your assistance.

Last Tuesday, I accompanied our student leaders to the Inverell Saleyards to be a part of the P&C Cattle Drive. The generosity of donors has been quite overwhelming – either in donating a beast or a monetary donation to the cause. At last count, the Cattle Drive had raised a little over \$8000! All money raised will go directly to completing an upgrade of technology facilities in the school hall. Once again, thank you to Mrs Wendy Mayne for generously donating her time (and two heifers) to this project.

On Friday, I had a scheduled visit from our Director of Public Schools, Mrs Rebecca Langdon. I know Mrs Langdon was very complementary about the physical appearance of our lovely grounds and was highly supportive of our projects and priorities for 2016. We look forward to Mrs Langdon visiting again at some point later in 2016.

Please be reminded that our P&C AGM will be held at 5pm tomorrow afternoon in the school Library. I strongly encourage you to attend and to become involved in this fantastic group. The current P&C are such a committed, enthusiastic and hard-working group of parents who have achieved such incredible accomplishments. We are most appreciative of everything they have done and continue to do for our school. I look forward to seeing as many people as possible at 5pm.

Last week, Mrs Cush posted a survey on our school Facebook site requesting that parents provide feedback as to how they like being informed about happenings at WPS. The feedback coming in shows that parents are certainly using a variety of methods of accessing the information they need. Included in this newsletter is a survey which we hope you will take the time to complete. We love hearing your thoughts!

This Thursday, all parents and community members are invited to join with us for our Easter Bonnet Parade & Morning Tea. On Thursday, students will go into their classes at 9am to have the roll marked and attend to morning tasks before coming out to the bell area at 9:30am. The Easter Bonnet Parade will then take place with our infants students parading in their fabulous hats. We will then draw the incredible Easter raffle and then host a relaxed parent / community morning tea for those of you who are able to join us.

Please mark the 7<sup>th</sup> of April on your calendar as our PBL Open Day. This day has been thoroughly planned and will include a long list of spectacular activities promoting our five core values – Spirit, Teamwork, Aspire, Respect and Success. More information will be provided in next week's newsletter pertaining to this event.

This week, I'd like to share another excellent educational website. As a teacher and parent, I've accessed <http://www.teachthis.com.au/> for several years and have always found it to be really useful. I particularly like the fact it is an Australian site and the information contained in it is linked to the syllabus documents underpinning what our students are learning.

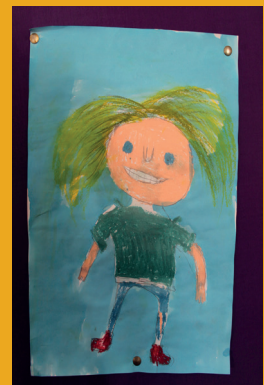
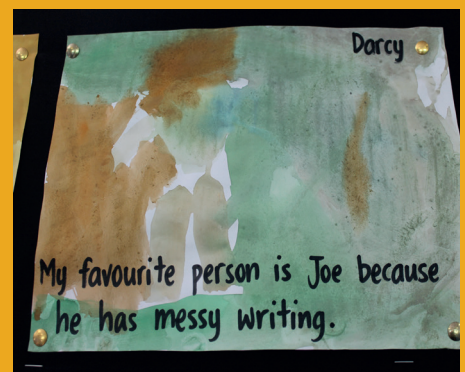
I hope everyone has an enjoyable Easter break.

Kind regards,

Dan van Velthuisen

Principal (Relieving)

## Classroom Activities.... Kindergarten and 3/4 C



## Warialda Public School P and C Fundraiser Livestock Drive

The Warialda Public School P and C committee are overwhelmed with the generosity of its school families and its wider community getting on board with our Livestock Drive Fundraiser.

Last Tuesday, the WPS P & C sold 5 cattle at the Inverell saleyards that grossed \$4,168. A special thank you to Scott Stewart who delivered the cattle the night before free of charge and Mark Smith of McGregor's who sold them commission free!

It was excellent to have our school leaders with our Principal Dan van Velthuisen, to see at firsthand how the saleyards operate and watch the cattle sell. Thank you to Ian Durkin, Scott Biddle and Ben Morely Ceres Ag and Ben Mayne for attending the sale.

So far we have sold 7 cattle and one lamb and with cash donations, have raised a total of around **\$8,000**. We still may have some further donations to come, so our target of \$10,000 might be reached! For those of you that would like to contribute please contact Wendy Mayne.

The P & C committee would sincerely like to thank the following families and local businesses for their amazing donations and being a part of our fundraising journey to conduct a technology upgrade to our great school hall.

**John and Kerry Coulton**  
**Ian and Shelley Durkin**  
**Mosquito Creek Angus**  
**Texas Angus**

**Rod and Tracey Digby**  
**Steve and Amanda Hawkins**  
**David and Annabelle Horn**  
**Andrew and Krista Armstrong**

**Mark and Robyn Coulton**  
**Ceres Ag**  
**Peter and Kellie Moodie**  
**Silent Donor**

# Easter Celebrations at WPS

This Thursday will be the beginning of the Easter Holiday celebrations with an Easter Bonnet parade followed by the announcement of Easter Raffle winners and morning tea for guests. Parents and friends are invited to join us for the morning commencing at 9.30 am at our School bell quadrangle. Kindergarten have been very busy decorating and making their bonnets with some very interesting creations for display.

Program:

9.30 Students assemble at bell quadrangle  
9.40 Parade  
9.50 Raffle Draw  
10.15 Guest Morning Tea  
(please note times are an approximation)



# PBL Weekly Winners

KL	Jackson Charter and Aiden Warren
K/1W	Millie Taylor and Anna-May Sharp
1/2W	Mia Ireland and Bella Phillips
3/4S	Wesley LaFontaine and Braith Macey
3/4C	Jorja Durkin and Austyn Hansen Brown
5D	Elijah Lane and Regan Chard
6P	Travis Clarke and Jai Turner
PLAYGROUND	Abbie Kent and Charli Rose



Congratulations to these students and enjoy your trip to the Park.

## Keeping you informed and up to date

Could you please take 2 minutes from your day and assist us by completing the following and return to the office. (Please tick your preferred)

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Facebook

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Skoolbag App

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Newsletter

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Hardcopy

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Email

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Bulletin Board on Hope St

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The Warialda Standard

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Our School Website

Please comment as to how we can better inform you.....

# Community Notices

## 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.



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## INVERELL JUNIOR RUGBY

Inverell Junior Rugby is calling for interested boys and girls to attend our first training run at Rugby Park in Ross Street, Inverell on Thursday 17th March between 5pm and 6pm and every Thursday at the same time throughout the season.

Inverell Junior Rugby offers great value for money with current registration fees of \$85 for U8's to U14's. \$40 for U6's. The kids will get about \$65 dollars worth of gear in their sign on package. (discounts are available for multiple children from the same family)

The club has an ethos of **fun** (for all the family) and **inclusion** (no matter what your background/skill level). Central North Junior Rugby is carnival based meaning roughly every second Sunday we attend a carnival where the kids play between 3 to 4 games.

Registration are online however the easiest thing to do is to turn up to training and we will sort you out.

[www.facebook.com/invjnrrugby](http://www.facebook.com/invjnrrugby)

Rowan O'Brien  
President - Inverell Junior Rugby

"...The Northern Inland Academy of Sport (NIAS) with the support of the Australian Olympic Committee is hosting the National Primary Games (NPG) in Tamworth on the 9-10th April. The NPG is open to all children in years 5 & 6. This is the major sporting event in the region. This year we are seeking expressions of interest from children and parents to field a combined North West regional team in the AFL competition. This is a fabulous opportunity for our kids to compete against teams from Queensland, Canberra and Victoria. If you are interested in competing in the AFL competition please contact Warwick Bedford on 0414 650 837....."