

Upcoming Events

MARCH

- 7th Zone Swimming
- 9th Meet the Teacher
- 10th Assembly 11.50am
5 DB item performance
- 11th Zone Winter Trials
- 14th Music Meeting 12.45pm
- 18th Kinder Screening for
Hearing
- 22nd P & C AGM

APRIL

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

Community Notices

- * Easter Disco
- * Inverell Soccer

Notes to be returned

- * Primary Excursion
- * Gwydir Band
- * Kinder Hearing Test
- * Zone Winter Trials

Quote of the Week

Let us remember:
one book, one pen, one child
and one teacher can change
the world.

Malala Yousafzai



Zone Swimming Success

18 Students have made their way to Armidale early this morning to take on the best in the region. After a very successful carnival in Inverell our students have been propelled to Regionals where a full day of competition may result in some students gaining selection to swim in Sydney at Homebush. We wish our students every success today.

Stop the Press!!

Our Warialda Public School Leaders have featured in the **Land Newspaper** supporting the P and C Stock Drive. Thank you to Mrs Wendy Mayne for organising this great initiative. (March 3rd Edition)



P r i n c i p a l R e p o r t

Working at Warialda Public School with delightful children, talented staff and a caring community is truly a privilege. I was away from the school for two days last week whilst attending a Principal's meeting in Moree and it was lovely to return to the school and be surrounded by such incredible people. Writing these reports on a weekly basis is actually quite challenging as there is always so much to recap with great achievements happening daily.

Reading Groups

It is very pleasing to see our newly developed program of daily Reading Groups taking place in all classrooms across the school. This may seem like a simple initiative but is such an important part of our day at school. Providing all children with an opportunity to read aloud each day, be listened to by an adult and then discuss the text will certainly lead to improved student learning outcomes. The classroom teachers are focussing very heavily on developing our students' comprehension skills – the skills of predicting, visualising, summarising, monitoring, questioning and making connections.

Spelling

In addition to the introduction of the reading program implemented in all classes, children in Years 1 to 6 are also utilising a fantastic differentiated spelling program – ensuring that each child is learning spelling words specifically at their level. I would encourage you to practice weekly spelling words with your child as part of their homework routine. Increasing our students' results in both reading and spelling are important aspects of reaching targets within our strategic direction.

Wider than Gwydir

Students in Years 5 & 6 participated in their first session of *Wider than Gwydir* last Friday. They were joined via video conference with boys and girls from Warialda High School, Croppa Creek and Bullarah Public School's. In coming weeks, students from Gravesend, Gum Flat, Delungra and Bingara will also join us in listening to guest speakers tell us about their career journey. This project has been developed by Warialda Public School and aims to help students recognise the importance of making the most of their educational opportunities. Thank you to Mrs Barnett for her invaluable contributions to *Wider than Gwydir*.

Meet the Teacher

Our scheduled Meet the Teacher – Parent Information Session will take place this Wednesday afternoon from 5:30pm. Light refreshments will be served from 5:15pm in the library. The session will commence with an overview of whole school practices and events. Parents will then have the opportunity to visit their child's classroom to listen to a short presentation by their respective teachers. Please be mindful that this is not intended to be a parent / teacher interview but rather, one to further strengthen the relationship by parents and our brilliant classroom teachers.

Zone Swimming Success

Congratulations to our amazing swimmers who are today taking on the elements at Armidale. 18 students have made the trip that will see them pitted against the very best in North West NSW. A comprehensive report will be included in next week's newsletter.

Cricket

Last Tuesday, our 1st XI cricket team took on the boys from Moree Public School at Nicholson Oval. Our boys batted first and reached a competitive total of 91 runs from their 25 overs. Captain, Isaac Armstrong amassed an impressive 37 runs in sweltering heat. Jack Williams was on his way to a solid total also before being narrowly run out. The MPS team looked to be making easy work of the run chase before some outstanding bowling from Isaac Armstrong and Cooper Rose who tore through a long list of representative batsmen. The MPS players faced a torrid time at the crease with the likes of Alex Waller, Charlie Horn, Travis Clarke and Jack Williams bowling accurately and aggressively. In the end, MPS reached the target with only a handful of balls to spare. Listening to the sportsmanship and words of encouragement shared between our players was the real highlight of the day. Congratulations to our WPS players who certainly gave their best!

Assembly Change of Date

Please be aware that this week's scheduled assembly will be moved to **Thursday at 11:50am** as so many of students will be involved in the Winter Sporting Trials in Inverell on Friday. I would appreciate your assistance in spreading the word about this change of routine!

I recently heard a brilliant quote that made me reflect upon my own behaviour and perspectives. Lieutenant General David Lindsay Morrison AO say's **"the standard you walk past, is the standard you accept"**. This quote certainly reinforces the absolute importance of keeping the bar high and not settling for anything less!

Hopefully the weather starts to cool off shortly and some big rain clouds roll in!

Kind regards,

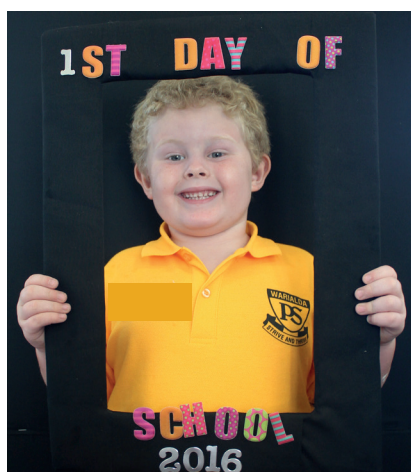
Dan van Velthuizen

P B L W i n n e r s

Kindergarten	Brooklyn Kennedy, Maddy Bell & Max Tu
K/1	Whitney Eve Sherman & Max Montgomery
1/2W	Chy-Anne Dawson & Max Barwick
3/4S	Scarlett Nieddu & Thomas Kelleher
3/4C	Amelia Hall & Rocco Hall
5D	Liliana Reardon & Liam Parry
6P	Siobhan Potter & Darcy Wood
Playground	Lucy Lockyer & Jarrod Nolan

Each week students who display our core values of Spirit, Teamwork, Aspire, Respect and Success are rewarded with tickets that go in a very large ticket barrel. Each Monday two tickets are drawn per class from the many entries. Winners receive a "prize pick" from the very exciting box of prizes. This is one of our many ways of rewarding positive behaviour

Some of our newest WPS Little People



Important Notices

SRC Easter Egg Fundraiser

SRC are holding an Easter Raffle. All donations of chocolate eggs and bunnies would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be left at the school office. Tickets are \$1 each and each family will receive a booklet of tickets with this newsletter. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 24th March so all tickets and money will be needed back at school ready to be drawn.

Change of Date

Music Meeting

The Music meeting which was scheduled for today has been changed to Monday 14th March 2016 12.45pm in School Hall due to the Regional Swimming Carnival Carnival being held today.

P and C AGM

Warialda Public School Parents and Citizens Annual General Meeting change of date to Tuesday 22nd March 2016 5pm in School Library.

Assembly change - this week only

Assembly will be on this Thursday not Friday starting at 11.50 due to the large volume of children attending winter Trials. Mrs Digby's year 5 class are presenting their item.

Community Notices

Warialda Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Breakfast meeting this Wednesday morning at the Oakie Dokie Cafe starting at 7.30am with Guest Speaker Joe Townsend - Regional Manager for NSW Business Chamber.

If you would like to attend please register at the Oakie Dokie Cafe.



Inverell & District Soccer 2016 Season

Registrations are now open for the 2016 Junior Soccer Season. Registration and payment is to be made through myfootballclub.com.au before Monday 4th April, 2016. No late registrations will be accepted after this date. Age Group divisions are 5 years \$100, 6/7 years \$100, 8/9 \$110, 10/11 years \$110, 12 years \$120 and 13-18 Youth \$120. An information morning is going to be held on Saturday 19th March at the Sporting Complex Soccer Canteen starting at 9.30am. Competition starts on Saturday 30th April 2016. For further information please contact Tammy Cabitza 0427 878 730 or Anthony Alliston 0425 271 633.

