

Upcoming Events

MAY

- 16th PSSA Boys/Girls Soccer
- 17th Northern Rugby Union Trials
ICAS DT Test
- 19th Northern Netball Trials
- 20th Zone Cross Country
Walk Safely to School
- 23rd North West Rugby Union Trials
- 25th Book Fair - Dress Up
- 27th Assembly K/1W item
North West Touch Football Trials
- 31st ICAS Science Test



Cystic Fibrosis Crazy Hair Day Fundraiser

Our student Representative Council have been very busy making posters and coming up with fantastic designs for their Crazy Hair Day which funds raised benefits the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in their campaign to find a cure. Approximately \$140 was raised and will be forwarded onto the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Congratulations to the students and their families for showing their support for this wonderful cause.

PSSA Football Knockout

Twenty Eight students travelled to Bingara today to play in the PSSA Football Knockout. We extend our thanks to the parents who assisted in transporting the students and to Mrs Digby for coaching.

A very BIG Thank you

Every day at school we have many volunteers helping to make our school run efficiently and effectively. From parent helpers in the Canteen to community members reading with the students. Your commitment to our school is truly appreciated.

Community Notices

- * Murray Hartin Performance

Notes to be returned

- * General Consent
- * Stage 2 & 3 Excursion
- * Absentee Letters

Quote of the Week



Principal's Report

The last week has brought with it some cooler weather and most of our students are wearing jumpers each morning. I continue to be so impressed by the way in which our students diligently wear their school uniforms. They look fantastic day in, day out and certainly take a great deal of pride in wearing their uniform correctly.

In last week's newsletter, I mentioned that Isaac Armstrong had attended the final North West Cricket trials in Tamworth. Whilst Isaac performed solidly and showed impressive technique, he narrowly missed out on claiming a place in the team. We are very proud of his efforts in trialling for what is traditionally one of the toughest sports in which to gain selection.

Amongst a very busy week, our Year 3 and Year 5 students completed their annual NAPLAN tests. I congratulate all of the students who sat these assessments for their maturity and enthusiasm. I also sincerely thank our staff whom assisted in overseeing the process and for accommodating changes to routines. Later in the year, we will have the opportunity to analyse their results.

Our 2016 Crazy Hair Day was a sensational success with WPS raising \$140.00 that will be forwarded to Cystic Fibrosis Australia with the funds supporting valuable research. I spoke at Friday's assembly about CF and raised two important facts. Cystic Fibrosis is the most common life threatening genetic condition facing Australian children and as yet, it is without a cure. I think this makes it a very worthy cause to support.

As you could imagine, we as a school are invited to support many charitable causes each year. Whilst we would absolutely love to support each and every one of these, it is simply not possible. If you have a charitable event or organisation that requires support, please ensure the request is made in writing and addressed to myself so that it can be considered and where possible – accommodated.

Good luck to our students attending the Northern Rugby Union trials in Armidale on Tuesday. These students will be representing the Inverell Zone and I am confident that they will learn a great deal about the game on the day. The North West Coach is Mr Andrew Watson and he is known for his dedication to not only running a great trial but also for ensuring that those who participate leave the day having acquired new skills.

Our annual Cross Country was held last Friday. Thank you to Miss Cole for her thorough organisation and coordination of this event and to all staff for going the extra mile to ensure it was a tremendous success. The effort of the students was incredible and they certainly modelled our 5 core values of Spirit, Teamwork, Aspire, Respect and Success whilst competing. Mrs Tracey Digby will accompany our runners who will attend the Zone Cross Country this coming Friday in Ashford. We wish all competitors every success.

Today our boys and girls PSSA Soccer teams travel to Bingara Central School to play their round 1 fixture of the State Knockout. The teams have been working hard at training under the guidance of Mrs Digby and Mr McIntosh. A special vote of thanks to those families who were able to assist in providing transport to and from this event. A report of these fixtures will be included in the next newsletter.

On Wednesday, our PSSA Rugby League 1st XIII will take on Ross Hill Public School in the first round fixture. I know that our students are very excited about the opportunity to play a home game at Nicholson Oval and will put their best foot forward. If you happen to be around at 12pm on Wednesday afternoon, I'd encourage you to pop down to support our players whilst they are at 'home'.

Tomorrow, the first ICAS test of 2016 will be administered being the Digital Technologies test. I wish our students every success for this assessment and look forward to being able to recognise their achievements at an upcoming assembly.

This week will see another instalment of our Middle Years Initiative - Wider than Gwydir. We are so proud of this program and love seeing our Years 5 & 6 students inspired by the brilliant speakers. This week, we shall hear from owner of Rabbit Hop Films, Sascha Estens who will share her stories about how she ended up in her career and the travels and adventures she has had along the way.

Once again in 2016, our incredibly hard working P&C will conduct a Pie Drive. When I heard this news I was more than just a little excited as I am a little prone to buying (and eating) pies! Stay tuned for details as the pie drive will start in coming weeks and conclude by terms end. All proceeds raised are used by the P&C to support the amazing students of WPS.

You may have heard from your children that our school technology upgrade is well and truly underway. Last weekend, each classroom had a new and very impressive multi-touch panel installed. These are the very latest in technology and are certainly a fantastic edition to our classrooms. We are now focussing our attention on the upgrade to the technology in our school hall with technicians assisting us in preparing equipment and ideas to ensure it is of the very highest standard.

In the very near future, the permanent position of Assistant Principal at Warialda Public School will be advertised. This position has recently been vacated by Mrs Jennifer Carey. We wish Mrs Carey every success in her career and look forward to appointing a new Assistant Principal upon the conclusion of the Merit Selection process that will be conducted in coming weeks.

We take enormous pride in our ability to provide our school community with the information they need. In today's world, apps (such as Skoolbag), social media (such as Facebook) and websites (such as our very own school website) are used to complement the traditional school newsletter. Last term, we conducted a survey and the feedback certainly reaffirmed that most of you don't just get your information from one source but actually use two or more sources. Many of your responses showed that you love receiving your weekly newsletter but also enjoy the ongoing updates via facebook or skoolbag etc. Mrs Laura Cush often shows me the data analysing how many 'hits' our facebook page gets and it's really quite incredible. The outcome of the survey is that nothing will change except we will just continue working exceptionally hard to get you the information you need and want as regularly as possible.

Have an awesome week!

Kind regards,

Dan van Velthuisen

School News

Congratulations to the following student on this week's assembly awards:

KL	Max Tu, Banjo Mitchell, Aria Macey, Mason Nieddu, Booklyn Kennedy, Harrison Brooks
K/1W	Kailie Dyer-Cleal, Liam Dawson, Kai Connolly, Jesse Irwin, Cooper Hall, Jaymz Nolan
1/2W	Bella Phillips, Dominic Miller, Summa Beel, William Whalan, Tayla Rowsell, Sydnei Gunn
3/4C	Christian Miller, Frank Reardon, Jorja Durkin, Jay Farrawell, Rhylie Marle, Harry Barwick
3/4S	Thomas Bell, Imogen Hall, Sebastian Fohmsbee, Lachlan Mayne, Scarlett Nieddu, Lochlan Williams
5D	Lillee Sankey, Charli Rose, Elijah Lane, Georgia Curtis
6P	Phebe Stevenson, William Mayne, Peter King, Daemon Fohmsbee, Travis Clarke
PBL	Dakoda Macey, Jesse Irwin
PRINCIPAL	Christian Miller, Millie Taylor, Mia Ireland, William Jones

Sports Report

Cross Country

Congratulations to the following students who are eligible to compete in Inverell Zone Cross Country which will be held at Ashford, this Friday 20th May 2016:

8/9 Years Girls:	Taeya Rose, Ellie Michel, Bella Phillips, Lisa Digby, Khloe Edwards, Imogen Hall
10 Years Girls:	Ally Horn, Lilee Sankey, Natalie Tu, Ella Turner, Jorja Durkin, Ellie-May Turner, Mia Montgomery
11 Years Girls:	Georgia Curtis, Sophie Hall, Isabella McIntosh, Hope Sankey, Liliana Reardon, Lucy Lockyer
12/13 Years Girls:	Kayley Mintoff, Phebe Stevenson, Tanaya Temple, Grace Sleiman
8/9 Years Boys:	Wesley La Fontaine, Harry Barwick, Myles Beel, Sam Hall, Thomas Bell, Wraith Rowan
10 Years Boys:	Angus Digby, Lachlan Mayne, Logan Biddle, Jay Farrawell, Lochlan Williams, Austyn Hansen-Brown
11 Years Boys:	Lochlan Lane, Toby Bell, Beau Solomon, Daemon Fohmsbee, Darcy Wood, Elijah Lane
12/13 Years Boys:	William Mayne, Isaac Armstrong, Travis Clarke, Charlie Horn, Cooper Rose, Jack Digby





Touch Football

Warialda Public School congratulates the students pictured for their success at the Zone Touch Football trials. The next stage of competition will be North West which will be held in Tamworth on the 27th May. Good luck and have fun.



Cricket

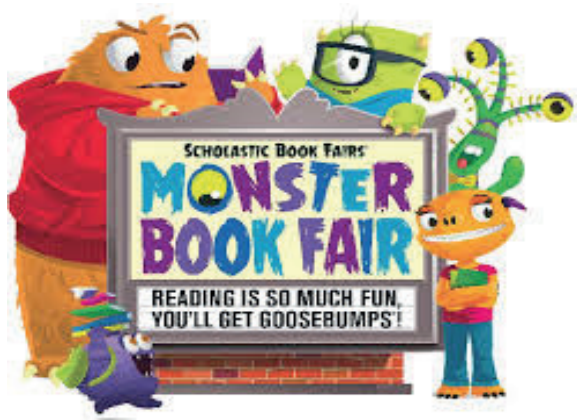
Congratulations Isaac for his selection to play at the North West Cricket Trials held in Tamworth. Isaac played against a very talented field of cricketers and came home with new skills and enjoyed his experience.



Rugby Union

Seven very keen and eager boys and girls will compete at the Northern Rugby Trials tomorrow in Armidale. We hope you have an enjoyable day and stay warm.

Notices



Our 2016 Book Fair is going to be MONSTEROUS!!! The books have started to arrive and I have been sorting through many of the boxes adding books to my "Wish List" for the Library. Our theme this year is MONSTERS!!! We are encouraging students to come along dressed as your favourite good or bad monster for the chance of winning a prize.

The parade will start the day followed by classes visiting the Library and selecting the books they would like for themselves and the Library.

Bookfair will be held on Wednesday 25th May commencing at 9am.

Stage 3 Excursion – Sydney

Please return the blue permission note as soon as possible. With only 6 weeks to go until Years 5 & 6 head off to Sydney, payments should be paid in full by Wednesday 15th June.

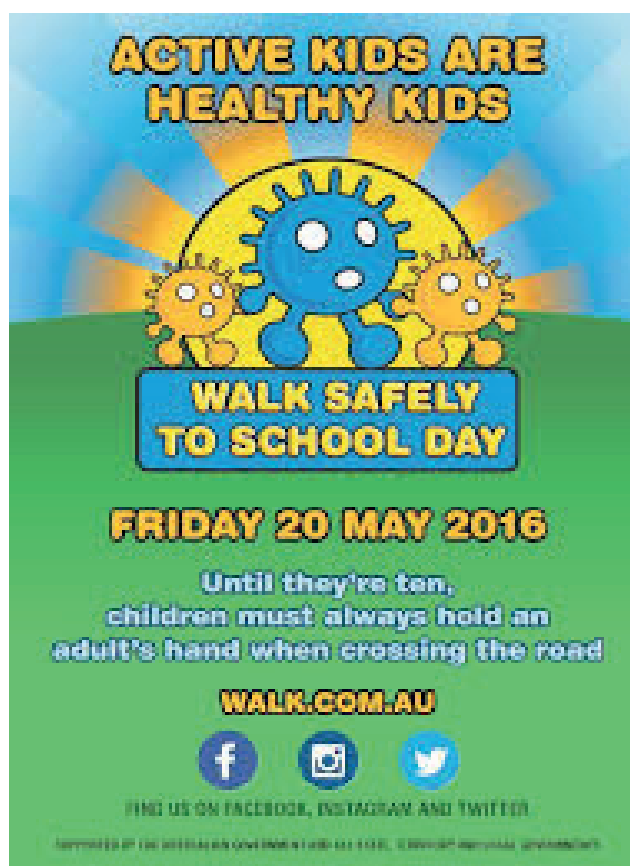
Parents and Citizens News

Volunteers

The Canteen is looking for volunteers. If you could spare a couple of hours, please leave your name, phone number and what day you would like to help with the ladies at the school office.

Uniform Prices - available from the School Office

Gold Polo Shirts	\$14.00
Gold Long Sleeve Polo Shirts	\$17.00
Boys Grey Shorts	\$14.00
Boys Long Grey Pants	\$19.00
Black Sports Shorts	\$12.00
Black Long Sports Pants	\$22.00
Gold & Black Jerseys	\$40.00
Gold & Black Jacket	\$65.00
School Hats	\$10.00



Warialda Public School are big supporters of the Walk Safely to School Day which will be held on Friday 20th May. We have many students who regularly walk to school. This day reinforces safely walking to and from school and whenever children are out and about.