

3/4 S Assembly



Well done to 3/4 S for their fantastic performance at assembly last Friday.

Upcoming Events

MAY

- 3rd Mothers Day Stall
Second Half Lunch
in Library (P&C)
- League/League
Tag Gala Day Moree
- 4th Mothers Day Stall
- 13th Assembly Item 1/2W
Crazy Hair Day
Cross Country
- 20th Zone Cross Country
- 31st ICAS - Science Test

JUNE

- 10th Assembly Item KL
- 14th ICAS - Writing Test

Community Notices

- * Junior Netball

Notes to be returned

- * League/League Tag

Quote of the Week

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.

C.S. Lewis

Principal's Report

Despite being a shorter than usual first week back at school, it was certainly a very busy few days with countless activities taking place. I was exceptionally proud of the way students returned to school with a mature attitude and a willingness to learn. Whilst visiting classrooms, I was so impressed to see the students engaged and enthusiastic. In Miss Cole's room, I was even "ambushed" by students who had been developing their persuasive writing skills. They were aiming to persuade me that they absolutely need longer lunch and recess breaks! They tell me it is proven that increased breaks lead to better results. In Mrs Digby's room, students were recalling events from their holiday's (throwing in a red herring) with their peers trying to guess which of the events named was the 'tall story'! In both classes, it was plain to see such a high level of engagement.

On the first day of Term, your child should have brought home with them a 'Stage Newsletter'. This is a brand new initiative that we will be using to keep families informed about specific happenings in your child's stage. They will go home at the start of each term and contain information such as the topics to be covered in all learning areas. This initiative is specifically aimed at achieving our third strategic direction – *creating a positive inclusive culture with strong community partnerships*.

On the final day of Term 1, our Annual Report was uploaded to the WPS school website. This document outlines achievements of our school in 2015. A part of the report that I think is probably the most important relates to the 'next steps' that we will take in relation to achieving our strategic directions. I would encourage members of our school community to read this report when you have the opportunity.

This coming weekend will bring with it the annual Warialda Show. I'm very much looking forward to working my way through the exhibits and in particular, admiring the art entries as submitted by our talented students. I would like to extend my very best wishes to the organisers of the show for a particularly successful event.

Today, we welcomed two Prac Teachers who will be undertaking their respective placements at Warialda Public School from the 2nd of May to the 3rd of June. Mrs Sara Baumann will be working in K/1W (learning with Mrs Waller) whilst Mrs Sharyn McNamara will be working in 3/4C (learning with Miss Cole). We wish both ladies a successful placement.

I wish to extend our most sincere thanks to Mr Charles Allen who joined us at our annual ANZAC ceremony. Mr Allen addressed our assembly sharing some insightful comments about world history and the sacrifices made by soldiers. Also, a special congratulations to our students leaders who so eloquently hosted the service.

Congratulations to Abbie Kent, Charlie Horn and Jack Williams who attended the final North West Rugby League trial as part of the Northern Team. After talking with each student upon their return, it was pleasing to hear that they could each confidently say that they had tried their best. We are all very proud of their efforts and congratulate them on being wonderful ambassadors of Warialda Public School.

In amongst settling back into the routines of school, we threw into the mix school photo day! Our students were incredibly cooperative and did a magnificent job in waiting patiently and using their best manners when liaising with the visiting photographers. When the photographs are provided to the school and become available for collection, parents will be promptly informed.

This coming Wednesday, our 2016 Student Leaders will travel with Mr Porter to Moree to participate in the GRIP Leadership course. This is a very special opportunity as it will give Will, Lucy, Jack and Abbie a deeper understanding of what it means to be a leader. I have asked that together, they write a short report about what they learn to be included in our next newsletter. I look forward to hearing about their findings.

In addition to all of the incredibly engaging teaching and learning that will take place next week, we also are inundated with sporting commitments. On Tuesday, we will participate in the Captain's Cup Gala Day, Rugby Union 7's on Thursday and finally, Zone Touch Football Trials on Friday. There should be some very tired children (and staff) by Friday!

Finally, I would like to wish all mum's out there a very happy Mother's Day. I hope that you are suitable spoiled and have a lovely relaxing day.

Have an excellent week!

Kind regards, Dan van Velthuizen

Principal (Relieving)

School Notices

Congratulations to the follow award winners:

KL	Harrison Kellett, Imogen Biddle, Winter Larvay, Holly Whalan
K/1W	Max Montgomery, Ava Brown, Riley Gordon, Ethan Tu
1/2W	Maggie Reardon, Lilly Brice, Jayden Kellett, Mia Ireland
3/4C	Austyn Hansen-Brown, Christian Whalan, Isabel MererKing, Kirralee Mintoff
3/4S	Jack Kent, Duncan Cook, Ella Turner, Mia Montgomery
5D	Sarah Clarke, Isabella McIntosh, Toby Bell, Jaydin Penman
6P	Jai Turner, William Jones, Billy Riley-Connell, Grace Sleiman
PBL	Cooper Rose, William Reardon
PRINCIPAL'S	Max Barwick, Lilli Lane, Wesley La Fontaine, Jaydin Penman

Premier's Reading Challenge

Students involved in the Premier's Reading Challenge, books are now readily available in the school library on the specially designated Premier's Reading Challenge bookshelf.

If your child would like to participate and hasn't started yet it's not too late! Just see Mrs Haug.



Cross Country - Friday 13th May

Crazy Hair Day - Friday 13th May

Zone Cross Country - Friday 20th May



P & C News

Mothers Day Stall

The P&C are once again running a Mothers Day Stall. Students will have the opportunity to purchase a nice gift for their mum or carer priced from \$2 to \$10 starting on Tuesday and Wednesday the 3rd and 4th May, second half of lunch in the school Library.

Thank you to Mrs Rachel Nieddu for once again organising this for our students.

Winter School Uniform

Boy's Long grey pants	\$19.00
Long black sports pants	\$22.00
Long sleeve polo shirts	\$17.00
Jackets	\$65.00
Jerseys	\$40.00

All available from the school office

Volunteers Needed

The P & C needs volunteers to help in the canteen. If you can help, please contact the school office and put your name down with your contact number and preferred day.

Canteen

Nachos are no longer available at the canteen.

Orders need to be in by 9am.

Please try to have the correct money in your child's lunch order.

Community Notices

Warialda Junior Netball

Come along and try afternoon

Thursday 5th May, 3.30/4.30pm

Netball courts are located behind the Sports stadium

All boys & girls from Kindy to Year 6 are welcome

A free sausage sizzle will be held after

Please bring a hat & a water bottle

For more information Teresa 0427 001 144

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