

Upcoming Events

MAY

- 10th NAPLAN
P & C Meeting
- 11th NAPLAN
- 12th NAPLAN
- 13th Crazy Hair Day
Cross Country
Assembly 1/2W item
- 16th PSSA Boys/Girls Soccer
- 17th Northern Rugby
Union Trials
ICAS DT Test
- 19th Northern Netball Trials
- 20th Zone Cross Country
- 23rd North West Rugby Union
Trials
- 25th Bookfair - Dress Up
- 27th Assembly K/1W item
North West Touch
Football Trials

Community Notices

- * Murray Hartin Performance

Notes to be returned

- * General Consent
- * Stage 2 & 3 Excursion
- * Absentee Letters
- * Soccer - Bingara
- * Cross Country

Quote of the Week

Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start.

Nido Qubein

Captains Cup



Principal's Report

Week 2 at Warialda Public School was a tremendous success with so many wonderful achievements. Our students continue to thrive in classrooms filled with rich learning experiences. Once again, it was a busy week but despite interruptions and events, our students knuckled down to the tasks at hand and demonstrated outstanding commitment to learning.

Last week, Isaac Armstrong represented WPS at the Northern Cricket trials as part of the Inverell Zone Team. He performed strongly showing impressive technique with both bat and ball. After an intensive net session against the best cricketers in our zone, Isaac was selected to attend the final North West trials that will be held today. We wish him every success in what is a hotly contested sport.

On Tuesday, our Under 10 boys and girls travelled to Moree for the annual Captain's Cup Rugby League carnival. They played teams from Moree and Mungindi and certainly enjoyed playing in the muddy conditions. Both of the boy's league teams played some entertaining football and most certainly developed their skills throughout the day. Some of the defence and attacking plays illustrated the immense talent we have here in Warialda. The girl's league tag team went through the day undefeated and certainly showed just how hard they had been working at training. Miss Cole reported that each of the girls scored tries during the day - that in itself is quite a feat! Congratulations to all of our students who attended for their sportsmanship and behaviour.

It was quite impressive seeing our 2016 Captain's and Vice-Captain's dressed in their formal uniforms as they departed for the GRIP Leadership Conference in Moree. Upon catching up with Will, Lucy, Jack and Abbie following their day trip, it was clearly evident that they had learned a great deal about leadership. I had messages from colleagues (who were also at the event) extending their congratulations on the way in which our students presented and conducted themselves.

This coming week, our Year 3 and 5 students will sit the annual NAPLAN test. The tests are spread over three days (Tuesday to Thursday) and assess students in writing, reading, language, spelling and numeracy. During the three days, some regular classroom routines such as reading groups will not occur to accommodate the required testing periods.

Crazy Hair Day has been widely used as a fundraising mechanism for Cystic Fibrosis. This Friday, students are invited to come to school with crazy hair to help raise awareness for this terrible illness – one that has no cure. Students wishing to participate should bring a gold coin donation. All funds raised will be forwarded to Cystic Fibrosis Australia and be used to fund research into a possible cure.

The annual WPS Cross Country will also take place this Friday. Students will attend school as usual before walking to the showgrounds to participate in this fun event. The sport of cross-country is certainly one that requires great determination and stamina. I look forward to watching our students complete the course and am confident that we'll see some fantastic individual efforts as they tackle the course.

Congratulations to the organising committee of the Warialda Show. Again in 2016, it was a fantastic spectacle with exciting pavilions and engaging exhibits. It was extremely impressive to stroll through the exhibits and have a look at entries from many WPS children. There were some extremely impressive entries with many receiving awards and prizes.

As you know, our core business is providing a quality education for every student at WPS. We can't be at our best though unless we as teachers continue to learn about our profession and what actually makes great teachers. We have been focussing on the impact that teacher feedback has upon student learning. The impact is enormous. We're now shifting our focus back onto ourselves and will be learning about how we can give each other feedback about our performances in the classroom. This is helping us achieve our second strategic direction – developing a high performing, collaborative and dynamic staff.

We are all looking forward to another exciting week at Warialda Public School.

Have a brilliant week!

Kind regards,

Dan van Velthuisen

Principal (Relieving)

School Notices

Cross Country Friday 13th May 2016

Warialda Show Ground

9:30am start

11:00am finish (approx)

All students will leave the school at 9:15am to walk to the Warialda Showground for a 9:30am start. Infants students will run a modified course at the beginning of the event. Parental assistance with check points etc would be appreciated. Students should be in sports uniform and take a water bottle and hat with them.

Wider than Gwydir

Wider than Gwydir is a program specifically aimed at students in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 – a period of school we call the Middle Years. Wider than Gwydir was developed right here at Warialda Public School and is overseen by Dan van Velthuisen and Amber Barnett.

Each fortnight students from across our region link with students from Warialda Public School via video-conferencing technology to watch and listen to a guest speaker talk about their career paths. The guest speakers come from all over Australia and represent a wide variety of professions. We are also listening to some pretty inspirational speakers from right here in Warialda and our Gwydir Shire.

We have some incredible speakers scheduled to speak this Term. In week 4, we will hear from two speakers on the same day with owner of Rabbit Hop Films, Sascha Estens talking to the students about her career as a film maker. We will also be joined by successful restaurant, gallery and café owner – Toby Osmond who will talk to students about his career in the food industry. Local veterinarian – Lorroi Kirkby will present with students about her job and the incredible places she has visited and career opportunities that have lead her to being one of the most respected AI specialists in the country. Later in the Term we shall also hear from the former Chief Executive Officer of the Coffee Club about his career and his journey as a young man from Tamworth to leading a nationally recognized company. The final speaker for Term 2 will be State MP – Mr Adam Marshall who has quite an inspiring story entering local politics as a very young man.

The question may be asked – “why do our kids need this?” The answer is simple! Our goal is to inspire our students and give them a taste of the career opportunities that are available to them. For some students, they have a narrow view of what is out there in the big, wide world. We’re just striving to broaden that view – empowering students to make a more informed choice. We hope that this in turn will also help them make the connection between their education now and the opportunities that will be opened to them in the future by making the best of these opportunities.



Well done WPS!



WANTED

Plastic carry bags.
Please leave at the office



**Crazy Hair Day this Friday
13th May Gold coin
donation for Cystic Fibrosis**

P & C News

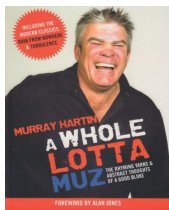
P & C Meeting

Tomorrow, Tuesday 10th May
at 5pm in the School Library.
Everyone is welcome.

Community Notices

WARIALDA GOLF & BOWLING CLUB

Special Event



Murray Hartin

Poet, Author and Entertainer

If you haven't heard the yarns "*Turbulence*", "*The Hog Whisperer*" or the haunting "*Rain from Nowhere*" you probably haven't heard of Murray Hartin.

But the bloke from Moree has been part of the festival/bush poetry/entertainment scene "for a long time", including 13 years with his mad mates in The Naked Poets, and remains a favourite with audiences across Australia.

His rapid-fire, rhyming recitals, which can cover anything from the perils of yoga to visiting the dentist to his lovely ANZAC tribute, *The Slouch Hat*, create vivid and often hilarious mental images that will stay with you forever.

Saturday 4th June

\$20 a ticket – on sale now!

Show commences at 7.30pm

Tickets on sale at the Warialda Golf and Bowling club

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