

# Warialda Public School



## NEWSLETTER

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## 2019 Swimming Champions



Junior Boy Champion  
**Max Barwick**  
Junior Boy Runner Up  
**Darcy Mitchell**



Junior Girl Champion  
**Pyper Dawson**  
Junior Girl Runner Up  
**Whitney Sherman**



11 Year Boy Champion  
**Os van Velthuizen**  
11 Year Boy Runner Up  
**Sam Hall**



11 Year Girl Champion  
**Scarlett Nieddu**  
11 Year Girl Runner Up  
**Mia Ireland**



Senior Boy Champion  
**Flynn Kirkby**  
Senior Boy Runner Up  
**William Reardon**



Senior Girl Champion  
**Lisa Digby**  
Senior Girl Runner Up  
**Imogen Hall**

# PRINCIPAL'S NEWS...

We've enjoyed such a wonderful start to the 2019 school year. Our students are working diligently and showing a genuine enthusiasm for learning. I make a point of visiting each room regularly and it is so impressive to see our students trying their best and displaying a curiosity for new topics. An impressive bunch!

Whilst I am impressed with our students, I'm in awe of our staff who design, plan and deliver such exciting and engaging learning experiences. They are all totally committed to challenging each student, supporting them to achieve the best results possible.

Our 2019 Kindergarten students have done a fabulous job settling into their new routines. This is a massive change for these little people and I know that many of them would be sleeping very well each night! Since starting school, they have already been learning to read, writing and doing lots of fun mathematics. In addition to this, Miss Cole and Miss Jeffree have now completed administering the Best Start assessments. All kinder students will receive a personalised report outlining areas of strength and future growth.

A sincere congratulations is extended to our newly elected leaders of Rose and Cleal sporting houses. Dianna Frewen, Vashtan Gallen, Imogen Hall, Darcy Jones and Nicholas Moodie will lead Cleal House whilst Bindi Laidlaw, Rocco Hall, Scarlett Nieddu and Tom Bell will lead Rose House. These students were elected by their peers and will do a fantastic job.

Recently, we have implemented measures to increase our school security. This includes regular Police patrols and security guards patrolling the school at random times out of school hours. May I request that should you see any suspicious activity or people on the school grounds that shouldn't be there, that this is immediately reported to the Police. We sincerely appreciate your support.

As part of starting the school year, we are required to submit our actual student numbers to the Department of Education. From here, our final funding package is determined. I'm delighted to announce that our final numbers as of Thursday were 193 (with three new students commencing in coming weeks). This is quite remarkable and we remain one of the only schools in our region with an increasing population trend.

In the past week, you have hopefully received several notes. If you haven't, perhaps they're floating around somewhere in a school bag! Whilst I realise it can be overwhelming, it is essential that you take a few moments to return these (where appropriate) ensuring that students are able to participate in the respective activities / events / programs. If in doubt or if you require clarification about a note, please do not hesitate to contact the Administration Team as they will be happy to assist you.

With visitors frequently visiting our school, it has been quite amazing that nearly everyone that I have spoken to has mentioned how awesome our new school bags look. Thank you to the 110 respondents of our school bag survey. The final data revealed that of the 110 respondents, 107 (or 97%) indicated that they 'loved them' with only 3 saying they were 'not keen'. We appreciate every opinion and again thank you all for completing the quick survey.

Every week, I'd like to include a quick update as to how we are progressing in our effort to achieve a 92% attendance rate. So far, we are operating at a rate of 92.68% with the champion class being K/1C who have an incredible rate of 97.66%. Great work to Miss Cole and her little legends!

Congratulations to each and every child who participated in the swimming carnival on Friday. Each competitor participated with great spirit and displayed exemplary sportsmanship at all times. It was lovely to see the look of satisfaction on students' faces as they completed 50m of the pool! Whilst we applaud the effort of the students, it is important that we thank the many parents and grandparents who assisted us by volunteering as a time keeper. Without this generous support, our carnival simply couldn't function.

This Thursday evening, we shall host one of the most important events on our school calendar – 'Meet the Teacher' Evening. This session will start promptly at 6pm in the Library. Initially, we will address matters relating to the whole school before parents move on to their children's classrooms to meet the teacher! During the classroom session, you can expect to hear about routines specific to that class. Whilst this is not a parent / teacher interview, it is a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and commence building a strong relationship with them. I look forward to seeing you there!

As we build into the new school year, many wonderful programs are recommencing. Some of these include Intensive Literacy and Numeracy with Mrs Haug and Mrs Smith; the Speech Therapy Program with Mrs Scotton and Mrs Nieddu; QuickSmart Numeracy with Mrs Taylor, Mrs Montgomery and Mrs Hall; and Out of the Box – project based learning with Mrs Reardon. Should you require more information regarding these programs, please contact me directly through the school office or pop your head in for a chat!

A friendly reminder about issues relating to the bus. In the instance that you have any queries about issues that may arise when students are travelling to and from school on the bus, it is important that you contact the respective bus operators in the first instance. Whilst we are always willing to provide support and advice, it is important that you direct these to the proper channels so that you can achieve a swift resolution.

Finally, I am extending an invitation to members of our school community who may be running short of water at present to use our school washing machine to pop some loads of washing on. The ridiculously hot and dry conditions are continuing to impact our community and I know that many of us are running short of water. If you wish to take us up on this offer, simply contact the school and we'll ensure you can access the facility.

Have a brilliant week!

Kind regards,

Dan van Velthuisen  
Principal

# SCHOOL NEWS...

*Please join us*

at Warialda Public School for our

## MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

DATE: Thursday 21st February 2019

TIME: 6pm

WHERE: School Library

## What's coming up...

### FEBRUARY

- 21st Meet the teacher
- 22nd Swimming for sport  
Inverell zone swimming

### MARCH

- 1st 5/6D assembly item @ 11.50am  
Stage 2 & 3 swimming for sport
- 8th Stage 2 & 3 swimming for sport
- 11th White Cross Dentist @ school
- 15th 5/6P assembly item @ 11.50am  
Stage 2 & 3 swimming for sport
- 22nd Stage 2 & 3 swimming for sport
- 29th 1/2W assembly item @ 11.50am  
Stage 2 & 3 swimming for sport

### APRIL

- 5th Easter bonnet parade  
Stage 2 & 3 swimming for sport
- 10th Parent/Teacher interviews
- 11th Parent/Teacher interviews
- 12th Stage 2 & 3 swimming for sport  
End of Term 1

## Notes that need to be returned back to school ...

- \* Scripture
- \* White Cross Dentist
- \* ICAS
- \* Stage 2 & 3 Excursion & money
- \* P & C volunteering at canteen
- \* Vision screening for Kindergarten
- \* Year 6 shirts & money
- \* General Consent
- \* Year 6 into Year 7
- \* Swimming for sport

All notes that need returning to school will be on blue paper!



## Coming Soon...

*Friday 1st March....*

*5/6D assembly item*

*11.50am in school hall*



# SWIMMING CARNIVAL...





# BUS SAFETY INFORMATION...

## Safety information



### Getting to and from the bus stop

- Families are responsible for getting their child to and from the bus stop safely.
- Always supervise your child until they are at least 10 and hold their hand when walking to and from the bus stop or interchange and when crossing the road.
- When waiting for the bus, hold hands and wait as far back from the passing traffic as possible.

### Getting off the bus

When travelling by bus, your child is most at risk in the minutes after they get off the bus.

Meet your child AT the bus stop or interchange after school. NEVER wait on the opposite side of the road and call them across. If you cannot meet your child, organise for a trusted adult to take your place.

**Always wait until the bus has gone, then use a safe place to cross.**

Talk with your child about what to do:

- if you are delayed and cannot meet them as usual
- if they catch the wrong bus
- if they get off the bus at the wrong bus stop.

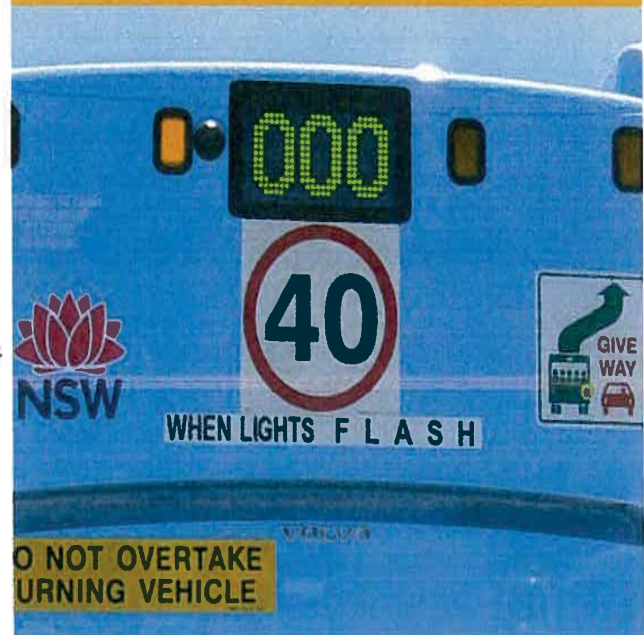
### Crossing the road

Together, choose the safest place to cross the road and talk about:

**STOP!** one step back from the kerb  
**LOOK!** continuously both ways  
**LISTEN!** for the sounds of approaching traffic  
**THINK!** whether it is safe to cross

Keep checking as you cross the road.

## 40km/h when passing bus flashing lights



### Driving near buses

Bus lights flash on the front and back of a bus when the bus is picking up or setting down school children. A 40km/h speed limit applies when bus lights flash. The speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.

### Informal school bus stops

Informal bus stops are not sign posted and are usually found in rural areas. They may be at the front of a property or on the side of the road.

Drivers may find it difficult to see children at informal bus stops. Families should take special care when using these stops. Staying on the bus a bit longer to travel to another bus stop may reduce the need for your child to have to cross the road.

Refer to the Safety Information in this brochure and for more information on selecting or reviewing informal bus stops visit: <http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/schools/informal-school-bus-stops.html>

# COMMUNITY NEWS...



Tuesday 26th February 2019  
6pm  
School Library

Hullo there. 😊

My name is Mardi and I am currently in the process of becoming a Certified Infant and Child Sleep Consultant.

I am seeking volunteers with babies or toddlers, who have issues with their settling and/or sleep. I am hoping that I can provide some tips, or answer some of the questions or concerns that you may have in this regard.

I will be working alongside my mentor Sophie, who is an experienced Qualified Sleep Consultant. Sophie will be overseeing all of my work before I give you any tips, so that she can ensure I am giving you the best and most accurate information. Due to this, there may be some delays in my responses to you, though basically then, this is a Professional Consult to you, for no cost.

I must practice safe SIDS requirements and follow all health and safety protocols. If you are unable to follow these guidelines, then unfortunately, I will be unable to work with you.

We look at all aspects of babies and toddlers sleep, such as feeds and growth, age applicable awake windows, sleep environment, props, associations, and using age appropriate calming and settling techniques to start getting improvements in terms of naps and sleep and to help develop lifelong healthy sleep habits.

After you have decided that you would like to come on board, I will send you a questionnaire, so that I have a better understanding of you and your baby/toddler's current situation.

When I have reviewed your answers, I will then formulate some suggestions for you to consider, have Sophie appraise these, and then forward them to you.

After you have reviewed my ideas, I would like to touch base with you every 2 or 3 days by phone/text/email, for a fortnight or so, if you decide to go ahead with any of my suggestions, just to maybe tweak them, or answer any questions you may have.

Please note, no personal information will be given out, this process remains confidential between your family, my mentor and myself.

Very much looking forward to hearing from you, (or a friend of yours who may be interested), if you think I may be of Settling/Sleep Assistance to you and your child! 😊

Very best,  
Mardi.

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