

Warialda Public School

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North Rocks Public School | Harvest Support Crew!

Principal's Message

Congratulations to all of our students for another incredibly productive week at school.

There are so many good news stories with students showing huge growth in reading and comprehension through to understanding new concepts in numeracy. These 'steps' are so rewarding from a teaching perspective as it means that our students are achieving the progress that we are wanting!

Over the weekend, I took the plunge and completed the Basic Firefighting course at Stonefields NSWRFs.

Whilst completing this course, I couldn't help but feel impressed by all of the other volunteers involved with the RFS - giving up their time to do something positive for our community.

The experience was definitely rewarding and I am excited about contributing in this space!



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Tell Them From Me Survey

Twice yearly, our Years 4, 5 and 6 students complete the Tell Them From Me Survey.

The survey is a really important process at our school to hear the voices of students in these grades and how they are feeling about life at school.

From a leadership perspective, we take the results so seriously as they give us a great insight into the systems and practices at the school designed to improve outcomes for students. Simply, if our results aren't great, we need to seriously look at what we are doing and why we are receiving these results.

Last week, we received our most recent data and it was exceptionally pleasing!

Here are some highlights:

- 9 out of 10 students report that learning time is highly effective with important concepts taught well.
- 8.5 out of 10 students report that they find content taught in class relevant to their everyday lives.
- 8.5 out of 10 students report that teachers set clear goals for learning, establish expectations, check for understanding, and provide feedback.
- 8.8 out of 10 students report that they have someone at school who consistently provides encouragement and can be turned to for advice.
- 9 out of 10 students report that teachers are responsive to their needs and encourage independence with a democratic approach.
- 8.9 out of 10 students report that school staff emphasise academic skills and hold high expectations for all students to succeed.

As you can see, there are plenty of reasons to be pleased with these overwhelmingly positive results.



North Rocks Public School

In recent years we have established an amazing relationship with the staff and students of North Rocks Public School.

We only need to think back a few short years when this incredibly generous school community supported us through the worst drought imaginable.

Their kindness and empathy was certainly appreciated by everyone at WPS and our relationship has only grown since.

Last week, we welcomed eighteen students from North Rocks Public School and we had the best time!

It was absolute delight to take the students and staff to local properties so that they could learn more about sheep and cattle and of course at this time of year - harvest!

The North Rocks students were able to feed poddy calves and lambs as well as getting up close and personal with some cows and massive bulls.

Our visitors had a great visit to Cranky Rock, enjoying a swim at this amazing local destination.

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In addition to hitting the road, our visitors spent plenty of time in classrooms, learning with our students.

It was so pleasing to see new friendships formed and amazing connections made.

Thank you to the staff from North Rocks Public School for coordinating this special event and we certainly look forward to continuing to grow and strengthen this relationship for years to come.

Busy Bee Kinder Transition

Last Friday saw a full deck on board for our Busy Bee transition program.

We are expecting at least 20 kindergarten students in 2024 and we are so pleased with the progress these little people are making as a direct result of this high quality transition program.

With years of invaluable experience and knowledge of how to prepare students for their transition to school, WPS is the only choice when it comes to starting life at big school!

There is now just one instalment of the Busy Bee Program to take place this Term. This will take place on the 17th of November.

We look forward to seeing our Busy Bees then!



Presentation Day 2023

Have you penciled the 15th of December into your diary yet? If not, be sure to do so as our Presentation Ceremony is always a highlight of the school year.

This year, Presentation Day will take place on the last day of the school year and will be a perfect opportunity to reflect on the countless successes achieved by our students this year.

We will also host a morning tea immediately after which is always a great opportunity to catch up!

There are so many awards presented on this day.

In addition to class awards, there are also major awards for areas such as citizenship, sportsmanship and commitment to learning.

At this event, we also induct our incoming student leaders which is always a hugely exciting aspect of the occasion.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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Attendance Wrap Up

Our students have been really excited about the idea of winning one of the three epic Christmas Hampers as part of our end of year attendance competition.

At our Presentation Ceremony on the 15th of December, we are going to conduct a draw where any student who has achieved 90% or better between the 30th of October and then has the chance to win one of three Christmas hampers to share with their whole family.

When we ran a report of attendance for the first week of the competition, we had 156 students who are currently in the running to enter the draw. However, we expect this number to continue to climb!

Great work to our students and thanks for supporting this awesome initiative.



Intensive Swimming

School swimming and water safety programs give our younger students the opportunity to learn vital swimming and water safety skills.

The focus of this program is on progressive benchmarks, developing water confidence, improving stroke efficiency and providing students with basic skills in water safety and survival.

In 2023, our Year 2 students will complete this program on:

27th November
28th November
30th November
4th December
5th December

Students in Year 2 have received a note providing more information about this important learning opportunity. **If you did not receive this emailed note, please double check your junk / spam folder!**

For more enquiries please contact Jody van Velthuizen on 6729 1131.



Calendar

November

- 9th - Stage 2 Excursion
- 10th - Stage 2 Excursion
- 14th - P&C Meeting
- 15th - Pittwater High School Band visit
- 16th - K-2 Excursion to Bingara Pool
- 17th - Busy Bee Kindergarten Transition
- 24th - Student Leadership Nominee Assembly
- 27th - Intensive Swimming
- 28th - Intensive Swimming
- 30th - Intensive Swimming

December

- 1st - Twilight Concert
- 4th - Intensive Swimming
- 5th - Intensive Swimming
- 11th - Water Day
- 12th - P&C meeting
- 13th - Year 6 Farewell
- 15th - Presentation Day
Students finish 2023 school year
- 18th - Staff finish 2023 school year 3pm

February

- 6th - Staff Development Day
- 7th - Staff Development Day
- 8th - Years 1 to 6 commence 2024 school year
- 9th - Kindergarten commence 2024 school year

March

- 28th - Easter Bonnet Parade
- 29th - Good Friday

