

Warialda Public School

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Twilight Concert fun!

Principal's Message

It's that time of year where it's great to reflect on how far we've come in a twelve-month period.

It's hard to start singling out specific achievements as there have been so many but collectively, the growth that so many of our students have achieved in literacy and numeracy have been quite special. The learning growth looks totally different for each and every student with all of

them having their own unique strengths and areas of growth.

Over recent weeks, our teaching staff have been poring over the copious amounts of available data as they compile Semester 2 Report Cards.

This week, the Leadership Team commence the task of reading all of these reports. It's always a privilege to read reports as it clearly showcases just how well our teachers know, value and care for their students!



Gratitude - Empathy - Mindfulness

Twilight

Wowzers! Didn't we get lucky! Walking amongst the hundreds of guests, it was easy to see the concern clearly etched across faces, wondering if the incoming rain was going to make the event a wash out!

There were guests plotting a Plan B on our behalf - offering up great suggestions of alternatives if the rain were to spoil our fun! Through nothing other than pure luck and some blind faith, these alternatives were not required as the rain virtually dissipated above Warialda to be not much more than a couple of very light showers.

The performances throughout the evening were simply breathtaking with outstanding choreography and dazzling outfits. To sum it up, it was another wonderful success that clearly showcased the quality of Warialda Public School!

Thank you to each of our guests who were so patient and persevered during the drizzle.

Also, a big thanks to the P&C for catering at this event. It was great to see so many volunteers putting themselves forward to assist.

It is also worth giving a big shout out to Mrs Tracey Garrett who donated her Fairy Floss machine to assist in a fundraising initiative. It was certainly a very generous gesture!

Finally, all activities that run in a community need a driving force and whilst every single staff member at WPS contributed to the success of this event, the team behind the wheel were the McIntosh Family! Thanks to Amy, Bill and Bella who were integral in the event being such a success.



Attendance Wrap Up

We now have **136** students whose names will at this stage be entered in the draw to win one of three Christmas Hampers. They're going to be worth winning too as they'll have some awesome goodies inside that will help families out this Christmas.

The topic of attendance is certainly one that brings about varying opinions! Thankfully though, the overwhelming majority of the school community understand the importance of this body of work and give us unwavering support - hence our huge improvement this year.

Our message in relation to attendance is loud and clear. Students should be at school each day that they are **healthy** and able to be there.

As a school our results in 2023 have been truly impressive with massive gains and improved habits. We will again try to better these results in 2024 as we know that the most effective way of improving student learning is having the students in the classrooms! It's quite simple really!

Thanks to all of our families who have tried so hard this year to support us and for recognising just how important school attendance is.

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2024 Enrolments

Just when we think that we can confidently plan for 2024 class structures, we pick up more new enrolments! This is a fantastic 'problem' to have and it is extremely validating to know that new families coming to town are entrusting the team at WPS to cater for their child's needs.

We'd encourage families considering joining us to reach out as soon as possible so that we can include further additional numbers in our carefully developed plans.



QuickSmart Numeracy

This Thursday, our Year 4 students who are involved in the QuickSmart Numeracy Program will participate in a short presentation where they will officially graduate from the program.

As part of the program, each participant has been able to participate in 3, thirty-minute sessions each week for thirty weeks! That's 2700 minutes of additional tuition specifically targeting their development of speed and accuracy in recalling number facts.

Parents are invited to join us in the school hall at 2:30pm to celebrate their successes!



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Intensive Swimming - Resumes TODAY!

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 - **COMPLETED**

28th November - **COMPLETED**

30th November - **COMPLETED**

4th December - **TODAY**

5th December - **TOMORROW**



Capital Works - **REMINDER**

It's so important that visitors to our school take notice of the temporary fencing and make every effort to avoid entering areas that are fenced off.

We anticipate that the fencing project will be completed by the end of the school year.



Canteen Supervisor EOI

Warialda Public School P&C Committee has a position available for a suitably qualified person, who is self-motivated and highly organised.

Canteen Supervisor - Perm Part Time

This position will be 16 hours per week over 4 days (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) for the duration of the NSW Government school year.

Responsibilities include:

- managing the day to day operations of the school canteen
- daily record keeping
- safe food handling, preparation and cooking for service
- ordering supplies and getting groceries from local supermarket as needed
- support and follow the Department of Education and Communities 'Healthy Schools' Canteen Policy to encourage healthy eating habits.

The position of Canteen Supervisor is classified as Level 3 in accordance with Fast Food Industry Award.

Interested persons are encouraged to obtain the position description from the Warialda Public School P&C Committee by phoning Melissa Landers on 0408 582 085 or emailing dmlanders@bigpond.com. For further information please contact Melissa on the above number or email.

Letters of application, along with your resume and selection criteria documents are to be submitted via email by 4pm Monday 4 December 2023. **TODAY!**

Calendar

December

4th - Intensive Swimming

5th - Intensive Swimming
Stage 3 Puberty Talk

7th - QuickSmart Presentation 2:30pm

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

12th - WPS Swimming Carnival

14th - Meet the Teacher

23rd - Inverell Zone Swimming Carnival

March

5th - P&C AGM

28th - Easter Bonnet Parade

29th - Good Friday

