

# Warialda Public School

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QuickSmart Numeracy Graduates

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## Principal's Message

This is the final newsletter of 2023! The year has just flown by and it seems not that long ago that we welcomed our students back to another new year!

The last week of the school year will be another amazing opportunity to create great memories and finish the year on an extremely positive note.

A major highlight of the past week was getting to witness the QuickSmart Numeracy graduation. It was so inspiring to see each participant taking such pride in achieving their learning goals.

We also enjoyed hosting Mrs Chris Connors who delivered puberty talks to our Stage 3 students. This topic can certainly be a tricky one to tackle so it's great to bring in an expert to take our boys and girls through these topics.

As this is the last piece of formal communication to come from the school in 2023, I wanted to take the opportunity to wish you all a very safe a prosperous Festive Season.

I sincerely thank you for your unwavering support in 2023 and look forward to an even brighter 2024 school year!



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# Gratitude - Empathy - Mindfulness

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## Water Day

Today is Water Day, arguably one of the most fun days on the calendar.

This year, Water Day is a little different with our Stage 3 students starting the day on our custom made slip'n'slide before they head to the Warialda Pool.

Kindergarten to Year 4 will remain at school completing their awesome activities on site.

We know that the weather will be hot and as such, will be diligently applying and reapplying sunscreen.

Following Water Day activities, our students will dive into their class parties to celebrate with their peers.

## Presentation Ceremony

This Friday morning, our school community will gather to celebrate the many successes of our students throughout 2023.

The ceremony will be hosted at the Town Hall with the doors opening from 8:45am. The formalities will begin promptly at 9:30am and we are typically able to conclude by shortly after 10:30am.

As usual, parents and community members are invited to join us in the school library for some light refreshments immediately after the ceremony.

We look forward to an opportunity to catch up for a pre-Christmas chat this Friday!



## Attendance Wrap Up

What a phenomenal year! Did we crack an average of 90% or better for the year? With one week to go, it's still mathematically possible but probably unlikely. We've landed at a really impressive whole school attendance average of 89.67% - perhaps we could just round it up and call it 90%!

Impressively, 135 students (or 61% of our students) are operating at 90% or better with a further 16 students sitting on either 88 or 89%. So good!

As of Friday, a whopping 146 of our students would qualify for the Christmas Hamper Draw for achieving an attendance rate of 90% or better since the 30th of October.

Once again in 2024, we will push hard to build positive attendance habits. Who knows? We might be able to catapult from this strong year into an even more impressive year. That'll definitely be the plan!

**GWYDIR MINI DEBUTANTE BALL**  
Brought to you by Warialda Community Warriors

**23RD MARCH 2024**  
Warialda town hall, 11:30 am to 2:00 pm  
Children 4-12 years

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL  
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PLEASE NOTE:  
ALCOHOL FREE EVENT  
DUE TO HALL CAPACITY NUMBERS WILL BE LIMITED  
THIS EVENT IS NOT A TRADITIONAL DEBUTANT BALL MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



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## Year 6 Farewell & Stage 3 Disco

This Wednesday we shall host our Year 6 Farewell in the school Hall.

The event starts at 5:30pm and includes some formalities where we can come together as a group and reflect on these graduating students.

The event wraps up promptly at 6:30pm with Year 5 able to join their Year 6 friends at this time to enjoy a Stage 3 Disco.

The disco will run from 6:30pm until 8pm for our Year 5 and 6 students.

We're looking forward to a lovely evening celebrating our awesome Year 6 students.

## Attendance Prize

This Friday we'll draw three winners of the attendance draw.

When creating these hampers, our Team worked hard to include gifts that can (and will) be enjoyed by the whole family.

There are some epic inclusions with a \$50 canteen credit, \$30 butcher voucher, snacks, stationery, school equipment, games...the list could go on.

Christmas is definitely the time for giving and we can't wait to give these away!



## QuickSmart Numeracy

Last Thursday, our Year 4 students who are involved in the QuickSmart Numeracy Program graduated from this awesome program.

After 2700 minutes of additional tuition specifically targeting their development of speed and accuracy in recalling number facts, our students have all made the most incredible gains.

Using pre and post testing data analysis, the impact of the program is clear to see.

The long-term impact though, should be that participating students are launched into a future where they have increased confidence in fundamental knowledge of number facts to underpin their mathematical success!



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## Intensive Swimming - That's a Wrap

Teaching our students to read, write and count is so important! Whilst a totally different skill, teaching our students the basics of being able to swim might just save their life and is also so important!

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 was on progressive benchmarks, developing water confidence, improving stroke efficiency and providing students with basic skills in water safety and survival.

Our participating students have all made so many gains and we are delighted with their progress throughout the program!

## School Security

Warialda Public School is owned by all of our community. It is an asset to the community and a facility in which we can take great pride.

During the holiday period, we'd sincerely appreciate all of our community taking the time to monitor the site and to report any suspicious activity immediately to the police.

As always, the site will be monitored and security guards will be performing random inspections.

We sincerely appreciate your support!

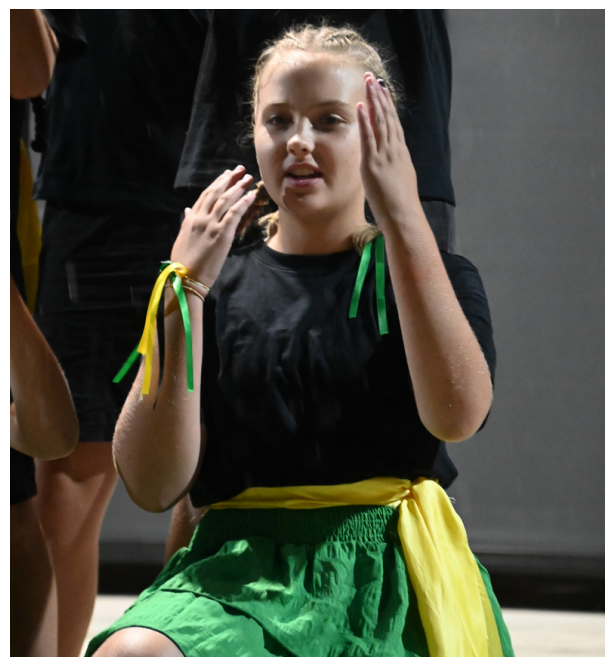


## SRE Appreciation

Last Friday, our SRE or Scripture classes wrapped up for 2023.

These lessons have been coordinated and delivered by Father Thaddeus, Sue Barwick and Louise Cimarosti.

We are extremely appreciative of their efforts in providing this education to our students each week and look forward to hosting them again in 2024.





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# Calendar

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## December

11th - Water Day

12th - P&C meeting 6pm in Library

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

