

Warialda Public School

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Year 5 students representing our school at the community Remembrance Day service

Principal's Message

Each day, our staff at WPS take so much pride in creating the best possible learning environment for our students.

Our staff work hard to ensure that each of our students is known, valued and cared for.

This deliberate approach is certainly reflected in our Tell Them From Me Survey results where our students told us that our approach is working!

Over the weekend, our community gathered at Captain Cook Park for the Remembrance Day service.

It was pleasing to see our school well represented! It was particularly exciting to see plenty of our Year 5 students step up and fulfill duties such as reciting a poem and laying a wreath. Great work, Darci, Pippi, Gemma, Daniel, Emily, Aiden, Matilda and Kash for representing our school!



Gratitude - Empathy - Mindfulness

K, 1 & 2 Excursion

This Thursday, our infants' students are going to Bingara for a day out at the pool.

This excursion is quite the logistical operation as we are taking close to 100 students and spending the day in the water! You can only imagine the risk assessments and management plans that have been carefully crafted to ensure that all of our children can have a brilliant, fun but most importantly, safe day!

We look forward to sharing lots of stories and photos from this great event.



Stage 2 Excursion

Our Year 3 and 4 students made the journey to Lake Keepit, Sport & Recreation last Thursday and Friday for their annual excursion.

There were so many awesome activities such as stand up paddleboarding, kayaking, slip'n'slide, archery, BMX riding...the list could go on.

Whilst our travelers nearly made it through unscathed, we did have one injury with Dan W, suffering a broken arm. On behalf of the school community, we wish this brave little man a speedy recovery!

Thank you to our teaching staff and parent helpers - Mr Richard Lyons and Mrs Sarah Butler who were simply brilliant in supporting our students!



2024 Excursions

Whilst it may seem like a long way off, our Stage 3 Excursion to Moreton Island will come around very quickly. In fact, we are currently liaising with Moreton Island staff and finalising the incredible itinerary.

In 2024, we anticipate that this trip will take place in early Term 3. Whilst we **always** aim to keep our excursions as cost effective as possible, this particular trip is still a significant cost and we like to give parents as much time as possible to factor in such expenditures. Early estimates would show that this excursion could cost around \$600.

AECG Meeting

For several years, our school has been seeking to create an Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Committee for our local area. Currently, we need to rely on committee's in Inverell and / or Moree as these are our closest groups. It would seem far more sensible for us to have a committee of our own!

After a lot of phone calls, emails and conversations we can announce that at 9:30am on Tuesday the 21st of November, we will be holding a meeting at WPS to form an AECG Committee.

We look forward to this meeting and an incredible opportunity to form this important group.



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Busy Bee Kinder Transition

This coming Friday, we will host our final Busy Bee Kindergarten Transition experience for 2023. It has been so exciting to watch our little people grow and develop their confidence in a new school setting.

Each year, we host a graduation ceremony at the conclusion of the Busy Bee Transition Program to acknowledge the outstanding work of these little people.

This ceremony is always a lovely way to wrap up the program and present each participant with a small token of our appreciation.

We'd encourage parents and other family members to join us at 2:30pm in the School Hall this Friday to share this exciting moment!

We look forward to seeing you there!



2024 at WPS

Planning for a new school year is a huge task but so much fun! There are many considerations that must be made but firstly, the main one is knowing with confidence how many children we will have.

This has been a little difficult this year as whilst we know we will drop numbers slightly with 35 Year 6 students leaving and 20 Kindergarten students coming in, there seem to be lots of new students arriving also!

It's extremely flattering to have received so many calls from families relocating to our area wishing to enroll their children in 2024. The future certainly looks bright at WPS.



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

For the 12th consecutive week, our overall attendance rate has remained at 89.7%

This is a truly epic feat - particularly as we've had so many nasty bugs working their way through our student population.

It's been very pleasing to hear lots of students talking about our Christmas Hamper incentive currently being run.

The data was again crunched on Friday, and we still have close to 160 students currently eligible to be in the draw for these Christmas Hampers.

Parents are reminded that every day counts! Even at the back end of the year, our teachers are pushing students each day in pursuit of making every possible learning gain! Each day absent is a missed opportunity to learn something new!



Capital Works

Our school community would know that there is always something being done at WPS to make our facilities even more spectacular - if that's possible!

Over the next five weeks, there will be some disruptions as a new perimeter fence is erected. In addition to this, more upgrades to air conditioning will take place as well as the final two classroom verandahs yet to be sanded and polished - will take place.

Over the holidays, our beautiful oval will also get some TLC after lots of traffic. It will be cored, aerated, fertilized and top dressed! You can certainly expect to see plenty of tradies back on site!



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

- 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

