

Warialda Public School

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Warialda Sports Council - Team of the Year

Principal's Message

We are currently working through a task called a 'situational analysis'. This process involves analysing every available piece of data and evidence to identify strategic directions for our next school planning cycle.

Whilst our focus areas are nowhere near confirmed, our preliminary analysis would suggest that the directions will specifically relate to driving the

teaching and learning of literacy & numeracy; and student wellbeing. Early in 2024, we shall present our ideas to our P&C as part of the consultation process.

After a year with so little rain, it is very exciting to see this week's positive forecast. With a little luck we can get under some great falls and fill dams and rainwater tanks up across our region (and beyond)!



Gratitude - Empathy - Mindfulness

K, 1 & 2 Excursion

Last Thursday, our infants' team delivered our annual K-2 Excursion with military precision! As you could imagine, this excursion causes sleepless nights for organisers! With the ingredients of excitement, young children and water, our team have a huge responsibility to ensure the safety of each participant. It is important to acknowledge the immense work that goes in behind the scenes when organising such an event so a big thanks to the Infants Department!

The day was a huge success with all of our students loving the experience. There were smiling faces at every turn and we would imagine that there were sleepy children on Thursday evening.

Thankyou to the staff at the Bingara Pool for their outstanding hospitality.



AECG Meeting - **Reminder**

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 committees 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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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.



2024 Excursions - Reminder

Last week we booked our 2024 Moreton Island excursion for Stage 3 students. As always, there is the possibility that we may require parent assistance. Please be aware that in the first instance, priority will be given to those parents who have a child with medical needs requiring additional support.

In 2024, this excursion has been booked to take place in the first week of Term 3 (23rd to 26th July).

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.

When students return to school in 2024, we will ask families to make a payment of \$100 to secure their place on this excursion.

Stay tuned!



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Busy Bee Kinder Transition

How awesome is the Busy Bee Transition Program?

With the unrivalled experience of our amazing staff, the newest students to join our school have simply thrived. They have learned the new routines of our school and established friendships that will support them for years to come.

We certainly appreciate the families of these little people entrusting us to provide an education to these students. The privilege and responsibility is certainly not lost on us! In fact, this trust drives us to be the best version of ourselves!

It's so exciting to think of the amazing adventures that we will have with these 20 legends over the next seven years!



Australian Athletic Championships

This Friday, Hugo will be representing, Warialda Public School, The Inverell Zone, North West PSSA, New South Wales, his family, friends and the wider community when he jumps in Launceston at the Australian Championships.

There's been much said about Hugo's journey. In fact, there will be a feature in The Land Magazine and ABC such is the remarkable story outlining his achievements.

Above all of his achievements in the sporting arena, Hugo has maintained this incredible sense of humility and kindness. It's very easy when we're achieving special accomplishments to get ahead of ourselves but this is not part of Hugo's nature! He's an absolute credit to his family!

On behalf of our school community, we wish Hugo a safe journey and an enjoyable competition! We'll be cheering him on!



2024 Student Leadership

This Friday, our 2024 student leadership nominees will address an audience of their peers along with staff and their families.

Students will briefly introduce themselves and provide an insight as to why they wish to accept leadership responsibilities in 2024.

This assembly will commence at 12pm and we'd extend a warm invitation to the families of participants to come along and support these very brave students.

We look forward to seeing you there.



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Attendance Wrap Up

Overall, our school attendance patterns for 2023 have been greatly improved when compared to 2022. This is extremely pleasing and hopefully will catapult us into an extremely strong position in 2024.

This Friday, we'll crunch the numbers and then come back to you with real time data.

A parent recently asked the question, *how many days off have there been in total at WPS this year?* It was a question that couldn't be answered without running a report but out of curiosity, here is the answer! When you add up the total number of days absent that all 220 students have had, the number is 3909. This is an average of 17 days absent for each child.

Let's keep working hard to ensure that every student is at school each day!



Capital Works - Update

You would have noticed the major works being undertaken at WPS in the last week. Keep thinking 'short term pain - long term gain'!

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

21st - AECG Meeting

24th - Student Leadership Nominee Assembly

27th - Intensive Swimming

28th - Intensive Swimming
Year 6 to Warialda High School

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

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

