

Warialda Public School

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Premier's Reading Challenge | Platinum Award

Principal's Message

Another sensational week has simply flown past. There's a saying that the days go slowly and the years go fast but at the moment, the days seem to be a blur with amazing activities keeping us really busy.

This week many of our community would have noticed the big changes around the school grounds with the demolition of our old fence and the process of erecting a new

one. There have definitely been some disruptions but the finished product will be worth it.

This week we also welcomed two, wonderful new students and I also had the pleasure of taking three more on a school tour. This is one of my favourite tasks as Principal as it's certainly quite exciting to show new families to our community all of our impressive facilities and to allow them to get a feel for our beautiful school.



Gratitude - Empathy - Mindfulness

Student Leadership

Last Friday, our 16 student leadership nominees addressed the school community, citing reasons why they would be suitable candidates for a leadership position in 2024.

To say that they were impressive was an understatement! Each student would have been so nervous but put these fears aside to address the audience with poise and confidence.

Each student had wonderful points to share with a particularly good quote was "being a good leader isn't about being the best. It's about bringing the best out in others"!

We'll now look forward to announcing our new Leadership Team on the 15th of December.



AECG Formation

After years and years of effort, we have finally been successful in forming an Aboriginal Education Consultative Group for not only Warialda but the Gwydir Region.

The purpose of this group is to have a reliable and consistent group of people who can work in consultation with our schools to provide advice around educational issues relating to our First Nations students.

The AECG Executive Committee is:

President - Kristie Turner

Vice President - Khalia Whalan

Secretary - Aunt Donny Hope

Treasurer - Karen Trotter

At this stage the group will support Warialda Public School, Warialda High School, Bingara Central School, Gravesend Public School and St. Joseph's.

There is also an idea that we should be looking to include other nearby schools such as North Star and Croppa Creek. Hopefully this group can support these schools also.

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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.



Teaching Position

Over the years, there have been very few times that a teaching position has become available at WPS. The reason for this is simple - that it's a great place to work!

However, last week we were advised that Mrs Amy McIntosh will be moving to Warialda high School in 2024.

It's a little known fact that Mrs McIntosh is actually a high school trained teacher who specialises in teaching Music and Japanese. An opportunity has arisen for her to teach both of these subjects and whilst she desperately wants to remain at WPS, the opportunity to teach these subjects is too good to pass up.

With that in mind we will be seeking to fill this position before the start of the new school year with a highly talented teacher!

We'll be extremely disappointed to see Mrs McIntosh move on as she's an outstanding teacher. She's also an outstanding human and her absence will be sorely missed.

We wish her the very best and take some solace from knowing that she'll be just up the road!



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Australian Athletic Championships

Last Friday, Hugo competed at the Australian Athletic Championships in Launceston - representing New South Wales in the Junior Boys High Jump.

To put this in perspective, he was jumping against the three best competitors from various States with 21 athletes in total making up the field in his division.

Hugo showed plenty of character in his jumps and finished ranked 12th in Australia! It's quite extraordinary to think that a young man from a little town called Warialda has achieved something so significant against students who are predominantly from metropolitan areas with the ease of access to state-of-the-art facilities and coaching resources.

Hugo can now officially start his 'off-season' although, truth be known, he'll probably be continuing to train hard in the pursuit of continual improvement! What a great effort!



Twilight Concert & Tickets

It's here! This is the busiest week of the year as classes put their final polish on their performances for the annual Twilight Concert.

Families that have booked tickets can start collecting these from the office from Today.

The P&C have kindly provided a cash float to the Administration Team and we do ask that tickets are paid for at the time of collection with cash only.

We are also asking that adults collect these tickets in person as we are trying to ensure that this process does not add to our Admin Teams already huge workload!



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Attendance Wrap Up

Another fortnight and another data harvest. The news remains great in that we are maintaining an overall attendance rate of 89% with 220 students. Whilst we remain on the cusp of achieving our goal of 90% or better, it must be acknowledged that remaining at 89% is still awesome as there are so many ludicrous bugs running rampant through our community.

We have 131 students with an attendance rate of 90% or better and a further 19 students on 88% or 89%.

In relation to the three Christmas Hampers that will be drawn at Presentation Day, we currently have 144 students who are eligible to be placed in the draw as they have maintained 90% or better attendance since the 30th of October. It's certainly possible for lots more students to qualify too!



Capital Works - REMINDER

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 - Starts 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 - **TODAY**

28th November

30th November

4th December

5th December



Calendar

November

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

