Young Communicator Awards

“If I was the Boss” made for a very interesting topic for the stage one Young Communicator Awards with Kindergarten beginning the presentations. Students are marked on a set criteria with six finalists going through to compete on the 15th September at our Young Communicator Awards Finals. Many hours have been committed to writing, editing and practicing for the class presentations and students and families should be commended for this. It can be very daunting standing in front of an audience. Starting in kindergarten gives students many years of practice making for strong, confident public speakers in the future.

Touch Football Gala Day

This Tuesday students from years 3 and 4 will venture to Inverell to spend the day learning new skills and experience a day of fun and friendship with students from the district. Notes went home last Monday with the details of the day. A full canteen will be provided. Students need to wear their sports school uniform and take a hat, water bottle and sunscreen. Teachers attending will be Miss Cole and Mrs Mead. Students will leave school at 9am and return in time for buses in the afternoon.

Round 5 PSSA Girl’s Touch Football

Where: Warialda Recreation Ground
When: Wednesday 9th September 2015
Time: 12 noon

Supporters and spectators are encouraged to join us in cheering the girls on.

Win, lose or draw the team should be very proud of their achievements. We wish them luck.

Quote for the week

I can’t change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.

Jimmy Dean
We are having the best time at school! The children are working incredibly hard in class and their behaviour and attitude to learning is exemplary. I must also commend our hard working, diligent staff who genuinely go the extra mile for our students each and every day.

**PSSA Knockout**
Last Monday, our girls PSSA touch football team advanced to the fifth round of the State Knockout courtesy of a 12 – 2 victory over a courageous Ben Venue team. The visiting team certainly tried very hard and must be commended for the way in which they kept trying regardless of the score. Our young ladies played an entertaining brand of football with Bella Reardon scoring 7 tries and Courtney Barwick crossing for 5. Whilst our team has enjoyed some pleasing success in recent years, I have reminded the girls to simply focus on the next game and to never lose sight of why we play sport – to have fun! We all wish them every success against Moree Public School this Wednesday and know that they will continue to be wonderful ambassadors for the Warialda Community. Thank you also to Mr Hall who gave up his time to assist in refereeing the game.

**Young Communicator Awards**
Last week, our classes held their Young Communicator competitions. It was so impressive to see our students participate in this daunting task. I was privileged to listen to many children talk about some fascinating topics. The way in which they made eye contact, incorporated hand gestures and included witty anecdotes certainly made for some entertaining moments. Some students even incorporated the use of props or costumes into their speech making it even more engaging. Congratulations to each and every child for doing their best and conquering their fears to participate in this very worthwhile program. We shall now await the grade finals in Week 10. Thank you to Mrs Haug for coordinating the competition.

**Gala Day**
On Friday, we successfully hosted a wonderful gala day at WPS. The students had exciting opportunities to mix with children from other schools (Pallamallawa, Gum Flat, Delungra, WHS, St. Joseph’s, Gravesend and Croppa Creek) whilst learning new sports. Thank you to the Development Officers from the NRL, ARU, Netball NSW, AFL and Cricket NSW. Our students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and particularly enjoyed trying their hand at new sports and did so whilst meeting new friends. A special thank you to all of the school staff who were so willing to assist throughout the day.

**Touch Gala Day**
Tomorrow, our Years 3 and 4 children will attend a special touch football gala day in Inverell. Students will be accompanied by Ms Mead and Mas Cole. The purpose of the day is that students will be physically active and enjoy learning the sport of touch football. This is certainly a non-competitive day with mixed teams and mixed abilities. Good luck to all of our boys and girls who are attending.

**AECG**
We have been busily trying to finalise a date and time to host an AECG meeting at Warialda Public School. At this stage, we envisage that this meeting will take place very early in Term 4. For those of you who are not sure what this is, AECG stands for Aboriginal Education Consultative Group. An AECG has the core purpose of allowing Aboriginal people to have a voice in self determining their educational needs and issues.

**Year 6 Transition**
This Thursday, our Year 6 children will attend their second transition day to Warialda High School. A note has gone home with children clearly outlining the information that will assist them on this occasion. Students are reminded though that they must wear correct school uniform and they should present themselves to Mrs Digby to have their name marked off the roll.

**Pie Drive**
Our fabulous P&C have finalised the orders for the Pie Drive. Thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraising event. From the reports I have heard, it was very well supported. Thank you also to the hard working P&C for coordinating this initiative. Also, a most sincere apology to everyone for including an incorrect date in a previous newsletter. **Orders for the pie drive have now closed.**

**Assembly**
Finally, this Friday 5/6D will be hosting the fortnightly assembly. I have been helping the children prepare and I can attest to the fact this week is going to be quite an exciting performance around the fascinating topic of Ancient Egypt. I encourage as many parents and friends to join us as 5/6D showcase their incredible talent.

I hope you have all have a terrific week!

Kind regards,

Dan van Velthuizen
Awards and Achievements

Positive Behaviour for Learning

K Kai Connolly Ethan Tu
1/2W Trinity Turner Lisa Digby
2/3C Lachlan Mayne Allan Johnson
3/4M Austyn Hansen-Brown Ella Turner
4/5/6M Alex Williams Isabella Reardon
5/6D Abbie Kent Isabella Reardon

Spelling Bee Finalists

Four students have been successful in gaining selection to compete in the Zone Spelling Bee Finals in Armidale on this Wednesday 8th September 2015.

Mia Montgomery, Alexander Smith, Angus Digby and Jack Digby are to be congratulated on their achievement.

Year 6 Transition to Warialda High School

Our Year 6 children will be participating in a scheduled visit to Warialda High School on Thursday the 10th September. The day has been thoroughly planned by the staff at Warialda High School to assist in the smooth transition of students to High School in 2016.

Our students are required to travel directly to Warialda High School on Thursday and meet Mrs Digby and Mrs McClymont at the High School where they will be supervised until the day officially begins. Mrs Digby will be at Warialda High School providing supervision from 8:30am. As children arrive, they should present themselves to Warialda Public School staff to ensure they have their names marked on the roll.

At the conclusion of the school day, students will be dismissed directly from the High School grounds.

Students are reminded that they are to wear complete school uniform. This includes the school hat and jersey. Please contact the school should you require assistance with these items.

This is a very exciting opportunity for our students and one that is extremely important in ensuring they are adequately prepared for the next step in their education. The staff at Warialda High School have done a wonderful job in preparing for this transition program, tailoring the day to the educational needs of all students. If you have any further enquiries relating to this program, please feel free to contact the school office on 6729 1131.
The Inverell Junior Touch Association commences on the Wednesday 14th October 2015.

The games will be played at Kamilaroi Oval at 5:40 or 6:20 Wednesdays where canteen facilities will be available.

The cost per player is $40 with a max of 12 players per team, with a min of 4 girls on each team.

Teams must be created by team manager on the Sporting Pulse webpage for players to register.

Registrations must be completed online before fees will be accepted and players are activated online. Payment of the nomination will be accepted as CASH ONLY at one of the registrations days listed.

Each team MUST have 3 referees available for the competition. Failure to supply a referee will result in forfeit of points. The 3 referees will be on a rostered system throughout the season. Training for new referees will be provided prior to commencement of the season, for those interested.

Registration, information and payments will be accepted on the following days at:

BUNNINGS Warehouse Oliver Street, Inverell Saturday 29th August, 5th September from 9 to 1pm.

McDONALDS Byron Street, Inverell, Wednesday 9th & 16 September from 5 to 7 pm.

Print Fresh will be available for teams to order shirts on registration days at Bunnings.

We are running a competition for all players to design a new Inverell Junior Touch Assoc logo! The winning nomination (as decided by IJTA committee) will have his/her teams singlets printed at half price with Print Fresh with the new Logo as part of the prize. Entries are available from the IJTA facebook page or can be collected from .....Competition closes 16th September 2015.

Don’t forget to ask your teacher about the primary school gala day held at the Inverell Sports Complex 9th September 2015, run by NSW Touch. Contact Pat Batsie on for more info.

ZooWhiz Learning Home Access Discount Cards

Our school is participating in the ZooWhiz Learning Community Subscription Plan.

Through the Community Subscription Plan our school now has FREE access to ZooWhiz Learning (www.zoowhiz.com) during school hours. Parents are able to access ZooWhiz at home at a very special price by using the Home Access Discount Card.

ZooWhiz is the new, intelligent, automated online learning system that enables you to support your child’s progress in maths, spelling, word skills and reading.

Please note: The ZooWhiz Learning Home Access Discount Card must be used to activate a subscription by 19/10/2015 as it will expire after this date.

The ZooWhiz Home Access Discount Cards have recently been distributed to children. If you are unable to locate yours then please contact the office.

P. and C. News

Thank you
A big thank you to Mrs Rachel Nieddu for organising the Father’s Day Stall. A wonderful selection of gifts were available.

Meeting change
Change of date for the P and C Meeting to tomorrow, Tuesday 8th September at 5pm in the School Parent Room.

“Let’s Help William Marshall Kick Leukaemia”

Prize: 4 x 2015 NRL Grand Final

Tickets: $10 per ticket or 3 for $25

Drawn: 18th September

Nine year old William, son of Scott and Jane Marshall of Inverell is currently receiving treatment in Brisbane for Leukaemia.

The NRL Hospitality and Events Coordinator has generously donated 4 Gold Seat Tickets to the 2015 NRL Grand Final.

All money raised will support the Marshall Family. Thank you for your support. Any queries contact Suí Mills 0427254600 Madonna Ballinger 0488 248 256

Tickets available at Bell’s Butchery Warialda.