Welcome to all new and existing students for the 2015 year. Our new permanent staff member is Mr Paul Jones from Belmont High as our Science Head Teacher. We welcome some staff on a temporary basis for 2015. Ms Nicole Galvin is replacing Mr Lawler on leave and Mr Alex Butler is replacing Ms Pitt whilst on leave. We look forward to working with them in supporting learning in Warialda.

Year 11 students will be settling into their new course subjects and expectations of senior curriculum over the next couple of weeks. Year 12 will be straight into their HSC study routine, with the first events being English tasks in the week of 16th February.

The 2014 Year 12 cohort produced some great results. The Outstanding student achievement was Thomas Waller in Music with a band 6 mark greater than 90%. Thomas has also been chosen to perform at the HSC showcase school event at the Sydney Opera House in early March. The following students achieved a band 5 result of between 80-89%: Jasmine Hunt in Food Technology and Hospitality, Kirra Locke in Businesses Services, Matthew McRae in Maths extension and PDHPE, Maddison Rose in Music and Thomas Waller in Visual Arts. The following subjects had HSC results as a class group that were on or above the NSW State average. I would like to acknowledge the teacher of these classes in each case.

Food Technology- Mrs Mack
Music- Mrs Conway
Hospitality- Mrs Mack
PDHPE- Mr Beattie

This newsletter contains details of the subject fee costs for all courses for 2015. These fees are for direct costs for material and consumable items for your child to undertake practical work and projects. The school does not get allocated funding to pay these costs. Could you please assist the school in meeting these costs by week 5 of this term, 27th February. An instalment plan can also support these costs over a longer time period. Please contact myself or Mrs Egan to discuss your repayment plan. A commitment is needed before week 5 of term 1, as students who have not met the subject fee costs will be asked to select non subject fee courses for the remainder of the year and there is a waiting list in a number of stage 5 electives for year 9 students.

The student assistance scheme can also assist in supporting the costs of schooling for families. This is strictly confidential application to myself to support family circumstances to cover school expenses.

A note has gone home about our swimming carnival on Thursday 19th February from 2 pm till 7:30pm. The school is open on Friday 20th February for those students who would like to attend, however normal timetabled classes will not operate and supervision will be provided.

Please find additional information on school vaccinations, student overseas exchange opportunities and the Warialda Rotary Youth Programs for 2015.

I am looking forward to viewing the student achievements of 2015 and if you have any questions or concerns please contact me

Gary Hampton-Principal

Week 4-A

Thursday 19 February
Twilight Swimming Carnival

Friday 20 February
School is open, supervision will be provided
Welcome back to 2015. It has been a pleasure to see our students return from holidays, keen to see their friends and showing their anticipation as they look forward to a new school year and all that it has to offer. The majority of us do not verbalise our New Year resolutions but I think we all have thoughts of doing something better in the coming year.

For many of our students these thoughts are about making an improvement on the sporting field or doing better in maths or science. I would like to encourage us all to try and look at ways that we can improve our relationships with others. These goals could be things like: listening to someone and appreciating their point of view or helping them with a difficult task or perhaps, being more patient with others.

As a school we have endeavoured to deal with issues involving harassment and bullying as we are made aware of them. The introduction of "Stymie" last year dramatically reduced the occurrence of bullying in our school. The earlier an issue is reported the easier it is to assist in its resolution. Interestingly our students were more likely to use ‘Stymie’ to report anonymously to Mr Hampton or myself when one of their class mates was having a tough time coping with a family or a school situation and required assistance.

On the 19th February we will be again conducting our twilight swimming carnival; it will start at 2.00 pm and finish between 7.30 and 8.00 pm. The P and C this year will be running the Bar-B-Que and it will commence at approximately 5.30. Can I invite you to share this event with us, it is a very pleasant evening and a great opportunity to meet other parents and support your children in their swimming events.

Geoff Boland-Deputy Principal

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ONE SMILE

can start a friendship

ONE WORD

can end a fight

ONE PERSON

can change a life
CAPA Classes

Our school’s Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) faculty is gearing up for a musical and artistic year.

Along with extra-curricular lessons and programs for interested students, our class room teachers deliver compulsory curriculum to many of our students. Over the next couple of weeks, students in Music and Visual Arts will be working on the following:

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Music Visual Arts

Over the course of the year, I look forward to seeing your child/ren in their CAPA classes, where they will be encouraged to express themselves in a creative manner. I have no doubt that under the guidance of their talented teachers, Mrs Conway and Mrs Gilmour, Warialda HS students will capture and enhance their skills to excel in these areas. Children and young adults are sometimes shy about their creative talents, so please continue to nurture and support these special interests.

Kate La Fontaine – Head Teacher (CAPA)

Student Representative Council (SRC) News

At last week’s Year Meetings, Mrs Gilmour and Mrs La Fontaine had the opportunity to address students from Year 8 to Year 12 about 2015 SRC Nominations. Students have been invited to consider nominating for the following positions:

Year Representative – Year 8, Year 9
House Vice-Captains – Year 10
House Captains – Year 11/12
Executive Positions (Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Officer) – Year 11/12

Nominations closed today and elections (if required) will follow through the week.

Year Representatives from our newest students – Year 7, will be invited to nominate in a couple of weeks. We will give students a little more time to settle and get to know their peers before nominations and voting.

The first major school event for 2015 SRC members is the Annual Swimming Carnival. SRC members will lead their house and peers by participating, promoting sportsmanship and encouraging participation in relays and novelty events. Our first formal function will be the Induction Ceremony later in the term.

Sharon Gilmour and Kate La Fontaine (SRC Co-ordinators)
Music Notes

Gwydir Concert Band

Gwydir Concert Band rehearsals are underway again this year, rehearsing after school on Mondays. This promises to be another exciting year for the band with quite a few wonderful activities in the pipeline. Any student who would like to learn a musical instrument should contact Mrs Conway as soon as possible.

Regional Band Camp

There has been a change of date for the Regional Band Camp at Lake Keepit, due to a clash with NAPLAN testing. It will now be held on 12 to 17 July 2015. Application forms can be found online or from Mrs Conway.

Regional Vocal Camp

Regional Vocal Instrumental Camp is being held from 30th March to 2nd April. Once again Application forms can be found online or from Mrs Conway.

Instrumental Tutors

We are again fortunate to have the services of our tutors, Helen Robinson (Thursdays), Wendy Champion (Wednesdays) and David Brown (Mondays). Time slots are almost full, so anyone interested should see Mrs Conway for contact numbers. I believe Colin McKinlay is also coming to Warialda to give drum lessons.

Instrument Hire

Those students who have been allocated instruments in the past are welcome to keep them, however, it is time to pay the yearly hiring fee. Most instruments are now $80 per year and larger instruments, such as saxophones and tuba are $150. Please send this money in an envelope with name and amount on the front to the office. This is still very cheap in comparison with renting from retailers.

Encore

Congratulations to Thomas Waller, Year 12 music student from last year, who has been selected to perform in Encore. This concert will be held in the Opera House on 9th March and is a showcase of the best performances from throughout the state in last year’s HSC practical examination.

Please feel free to contact Mrs Conway with any queries about the Gwydir concert Band Program, or music in general.

Robyn Conway

Music Teacher

P & C Trivia Night

'Belated Black Friday'
Saturday 14th March
Warialda Memorial Hall
Dress up in Black Friday Theme
Great prizes and lots of fun guaranteed.

If families could help out by donating prizes and raffle items it will be greatly appreciated.

More details will be available in the next Oracle.
Happy New Year from G Block!

The English and HSIE Faculty have had a pleasing start to the New Year and have planned many exciting learning opportunities for the coming year.

To begin with, we’d like to welcome this year’s Year 7 group and encourage them to get involved in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. More information can be found on the School A to Z website. This is a great way for students to become strong readers. Being an avid reader has many positive outcomes. It can enhance students’ vocabulary, broaden their knowledge and enrich their imagination. It also improves literacy skills.

Literacy is a key determinant in a student’s ability to participate fully in society. We want to empower our students at Warialda High School to write in ways that are creative, interpretive and critical. In particular we want students to write with fluency, sophistication and purpose.

Handy homework hints to build literacy skills:

Students will be issued with their first assessment task shortly, parents and guardians are encouraged to talk with their student about it.

Parents and guardians could ask their student such things as:

- What the assessment is about?
- When it's due?
- Where they think they'll start?
- Do they have a structure, scaffold, guideline or marking criteria to follow?
- If they'd like any help?
- Where they think they'll go to find the information such as class notes, internet or library?
- How will the information be presented or published?
- Tell them not to copy information word for word from books or the internet.
- Ask your student to write ideas out clearly in their own words.
- Suggest your student uses a dictionary along with a spellchecker and grammar check.

As for the senior students, Year 11 has begun their Stage 6 studies and will find that their work load and commitment to learning will require discipline. The English Faculty endeavours to support all students to achieve their very best in the three terms they have to complete their preliminary studies. Year 12 classes need to continue their momentum, as their half yearly examinations creep up in Week 9.

All senior students should organise to join the National Library of Australia and the State Library of NSW. This is done on line and everyone qualifies. It is free and gives you access to a large number of data bases, covering all subjects. These resources will be very useful for assignment work, particularly for extension subjects where major works are required.


Be prepared to step out of your comfort zone in 2015. Local community organisations offer students at Warialda High School opportunities to participate in events that could potentially see them travel interstate, internationally or win prizes (plus it looks impressive on a resume). The Rotary Public Speaking competition is one example. If your student is approached, encourage them to have a go!
For last year's words belong to last year's language. And next year's words await another voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning.

- T.S. Eliot

**Word of the week: AMOK**

What do bamboo, sarong, orang-utan, paddy field and amok have in common? They are examples of words that have come, directly or indirectly, into English from Malay. The adverb amok is a particularly odd word, not least because of its strange pronunciation. Stressed on the second syllable, it rhymes with luck and not lock, as the spelling might suggest. Its meaning in its language of origin appears to have been something like ‘rushing about in a frenzy’.

The word is believed to have come to English via Portuguese explorers who used a Portuguese version (amouco) as a noun to describe the dangerous and aggressive (to them) indigenous people they encountered during their explorations of South-East Asia.

Today, amok is used exclusively with the verb run in the expression to run amok, meaning ‘to behave in an uncontrolled and often violent way’.

A recent example of its use in the media: Australian emus: unwanted, unemployed and running amok in India. **Happy reading, Miss Backman**

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**WHS LIBRARY NEWS**

Welcome back to everyone for 2015, especially our new students and staff.

WHS Library offers a number of services to students. A various reading resources are available for borrowing and use by students, staff and community members. As well, the Library provides facilities for senior study and for phone conferences for TAFE and TVET students. Stand-alone and laptop computers are available for student use throughout the day. The Library also keeps archival records form the High School including newspaper articles, photographs and realia. These can be viewed (and in most cases borrowed) by students and members of the public. Examples of archival material will regularly feature in the Oracle.

The Librarian is also able to assist students with homework and assessable tasks, and research.

The Library is open for a short time before school each morning, and at lunchtime and second recess each day for student use.

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The Food Tech Department needs your help

Any spare produce from your garden would be gratefully accepted. veges, eggs, etc

Call in or drop off at the High School front office.

Many Thanks,

Mrs Ann Mack
Manly Sea Eagles Visit

Three Manly Sea Eagles players visited Warialda High School on Monday of this week to speak to our students on “Wellbeing”. Thankyou to Mr Peter Stevens for organising their visit it was enjoyed by all.

Benny Nelson who cut his teeth as a Schools Spectacular performer while a student at Warialda High was a Featured Artist in the Schools Spectacular. The most moving song he sang was He’s My Brother in a quartet with three other Featured Artists.
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