The Warialda High Anzac day was a credit to all staff and students, which was strongly promoted as a significant learning experience. Thanks to the families who allowed some of their family history to be shared in the museum. It will be interesting viewing the growth of our "Lone Pine" in years to come.

The school will be participating in the NSW Rural Fire Service Cadet program in 2015. This will be conducted in a two hour block each week in term 3. Please see me for further information. This program will only happen every second year, with the alternate year being the SES program that was conducted in 2014.

The school has posted updated elective fee contributions to families this week. These costs cover the materials used in projects in elective classes. On all extra-curricular excursion notes for the remainder of the year, elective course costs will be receipted before the cost of the excursion is accounted for.

Due to some other school commitments on 19th May, the date of the school cross country has been changed to Tuesday 26th May. Any student who would like to attend the Regional event in Coolah needs to see Mr Beattie to nominate. The school carnival is not a qualifying event for the regional carnival.

Assessment tasks due:

Week 3(4th May)
Year 12: Work Placement
Year 11: Half Yearly exams
Year 9/10: Study for Half Yearly exams in week 5
Week 4(11th May)
Year 12: Mathematics, General Mathematics
Year 9/10: Study for Half Yearly exams in week 5
Year 7/9: NAPLAN on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th

Week 5(18th May)
Year 12: Standard English, Maths extension
Year 9/10: Half Yearly exams
Year 7/8: Half yearly exams

Gary Hampton-Principal
Principal's Assembly Awards-Friday 1st May 2015


Silver Certificates


Congratulations to the following students for “volunteering” to run the last Formal Assembly -

Phoebe Jane (Kosciusko Vice Captain - Year 10)

Charlie Cush (Year 8 SRC)

Louisa Gilmour (Year 7 SRC)

Warialda Open Touch Knockout Competition

On Tuesday 24th March the Warialda Open Touch team played a knock out competition in Inverell. The boys played two forty minute games with a 5 minute break in the middle. Our Warialda boys scored a number of tries and played very well; showed good sportsmanship- despite being defeated. Luke Creighton, Ethan Power and Max Gill were our standout players although the whole team performed well.

It was a pleasure to take these students away as they were good ambassadors for our school.

Thankyou to Doug Hodge for driving the bus to Inverell, it was very much appreciated.

Alex Butler
Over the past two weeks we have had several occasions where our students have been part of an audience for an assembly or a performance.

On the 24th April our school participated in a commemorative day for the Gallipoli Campaign. This was a very informative day and it required our students to sit through several assemblies involving listening and responding appropriately. The day was an outstanding success and this was largely due to the willingness with which the students participated and were prepared to be involved in the learning experience.

On the 25th April our students participated in the town Anzac Ceremonies’, some at the Dawn Service and another large contingent at the town march and the following service. They again demonstrated that as members of the Warialda Community they are well aware of how to behave appropriately. On looking at the list of students who attended Anzac Services it was also pleasing to see that our students attended and participated in many of the services across our shire supporting smaller communities.

On Wednesday afternoon our students, years 7 to 10, along with students from St Joseph’s and Bingara Central School were the audience for a performance of the Translucent Duo. Again they showed their willing to participate in this music cultural experience.

Once a fortnight we have a Principal’s Assembly. Apart from the opportunity that this assembly provides, such as rewarding achievement in our school, performance and public speaking opportunities, it also has enabled our students collectively to learn the etiquette of attending and participating in an assembled body of people.

The activities over the last fortnight have demonstrated this understanding, giving us confidence and encourages us to look for further opportunities to extend their education in this type of formal group settings.

Geoff Boland-Deputy Principal

THEY TRIED TO BURY US.
THEY DIDN'T KNOW WE WERE SEEDS.
- MEXICAN PROVERB -
Year 12 Biology students have been investigating the anatomy and function of different eye parts. They have recently had the opportunity to undertake a dissection during practical classes. Most enjoyed the hands-on experience, some have decided not to pursue a career as an ophthalmic surgeon! Students in Mrs La Fontaine’s Stage 4 Science class have been learning about organ donations and transplants. They had the opportunity to work with some spare eyes and discovered it was very challenging to “surgically” remove a cornea. Many thanks to Bindaree Beef for donating the eyes and to staff members for transporting/delivering the eyes to school. A special thank you is extended to Mrs Pinkerton for doing the cleaning-up!

Kate La Fontaine
Head Teacher - Administration

CAPA Classes
Over the next week, your child is still working on the following Creative and Performing Arts activities:

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Translucent Duo Concert
In the Art room, I have seen many students working hard to make their show entries as impressive and creative as possible. I hope students are proud of their entries and you also get the opportunity to view student works on display in the pavilions.

Students in Stage 5 Elective Music have the opportunity to perform an item at the Rotary Book Fair later in the term. I look forward to hearing progress in rehearsals over the coming weeks.

All students in Year 7-10 and senior music students were the audience for the Translucent Duo concert last Wednesday. It was very pleasing to see students taking in this cultural opportunity. I know many students (and staff) were entertained and inspired by the talented saxophonist and percussionist! The manners exhibited by our students during this concert were near perfect!

A special “congratulations” is extended to CAPA award recipients from the last Formal Assembly, where certificates were presented by Mrs Gilmour and Mr West. These awards also automatically entitle students to a bronze! Please ask your child if they are using their You Can Do It keys in our creative class rooms. While formal recognition for your child’s efforts is important, so too is that feeling a student should generate from having a red-hot go at their given task. Thank you to parents/carers for supporting their children to do their best work and engage in class activities too.

Kate La Fontaine – Head Teacher (CAPA)

On the 21st April Mrs Gunn and I took Atalia Walton, Sarah and Amealia Turner, Timothy Johns-Bunyan, Rhys Daley and Amy and Jon Gilbert to the Bangarra Dance Theatre Group in Moree. Bangarra is an Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander organisation and one of Australia’s leading performing arts companies, widely acclaimed nationally and around the world for its powerful dancing, distinctive theatrical voice and utterly unique soundscapes, music and design. It was a gruelling day. Students were required to learn a routine which they were then to perform at the end of the day. Each of the students conducted themselves in a mature way and they should be proud. They were great ambassadors for Warialda High School.

Mrs Johanna Jane
UNE Open Day
On Friday 1st May, Year 12 students Dymity Logan, Sarah Weatherall, Bea Waller, Sid Hamilton, and Ross Jane visited the University of New England for the UNE Open Day. They enjoyed a day of learning about all the opportunities UNE has to offer to people wanting to study a variety of courses. Sid and Ross were most interested in studying medicine and had the opportunity to visit the medical facilities on campus. Sarah’s favourite part was seeing the nursing simulation where they use dummies to practice their skills and bedside manner. Dymity learnt so much, and can’t wait to start her university studies. All the students would like to thank Mrs Weatherall and Mrs Jane for supervising the excursion and allowing these lucky students the opportunity to visit the university.

Mrs Gilmour would like to congratulate her Visual Art students for their endless enthusiasm and for using their persistence key to complete 70 artworks that will be exhibited at this years Warialda Show. Mrs Jenny Coote (Chief Stewardess of the art pavilion) and Mrs Lenore Woods (Chief Stewardess of the photography) are very appreciative of the 8 Visual Arts students who have volunteered to assist hanging the art and photography. These students are: Rhiannon Byers, Kaylah Fenton, Alliarna Brazil, Adam Carpenter, Stacey Morton, Brooke Boland, Pheobe Jane and Reanna Marquart.

DO YOU HAVE ANY BANDANNAS AT HOME THAT YOU NO LONGER NEED..................

The SRC are collecting old bandannas in which they are going to craft into items. The crafted items will be kindly distributed to the residents of NAROO. We are asking for you to support us by giving us your pre-loved bandanas. They can be left at the front office.

School Contribution Invoices were sent home to families last week. Warialda High School now has EFTPOS available for your convenience. Payment can be made over the counter or by phone.

P & C News
WHS P&C held their AGM on the 31st March 2015. Fortunately, we had enough people attend to hold the AGM. All positions were filled and committee are as follows:

President - Johanna Jane
V.President - Franca Williams
Secretary - Ann-Maree Faint
Treasurer - Julie Grob

Please remember that P&C meetings are held every third Tuesday at 4:30 pm in the staff common room. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th May.

Trivia Night
The P&C will be holding a trivia night on Saturday 1st August-please keep the date free-more details to follow.
Stewart House Envelopes have been issued to students this week, fill out the envelope and enclose a $2 donation for a chance to win a $4000 family holiday. All envelopes are to be returned to the front office by Friday 8th May which is Stewart House Day. Name, address, phone number and school on the envelope. The winner will be drawn on Friday 22nd May, 2015 at 1pm. The winner and the winners school will be contacted shortly after that time.