What’s Happening

Week 7-B

Wednesday 3 June-Year 6 into 7 Visit Primary Partners School

Friday 5 June-Warialda High Reconciliation Day

Week 8-A

Monday 8 June – Public Holiday

Tuesday 9 June-Excursion – Girls Rugby - Sydney

Age Champions

12 year boy & girl-Bradley Honour & Chloe Read
13 year boy & girl-Hunter Rose & Hannah Tooley
14 year boy & girl-Xavier Bundock & Nicola Robinson
15 year boy & girl-Wyatt Laidlaw & Jessica Hall
16 year boy & girl-Brayden Robinson & Rhiannon Byers
17 year + boy and girl-Bronson Marchant & Gemma Hawkins

Athletics Carnival results-
1st-Kakadu 2nd-Kosciusko and 3rd-Uluru

Congratulations to everyone for a wonderful day
Last week our Cross Country and Athletics carnivals were tremendous events for student participation, house spirit and fine performances. Well done to all students and thanks to Mr Beattie, Mrs Gilmour, Miss Turnbull and Mrs Phillips for their efforts. Congratulations to the Years 7/8 Girls Netball who played well in Inverell and to the Rugby Teams in the Armidale gala day. Good luck to Tiarna Molloy who is representing North West Touch at the CHS carnival in Inverell this week. Well done to Louisa Gilmour, Dakota Perrett, Nicholas Waller and Beatrice Waller who have been selected to play in the State Band in Sydney in August.

This week the school is recognising National Reconciliation week with activities on Friday 5th June and the following week on Friday 12th June. There will be a parent meeting for interested parents of Aboriginal students in the form of a Warialda AECG at 10:30am on Friday 5th June. A BBQ lunch will be provided to all students on Friday 5th June. Year 11 students have been issued their reports this week in an interview with Mrs Smith, Mrs Hall or I. The parent/ teacher night for all students will be on Tuesday 23rd June from 4pm to further discuss student achievements in semester one.

**Assessment tasks due:**

Week 7(1st June)
- Year 12: Music
- Year 11: Industrial Technology, Maths extension
- Year 9/10: PDHPE, Food Technology

Week 8(8th June)
- Year 12: Biology, Ancient history, English extension
- Year 11: Music, Modern History, English all three course
- Year 9/10: Art, IST, Wood, Metal, English

Week 9(15th June)
- Year 12: SLR, Food Technology
- Year 11: SLR, Maths, General Maths
- Year 9/10: PASS, Agriculture

**Gary Hampton-Principal**

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**WHS Website**

Copy and paste the link below to view the Oracle and photos on our school website.

[www.warialda-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.warialda-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/)
Library News

Recently English Head teacher Mrs Ryan presented to the Warialda High Library copies of three books by Australian author Barry Heard. Mr. Heard, who visited Inverell in April, is a veteran of the Vietnam War and author of Well Done, Those Men – a personal memoir of the war from a veteran’s point of view.

Mr Heard has also published The View from Connor’s Hill, in which he explores the experiences of his youth in rural and suburban Australia, particularly his love for two special animals - his dog Rover and horse Swanee. The book is a fascinating description of life in Australia in the 1950s and 1960s.

Heard has also written a work of fiction – Tag – set at the time of the First World War. He describes the adventures of a young Victorian Tag, who joins the Light Horse. This book is based on the actual experiences of a World War One veteran of the Light Horse and trench warfare.

All of these books are recommended reading.

Miss Wilkins-Librarian

Music Notes

Just a reminder to all Gwydir Band musicians that our big performance is on this Saturday 6th June at the Warialda Showground under the big shed.

Details for the day. Times are approximate.

12.15- Gwydir Band set up at the showground under the big shed.
1.00 - parade around the Showground, followed by the official opening.
Approximately 1.30 Gwydir Band Performance
2.00- 2.15- Warialda High School Vocalists perform.
After 2.30- Disco

Musicians are welcome to busk in Hope Street near the newsagency or Pharmacy from 10.30 and may keep whatever they earn. Optional!

Ideally we would love everyone set up before the parade and ready to play as soon as the official opening is over. It would be great to have some helpers to set up and carry equipment from the school to the showground from 12.00.

Robyn Conway-Music Teacher

We accept:

Mrs Gilmour and the SRC Knitting Club would be very greatful for any knitting yarn that you may have tucked away somewhere at home. Students are learning a life long skill, all donations can be left at Warialda High School front office. Thankyou to Mrs Dawn Cockley for her recent generous donation it was very much appreciated.
Our Annual Athletics Carnival is always a great event on our school calendar. The enthusiasm with which our students get involved makes the day a great success. The carnival atmosphere gives students the opportunity to compete as a team and also allows them to excel as individuals as they participate in track and field events.

The support of parents on the day has been steadily growing and it was great to see on Friday the number of parents and grandparents that stayed for the day or made themselves available for some part of the day to support and encourage their children. In the process they have also encouraged other students in events as they have cheered on all competitors. It is important that students value what they learn and participate in and the support given helps to build the value of those activities.

At present our Half Yearly Reports are nearing completion, Stage 6 reports have already been distributed. The final part of this process is the Parent Teacher Evening which will be held on Tuesday, 23rd June. This is another opportunity for parents and carers to get involved in their child’s education. I would encourage you to come along discuss the report and seek out other ways that you can better support your child in their learning.

**Geoff Boland-Deputy Principal**

**CAPA Classes**

Over recent weeks, students in our Junior School have been completing formal assessments. These are a guide for our teachers to make a judgement about aspects of your child’s progress. Theory-based assessment is a method used to determine performance standards. In our Art Room and Music Shed, Mrs Gilmour and Mrs Conway also enjoy requiring students to participate in practical activities. A variety of tasks are used to ultimately assess a students’ performance. All such experiences are viewed as learning opportunities. Please encourage your child to actively participate in all areas of their CAPA learning – whether it is one using their hands, ears, eyes and so on. Should you wish to follow-up on your child’s progress, please make an appointment to see our staff at a convenient time, or at Parent-Teacher evening at the end of the term.

Your child is still working on the following Creative and Performing Arts activities in their class time:

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Mrs Gilmour and Mrs Conway have also been busy in their class rooms during lessons and break times. Students are keen to catch-up and finish off project work and rehearse during breaks. Thank you to our dedicated staff for nurturing and supporting such interests. At formal assemblies and various community events your child may have the opportunity to perform. We are very proud and quick to claim these Warialda HS students who make positive contributions at any opportunity. Thank you for your continued support.

**Kate La Fontaine – Head Teacher (CAPA)**
Learning and Support @ WHS

The Department of Education has developed a website containing a wealth of information for parents to access to enable support of their child’s learning.

CHECK IT OUT! http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au

A topic within the site that all Warialda High School students will find pertinent during this busy back end of Semester 1 is entitled-

‘Good research habits every child can learn.’

At a glance:

- Keywords, note-making, skimming and scanning are valuable skills your child can use to hone their research.
- Keywords are words that relate to the main idea of a topic.
- Note-making involves extracting and recording the main ideas of a text in an organised way.
- Skimming is used to get the main idea of a text as quickly as possible.
- Scanning is used to search for keywords or phrases.

Summarising information is a learnt skill that can be supported at home to help students complete assessment tasks and regularly revise their work.

After you’ve accessed the site let me know what you think. Feedback is appreciated. I can be contacted on 6729 1000.

Jacque Hall

Learning and Support Teacher

On Tuesday 19th May Mrs Hall kindly organised a Year 7 and Year 8 team to enter the Netball Schools Cup which was played in Inverell. Mrs Phillips took the girls to Inverell where they represented themselves very well. The girls tried hard all day and showed excellent sportsmanship. Their behaviour was outstanding all day and they were a pleasure to take away.

P&C News

Next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th June at 4.30pm in staff common room. All welcome.

P&C Trivia Night will be held on Saturday 1st August at the Warialda Town Hall. Families who would like to donate prizes are welcome to leave them at the school front office.

SanDisk 8GB Flash Drives available from the school canteen $10 each