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Year 12 Formal

Year 12 students celebrated their final farewell at the Formal last Friday evening.

Thank you to all the families, guests and staff who attended the evening to help celebrate this fabulous milestone.

By all accounts, it was a fantastic evening and well received by those in attendance.

All photo's courtesy of Nikki Rose Images. We would like to thank her for such a wonderful job.

If you would like copies of any photos please contact Nikki at the Warialda Tourist Information Centre.



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Dates for your Diary

Week 5

Years 7 – 10 Exams.

Week 6

Monday 19 November: U14 boys cricket v's Macintyre High School at Varley Oval, Inverell.

Tuesday 20 November: P & C Meeting 5:00pm start.

Week 9

10-13 December: Silver Certificate excursion to Coffs Harbour.

Week 10

18 December: Presentation Evening at Warialda High School commencing at 6:00pm.

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Term 1

Tuesday 5 February: School resumes for staff.

Wednesday 6 February: Years 7, 11 & 12 return to school.

Thursday 7 February: Years 8, 9 & 10 return to school.









Rotary speaking contest

Last week, Louisa Gilmour represented Warialda High School at our local Rotary Club for this year's public speaking competition in the zone cluster round.

Whilst Louisa isn't progressing to the next round, she represented herself, family, school, club and community with distinction.

No doubt she is already looking forward to improving her result next year!

Louisa presented many convincing arguments to ensure cultural experiences are suitably supported.



Gunnedah too strong

The Open's Boys Cricket Team had an early start last Wednesday travelling to Gunnedah for the fourth round of their cricket competition. The boys spent a long morning in the field and had a big total to chase down.

Whilst they were dismissed early in the afternoon, it was a significant achievement for the team of boys aged 13-18 to make the Regional semi-final.

Many thanks to Mr Beattie for umpiring and Mr Pinkerton for driving the bus.

The under 14's will play on Monday 19 November for their next round against Macintyre High School. Mr Butler and the boys are looking forward to the challenge ahead.





Remembrance Day

Sunday the eleventh of November 2018, marked one hundred years since the end of conflict in WWI. A large crowd gathered at Captain Cook Park cenotaph to commemorate the occasion and remember who died in all the conflicts.

All Warialda Schools were represented, school captain Emma Weatherall laid a wreath and said a prayer. Principal Shelley Way read the poem "In Flanders Field". President of the Returned Service League, Warialda sub branch, Charles Allen said he was very proud of the children that attended as they are the ones that will nurture the memories in the future. In his speech he thanked ex Warialda High School student Ruby Mitchell for playing the Australian National Anthem, God Save the Queen and Abide With Me on the keyboard. During the service Mrs Heather Gilmour, daughter of WWI veteran Herc Woods recounted stories from his experiences at The Battle of the Somme and Pozieres.

SRC Representatives Dakota Perrett, Byron La Fontaine, Lucy Lockyer and Louisa Gilmour represented the school in full uniform with a sprig of rosemary for Remembrance.



Getting a good grip on leadership

Around this time every year, the Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity, People (GRIP) Leadership Conference is held in Tamworth.

As with previous years, our school's full Student Representative Council (SRC) and Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group (AECG) travelled to Lake Keepit for two days of intense leadership bonding activities which included the GRIP Leadership Conference on the second day.

Some of the extra bonding activities partaken by the 22 students at Lake Keepit were kayaking, night archery and the giant swing.

The overall theme of this years Conference was a practical and interactive training for upcoming student leaders. Schools from as faraway as Scone, Gunnedah and within Tamworth attended the conference at the Tamworth Town Hall.

Morning Sessions included: the people pathway, top tips for house captains, character of a leader, how to involve more people in school events and how to maximise my contribution to my team.

After lunch students elected their sessions from: how to create an amazing school culture and how to choose and advance a cause.

With attending the special workshops the students were motivated and very enthusiastic to bring back their acquired knowledge to Warialda High School and implement it through up coming SRC activities.

Vice Captain, Charlie Cush, confidently asked questions of the GRIP Leadership team panel about specific qualities of leadership, after the questions and answers from the panel , the final review concluded the conference.

A special Thank you to Mr Alex Butter for assisting Mrs Sharon Gilmour in supervisory roles and as the number one bus driver.

A huge thank you to Principal Mrs Shelly Way and WHS staff for the continual support of this important annual event.

All the young leaders that travelled with us represented the school admirably and gained a lot from the three day leadership camp.





Agriculture students in the field

Last Thursday, students from the 9/10 Agriculture and Senior Agriculture and Primary Industries classes went on a field excursion to a Croppa Creek property. They assisted a local grower to purify the seed produced as part of a wheat breeding trial. The students were also given a lecture on plant breeding. Despite the extreme heat earlier in the week the students were much delighted with the lower temperature on Thursday. Our students appreciated the free lunch and making contacts out in the community.

Assessments

Our current focus for all junior students is to finalise formal assessments. So far, students have made a great attempt to show how much they have learned in their courses.

Our Year 11 students have all made a start on their Higher School Certificate courses. Their subject selections are to be finalised sooner rather than later. Students have been provided with subject change forms and are directed to see Mrs La Fontaine for an updated timetable. Student's are unable to sign out of school during the day unless their timetable has been negotiated and signed by Mrs Young.

Final instalment required

Silver Certificate excursion to Coffs Harbour in week 9 is approaching fast and we remind parents/ carers that the final instalment/balance is payable to the Front Office by November 16. Final permission notes and excursion details will be circulated soon.



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TEN OUT OF TEN

Warialda High School **HSC Body of Works Exhibition**

Featuring

Rebecca Boland

Jessica Butler

Corey Clark

Amber Dawson

Wyatt Laidlaw

Ruby Mitchell

Nelly Nolan

Shanae Rose

James Skinner

Holly Smith

Saturday November 17th, 2018 11am - 3 pm

Entry by Gold Coin donation

Proudly presented by Ceramic Break Sculpture Park



ANNUAL SPORTS AWARDS PRESENTATION DINNER



Warialda Golf & Bowling Club
Friday 23rd November 2018
Commencing at 7pm

Special Guest Speaker

Adults \$20 | Children under 12yrs \$10
Tickets include Chinese Smorgasbord dinner and are
available at Warialda Newsagency