Gwydir Band Entertains the NSW Governor

The Gwydir Band were very honoured to entertain a special visitor at the Roxy Theatre in Bingara, NSW Governor, Mr David Hurley. Our School Captains and Mrs Young, along with Mrs Conway were invited to attend the formal dinner too and thoroughly enjoyed this amazing opportunity.

Dates for your Diary

Week 5

Tuesday 21 August: P & C meeting, 5 PM.
Thursday 23 August: Questacon roadshow visiting years 7 - 9.

Week 7

5 September: Legacy day SRC Fundraising.
6-8 September: Year 11 Advanced English excursion to Sydney.

Week 8

13 September: Year 12 farewell social 6:00-9:00 PM, theme “Horror”.

Week 9

19 September: Footy colours day for Fight Cancer Foundation.

Week 10

24-28 September: Year 11 Exit Exams.
24-27 September: Chatswood/Gwydir Concert Band tour.
In the words given to us by The Frey,

"Sometimes the right thing and the hard thing are the same."

Are you doing the right thing? For you? For others?
Musical performance at Warialda High

Last Monday 13 August, Mrs Conway, support staff and the Gwydir Band presented a performance at Warialda High School along with Warialda Public School Choir. It was amazing to hear and see how talented our students are - thank you to parents and visitors who joined us and we hope you enjoyed their performance.
The year 11 Ancient History class handed out surveys to students last week to find what the students knew and thought about slavery.

This term the Ancient History class have been doing the topic of Slavery in Ancient Societies and wanted to ask students at Warialda High School about the said topic.

The survey included various questions about having a slave and what job you would make them do to opinions on child slavers and yes/no questions about slavery in Australia and the world.

Various classes ranging from year 7 to year 12 completed the survey and the Ancient History class was pleased to see that for most part the students could define slavery and said they would not own a slave.

The year 11 Ancient History class would like to thank the teachers and students who took time out of their class to complete the survey.

Contributed by Emma
State athletic representatives

The North West Sports Association Athletics Carnival was held in Tamworth on Friday 10 August. Firstly, congratulations to all who competed, we are proud of your results. Thanks to Mr Butler and Ms Pitt who accompanied the students for the day, and thank you to the students for their great sportsmanship and behaviour, these contribute to a great day for everyone.

Outstanding results were achieved by two students who improved their “personal bests” in their chosen events and our U13 Girls’ Relay Team. These students have qualified to compete in the NSW Combined High Schools Championships to be held in Sydney 5-7 September 2018.

Pictured back left, Hunter ranked 1st in U16 boys 400m and 2nd in U16 boys 800m, pictured back right Nicola ranked 2nd in U14 girls shot put and the U13 girls relay team ranked 2nd in the 4 x 100m, from left, Liliana, Ella, Lillee and Paige.

We who is brave is free. Have a courageous week everyone!
Countdown to HSC exams

This week, our HSC students are enduring their final formal school assessments, the HSC Trial Exams. Students will reap the rewards of their hard work. Student achievement levels can be maximised by rigorous and effective revision activities and reviewing course work.

School uniform

Last week, students who were in ‘Perfect’ school uniform received a small treat to acknowledge their commitment, responsibility and respect they have for our school and its policies. As the weather is likely to remain cool through Term 3, students are encouraged to ensure they have appropriate school-coloured attire to wear to school each day. Our uniform generally looks fantastic and it is an expectation that our student's wear their uniform proudly to school and for excursions.

Explaining absences

Thank you to the parents/carers who are making an effort to contact the school administration office to explain student absences on the day of an absence.

Please continue to communicate with the administration staff regarding student attendance including illness, justified leave and extra-curricular commitments, including attendance at TAFE and representative commitments.
PBL draw

Last Friday, we had our PBL draw and it was fantastic to see the barrel with many tickets. Congratulations to Amica, Year 8, Daemon (Year 8) and Blake (Year 10) who won $5 canteen vouchers kindly sponsored by our P & C. We will continue our focus on ‘Achievement’ over the coming weeks and encourage students to set goals, improve their learning outcomes and enjoy the feeling of achievement.

Regional Rugby Union Finals

Tomorrow, we have teams heading over to Armidale for the NSW Rugby Union Regional Finals 7’s competition. The competition caters for girls & boys in U13, U15 and U17 age divisions, it should be a great day! We encourage our students to use these opportunities to further develop their skills and build team sportsmanship skills. Good luck to all students and thank you to Mr Beattie and Mr Butler who have been coaching the students over the past weeks in preparation.

Assisting our community

At Warialda High School, we encourage our students to assist in community events and programs where they can to build communication and develop skills as well as the personal feeling of putting back into the community. This week a selection of students from our Year 9/10 Food Technology will be assisting in the catering for Country Women’s Association International Women’s Luncheon. Plans are also in place for our Student Representative Council to take to the streets on Wednesday 5 September and help “Legacy” with sales of merchandise to raise funds. We thank organisations for giving our students the opportunity to participate in these community events. Next Thursday 30 August, students will be asked to “Dress Like A Farmer” and donate a gold coin to the “Buy a Bale” fundraiser.

Silver Certificate excursion

The Silver Excursion is shaping up to be a fun experience for those students who have signed up to attend. Information regarding payments etc has been given to those who are attending the excursion, the next instalment is due by Friday 24 August. There are still limited spots available on the trip for any student who would now like to attend, please contact the School Administration Office if you are interested.

Subject selections for 2019

Our current Year 10 students are in the midst of indicating subject selection preferences for Stage 6 courses in 2019. Thank you to students and families who have made decisions and provided choices to the Administration Office. Prompt attention to these matters is vital to ensure we are aware of your intentions to make curriculum delivery decisions to best cater for the needs of our students.