



Welcome to term 4. How quickly the time has flown this year, a sure sign we have all been extremely busy both students and staff alike. **Please note that this term there are some important dates to mark on your calendar.**

- **Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th November** - Staff Development Days (Pupil free)
- **Early December** - End of Year Celebration (date, time and cost tbc)
- **11th December** - Reports to students
- **Friday 14th December** - final day for WRCS students

Firstly, a special welcome to Polly Tyrell who has joined the teaching staff at WRCS. Polly has recently returned from teaching overseas and is a familiar face to many of our students.

Last term student reports were sent to families reflecting their child's achievements for term 2 and 3. Please do not hesitate to contact staff if you wish to discuss in more detail. We currently have several year 10 students working towards achieving their RoSA (Record of student achievement) and will be looking at transitioning from WRCS to pathways to senior education, vocational training or employment. Personal Learning Pathway planning meetings will soon be scheduled for these students to look at suitable options as they enter the next chapter of their life. Additional planning meetings will be conducted in the coming weeks for the remainder of our students who will be continuing their education with us in 2019.

To celebrate this significant milestone and mark the end of their time with us here at WRCS, as well as acknowledging the wonderful achievements of all our other students, we will be holding our **END OF YEAR CELEBRATION!** Details will be forwarded to students and families as soon as possible.

Staff News

Last term our Principal, David and Shannon in her role as acting Head Teacher, attended an Alternative School's Conference at Warakirri College, Blacktown. The conference was both informative and worthwhile; providing an opportunity to not only develop networks but reinforce the vision for WRCS for now and the future.

UPCOMING STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS will be held on the 26th and 27th November. Planning for next year, updating policies and reviewing all assessments for new students will be a focus of these days.

On the 17th and 18th December, all staff will be involved in completing their First Aid Certificate, CPR and Anaphylaxis training.

Staff and students are all looking forward to catching up with everyone at our End of Year Celebration.

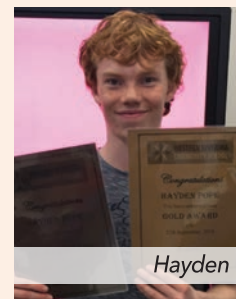




Student Activities

WRCS AWARD PROGRAM

Congratulations to Hayden Pope who is the first student to gain his Gold Award status. Hayden has continued to demonstrate and follow the school's values; "Respect, Positivity and Responsibility" on a regular basis. To acknowledge his achievement Hayden was presented with a gift voucher. With several students having also achieved silver and many on bronze we look forward to celebrating and acknowledging their achievements before the end of the year.



MAJOR ART WORK

All students are currently creating a self-directed project as part of their major art work for this term. A range of mediums are being used and it is hoped that the finished works will be displayed at the "END OF YEAR CELEBRATION".



Lachlan 'L'



Breanna 'Reflections'



Cassandra 'Sunset'



Tyreese



Breanna 'Love'



Samantha 'Pink Hues'

MOBILE PHONES

We are continuing to encourage students not to access their phones during class time as it distracts from learning. We must congratulate most students for their mature attitude towards this and their compliance with the rule. A message can be given to students if need be by contacting the school mobile on 0437784213 or the front office on 69645334. For further clarification regarding this matter please don't hesitate to contact staff.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT INFORMATION

Last term all families were sent letters requesting information that is currently outstanding regarding your child. This information is required for compliance purposes. We would appreciate this information as soon as possible. We are obliged to have birth certificates, Medicare numbers etc as part of our records. Thank you to those families who have provided the required information.

It is also vital that any changes to contact details be forwarded to the school as soon as possible so that we can make contact if need be; particularly in the case of an emergency.



School News

We have had a positive response from prospective students and their families to our recent media campaign. Interviews are currently being held and some students will soon commence a transition period so that they are more comfortable with their new learning environment. We will continue to keep class size at a minimum in line with our philosophy of providing opportunities for students to grow and achieve success through a smaller, more supportive environment.

As part of our C.A.P (Community Access Program) we have continued to host and visit a range of services within our local area. At the end of last term we visited Youth Links, who are a specialised support service for young people. WRCS students presented key workers with a hamper of donated grocery items to be given to those who may find themselves at risk or homeless. The service was extremely appreciative of this act of generosity. Our students also had the opportunity to take part in 'Drum Beat'. Used across a variety of settings, including schools and health services, this program combines music and physical activity to reflect emotions, attitudes and thoughts, promoting social and emotional learning. The experience was enjoyed by all who participated and it is hoped that students will have access to the program on an ongoing basis in the near future.

Snr Sargent Alex Davies from Griffith Local Area Command continues to attend our school on a weekly basis, facilitating programs for our students. Alex is currently working with students on a program regarding money and finances. The knowledge acquired will be beneficial as they become more financially independent, allowing them to be more confident consumers and money managers.

Students are currently visiting Citi Gym on a weekly basis to improve their fitness levels and become familiar with the processes, protocols and procedures of attending a reputable fitness venue. WRCS promotes the philosophy of a 'healthy body/healthy mind' and whilst this may be a new experience for many, the students (and staff) are actively participating and enjoying the benefits of improved fitness levels.



School News

Geography - This term we have been looking at 'Urbanisation'. Recently Sue, Alison and students took a bus drive around town to observe some of Griffith's heritage buildings and sites. We compared photos of the original buildings to the way they look today. Some that were easily compared included St Alban's cathedral, the development of Collina and the Griffith courthouse. Shakira has taken some great photos and compared them to the original from the Old Griffith Album Facebook page. More images will be available on our Facebook page.



Work experience - Students continue to attend work experience with a range of employers within the local area. We are extremely grateful for the support of the local businesses who host our students and allow them to develop a better understanding of working life and their chosen vocation. Work experience allows for our young people to not only develop skills but also increases their self-confidence and social skills. Currently we have students working in the childcare, building and business administration area.



TAFE - YES Program (Youth Engagement Strategy)

Several of our students are currently enrolled in training courses at Griffith TAFE. Conducted one day per week, for four weeks the 'YES Program' (Youth Engagement Strategy) allows for students to experience first-hand vocational training in an adult educational facility along with other students. Students welcomed the opportunity to access the program and for those who are making the transition to further study next year the course has been a positive experience. Students are currently enrolled in nursing, childcare, hair, beauty and automotive skills. All students have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and have recommended the program to other WRCS students if/when it is conducted again next year.