As the year comes to an end it is time to reflect on our achievements for 2010.

Firstly, a huge congratulations to all of the students who represented Walgett Community High School in our dance/ cultural performances. Students participated in the Vibe Alive and Schools Spectacular Program and achieved fabulous results at both events. Be proud girls, you were deadly and the school & community hold your efforts in high regard.

Many students strove to improve their results in a variety of subject areas in 2010. Some students combined school/work experience to gain advanced skills in their industry of choice. All of the students’ endeavoured to participate in school programs designed to assist with achieving sound results in literacy and numeracy.

The faculty has also been very busy winding down the semester and focussing on the new year with the continuation of programs, revision, reformulating assessment schedules for 2011, along with our normal day to day teaching/learning.

Thank you to all the teachers and support staff who assisted students throughout the year. The Special Ed/PE faculty would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday break.

**In The Class Room**

This year in Exploring Early Childhood we have explored the topics Labour and Birth, Child Growth and Development, Promoting Positive behaviour and now Child Food and Nutrition. It has been a very valuable class as the knowledge learned here will prepare these girls for being mothers themselves or having a career in childhood or with kids in general. The class has allowed for many Practicals including weekly visits to Birralegal and the Kindergarten class at Walgett Primary School. This term our content has been breast and bottle-feeding as well as the diet of young children. We have been able to attend Koolyangarra and look at the food practices and strategies they use to encourage children to eat good food. We have also been able to visit with a midwife and nutritionist working at The Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service. These visits have been very valuable as it is important for the girls to become familiar with what services are available to them as well as receive first hand knowledge from experts in their fields. We are very grateful to work in partnership with community services in Walgett.
The Walgett High School Band

The Walgett High School Band known as the River Boys, formed after a very successful impromptu performance during NAIDOC week. The band now consists of Tyson Teara Jones, Trent Hunt and Damien Sullivan. These boys have given up their time week after week to practice after school 2-4 hours. They have performed at events such as the Walgett Festival and the Year 12 Formal which we are all very excited about!

This term we have been so lucky to have the help of community members such as Trevor J Simpson, Donald Morgan and Jonathon Neill who have given up their time to share their skills and talent with the boys. The boys have really enjoyed this and are very grateful to have such people in the community willing to be so generous with their time and skills.

The boys have been dedicated members of the band willing to practice and be part of any extracurricular music activities required. For example Trevor J Simpson taught the boys how to assemble the drum kit, tune it and make it sound like brand new- it looks absolutely fantastic! The boys also gave up a whole day last week, to tirelessly clean the music band and storage room. It was such a big job and the boys are to be congratulated on the effort and sacrifice they put in. It has been great to see the response of the boys through such hard work, in that they now take pride in the equipment they use as they feel a sense of ownership and responsibility over them.

I am very proud of these boys, especially the way that they teach each other- all I really do is supervise and the boys bring the talent, dedication and positive attitude! I hope you all get a chance to see the River Boys perform!!

Tanya Coelho, Music Teacher
Cars, Cars and More Cars!!!!

Year 7/8 IM have had the golden opportunity to attend the 2010 Dubbo Motor Show. Stewart Murray, Neville Murray, Allan Kennedy and Timothy Murray along with Mr Sayers, Mr Albanese, Chris Huber and Beau Riley made the trip to Dubbo. The boys got to see new cars, old cars, hot rods, drag cars and even V8 Supercars. The highlight of the day for the boys was getting to see the cars put through their paces during the day. We saw cars on the dyno (a device where the car’s power is measured at the wheels), burnouts, grass events (where the cars drive through witches hats as fast as they can), go-to-whoa (cars race in a straight line as fast as they can and then stop on top of a painted line) and the show and shine. Timmy’s highlight was the large ice creams being served from the food stand. Everyone enjoyed the day and all went well until the rain saw an early finish (not too early) and we all went home.

This excursion would not be possible if it wasn’t for the help of staff, Mr Beau Riley & the money earned by the boys’ hard work at the School Car Wash this year.