A word from the Executive

Principal– Mr Peter Cochrane

Last week I spoke with students at Arthur Street about the Department’s Core Rules for students. They are that:

All students in NSW government schools are expected to:

- Attend every school day, unless they are legally excused, and be in class on time and prepared to learn.
- Maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school’s uniform or dress code policy.
- Behave safely, considerately and responsibly, including when travelling to and from school.
- Show respect at all times for teachers, other school staff and helpers, including following class rules, speaking courteously and cooperating with instructions and learning activities.
- Treat one another with dignity and respect.
- Care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others.

Behaviour that infringes on the safety of others, such as harassment, bullying and illegal or anti-social behaviour of any kind, will not be tolerated.

Unfortunately, of late there have been too many cases of students not following these core rules, with too many students being suspended for it. I will not allow students to use obscene language when talking to staff. I will not tolerate the disruption of the learning by inappropriate behaviour. Students must treat each other and themselves with respect.

On a more positive note, I was very proud of the students who performed or assisted with the signing of the partnership agreement with the AECG. A huge thank you to them and to all staff for their excellent work. Similarly, thank you to the Warrena Street staff for an excellent Harmony Day.

Upcoming Events

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If anybody would like to be emailed a copy of the newsletter each fortnight just send an email to peter.m.nichols@det.nsw.edu.au and I will add you to our electronic mail out list 😊
On Monday 21st March the primary students of Walgett Community School participated in a wonderful Harmony Day 2011 celebration. Harmony Day is a day which promotes an environment in which all people see a place for themselves in Australia’s future. Harmony Day began in 1999 and each year has grown in popularity. Last year there were 4000 events in communities across the country. This year, our students and staff came to school dressed in orange—the symbolic colour of Harmony Day.

In our town, we believe that Walgett Community School is ideally placed to take a leadership role in building a cohesive, multicultural society. Our school’s Harmony Day Committee, Gail Simpson, Kaylene Hall and Katrina Nichols, organised a wonderful day of celebration to profile the cultural and linguistic diversity in our town. This year’s theme was Everyone Belongs, which means all Australians are a welcome part of our country, regardless of their background. It’s a time to reflect on where Australia has come from, recognising the traditional owners of this land. It’s also about community participation, inclusiveness and respect—celebrating the different cultures that make Australia a great place to live.

The celebration began at 9.30 with M.C., Mrs Sally Grech, welcoming visitors and special guests Aunty Daph Parton and Aunty Ettie Kennedy to the school. Then our school leaders, Teliyah Hickey and Gary Abel, opened proceedings with the traditional “Welcome to Country” which Gary performed in fluent Gamilaraay.

Then school Principal, Mr Peter Cochrane, gave his Harmony Day address. He spoke movingly about the idea of harmony being something that everybody, whether young or old, needs to search for within themselves. “In this way”, said Mr Cochrane, “Harmony, peace and good will can be shared in our school, our town, our nation and our world.”

After Mr Cochrane’s address, it was time for our special guests to cut the beautiful Harmony Day Cake. This was done by special guests, Aunty Daph Parton and Aunty Ettie Kennedy.

Following the cake cutting, the audience was treated to a performance of a song written by our school’s Deputy Principal, Mr Michael Clare. To celebrate the occasion, he performed an original composition on guitar about our town, “Heading West to Walgett.” This song was written about Walgett. Regarding racial harmony in our town he sang these words: “It’s a town where different people meet, where black and white will stop to greet each other at the Chinese takeaway.”

After Mr Clare’s performance, it was time for a lovely morning tea in our staff room. It was enjoyed by parents, visitors and our special guests. Then everybody moved down to our school hall for some special performances by students from Pre-school through to Year 6 as listed below.

**CLASS PERFORMANCES**

- Birraleegal Goondi Pre-School “
  Ms Anthea Kane & Ms Alex Dennis
  
- Kindergarten and 3/6H “Stand By Me”
  Mrs Daphne Dennis & Mr Jason Horan
  
- 1H and 5/6B “Stand by Your Family”
  Mr Chris Hunt & Mrs Karen Barrett
  
- 2W and 3/4H “Children of the World”
  Mrs Debra Walford & Mrs Donna Horan

Following this Harmony Day Concert, it was time for a multicultural lunch featuring dishes for all around the world. This lunch, prepared by the staff of Walgett Community School for the community, was very well received by all.

Then after lunch, to finish Harmony Day 2011 in style, our students danced the rest of the afternoon away with an exciting disco run by Year 3-4 Mrs Donna Horan.

Finally, sincere thanks to our P-6 students and to all those parents and visitors who attended on the day.
Yaama FM is back on the air. The playlist includes a big mix of Country, Rock and Pop from the 70’s through to today. Our students act as DJ’s and our classes will be using Yaama FM in many ways to enhance their learning.

If anybody wishes to have notices broadcast we can provide this service free of charge. Just email peter.m.nichols@det.nsw.edu.au.

Also if anybody has any music by Indigenous artists on ITUNES (or on CD) then please let us know so we can add these to our playlist.
**GOODOOGA RUGBY LEAGUE GALA DAY**

In week 9 Walgett Community Primary school participated in the Country Rugby League gala day held at Goodooga. For this day Walgett took over a year 3/4 team which included three year 2 boys and also a year 5/6 team. The 3/4 team played five games throughout the day and were undefeated in all of their games. All of the children played extremely well with several of the children playing their first ever game of rugby league. Some of the highlights for this team included:

- Malik Dennis scoring a try from the halfway mark.
- Shauri Carberry winning best and fairest in her first ever day of rugby league.
- Patricia Murphy, Maara Teara-Jones and William Trapman scoring several fantastic tries.
- Robert Murray organising the team at halfback
- Tre Teara-Jones, Dylan Cran, Chris Murray and Clive Murray tackled around the legs all day.

The 5/6 team also played extremely well playing 6 games and only losing the final against a much larger Boggabilla side. The most pleasing aspect of the boys games was how they played as a team and passed the ball around. Gary Abel and Dennis Duffy organised the team well and are learning to put players into gaps. Dermott Fields and Clayton Kennedy made several long runs during the day. Jermaine Sands, Kyle Peacock and Tyrell Dennis worked hard in the middle. Allan Carberry was very impressive at fullback and is really improving in his tackling. Lakkari Kauri had several tough runs during the day.

Well done to both teams as they also displayed great sportsmanship and made their coaches proud. Thank you to Mr Dale Mate for driving the bus and supporting the boys and to Mrs Toni Hartge for all her organisational skills.

Mr Jason Horan
Rugby League

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**WALGETT JUNIOR LEAGUE**

Walgett Junior Rugby League 2011 will start term 2 this year.

To register you need to get a form from school.

Could all notes be returned to Jason Horan at the primary school and Erika Lampe at the high school.
A group photo of our Primary Award winners for Week 9.

Some Infants Stories

Shark at the Beach.
When I was at the beach I saw a big blue shark. While I was swimming I saw it in the water. I went and told mum and dad. Then I sat down on the sand and had my sandwiches with my brother and sisters before going back to have another swim with mum. Then we jumped out of the water and went home.

The next day I went back to the beach again. The shark wasn’t there. So I went for a longer swim with my family. Then I had a nice lunch and went home.

By Sarah-Kate Weatherall

On the weekend I played with my game.
By Ayden McLean Yr 1

On the weekend I went to the pool.
By Theo Yr 1

On the weekend I went to the pool and I walked past the school.
Harley Roser

On the weekend I went motorbike tracking.
Geoffrey Tighe

On the weekend I went to Walgett.
By Kristian Yr 1

The shark at the beach had sharp teeth. A boy was swimming. The shark was coming and then the shark bit the boy’s leg. He was floating on top of the water and people saw him fainting, so they told the lifeguard. He got the boat out to the boy and saved him.

Rosetta Tighe

Secondary Report

Walgett Youth Shire Council met on 18 March at Lightning Ridge. A great day was had by all. Walgett High School participants included Daniel Kauri, Manea Kauri, Tristan Ward, Amelia Haley, Jodie Pollett, Sam Sullivan, Stewart Murray, and Pamela Abel. Thanks to George McCormack for all his work. The next meeting will be in Walgett on 6th April.

Grace Boney is completing a Business Services Traineeship at the Commonwealth Bank. Grace works each Wednesday and during her school holidays. THANKS to Pam and Victoria for mentoring Grace as she completes her traineeship.
Re-Engagement Program Report
Helen Cox- Head Teacher

Mr Grech and I are delighted to share some stories and pictures about the re-engagement students in Term 1. Thanks to Carb and Chris Huber for all their help in our great class.

We would like to commend the students who have had wonderful attendance records so far. Joseph, Cameron, Gary, Toni-Lee, Latoya and Timmy have been very good at coming to class and producing marvelous work in reading, comprehension, computer skills, exciting mathematical challenges, many and varied discussions, and important social skills like manners and caring for each other. These students try to arrive ready to listen and learn. Teah is new to our class and has completed a lot of excellent work already.

Some students enjoyed an excursion to Pian Creek and caught many yabbies. We also had to rescue many baby yellow bellies and cod. We threw the good fish back into the creek and had to throw the carp into the bushes so they don’t contaminate our waterways. Everyone had a lot of fun working together as a team to be a part of Mother Nature and appreciate the marvels she has to offer us around Walgett. We proudly took the yabby catch back to school and the next day had a barbeque, where we cooked them in the coals. Yum!

Our class has been very fortunate to have guests from WAMS, our school councilors: Lyn and Pauline, Beau Riley from the local police, Stacey from Mission Australia and Robina from Coonabarabran. They come into our class and share activities with us. We really enjoy having them see the wonderful things we are achieving.

We now start at 9 am instead of 10 am, finishing at 1 pm, and this seems to be working well. Students can come to breakfast club each morning and have a healthy breakfast of cereal, milo, juice and toast before school. Roll call is at 8.40 am.

Term 1 is coming to a close. This term ends on April 8th and resumes on April 28th.

Have a happy and safe holiday everyone and we look forward to achieving even better things in Term 2.
Student of the Week

Penny Fields - Year 11 Year Advisor

YEAR 11 STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Larina Murray

Larina has shown a genuine commitment to her studies via her excellent attendance record and completion of set tasks. She has received the Year 11 English Award this term for excellent effort and achievement in Preliminary Standard English. Great work Larina. Keep it up.

Upcoming Secondary Assessments

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Friday Sport

All students should have picked their sport choice for term 2. If you have not picked your sport yet please see Ms Lampe or Mrs Margie Hill.

Homework Centre – Arthur Street

Students in Years 7 to 12 are invited to complete their homework, study for exams and build literacy skills at the Homework Centre.

- Where: Library
- When: Wednesday & Thursday-3.10 to 5.10
- Food and Drink Provided
- The bus will take students out to Gingie and Namoi Village at the end of the day.

Please see Miss Thompson or Mrs Martelli for more information.

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**Walgett Shire YOUTH WEEK 2011**

1st - 15th April 2011

Major events, opportunities, entertainment and info across our shire for all young people

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**Get proud**

**Your week**

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For more information contact Youth Development Officer: George McCormack 0409 524 962

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