Principal's Report

Welcome back for a busy Term 4.

We held a very enjoyable Farewell Dinner for our Year 12 students during the final week of Term 3. The students are sitting for their HSC exams this week and we wish them good luck.

The “new” Year 12 were welcomed along with their parents and relatives this week in the library. The requirements of the HSC and Year 12 in general were discussed and followed by an afternoon tea. This group of students will now form the Senior Leadership Team of the school. They will have certain roles to perform inside and outside of the school.

All secondary students have been involved in examinations this week. We are holding a ‘meet and greet’ for parents in the hall next Tuesday afternoon so staff and parents and students can discuss students’ Personalised Learning Plans and get to know each other a little better. A BBQ will be held after the discussions.

The primary school students participated in the State Education Minister, Mr Piccoli visit on Friday 10th October. The Minister opened the new Namoi Village roundabout and during the ceremony the K-6 children sang two songs. A large number of students then joined the Minister in a bike ride around the roundabout and through a banner prepared by high school students titled, “Continuing the Journey.”

The Minister was briefed by Kindergarten teacher Ms J Ortega on the successful progress being made by K-2 students on the NSW State Literacy Continuum.

A visit to the secondary site completed the visit where the minister was shown where the refurbishments would take place as a result of his allocation of $7 million dollars.

This newsletter contains much information and many photographs reflecting the activities of the students in your school. I also recommend you look at the school’s face book page for further news.

Richard Rule

NAMOI VILLAGE & THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION.

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**Kindergarten Report**

Exciting things are happening in our Kindergarten classroom. The children are working hard every day and it is great to see. Our students are continuing to achieve with a lot already achieving some of the Kindergarten expectations.

Here are some writing samples from this week. These are independent and without help from an adult. The children are using their knowledge of sounds to attempt to spell unknown words and they are doing a fantastic job!

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**Week 1 Term 4**

**Kindy O** – **Penelope Sharpley**: For writing a sentence independently using a joining word.

**1/2B** – **Joseph Fernando**: For excellent work with story writing.

**1/2H** – **Nateisha Jones**: For being an enthusiastic reader.

**Brett Winkley**: For great bike riding and being safe.

**Week 2 Term 4**

**Kindy O** – **Samuel Lindsey**: For using a range of strategies when reading. Keep it up!

**3/4D** – **Leteiha Murphy**: For being such a helpful student.

**Aaron Hinch**: For trying really hard to finish his work.

**Week 3 Term 4**

**Language** – **Ngateika Tighe**: For trying hard to pronounce words in language class.

**Kindy O** – **Lowana Kennedy**: For using a range of strategies when reading. Keep it up!

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**Keep up the great work!**

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Ruby Cran – The frog laid eggs. The frog couldn’t jump to the rock. The cricket taught the frog how to hop.

Shayehanie Gillon – The frog was playing with the cricket and he was happy and the frog was happy playing.

Here are some pictures of our children involved in developing their reading and comprehension skills.

Here are some pictures of our children during maths groups. They are playing games that develop their knowledge of numbers.

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Here are some pictures of the dancing that the school did at Gray Park.

A big thank you to the students and their families for ensuring that they attend school especially Ruby Cran and Sunita Murray’s families as they have not missed a single day all year!!! This is one of the reasons that they have been so successful in Kindergarten.

Jodie Ortega

Primary Report

Birraleegal Goondi News

I would like to thank the families who attended our working bee at the end of term 3, many hands make light work! Children and families weeded the gardens together to help maintain our beautiful new outdoor playground area.

The children enjoyed talking about their favourite places to play and showing their families the many types of plants we have grown from seeds this term. It was great to see everyone working as a team and meeting with new and old friends. We are looking forward to our next family gathering this term. Here are a few happy snaps.

Warm Regards,

Mrs Anthea Singh

Above: Brianee Cran, Joanne Cayzer and Kymirah Ellis

Above: Kathryn Duffy, Aliyah Hambly and Kathryn Duffy-Hill

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**Primary Report**

Above: Sarah and Alex Wickman

Above: Areeb Sharier and Lyndin Neill

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St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

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Appeal for New Members

VINNIES WALGETT NEEDS YOUR HELP

Each year the Society assists families and individuals locally with food, financial help and clothing.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO CONTINUE THIS WORK

Walgett, St Vincent de Paul Society, Care & Support Conference seeks more volunteers

Wednesday between 9.30am & 11.30am

Members also meet every 1st Wednesday of the month at 5 pm

Volunteers work in pairs. Training and Induction will be given. Please leave your contact details if you would like someone to contact you.

Name_____________________________________

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Telephone

number/s_____________________________________

Best time to contact you

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Email_____________________________________

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For further information please contact:

Tessa Warren, 6742 1935 or 0427 582 827

Email: namoiregion@vinnies.org.au
Secondary Reports

Secondary Studies Report

Hi all, we have all had a great return! Students and teachers are all stating that it is great to be back!

We look forward to a fun filled term with lots of learning!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our new Wood Work/ Metal Work teacher Mr Lange, who will be teaching students from Year 7 – 10 in our Trade Training Centres in the school.

Just a reminder that all students will be required to sit their exams for all classes in Week 3… So, please ask your child how they went and/or you can give any of their teachers a call regarding results of your student/s.

To start off the term we had Village Space Theatre come to our school and present a play about the ‘Freedom Rides’ in Walgett in 1965. Students got involved and it was brilliant!

This is a popular play that re-tells the history of Walgett. Students were thoroughly engaged by volunteering to act within the play. The play is a recollection of history to aid students in developing an understanding of the events that occurred in Australia.

It re-tells the adversities for Aboriginal people in Australia and raises awareness to help improve the state of Aboriginal Affairs and how important self-determination is for Aboriginal people in Australia.

There was great acting demonstrated by a number of students:-
- Michael Russell played Darce Cassidy
- Tyrell Dennis played Bob Gallagher
- Reburdah Dennis played Pat Healy
- James Hancock played an Aboriginal Ex-serviceman

-Cassie Sharples played Violet
-Kihana Leslie played Daisy
-Shauri Murphy played Rosie

Well done to these students you did our school justice!

Welcome Back Everyone!

Looking forward to a great term!

Mrs Lane.
WAMS PDHPE program 2014.

Walgett AMS in partnership with Walgett Community College High School has delivered a fantastic fitness and nutrition program into our PDHPE curriculum. Students have experienced fitness testing measures including, beep test, flexibility tests, push-ups, sit ups, and standing long jump test. Over the term, Eli Beach from the AMS measured student’s heart rates during the PE lessons to measure maximum heart rates. Students have been highly engaged in this program and we are looking forward to beginning with the nutrition unit this term!

9 & 10 Food Tech Report

This term in year 9 and 10 Food Technology we are studying the topic Food Trends. Food Trends influence the selection, food service and presentation of food. During this topic students will examine past and present Food Trends and explore the factors that influence their appeal to consumers and availability. Students will plan, prepare and present safe, appealing food that reflects current Food Trends.

On Tuesday, students made mini beef meatloaves and two fruit crumble as part of their food trends unit in Food Technology. They were so good students made extra to cater for the parent teacher meetings to show case their talents and a copy of the recipe for you to try them at home!

Mini beef meatloaves

Preparation time: 5 mins
Cooking time: 25 minutes

Ingredients
250grams lean beef mince meat
½ onion, grated or diced
½ small carrot, grated
½ stick celery, diced
½ teaspoon mixed herbs
½ cup bread crumbs
½ lightly beaten eggs
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon tomato sauce
1 tablespoon barbeque sauce

Method
1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees.
2. Spray 7-centimetre muffin tins with cooking spray.
3. Place the mince, onion, carrot, celery, herbs, breadcrumbs, egg, Worcestershire and tomato sauces into a bowl. Mix well to combine.
4. Divide mixture evenly into greased muffin tins and press firmly.
5. Brush the tops with barbeque sauce and bake for 20-25 minutes or until cooked through and the mix starts to come away from the edges of the tin.
6. Serve with traditional mashed potatoes and boiled peas, or with salad.
Year 12 HSC

Good luck to Deborah Walford, Alana Murray and Adrian Scott who will be sitting their HSC exams this term!

Year 12 2015

A huge thank you to all year 11 parents for joining us in a parent teacher afternoon at Walgett Community College High School on Monday. Our current year 11 students have now successfully progressed into the year 12 2015 HSC cohort. Walgett Community College staff are working hard to ensure our senior students achieve the best they can for their upcoming HSC. Students are putting forward their nominations to be elected school captain which will be revealed in the coming weeks.

Any parents who have any questions regarding their child’s HSC will find all teachers available for support.

Below are the valuable links that were presented at the meeting:

- [www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au)
- [www.hsc.csu.edu.au](http://www.hsc.csu.edu.au)
- [https://studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au](http://https://studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au)

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