A big welcome back to all our students and families for 2014. A very special welcome is offered to our brand new kindergarten and year 7 students. They seem to be settling in well.

It has been really pleasing to see all our students in complete school uniform. In secondary most students have bought their book packs and many have purchased the WCS school bag. So we are starting to look like a high school for students who want to learn.

On another note, however, students who consistently disrupt other students’ classes and interfere with their learning will not be welcome at Walgett Community School. I am especially determined to eliminate fighting amongst students and the constant conflict which comes from the irresponsible use of Facebook to bully and harm others. Our school is a school for students who have good learning behaviours and who want to learn. We will do all we can to support those students in their learning.

We have several new staff members, the majority being at the secondary school. There will be an opportunity to meet all staff at various times during the year. A welcome to Year 7 families and students is planned for the near future just to start things rolling.

Two meetings were held this week including the school’s Reference Group. The P&C also met with a strong attendance of 18. Topics for the P&C meetings will be published and sent home so parents can find out more about what happens in the school. The topic will be Kindergarten and Years 1&2 at the next meeting.

We now have attendance officers who encourage students to attend school each day. So far this has been successful with attendance numbers above what they were this time last year.

So, let’s look forward to a great year working together to gain great outcomes for the young people of Walgett.

Richard Rule

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### Kindergarten Report

The 2014 kindergarten students started in week 3 with a ‘BANG’. The students are Raniya Ballagh, Ruby Cran, Maria Dennis, Zane Dennis, Shayehanie Gillon, Lowana Kennedy, Samuel Lindsay, Tarni Morris, Sunita Murray, Chloe Sharpley, Penelope Sharpley and Shatylah Sharpley.

Huge congratulations to the students and their families for making sure they attended school every single day! We are off to a great start!

We know that big school can be scary sometimes but all students are trying their best to keep a smile on their face at all times! Well done, it is great to see!

We have been learning our routines and how school works on a daily basis. Thank you to all the wonderful students at the primary school who have been excellent helpers in the playground! The kindergarten students and I really appreciate it!

This week, we have started to learn some of the names and sounds in the alphabet and number recognition. The students blew me away with what they already knew!

This term, we will be exploring the units *I Am Special*, *School Days*, *Staying Alive*, *I Can Dance* and *Fundamental Movement Skills*.

Miss Ortega
Birraleegal Goondi News

We welcome new families and those returning for another year. We are happy to see you and look forward to a fantastic year! The children at Birraleegal Goondi have had a wonderful start to preschool this year. All children have been settling into preschool routines and making new friends. This week, children have been engaged in a variety of learning experiences including painting, drawing, construction, group games, sand play and storytelling. Here a few happy snaps capturing learning in action.

Warm Regards,
Miss Anthea Kane

Jensen Ireland & Payten Andrews

T'Shon Sharpley & Jacob Cayzer

Areeb Sharier & Kymirah – Rose Ellis

Lyndin Neill & Ronnie Murray

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**Primary Report**

**Walgett Community School**

**Student Merit Card**

**DHIRRABUU AWARDS**

**Term 1 Week 3**

**Kinder O** – Lowana Kennedy - for a wonderful start to the Year! Keep up the great work.

**Year 1/2B** – Deikan Dixon - for a fantastic start to the year.

**Year 5/6B** – Sarah Weatherall - for beautiful, hard work at all times.

**OFFICE** – Tasharn Murray, Jye Boney, Justin Boney and Robert Boney – For their keen gardening skills and trying to help the plants.

**Term 1 Week 4**

**Kinder O** – Shatylah Sharpley - for being a polite, helpful & well mannered member of KO. Keep it up!

**Year 1/2H** – Maggie-Jade Scott - for great work in class & being helpful.

**Year 3/4/H** – Kylan Kennedy - for showing positive gains in reading, spelling and maths.

**3/6P** – Warren Hickey – for a good start to the school year.

**5/6B** – Nicholas Kennedy – for trying hard in spelling.

**5/6H** – Chkayla Murphy – for being a mature and excellent school leader.

**OFFICE** – Trent Mason – for his keen gardening skills & trying to help the plants.

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We have had a great start to 2014 and I would like to welcome all the students back. We have a number of new staff who have settled in to the school and the students seem to be enjoying their lessons. We would like to welcome Rose Davis-Nel (English), Scott Hardy (TAS/AG), Brian Garraway (TAS), Shae Arazny (HSIE), Kristal O’Connor (LAS/Special Education), Craig Sinclair (Science) and Carla Dale (DGO- School Counsellor).

Year 10 class working in Art

Year 11 working well in Mr Ratu Math’s class

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CLASSROOMS ARE FOR EDUCATION

IT’S YOUR CHOICE! CHOOSE WISELY! IT’S YOUR FUTURE!

Classroom Rules:

1. Electronics Register
   INCLUDES: Phone, laptop, iPad, Tablet, iPod etc.

STEPS For students who choose to misuse their electronics WITHIN THE CLASSROOM:

1. You will be asked to stop and put it away. THIS IS LEARNING TIME!
   1ST WARNING!
2. IF YOU CHOOSE TO CONTINUE: You will be asked to stop and put it away. THIS IS LEARNING TIME! SECOND TIME! 2nd WARNING!
3. IF YOU STILL CONTINUE TO NOT PUT YOUR DEVICE AWAY: The teacher will write up a RED SLIP for YOUR MISAPPROPRIATE use of YOUR/OThERS Electronic device during your class.
4. RED SLIP given to Mrs Lane which means:
   a. Mrs Lane will talk to you about your misappropriate use of an electronic device within the classroom and explain to you the CONSEQUENCE for all LEVELS
   b. Add your name to the Phone Register
   c. Parent contacted about student misuse
   d. Student put on RISC
   e. Student will be monitored for the rest of the term

#NOTE: Your behaviour will be seen as:
- Not following teachers instructions
- Continued Disobedience

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Secondary Reports

Swimming Carnival

A great day was had by both staff and students at the swimming carnival on Valentine’s day. No love was lost between Namoi and Barwon with Namoi (girls) winning the day. A number of records were broken on the day. Congratulations to those students.

Photos from the Swimming Carnival 2014

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