Hello I am Peter Jones, and I am the relieving Executive Principal at Walgett Community College

I returned to Walgett on Monday 22nd July and have been based at the Primary School site.

I was the Deputy Principal at Walgett High School from 1992-1995, and have noticed quite a few changes since I was last in Walgett. When I left Walgett, at the beginning of 1995 with my wife Janet and 3 boys - Andrew, Ian and Richard, I spent 3 years as the Deputy Principal at Leeton, before being appointed Principal of Batlow Technology School, in the South Western Alps of NSW, in 1998.

On 15th July 2014, I had my last day as Principal of Kanahooka High School in Dapto where I had served as Principal from 2005.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week back in Walgett, working with the parents and community members, the teaching and non-teaching staff and especially the students, as we collectively strive to provide young people with the best opportunities to be successful in their lives after school.

I would like to thank everyone who has made my return to Walgett, such an enjoyable experience.

Mr Rule is recovering from surgery and is expected back later this term. Mrs Simons is on sick leave and is not expected to return to the Primary School site.

I look forward to continuing my association with Walgett Community College and know that we will continue to see great things happening at the College.

Peter K Jones
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DHIRRABUU AWARDS

**Week 2 Term 3**

**Kindy O – Shatylah Sharpkey**: For working hard at writing sentences independently.

**3/4H – Edward Russell**: For attempting to decode words containing a long vowel, e.g. borke, white, bike

**Week 3 Term 3**

**Kindy O – Tjanara Townsend**: For working hard to write sentences independently! Keep it up!

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**Birraleegal Goondi News**

We are very excited to announce that our preschool outdoor learning environment has had a complete makeover and is ready for the children and their families to enjoy this term. The work on the playground began in term 2 and continued into the school holidays, to ensure the project was completed by term 3.

The layout and design were facilitated by the artistic Sarah Wickman and we received wonderful ideas from the children, their families, community members and school staff. For the hands on physical element, the school employed the gifted and talented Glenn Sands, who accomplished tasks with motivation and vision for the completed project. Many thanks to Bob Logan who donated two weeks of his time and worked tirelessly on the hill and playground structures to ensure the project was finished on time. We were also lucky to have the support of local suppliers and a band of volunteers. It was wonderful to see everyone lending a hand. A massive thank you to all of those people!

The children now have an interactive playground which includes a bike track to race around, mountain to climb and slide down, veggie patch for gardening and growing, bridge, pirate ship, music walls and a dramatic play bus. The children love exploring and playing in their new outdoor learning environment and have been busy watering the plants and trees. Here are a few of our happy snaps.

**Miss Anthea Kane**

![Preschool students love their new outdoor play area](image-url)
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MY FRIENDS AND I PUPPET SHOW

On the 23rd June, K-6 walked up to the RSL to watch a puppet show called MY FRIENDS AND I. Management from the RSL generously gave us the use of the hall on short notice. Staff and students would like to thank the RSL for their generosity and coming to the rescue.

During the show the message was clear: BULLYING IS NEVER OKAY! The puppeteer demonstrated how bullying affects the victims. She also gave students strategies to use if they feel they are being bullied. These quotes are for the bullies out there:

“What if the student you bullied at school, grew up, and turned out to be the only surgeon who could save your life?” – Lynette Mather
Primary Report

You will never reach higher ground if you are always pushing others down.” - Jeffrey Benjamin

Above: Clive was a very keen participant in the puppet show.

Students were respectful, active listeners during the entire show.

Primary Report

NAIDOC Week commemorated as one school

On the 25th June the whole school community came together to commemorate the NAIDOC theme: SERVING COUNTRY CENTENARY AND BEYOND. All students began the march from the primary school to the ANZAC war monument. Every family was acknowledged in a moving ceremony and a beautiful red rose was placed around the cenotaph. Students also carried a laminated plaque.

The procession continued along Fox Street into Arthur Street and everybody was welcomed with a smoking ceremony at the gate of the high school. The school leaders led the Welcome to Country which was followed by a recess break.

After recess, the whole community went into the hall. The artwork, woodwork and art displays were amazing. Both sites entertained the audience with singing and the band performed like rock stars.

WAMS donated the prizes for the art competition. Lunch was a delicious barbecue, Johnny cakes and chilli con carne from the high school kitchen.

The day was a huge success because of team effort and goodwill.

‘Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much’ Helen Keller

Primary students getting ready to perform at the NAIDOC ceremony
Mr Rule received best dressed award for his NAIDOC outfit.

Primary students receiving their art awards from WAMS

Our distinguished elder, Richard Lake shared his war stories with the community. Uncle Richard encouraged young people to join the army as a rewarding career.

Cutting the NAIDOC cake for morning tea

School leaders respectfully raising the Australian and Aboriginal flags

Primary school leaders performing the WELCOME TO COUNTRY
The USA comes to Walgett

Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two were very fortunate to have Lynn Carpenter, a retired Specialist Early Years Teacher visit from Michigan, USA. Lynn read stories to the children and compared them to her American students. In Lynn’s own words, all children are the same anywhere in the world and Walgett students were no different. Lynn was impressed with how polite and charming our students were. She encouraged them to dream big and reach for the stars.

Our Kindergarten children loved the stories read to them by Lynn.

Kindergarten Report

The children in KO have been extremely busy this term! They have been working very hard to achieve their personal learning goals. Here are a few that have been achieved:

Steven Anderson – Read with expression
Rinaya Ballagh – Point at words when reading
Leilani Boney - Learn all single sounds
Ruby Cran - Learn 43 sounds
Maria Dennis – Count backwards from 10
Shayehanie Gillon – Learn 43 sounds
Zeiken Green – Count to 10 and give the number after
Lowana Kennedy - Learn 43 sounds
Samuel Lindsay – Write a sentence independently
Tarni Morris – Learn all single sounds
Sunita Murray - Write a sentence independently
Chloe Sharpley - Write a sentence independently
Penelope Sharpley – Count backwards from 10
Shatylah Sharpley - Write a sentence independently
Tjanara Townsend - Point at words when reading
Nashayea Walford – Identify all numbers 1-20

In KO we love reading and writing and we have been working very hard every week to improve and become more independent readers and writers. We - read six books a day as a class; do independent writing four times a week; read a familiar book independently once a day; read with the teacher in small groups at least three times a week and write with the teacher in small groups three times a week.
We also love mathematics! We have so much fun learning different skills in mathematics. We play lots of maths games and use lots of concrete materials to help us explore mathematical concepts.

Above: Penelope Sharpley and a pattern she made with blocks. Her pattern is: diamond, circle, diamond. She is very proud of herself! Well done, Penelope!

This is a photo of the students on NAIDOC Day doing their performance. They love singing songs in language.

Beyond the Gate

Five Year 8 students travelled to Sydney to attend the university excursion Beyond the Gate, part of the schools links with the ASPIRE Program. Year 8 Beyond the Gate is designed specifically for regional students to help them think more broadly about job and career options after they leave school. The three-day camp program allows students to see for themselves the opportunities available to them outside their local environment. Beyond the Gate, enables regional students to gain exposure to university and a big city environment at an early age, which makes the idea of coming to university more tangible. Ms McGuigan, Lesley Haley, Kevin Sullivan, Dylan Cran, Casey Sharpley and Theresa Murray attended the program having an excellent time.

Work Experience

Students are encouraged to consider undertaking Work Experience. Work Experience is a part of work place learning, enabling students to spend a period of time in a work place of their choice, enhancing their classroom learning, assisting their career choices and building their industry skills. The program is for students in Years 9-12 and if interested students need to speak to Mrs Hill to discuss placements.

Above: Lauren on Work Experience at Café 64

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UWS Rural Indigenous Excursion

Nine students from Years 9-12 travelled to Sydney in the last week of school Term 2 to attend the University of Western Sydney Rural Indigenous Student Visit. The students stayed on the Hawkesbury campus in Richmond and attended workshops to introduce them to university life. Workshops ranged from Robotics and Engineering to Cultural Workshops on Traditional Story Telling, Didgeridoo and Traditional Wood Carving and Traditional Games.

The University of Western Sydney (UWS) is one of Australia’s largest universities, taking in six campuses across Greater Western Sydney - Hawkesbury, Penrith, Blacktown (Nirimba), Parramatta, Bankstown, Campbelltown. The students enjoyed their visit and discovered what opportunities are available with the help of higher education. Thank you to Ms McGuigan for accompanying the students.

Photos from the UWS Excursion

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Above: Science with Cheree, Ash and Adrian

Above: Uni life for the boys

Gateway – Skills for Work and Vocational Access

Students have commenced three different TAFE (TVET) courses as part of a pilot project. The courses will run each Tuesday, terms 3 and 4, all day at the school or TAFE campus.

The courses available include Arts and Culture, Metals and Construction with the teachers travelling from Dubbo TAFE Campus instructing the students.

Below: TVET students working in construction and metals with their teachers.
Tech Mandatory Report

This term year 7 is studying Agriculture in their Technology course. Throughout the term students will learn about and follow the life cycle of baby chickens, from a fertilised egg placed into an incubator and then hatching as baby chicks after 21 days. Students have made 2 vegetable gardens and planted a variety of items including carrots, lettuce and wombok.

The students have learned about all of the animals and were lucky enough to hold and pat a baby lamb. All students are excited to learn more throughout this topic!

Above: All students pitching in to build their vegetable patch. Left Patricia, Tammin Ellis, Caitlyn Boney, Geraldine Jones, Raylene Kennedy and William Trapman

Above: Luke Farr with Kiara Russell, Makayla Duffy and Margaret Duffy putting the fertilised eggs into an incubator


Above: Tammin Ellis, Kiara Russell and Caitlyn Boney holding a baby chick that they named "Calvin Little".

Meat pigeons just one of the animals found at Walgett’s Community College Agriculture plot.

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Above: Margaret Duffy, Raylene Kennedy, Caitlyn Boney, Emma Walford, Tammin Ellis and Shaneika getting to know one of the baby lambs.

Above: Raylene Kennedy holding a baby lamb.

Above: Students planting seedling and sowing seeds to get their vegetable patch up and running.

Head Teacher Welfare:

On Track Room – Yuwa li ga - Room

We have started up a program called the On Track Room to support students and their families. This room is designed to offer students who are having difficulty following school and classroom expectation and/or are returning from suspension, including early resolutions.

The program focus will be to:

- catch up on missed learning
- taking responsibility for individual behaviours and learning effective strategies for dealing with difficult situations

The On Track room is not meant to be a punishment room, but is focused on supporting students to get ‘back on track’.

Students utilising the On Track room will have a meeting with their parents/careers, the classroom teacher (Miss Mac), HT Welfare (Miss Ozoux) and the DP/Principal prior to commencing their placement. If anyone would like more information about the On Track room please call the school- 68281022.

Photography Interest Elective

This term we will be focusing portraits and family groups. Students will be inviting their family to school to have photos shoots on a Friday afternoon.

Some photos from last term:

Dylan Cran
Welcome back to Term 3! The up and coming weeks are going to be jam packed with fun and learning activities, and will include lots and lots of footy!

We also look forward to celebrating Education Week; where all student work will be on show!

Teachers in the Secondary Studies Faculty are: Danielle Gaynor (TAS), Erika Lampe (PE), Astrid Brooks (ART), Seona Macdonald (On Track Room), Melissa Ozoux (Library), Rose Davis-Nel (English) and I Mrs Jenadel Lane (English/ HSIE). We are also excited to let all the community know of our school’s new teachers Mr Luke Hyatt who will be teaching Music and Mr Peter Hardy who will be teaching our children Tech Metal and Wood.

Teachers across our faculty have also been given the opportunity to mentor your child as part of their Personalised Learning Plans process, so be sure to ask your child if one of the teachers above will be mentoring them.

We all look forward to a fun filled term ahead and I hope that everyone is enjoying being back at school so far!

Any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me on (02) 6828 1022.

Mrs Jenadel Lane!

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