Attending school is very important

Did you know that if a student misses as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over a year of education?

Children are expected to attend all school activities, on time. Regular attendance helps your child:

– Develop the skills needed to access the world of work and other opportunities
– To learn the importance of punctuality and routine
– Make and keep friendships.

Parents are reminded that absence or lateness to school and class significantly interferes with the learning opportunities of students, and any absence or lateness that cannot be satisfactorily explained will be treated as truancy.

Students are expected to be in class on time and prepared for the learning provided by the teaching staff.

Students that are late to school should present a note at the school office.

A phone call is acceptable, if it is not possible for a parent to provide a note.

On time / Ready 4 Learning/ Following Instructions first time/Using Appropriate language

These are the four messages we would like all students and their parents take to heart.

These messages can easily be applied to the world outside of school and will help equip each student well when they make the transition from primary to high school or to TAFE, or from school to work, after leaving school.

Remember the four messages. - On time, ready 4 learning, following instructions first time and using appropriate language.

Peter Jones (Relieving Executive Principal)
DHIRRABUU AWARDS

Week 5 Term 3

Kindy O – Tarni Morris: For using her knowledge of sounds to spell unknown words to. Keep it up!
1/2B – Dusty Saunders: For excellent story writing.
Adrian Murray: For working well in writing.
1/2H – Maggie-Jade Scott: For being a responsible class member.
Nateisha Jones: For being an enthusiastic reader.
3/4D – Kenneth Ward: For outstanding effort in English activities.

Week 6 Term 3

3/4D – Leslie Wallace: For amazing behaviour in class.
3/6H – Toni Murray: For great work during our procedure lesson & cooking.
5/6H – Valerie Sullivan: For excellent work in guided reading.

1/2H Report

Class 1/2 H for Happy have been working hard on their skip counting skills. We made paper chains that represented sums. We loved doing this and they look great in our class room. You can tell below by the smile on Brett Winkley’s face how much he enjoyed the activity.

Computers: We have been learning how to navigate our way around Mathletics and are enjoying this program more and more! We are also enjoying, exploring the Dust Echoes website and are learning a lot of dreamtime stories from Arnhem Land. We will soon be making our video stories 😊

Literacy: Our daily groups have been very successful. We are doing a variety of fun activities, including; guided, modelled and independent reading and writing with the help of Aunty Barb and Mrs Bull.

We also enjoyed our visit in week one from 3/4H. We had a great time buddy reading and look forward to doing more of this in the future.
Primary Report

1/2H Report

Above: 3/4H & 1/2H buddy reading

Above: Lirra Peters-Dennis & Lorna Gibbs

Above: Vincent Hill & Jye Boney

Primary Report

SRC Report

The Walgett Community College Primary School SRC has been working hard to raise funds for Jeans for Genes day which was held on Friday 1st August 2014.

A special thankyou to Sarah Weatherall for her hard work. The students will be meeting next week to count up all the loose change that has been raised to help find cures for childhood diseases.

Well done SRC on a great job and thank you to all staff, parents and students who supported such a worthy cause.

Above: Kinder girls enjoyed Jeans for Genes day

Above: Lesley Wallace, Casie, Kenneth Ward and Tyriek Dennis enjoyed Jeans for Genes day.

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1/2B Report

Term 3 is going so fast. We work hard and have fun everyday. We enjoyed our excursion to the town library where Christine and Sue read to us. We made ‘Puggle the echidna’ from the book Puggle’s Problem and Christine and Sue displayed them for us in a canvas and we entered the Bulldust to Bitumen Festival. We won first in our category!

Above: Eva Sharpley showing off our display

Maths
In maths we are learning to tell the time, 3D shapes and lots of number work. We collected 3d shapes in our room and found a lot of things.

Above: The Reading Eggs Program proves popular with all students. Naskiyah and Moeisha have been working hard and moving up through the levels.

Literacy

We all love listening to and reading good books. We have been working on our story writing and reading. Literacy centres are still very popular. In the photo below, we are going fishing for sight words. Everyone loves the boat and fishing.

Above: Jayelahni, Dusty, Deikan, Jono and Rita-Jean fishing.

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Primary Report

George Rose Visit

George Rose came to visit us in our classroom! We were so very excited. He loved listening to us sing some songs. He also really loved hearing about the 100% attenders in our room this term.

Go the blues!

We dressed up in our blues shirts and wigs and had a great time at the Ricky Walford and Jenny Wright Shield.

Secondary Reports

Good Men Report

To increase student attendance for the Good Men class Mrs Coates has implemented a rewards program. If students are at school by a certain time each morning they come into the kitchen and get to make a hot chocolate. This allows them to develop a number of skills such as frothing the milk using the schools espresso machine. This program has significantly increased their attendance for term 3.
Deputy Principals Report

Merit awards
I am really impressed with the number of students who have achieved merit awards this term. These are only given to students who perform their best, attend school every day and wear their uniform. Each of these things make our school a great place to be and helps to shape our students into becoming successful and productive members of the community. I look forward to sharing these achievements with you all at our week 9 assembly.

Leaving School Grounds
It is a good time to remind all students they cannot leave the school during breaks or study periods. The school needs to know where students are at all times. It is a safety concern for us when groups leave the school and both parents or the school are unaware of where they are going.

Bikes
To provide students with a safe environment students who ride their bikes to school must place them in the caged area near the front office. All staff have keys to this and will be more than happy to help students do this in the morning.

School Website and Facebook
Don’t forget to regularly check the school’s website and Facebook page for information about what is happening at school. You will also find some great photos of the fantastic activities Walgett High School students have been participating in.

Thank You
In the absence of our Principal Mr Rule, I would like to thank everyone for their support of the school over the past few weeks. We look forward to his return as soon as possible. As my first 12 months in Walgett quickly approaches, I am proud to say, it has been a great year and the whole school community has made me feel welcome. I am particularly excited about the upcoming refurbishment of the school. The input from the staff, students and community has been outstanding. The design looks fantastic.
Stage 4 Technology Mandatory – Agriculture

This term year 7 have been completing the unit Agriculture. Students have had the opportunity to spend a lot of time down at the school's agriculture plot and have expressed a lot of interest in looking after their garden beds, feeding the animals and caring for the chicks that have hatched from the eggs they have been lucky enough to incubate.

Students have been very lucky to have farm hand Luke Farr working with them down at the farm. They have had the opportunity to cook using camp ovens with Luke demonstrating how to cook duck and a meat pigeon using a fire and camp ovens as well as a loaf of bread. Students expressed a lot of interest in this and had so much fun. Geraldine Jones and Luke Farr made butter for everyone to have using thickened cream and shaking it until it turned into butter. They were all lucky enough to have a taste test of both meals.

Because there was so much interest in using the camp ovens year 7 had the opportunity to cook bread and scones with jam and cream. These were delicious and all students and staff involved enjoyed eating these.
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After: Week 6 plants starting to grow

Left: Steven Gibbs, William Trapman, Mary Murphy, Geraldine Jones, Shauri Murphy, Mr Hyatt, Miss Gaynor, Shaneika Morgan, Margaret Duffy, Olivia Lake

Left: Margaret Duffy, Emma Walford, Tammin Ellis, Shaneika Morgan with Luke Farr getting acquainted with one of the lambs at the Ag Farm.

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**Walgett Festival**

Walgett High School swept the floor at The Walgett Shire "Bulldust to Bitumen" 2014 Festival!! The school won First Prize for our Lino Prints and Textiles display and First Prize for Year 8 Scratch Board Print display. We also won First Prize for 3D and 2D (Tractor Filter- Yarn Bomb branch Bouquets & Recycled Card Board flying Birds) Waste to Art Competition 2014- This means that student Art work will be going to the Regional Competition held in Bathurst early next year! Congratulations to all students involved!
9/10 Aboriginal Studies Excursion

Walgett Community College – High School would like to take the opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to the Walgett Aboriginal Legal Service especially Mr Garry Trindall; who organised a visit for the students of 9/10 Aboriginal Studies giving them an insight into the current legal system. The students got to speak with an Aboriginal Field Officer, speak to lawyers, Police Officers and the current Registrar personally. They had a tour of the Walgett Aboriginal Legal Service, Walgett Police Station and Walgett Court House.

Many thanks to Nic and Clancy Lawyers of Walgett Aboriginal Legal Service, Constable Beau Riley and Sergeant Carl Smith of Walgett Police Station and Barry Rogers Registrar of Walgett Court House.

The students absolutely enjoyed their time spent and are looking forward to doing it again!

TVET Courses

Students in Years 8-12 have been undertaking TVET courses at Walgett TAFE every Tuesday. The courses available to the students include ‘Building and Construction’ and ‘Arts and Culture’. All students were given the opportunity to enrol and participate in these courses which run for 4 periods each week. There is a combination of practical activities and workplace literacy in each of the course.

Student will receive accreditation from TAFE for the successful completion of components of the course. The teachers are travelling from Dubbo to teach the students and next term there will be a change of course offerings.

Wingara Mura – Bunga Barrabuga Summer Program 2015

Wingara Mura – Bunga Barrabuga Summer Program is held at Sydney University for students who are starting year 9, 10, 11 and 12 in 2015. Students stay on campus, access the facilities at the university and meet Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from all over Australia.

There is no cost to students; accommodation is at one of the university colleges and transport will be provided. There is a 3 day program in January 2015 for Year 9 and 10 students and a five day program for students in year 11 and 12. If students are interested could they please see Mrs Hill and complete an application form. Applications close the 6th October 2014 and students will be notified in November of this great opportunity to attend the summer program.

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General Induction White Card

Students are invited to complete a one day course General Induction White Card on the 12th September 2014 at Walgett TAFE.

It is required for workers who carry out 'construction work'. This includes:

* site managers, supervisors, surveyors, labourers and trades persons
* people who access operational construction zones unaccompanied or not directly supervised by an inducted person, and
* workers whose employment causes them to routinely enter operational construction zones.

Sandy Hill HT Secondary Studies

Netball NSW Schools Cup - Orange

On Monday 28th July Caitlyn Boney, Margaret Duffy, Tammin Ellis, Geraldine Jones, Raylene Kennedy, Kihana Leslie, Theresa Murray, Kiara Russell, Cassie Sharpley, Payten Thorne, Jamie-Lee Ward, Mrs O'Connor, Miss Gaynor and Mr Westcott, who drove the bus, headed down to Orange to play Netball.

Our girls played well and reached the final which was a fantastic team effort. They played well as a team and should be very proud of what they accomplished on the day. The results of the games they played: - Walgett High VS Oberon High, Score: Walgett 11 - Oberon 4. St Raphael Cowra VS Walgett High, Score: Oberon 20 - Walgett 4. St Mathews Mudgee VS Walgett High, Score: Mudgee 14 - Walgett 8.

We stayed overnight and had a very enjoyable dinner out. The girls were very well behaved and everyone had a great time.