Welcome to Term 4 of the school year. I trust that everyone has had a restful break and is ready begin the new school term.

Late last term I was appointed to Walgett Community College as the Executive Principal. I have been a Principal at a range of schools around Queensland, the last two being a P – 12 College in Roma, QLD and a secondary school in Maryborough QLD and I am very pleased to be here in Walgett.

During the last two weeks I have been working with Annette Thompson getting to know the school plan and identifying the four key priority areas for improvement during this last term.

The four areas we will be focusing on across the college are:

- Attendance
- Teaching and Learning
- Reading
- Numeracy

This week, some of our year 12 students have been completing their HSC and I wish them all the best for these important exams.

This week, students across the college have been working with James Pike and Martin Claydon from Scribbly Gum Media on the “Suitcase” project which is about “Global Citizenship”. Thanks must go to Ros McGregor who has been largely responsible for the donation of over 100 suitcases and her work with all students on the decoration of the suitcases.

These suitcases will be on display at St James Station in Sydney and also on display in the hall next week when we have our school welcome.

I am looking forward to meeting with many parents throughout the term and working together to provide an excellent educational journey for all students.

Ms Karen McKinnon – Executive Principal

School Presentation Day

On Thursday, the 10th of December, Walgett Community College High School will be holding our annual presentation day for secondary students at the Walgett High School Multipurpose Hall. It would be greatly appreciated if you could join us at the school at 10am to congratulate our students on their great achievements. The school dance group and band will be performing. We look forward to seeing you there.
Week 1 Term 4

**Kindy O** – **Kymirah Ellis**: using a range of reading strategies to confidently read & understand a level 7 text. Keep it up, Kymirah!

**Year 1/2** – **Ricky Townsend**: For practising the PBL focus of walking away & telling a teacher when he had a problem.

**Year 1** – **Sharnice Fernando**: For working hard during maths lessons & solving all of the tricky place value problems. Keep up the fantastic effort Sharnice!

**Year 2** – **Aaliyah Williams-Sands**: Thank you for consistently being a safe, respectful & happy learner

**Year 3/4** – **Tasharn Murray**: For improving his writing techniques. Well done Tasharn!

**Year 5/6** – **Jalanda Duffy**: For awesome work with completing compound sentences using conjunctions.

Week 2 Term 4

**Year 1/2** – **Shayehanie Gillon**: For showing a positive attitude to her work & being a happy learner in 1/2B.

**Year 2** – **Jaylin Walford**: For being a respectful class member at all times. Keep up the great work!

**Year 4/5** – **Accacia Walford**: For always being a safe & respectful member in 4/5D.

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Birraleegal Goondi Report

We have had a lovely start to term four at Birraleegal Goondi.

We have been immersed in learning based in the happenings in our environment. We have been exploring a variety of water play experiences, to cool down: running through the sprinkler, playing in the rock pool and investigating the water trough. These experiences, as well as cooling us down, facilitated development across a range of domains. Our friends explored concepts of time comprehending the wetter they got depended on how long they spent in the water. They demonstrated their non-locomotor, gross motor abilities such as; balancing, bending down and reaching whilst engaging in the rock pool. Our friends also explored elements of sociodramatic play, discussing, negotiating and adapting the roles and responsibilities of the ‘ocean animals’ water trough.

Please remember to pack a spare change of clothes for your child, should they choose to engage in water play.

Thank you for a lovely week

Miss Alice Mills
Kindergarten Report

Kindergarten has been busy in their mathematics lessons and they love working together!
In one week we focused on time. We looked at sequencing events in time, relating events to a particular day or time and reading hour time on digital and analogue clocks. In the photos you can see students working in groups to match the digital time to the analogue time. Wyamuurraa looked at the clock in the classroom and told his friends that it was 9:30 and he was correct!

In another week we focused on data. We looked at arranging objects in rows to aid comparisons and comparing groups by counting. In other words we made simple graphs about students’ likes and interests. In the photos you can see students working in groups using data we had collected about their likes and interests and representing this information in graphs.
**Primary Report**

**Didge Program**

The fantastic didge program has been running the last two terms. John McGregor has taught the students how to play and helped the boys with their designs.

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**Secondary Reports**

Two of our senior students assisted with the lunches for the Anglican Church Rose Show last Friday. Well done, Lauren and Alinta on your hard work!

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Year 12 Farewell

Graduates of 2015 included, Steven West, Nicholas Tedim, Victor Kennedy, Melissa Haley, Joshua Walford Thorne, Stanley Hancock, Lauren Richards and Cheree Whyte.

The year 12 Farewell was a wonderful night for the graduates of 2015 and the many family, friends and staff who attended.

We wish all of our graduates the best for the next stage of their lives and we thank them for the positive contributions they have made in our school.
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Welcome back to Term 4,

Students have settled in well to yet another fun filled term! This term there will be lots of exciting learning happening across our school. On the following pages there is a brief overview of what students will be studying this term. This information is given to you so that you can ask them what they have learned in their classes.

The names of the teachers who will be teaching your child or children, are on the following pages. Please don't hesitate to contact them in regards to work and especially assessment task requirements. Especially, about how you can help your child?

As a reminder, students in Year 7 to 10, Good Friends and Good Men are required to play an active role in Periods 5 and 6— Project Based Learning. Students are expected to produce pieces of work throughout the term to go on display in week 10 of the term.

Remember! Our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Values—All staff, students and community have agreed to make our school a Safe, and Respectful school with Happy Learners. As part of PBL the school has developed a Student Voice Team, who are actively working to support the PBL Values. We need your support in our journey to becoming a PBL school! Please contact the school if you would like to be a part of this exciting program. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the School.

Remember! Every day counts! Students need to be at school to learn.:-) We love seeing all students and Parents at our school!

Have you signed your child’s Personalised Learning Plan? Please don’t hesitate to contact me for further details,

Relieving Head Teacher – Jenadel Lane

Teachers, Year Groups and Topics for Term 4

Our English Staff

Ms Davis-Nel

Year 7—Film Study: Animations
Year 8— Visual Literacy
Year 9—Film Study: Provoking a Response
Year 12—Film Study
- We Are Australian (Mandatory Subject for HSC)

Mr Enter

Year 10—Film Study - Edward Scissor hands
Students will learn about film-making and how film gives us an understanding of characters and present issues.

Our Science Staff

Ms Taylor

Year 7 – Science of toys/ Physics
Year 8 – Rock Paper Scissors/ Chemistry
Year 9 – Ecosystems and Change
Year 10 – Forensic Science

Our Maths Staff

Ms Dunne

Year 7—Focus on Numeracy/ Time/ Algebra
Year 8—Focus on Numeracy/Geometry
Year 9—Algebra/ Date Statistics/ Maths Project
Year 10—Algebra/ Data Statistics/ Maths Project
Year 12—Maths Assessments with a focus on various topics
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Our PE Staff

Ms Lampe

CAFS

Year 12—Community and family studies: Students will be studying groups in context focusing on 2 specific groups including
-the disabled; and
-the homeless

Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation

Water Safety

PE

Stage 4—Year 7 and 8

Accessing Health Information—Awareness of community locally, state and national levels of services available.

Stage 5—Year 9 and 10

Balancing Act—Learning how to have a healthy lifestyle

Our Support Staff

Mrs Hyatt—Good Friends

Maths—measurement

English—reading, writing and spelling

Science—solids, liquids, and gasses

Physical Education—fitness, Exercise and health

Ms Pav/Mr Hardy

Good Men

English—Film Study

Maths—Percentages used in everyday life

Food Tech—Preparing Meals

HSIE—Australian Landforms

Project-Based Learning

PE—Fitness

T-Shirt Printing

Bike Maintenance

Our HSIE Staff

Mr Enter

Geography

Year 8

Topics first 5 weeks:
- Ecosystems - how they work
- Food chains and Food webs
- Ecosystems, energy and food
- What kind of ecosystems are there e.g. here locally?
- Close study of mangrove forests as example of an ecosystem
- Students will work through their own workbook as they cover each topic, with the teacher providing.
- Vocabulary is a large part of the unit of work; students need to learn spelling and meaning of new words and practice using them in their writing.

Electives

Ms Brooks

Art and Language

Year 7 LOTE—Learning Gamilaraay—Body in Language

Year 7—‘In Your Face’ Portrait Paintings

Year 8—‘Changing spaces’ Landscape painting

Year 9/10—Photographic and digital media

Year 12—Photography and Photoshop
Mr Hyatt

Music

**Year 7** - The Basic Elements of Music.

**Year 8** - Australian and Aboriginal Music.

**Year 9 & 10** - Australian Music.

Good Friends - Australian Art music

**Electives**

Ms McGuigan

Cooking

**Year 8**— Food and Media

**Year 9/10**— Food for special occasions

**Year 12**— How to prepare basic dishes/ Maintaining The Kitchen

Mr Lange/ Ms Taylor

Agriculture

**Year 7**— Vegetable Gardening

**Year 9 & 10**— Beef Cattle + Cattle leading

**Year 12** - Beef Cattle + Cattle leading

Metal

**Year 9 & 10**— Making a BBQ

**Year 11**— Making a Bike lift

Wood

**Year 11**— Major Work

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Project—Based Learning

**Period 5 and 6**

**Group 1: School Spectacular**

**Mr and Mrs Hyatt**

6 selected singers and dancers have been chosen to participate in a fantastic opportunity to showcase their talent.

**Group 2: Sport and Nutrition**

**Ms Lampe and Ms McGuigan**

Students will be participating in a swim and survive program at Walgett Pool and completing a variety of organised PDHPE games.

Students will also be cooking nutritious food 2 days per week that will be available for students from the School Canteen.

**Group 3: Agriculture and Construction**

**Mr Lange and Ms Taylor**

Students will be involved in creating a community garden, with support of the community/groups.

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