From the Principal

Focus on Respect
This year Warren Central School is implementing the Positive Behaviour for Learning strategy to promote a more cohesive school community. **Our key core values are Safety, Respect and Achievement.** We believe that safe, respectful and achieving students are fundamental to building strong communities.

Our focus for the initial phase of implementation in Term 1 is on RESPECT. Here are four simple ways all students can develop a respectful attitude at school:

- Speaking politely and complying with all reasonable requests. Remembering that school rules apply when both travelling to and from school.
- Wearing the school uniform with pride.
- Using bins around the school to keep playgrounds safe and free of litter.
- Caring for all property both personal and the school.

These simple steps will develop a sense of respect for self and others.

Attendance

Attendance is an ongoing concern at Warren Central and it is important that every child attend school each day. When a child is absent for two consecutive schools days with no prior notification I, or another school person, will contact you. Home School Liaison and Aboriginal Community Liaison personnel will be working closely with the school to make the required improvements in student attendance.

All students are reminded to attend school on time. For secondary students this is 8:40am and for primary students 9:00am. Parents of students who are repeatedly late will also be phoned. Students with poor attendance and lateness concerns will be required to have a personalised attendance plan.

Schoolkids Bonus

The first instalment of the Schoolkids Bonus has recently been paid to eligible families. Most eligible families will have received the payment automatically; however some need to update their children’s education details to ensure they receive the payment. Information has been attached to this newsletter to assist you with the program.

Eligibility requirements are if you have a child in primary or secondary school and you receive one of the following payments: Family Tax Benefit Part A; Youth Allowance; Disability Support Pension; ABSTUDY living allowance; carer payment; special benefit or education allowances under the Veteran’s Affairs Children’s Education Scheme and Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme.

Updating Information

It is important for parents and carers to update their contact phone numbers and addresses with the school. This allows us to contact you if there is an emergency or other matter that requires prompt attention. Parents and caregivers must also notify the school of any medical conditions so that in the event of illness or if accidents occur your child can receive the best medical treatment available. **Please contact the school during school hours to amend your details.**

From the Deputy’s Desk

There has been a lot of water go under the bridge since the last time I penned my report. Many events and issues have been attended, dealt with and mostly enjoyed. It is always good to hear the positive aspects of what has gone on – I ask the question, why does the News dwell on the negative? Is it perhaps that we find that is the norm – I hope not!

So what things would I like to concentrate upon?

Great Sports and Sportsmanship

The Gabondery/ NARRAF swimming team certainly were a credit to Warren Central in the recent Narromine Carnival. A number of records were broken – well done Felix and Max. Warren Central had a wonderful win in the senior boys (primary) relay and broke the long standing record. The team included Felix, Max, Riley and Earl – great effort boys. Felix ended up with a most well deserved Senior Boys Champion on the day and Max came in a close second. Well done everyone.

Children’s Dental Clinic

The Western NSW Local Health District has launched a new dental service for children in Warren. This service will be available on either a Tuesday or a Friday each fortnight at the Warren Family Health Centre in Lawson Street. A copy of a recent media release has been attached to the back of this issue of Jumbunna. I strongly urge all parents to take advantage of this wonderful free dental service.
Food Safety Supervisor’s Course
Meg, Prue, Annabelle and Molly all took part in a Food Safety Supervisor’s Course which was part of their winning of the Western Culinary Cooking Challenge. Miss Emma Rice also took part in the course. The girls also received a $50 Good Guys Voucher and a $200 Bundella cook ware prize for the school. I was so glad to hear that the girls conducted themselves admirably and again were a credit to our school.

Parents Support
There were a number of parents that were able to attend the Meet the Parents afternoon last Wednesday. I have always been a bit critical of having afternoon parent meetings as this limits the number of parents that can attend. I would like to say, however, that there was a good roll up of very supportive parents. Of course if there are any parents who can’t get to events such as this, perhaps you could give the school a ring, and we may be able to work something out.

Chaplain’s Work
Steve Bignell – the school chaplain (as well as SRE Teacher) – has been working very hard behind the scenes. Steve has been called upon by students, staff and parents for support with a number of issues. His role has become integrated into the welfare side of the school and its community. Steve has worked hard to differentiate his role as SRE teacher on Mondays, and Chaplain on Thursday and Fridays. He has been very good at wearing the two hats.

Consultancy Role
I would like to congratulate Mrs McArdle in taking the position of Best Start Consultant for the remainder of the Year. Mrs McArdle has been teaching at Warren Central for a very long time and the step to this position, I would imagine, would have been rather hard. I know that the head of the consultant team were seeking her experience in the Best Start program and will allow students in the wider area to benefit from her experience.
Science and Engineering Challenges
A large number of Primary and Secondary students will be taking part in the Science and Engineering Challenge this week in Dubbo – sponsored by the Rotary Club of Dubbo. Best wishes to all the participants. Wouldn’t it be good to “bring home the bacon” - as one of my past Principals used to say.

K-6 News
Dates for your diary:

**Term 1:**
- 8/3/13 Western Region Swimming – Dubbo
- 20/3/13 Motivational Media Year 6
- 22/3/13 Gobondery/NARRAF Zone Cricket/Softball – Peak Hill
- 25/3/13 Moorambilla Workshop – Hall 2-3pm
- 27/3/13 K-6 Assembly
- 29/3-1/4/13 EASTER BREAK
- 2/4/13 State Swimming – Homebush
- 10/4/13 K-6 Disco
- 11/4/13 Primary 7’s Rugby Union Gala Day
- 15/4-26/4/13 HOLIDAYS

**Term 2 – At a Glance**
- 30/4/13 Students return to School
- 1/5/13 WCS Public Speaking Competition
- 3/5/13 WCS Cross Country – Warren Golf Course
- 14, 15 & 16/5/13 NAPLAN – Year 3, 5, 7 & 9
- 20/5/13 Grip leadership – K-6 Prefects in Dubbo
- 21/5/13 CWA Public Speaking - Narromine
- 24/5/13 Jack Newton Junior Golf - Golf Clinic – WSC Oval
- 31/5/13 Gobondery/NARRAF Zone Cross Country
- 10/6/13 Queen’s Birthday Long Weekend
- 12/6/13 Western Region Cross Country - Wellington
- 21/6/13 Gobondery/NARRAF Zone Touch/Netball – Warren
- 28/6/13 WCS Athletics K-12 Carnival – Victoria Oval
- 1/7 – 12/7/13 HOLIDAYS

**Term 3 – At a Glance**
- 16/7/13 Students return to School
- 19/7/13 NSW PSSA Cross Country – Eastern Creek
- 29/7/30/7/13 Life Education
- 29/7-2/8/13 EDUCATION WEEK
- 14/8/13 Performance – It’s A Mad World
- 9/8/13 Gobondery/NARRAF Zone Athletics – Victoria Oval, Warren
- 19/8-23/8/13 Book Week
- 22/8/13 Book Week Assembly
- 30/8/13 Western Region Athletics
- 6/9/13 Gobondery/NARRAF Zone soccer Gala Day – Trangie
- 23/9-4/10/13 HOLIDAYS

**Term 4 – At a Glance**
- 8/10/13 Students return to School
- 1/11/13 Gobondery/NARRAF Zone Tennis Gala Day – Tottenham
- 17/11-22/11/13 STAGE 3 EXCURSION – Sovereign Hill, Ballarat

**Prize Box** winners were: Shakira Duncan, Kate Owens and Shyanne Buswell.

Gobondery/NARRAF Zone Swimming was held recently at Narromine. Congratulations to Felix Weston, Max Irving, Riley Brown, Earl Greenaway, Mackenzie Pardy, Saranna Fisk, Amber Gordon, Allie Andrews, Katie Cohen and Ruth Cant who represented WCS this year showing pride in their school and excellent sportsmanship. All of these students performed to their personal best with Felix Weston, Max Irving and Riley Brown breaking numerous records.

In the senior boys relay WCS outclassed their competition by setting a new record and personal best times for themselves to win that event. This relay team consisted of Felix, Max, Riley and Earl and will now compete at Western Region this Friday in Dubbo in this event. The same four boys will also be representing our school and zone in individual events. Felix Weston - Boys All Age 100m Free, 12 year boys 50m Free, Senior boys 50m Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly and senior boys Individual Medley. Max Irving – All Age 100m Free, 12 year boys 50m Free, Senior boys 50m Breaststroke, Butterfly and senior boys Individual Medley. Riley Brown – 11 year boys, 50m Free, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly. Earl Greenaway – 10 Year boys 50m Free, Junior boys Butterfly and Individual Medley. On behalf of WCS I wish them all the best in their swimming endeavours.
Teacher Professional Development
Cognitive Skills - over the past 12 months our staff have been training in Cognitive Skills with Mr White and putting these ideas into effect in their classrooms using entry and exit strategies as well as implementing ‘Thinking Skills’ activities into their teaching and learning programs. This has been a great learning curve for both staff and students.

Focus on Reading – Ms Reeves is assisting the K-10 staff in the implementation of the ‘Super Six’ Comprehension strategies into their teaching and learning programs based on the new K-10 English Syllabus and Continuum. Over the next 12 months all classrooms will display data walls for the teacher, students and parents to see where the student is in relation to their learning in all aspects of literacy and numeracy.

Meet the Teacher was held in Week 5 with the K-6 teachers opening their classrooms for parents and carers to become more aware of what teaching and learning activities are being implemented this year for their children. WCS sincerely thanks all those parents and carers who attended.

Prefects – our K-6 prefect body meet regularly with their patron Ms Reeves to discuss primary related events/activities. The first event for this year will be the Easter Hat Parade which is being held on Thursday 28 March 2013. Only a few weeks to go for your child/ren, to make an Easter hat for the parade. A Disco on Wednesday 10 April 2013. The theme being – ‘STAND OUT IN THE CROWD’. Students will be able to wear clothes that could be bright, weird, dress ups, masks etc for $1 entry. The disco starts at 5pm and finishes at 7pm.

K-6 Assembly
The next K-6 Assembly will be held in Week 9 on Wednesday 27 March 2013 at 2.00pm in the J.B. Renshaw. Parents, caregivers, family and friends are most welcome to attend.

Science & Engineering Challenge – Sixteen Year 5 & 6 students travelled to Dubbo on Tuesday 5 March to participate in the University of Newcastle’s Science &
Engineering Challenge. This event was held at Dubbo Racecourse and throughout the day the students participated in small groups to complete a number of interesting and exciting challenges.

**NSW Netball** - are holding a Gala Day on Thursday 14 March for students in years 5 & 6. WCS will be sending one team to this carnival.

**Rugby 7’s** – Warren is hosting a Rugby 7’s Gala Day on Thursday 11 April. WCS will be represented by one team at this event.

**Principal’s Award**
Ruby Smith was the recipient of a Principal’s Award at last week’s K-6 assembly – well done Ruby!
News from the DEC
Primary and Secondary school

Good number sense
Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don't add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.

Essay planning
Kids often rush headlong into essay writing tasks without thinking through what is required. Effective essay planning can involve brainstorming, mind-mapping, and organising notes depending on the question and type of response required. These factsheets explain everything.

Primary Department
Reading with your child at home
When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.

Removing head lice and nits
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.

Secondary Department
Does multi-tasking reduce focus?
Can your kids really study while updating their Facebook page, listening to their music players and messaging their friends? Research shows dedicated study time without distractions produces better learning and a greater ability to retrieve information. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/homework-and-multitasking-can-it-be-done

When kids are bullied
We send our kids off to school each day to learn. In between lessons they go outside to play – but the learning doesn't stop. The playground can help prepare them for some of the social challenges they will face throughout their lifetime. Find out more:


Ms J. Reeves – Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning K-8
Mrs F. McCormack – Assistant Principal Welfare

Secondary Sport
Earlier this term students were invited to contribute their ideas for activities in which they would like to participate. Choices include Cycling and Zumba dance classes and by all accounts they have been enthusiastically embraced.
Keep informed, visit our school website at www.warren-c.schools.nsw.edu.au

You’ll find….
a calendar of upcoming events, news, photos, timetables, the latest issue of Jumbunna, policies and much more!

Items that have been updated for 2013 include:

- The uniform order form/price list
- The school handbook
- Canteen price list
- School banking

Keep informed, take a look!

Do you receive our newsletter Jumbunna every fortnight?
If you would like to be sent an email notification advising when the latest issue is available on the website, please email Melissa.irving@det.nsw.edu.au

Breakfast Club News
To all old and new families, Breakfast Club is once again up and going. The good start Breakfast Club has been running at Warren Central School for over 18 years, in conjunction with Australian Red Cross. We are open every day from 8.00 – 9.00am free of charge. We currently have one coordinator and one volunteer daily to help provide a nice healthy and nutritious brekky.

Come join the friendly ladies situated in the room up the ramp second gate where the bus drop off is in Hale Street.

Mrs Jacqui Lomas – Coordinator

2013 registration
Boys & girls aged 4-11 years

2013 registration fees are $50 for the 1st child & $40 for each additional family member.

Registration includes socks and shorts.

Bag and cap for all new players
New players will need to provide a passport sized photo & a copy of their birth certificate.

For further information contact
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Cath Jarvis – 68928210
Kerry Duncan - 68889622
P&C Membership fees for 2013 are now due
Cost $1.00
(this is to cover insurance)

P&C membership is open to all Parents/Carer’s, teachers, students and interested citizens.

Some of the activities that Warren Central’s P&C are involved with are:

- Operating the School Canteen
- the School Banking Programme
- operating the Uniform Shop
- Running BBQs and Canteen for Special Sporting events
- Organise and run stalls at school for Mother’s Day and Father’s Day
- Other fundraising events as required

Last year The P&C made donations toward funding:

- online Encyclopaedia Subscription and books for The library
- Furniture for the I Pad Studio
- Purchased 2 portable gazebo’s for extra shade at sporting events
- And currently plans are underway to revamp the sandpit

These activities can only be done with support from you, the member’s. Meetings are held at least once a Term. (Times and days are flexible to suit the majority)

Every person has something to bring to these meetings, an opinion or new idea, so it is very important that members try to attend at least one meeting a year. It also gives you an insight to how the school is running and different projects the school is initiating.

Would all new and existing members complete your details on an envelope and enclose your membership fee of $1.00. Please Hand in at the office

Any further enquiries contact
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About the Schoolkids Bonus

What is the Schoolkids Bonus?

The Schoolkids Bonus is a payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies.

When does the Schoolkids Bonus start?

The Schoolkids Bonus starts from January 2013.

Who is eligible?

You could receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school, or you are a primary or secondary student, and you receive one of the following payments:

- Family Tax Benefit Part A
- Youth Allowance
- Disability Support Pension
- ABSTUDY Living Allowance
- Carer Payment
- Parenting Payment
- Special Benefit
- Education allowances under the Veterans' Children Education Scheme and Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme.

Children in preschool are not eligible.

How much will I receive?

If you are eligible, you will receive:

- $410 for each child in primary school (paid in two instalments of $205)
- $820 for each child in secondary school (paid in two instalments of $410).

If you share the care of your children and receive a percentage of Family Tax Benefit Part A or an education allowance, you will receive the same percentage of the Schoolkids Bonus.
When will I receive it?

Payments are made in January and July every year. You must be receiving one of the eligible payments on 1 January to be eligible for the January payment. Similarly, you must be receiving one of the eligible payments on 30 June to receive the July payment.

If you claim Family Tax Benefit Part A as a lump sum at the end of the financial year, you will receive the Schoolkids Bonus then.

What do I need to do to get it?

It’s easy. You don’t have to fill out any forms, keep receipts, or claim the Schoolkids Bonus in your tax return.

You just need to let Centrelink know:
- when you or your child starts primary school to start receiving the payment and
- when you or your child move from primary to secondary school to start receiving the secondary school amount.
- when you or your child finishes secondary school to receive the final secondary school payment.

How will I be paid?

If you’re eligible, the Schoolkids Bonus will be automatically paid into your nominated bank account in January and July.

Has the Schoolkids Bonus replaced the Education Tax Refund?

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund, which means you no longer need to keep receipts and claim it through your tax return.

Is the Schoolkids Bonus less than the Education Tax Refund?

No – the Schoolkids Bonus is $410 a year for each primary student and $820 for each secondary student compared to a maximum of $397 for a primary student and $794 for a secondary student under the previous Education Tax Refund. In addition, most families were not claiming their full entitlement under the Education Tax Refund because they didn’t have the receipts when they did their tax returns or forgot to claim the payment. Schoolkids Bonus is paid automatically and no receipts are required.

Where can I go for more information?

To learn more about the Schoolkids Bonus, visit australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus
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Children's dental clinic opens doors in Warren

The Western NSW Local Health District has launched a new dental service for children at the Warren Family Health Centre in Lawson Street.

In the past, children who wished to access free dental care through the LHD have had to travel to Dubbo. The new service means children can now access the same service locally.

Dental staff from Dubbo will travel to Warren on either a Tuesday or a Friday, once each fortnight. An Oral Health Therapist accompanied by a Dental Assistant will provide treatment to children up to the age of eighteen years.

New dental equipment has been set up in one of the consultation rooms in the recently built Warren Family Health Centre. This means that both preventive and general dental treatment for children, including fillings, can be provided.

The equipment has been funded through the Centre for Oral Health Strategy NSW, which is part of NSW Health.

"The Warren Shire Council General Manager Ashley Wielinga and Health & Development Services Manager Maryanne Stevens have been extremely accommodating in helping the Western NSW LHD to set up the local service," said Oral Health Manager Paul Manning.

The visiting Oral Health Therapist, Amanda McNulty says she's excited to be working in the new Family Health Centre.

"It is a pleasure to work in the new centre and it is very rewarding to be able to provide dental care for children in their home town," Ms McNulty said.

Ms McNulty also travels to Nyngan where services are provided in the dental clinic at Nyngan Public School.

"I hope the new dental clinic established at Warren will encourage more families to take advantage of this free service, if they are not able to visit a local private dentist.

"We can help to promote the importance of brushing twice a day and avoiding sweet snacks and drinks during the day. Drinking water, especially between meals, instead of soft drinks, juices and cordials can also make a huge difference to the health of children's teeth," she said.

To access the new service for children parents should contact the Dental Contact Centre on 1300 552 626.

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