End of Term 1

As this is the last issue of Jumbunna for the term I would like to thank the students and teachers for their commitment to excellence over the last nine weeks. The school is continuing to develop the skills required by all students to be successful members of their communities and country. Critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, initiative and imagination are central to every student’s development at Warren Central School.

Looking back, it has been a very rewarding and busy term. The school swimming carnival was a great way to begin the year and congratulations to Mitchell House on their win. Both secondary and primary students competed well in their respective Science Challenges and the CWA speak out, and the school also had success in CHS Football and Squash competitions and will play second round matches early next term. Congratulations again to Charlotte Scotson, Brittany Marks, Aimee Shepherd and Matthew Marks for competing at the PSSA and CHS State Swimming Finals in Sydney last week.

To conclude the term there are two big events to which all members of the school community are invited. The first is the Bronze Award Ceremony which will be held in the JB Renshaw Hall at 2:00pm on Wednesday afternoon and our second is the Easter Hat Parade and Lunch on Thursday at 1.15pm

I wish that every member of the school community has a safe and enjoyable Easter and school vacation. School will resume for all students on Tuesday 21 April 2015. The staff will be participating in a number of professional learning workshops and planning sessions on the Monday.

April Falls Day

On Wednesday, Warren Central School will be relocating to outside the Warren Shire Council offices on Dubbo Street between 10:15am until 11:00am. The school will join with other schools and the Warren Community in a flash-mob dance to raise awareness for elderly mobility. All students will be walking to the event under the supervision of primary and secondary teachers. You are invited to join us in this exciting event. The colours for the dance are green and orange but the students will be required to wear school uniform.

ANZAC Day

The school will be holding its ANZAC Day Ceremony in the JB Renshaw Hall on Friday 24 April 2015. To commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli the school will be presenting commemorative coins to all students at the end of the ceremony. I invite you all to this special ceremony.

As in previous years, Warren Central School will be attending the town’s ANZAC Day March on Saturday 25 April 2015. We would like to see as many students as possible being a part of this important community event. Students must be in full school uniform and meet outside the United Services Club’s carpark at 10:30am on the day. Mrs Taylor, Mrs Westgarth and myself will be coordinating the school’s participation in this year’s march.

Farewell Leonie Darcy

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Leonie Darcy for her wonderful contribution as a School Learning and Support Officer at Warren Central School since 2006. Leonie has always supported the best interests of the students and tried to instil in them the importance of succeeding at school. Her gentle and friendly personality has always been welcomed by the numerous students she has supported, sometimes in very difficult circumstances. She has formed many valuable lifelong friendships with the staff here at Warren Central School and we all wish her every happiness in her well deserved retirement.
Student Leadership Passport
Warren Central School in 2015 has introduced a Student Leadership Passport for all students in Years 5 and 11. This is to recognise and develop the leadership qualities demonstrated by the students during the year. An important aspect of the Leadership Passport is that students are required to participate in school and community activities demonstrating service to others. Emily Glover and Shauni Barclay of Year 11 have chosen to assist the Breakfast Club this year. They are arriving at school each day at 8:00am and helping Mrs Lomas and her wonderful band of helpers serve breakfast to students to ensure they get a good start to the day. Students need to successfully complete the passport to stand for school captains and prefects in both primary and secondary. The school and breakfast club congratulate both Emily and Shauni for their kind efforts.
K – 12 Bronze Assembly
This Wednesday 1 April we will be rewarding our students who have attained a Bronze award at our K – 12 Assembly in the J.B. Renshaw Hall starting at 2.00pm.

Principal Award
Principal Award recipients at our assembly last week were:

Hear Our Hearts Ear Bus
Last week Donna Rees and the Ear Bus project visited Warren Central School. The hearing testing was held on 26 March for our students. Every student received a permission note and checklist. These were to be completed and returned to the school so children could be assessed. This is a wonderful and very important program in which we have been fortunate enough to be involved.
Welcome Miss Arnold
Miss Arnold has been with 3/4 Neon for the past two weeks and will continue her professional experience for all of Term 2. 3/4 Neon are looking forward to being Respectful, Responsible Learners and continuing to produce quality work.

Easter Hat Parade
This Thursday 2 April K-6 will be holding their annual Easter hat parade. Please come along for a picnic lunch with your children. This will commence at 1:15pm in the primary playground. Students should start designing and making their Easter hats for the parade. This will follow the picnic lunch. Mrs Oriel and the school canteen are offering a special lunch order for the picnic lunch.

School Pick Up
Please remember to follow road rules outside the school when picking up students and be aware of the no standing and no stopping areas in the vicinity of the pedestrian crossing. Staff will hold children in the school grounds until you have parked safely and walked up to collect them. Once you have your child please move away from the area quickly to avoid congestion and confusion at the gate.

School Uniform
Thank you to all parents and students for looking extremely smart in their full school uniform. Please remember the uniform for K-6 girls is black watch tartan skirt or skort and for the boys grey shorts. On Fridays the sport uniform is green shorts for boys and green shorts/skirt/skort for girls.

Developing Correct Pencil Grip

Definition
Pencil grip is only one component of handwriting. Most children naturally develop a pencil grip that is comfortable for them. In any kinder or school class a variety of pencil grips will be seen. Acceptable pencil grips include those shown in Figure 1.

Encourage your child to hold her pencil in a way that allows her hand and fingers to move freely and easily when writing or drawing. General guidelines for a good pencil grip, as shown in figure 2, include:
- the pencil is held in a stable position between the thumb, index and middle fingers
- the ring and little fingers are bent and rest comfortably on the table
- the index finger and thumb form an open space
- the wrist is bent back slightly, and the forearm is resting on the table
- the pencil is held about 1-2 cm from the tip.

Figure 1: Acceptable pencil grips.

Figure 2: A good pencil grip.
Inter-schools Netball and Rugby Day
Last Friday 27 March Warren Central School hosted a netball and rugby league event between St Mary’s and Warren Central School. It was a fantastic day organised by Junior Rugby League, Country Rugby League and Netball NSW. Participants displayed excellent sportsmanship and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The day was a promotion of these two sports and an opportunity for students to attempt these sports in a fun environment. Students were given a sausage sizzle and a drink for participating. We would like to thank those agencies who organised this wonderful event.
State Swimming Carnival
On Wednesday 25 March Charlotte Scotson competed in the State Swimming Carnival at Homebush. Congratulations on this achievement Charlotte and your representation of our school and region was exemplary. Charlotte competed in the 50m breastroke and achieved a personal best time on the day. Well done Charlotte.
3/4 Neon
In 3/4 Neon students have been creating Wanted posters for the Enormous Crocodile. Students have thoroughly enjoyed reading this book and participating in associated activities this term. Here are some samples of their work.

Physical Description: Enormous, sharp teeth, green, nasty, scaly, mean, naughty and ugly.
Wanted For: Trying to eat fat, juicy children.
Last Seen: At the school playground.
Reward: $190 000 000
The Enormous Crocodile is very bad because he tries to eat children. That’s why he is wanted. The Enormous Crocodile MUST be found!! Lock your doors and keep your children safe! Move away if you think your children won’t be safe or if you don’t want to move away, lock your children in your room FOREVER!
By Lilly Higgins

Physical Description: Ugly, sharp teeth, fat, green, big and long, long tail and sharp claws.
Wanted For: Trying to eat little children.
Last Seen: In the playground.
Reward: $100
The Enormous Crocodile is trying to eat the little child.
The Enormous Crocodile is big and long. He is green with sharp, ugly teeth and a very long tail and sharp claws.
He is wanted for trying to eat little tiny children because he is very hungry and greedy.
He was last seen in the school playground.
A reward of $100 is for anyone who catches him.
By Sophie Cohen

Physical Description: He is green, enormous, has sharp teeth and he is very stupid.
Wanted For: Trying to eat children, entering school grounds, eating other animals.
Last Seen: School playground.
Reward: $3 000 000 and 12 buckets of ice cream.
One day the Enormous Crocodile was so hungry that he thought that he could eat some juicy, crunchy children. He didn’t want to eat the fish from the brownest, muddiest river in the world. When he got out of the jungle, he decided to do clever trick number one. He collected all the coconuts and some palm leaves and put them in a certain spot. But that didn’t work. So it was time to do clever trick number two. He got a big rock and pretended he was a see-saw. But that didn’t work. STOP the Enormous Crocodile and send him to justice!
By Ruby Smith

Physical Description: He has the sharpest teeth and has dark green scales.
Wanted For: Trying to eat children, entering school grounds.
Last Seen: School playground.
Reward: $1.32 million.
The big crocodile was leaving his swamp to go eat little children and eat animals.
His first trick was trying to be a coconut tree.
The second trick was he tried to be a see-saw at school.
So be careful! We are pretty sure he is going to do another trick. WARNING! Don’t get too close! Call us!
By Jacob Wilson

We hope everyone has a very relaxing and safe holiday break.

Students return to school on Tuesday 21 April.
Monday 20 April is a Staff Development Day.

Mrs Westgarth – Assistant Principal
Mrs Perry – Rel. Assistant Principal
The Western Plains Science and Engineering Challenge 2015
On 11 March, 2015 thirty two students travelled to Dubbo to compete in the Science and Engineering Challenge. The event was organised by the University of Newcastle and is a huge event that has been supported by the Rotary clubs of Wellington, Dubbo Macquarie, Dubbo South and Narromine.

The aim of the day-long competition is to provide students with positive experiences in science and engineering using their initiative and creativity.

Activities of building the Bridge, the Catapult, Mission to Mars and Eco-Habitech were whole day activities where students in their teams were given a whole day to do projects with limited materials in order to create the best designs. The other 4 activities were half day and students in these groups had to swap around at lunch time to complete two activities for the day. These included Future Power, Helter Skelter Shelter, Who Gets the Water and Virtual Maze. All the students approached the activities with great enthusiasm and a determined team effort.

The students showed great consistency in each of the activities to get the most cumulative points for their school. Overall we were placed 4th out of the eight schools in competition.

For more information, please visit the following website:
www.newcastle.edu.au/challenge/research
A LOCAL ECOSYSTEM STUDY

The study of a local ecosystem is an integral part of the Preliminary Biology outcomes and the benefits of such field trips play a significant role in taking learning from books in the classroom to extending them in life.

On March 4, Year 11 Biology students Shauni Barclay, Simone Donnelly, Emily Glover and Paula Gordon accompanied by Mr Chandra had the opportunity to visit the Turtle Rocks Ecosystem in Dubbo as part of their case study of a Local Ecosystem.

The excursion was organised in conjunction with the Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre who were able to make arrangements with the private land owners of Turtle Rock.

Our tour guide David drove us to the base of the mountain before we ascended on a steep walk to the top of a 195 million year old trachyte plug (a fancy word for the hardened magma part of a giant volcano).

On our way up to the top of the peak, students learnt how this area was part of the Wiradjuri tribe and how that the box gum grassy woodland provided for the survival of the local Thubbaga people.

David described some of the relationships between the organisms as well as the clever adaptations of plants and animals in order to survive in such a harsh environment. The students also had the opportunity to measure abiotic (non-living) factors such as temperature, wind speed and light intensity on their rugged track to the top of the mountain.

Although the climb was difficult with the heat and loose rocky boulders, one had to admire the bird’s eye view of the magnificent landscape that lay beneath us once we had reached the top.

Students now have a greater appreciation of the need to conserve and protect our environment from introduced animals and plants. We came to realise that the very thing that poses the most threat to eradicating vulnerable plant and animal species is none other than us - the humans.

Mr S. Chandra – Science Teacher
Young Life
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Mon 13th April: Condobolin
Gum Bend Lake

Tues 14th April: Nyngan
Riverside Tourist Park

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Each day will start at 10am & finish at 3pm.
Please find the rego table when you arrive to hand your indemnity form in.

Gum Bend Lake (Condobolin): Mon 13th April
Bogan River, Riverside Caravan Park (Nyngan): Tues 14th April

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Saturday 21st March 2015  
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Saturday 28th March 2015

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