Last week saw bookworms unite in what was a highly successful week at Warren Central School. A big thank you to Narelle Whittaker and Judy Ridley for all their work and organisation in bringing this event together. I would also like to thank Jo Noonan for the play “Little Red Rocking Hood” and to Phil Lehman and Ian Davis for the organisation of songs and music.

As you would have noticed, many teachers stepped up and got into the swing of things by dressing up for the day. There were lots of laughs and giggles from the students, however, what we try to promote here is a love and enjoyment of learning. These types of days allow us to showcase this to the community in how we provide a quality education to your children everyday here at Warren Central School.

I accepted the opportunity to read to primary students in the library last week. The book that I chose was “I need a Wee”. It was a very funny book and the kids seemed to really enjoy it. I would encourage all parents to read to your children on a daily basis as research shows that just by doing this, it greatly aids and accelerates your child’s learning.

Last week saw a mixture of K-6 students attend Calara House to provide entertainment for those that reside there. They all did an outstanding job representing their school and by bringing joy to the residents. The student’s smiles and the enthusiastic singing by some was great to see. To interact positively with the community and give something back where we can, is part of our ethos at Warren Central School. It was great to talk to some of the residents who were thrilled that our students do this on a monthly basis. A big thank you to Phil and Julie for organising the excursion to Calara House.

I attended my first P&C meeting as Principal on Monday 10 August. It was great to see a committed and enthusiastic parent body who take the time to engage in the direction of the school. I would encourage all parents to come along and see how the P&C operates and if you want to get further involved, there are always plenty of opportunities to do this. A strong P&C body that represents parents and the community is important to how our school functions. If you have the time, please come along and have a look at how it works.

NAPLAN data for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 was released on Monday to schools. We should be receiving your child’s individual results in the mail shortly. After having an initial look at the online data, it has been pleasing to see high student growth in many areas. We will be using this data as part of improving literacy and numeracy skills in the years to come. The school executive is currently analysing the data and we will be designing programs to be put in place in response to our findings.
On another note, I wish to raise the issue of safety around the school – especially in relation to parents dropping off their children and picking them up. In Chester St, there is a specific area for parents to “kiss and go” which is clearly marked by signs near the main front entrance to the school. You can drop your kids off here but no one is to park in this area between 8am – 9.30am and between 2.30pm – 4pm in the afternoon. Before this area, there is a No Stopping Zone which also includes a Pedestrian Crossing area for children outside the entrance to where Primary students enter and exit each day. I cannot stress how important it is for parents to abide by these signs for the safety and security for everyone at school. Additionally, I am requesting that parents drive very slowly and are aware of potential dangers to children to avoid any potential injuries or worse to students or staff. I would ask for all parents to fully cooperate with these safety regulations.

Finally, students in Year 12 are in the middle of their Trial HSC exams. They will all learn a lot about the HSC process, the demands and the expectations of what will confront them in their HSC exams in about 7 weeks. The explicit feedback they will all receive from their teachers will greatly help their performance and their preparation.

Mr Duncan Lovelock - Principal

Gobondery/NARRAF Athletics Carnival
On Wednesday 12 August selected students competed in the Gobondery/NARRAF Athletics Carnival at Barden Park Dubbo. Congratulations to the following students who competed;

Thank you to all the parents who came along and transported students and also a big thank you to the parents who volunteered to time-keep. Without you these events would not go ahead.

Congratulations to the following students who came first or second and who will now compete at the Western Region Athletics on 28 August at Barden Park.

Junior Boys Relay team: Zephyr Nielsen, Malaki Nelson, Harry Hammond and Calvin Nelson.
Lakkari-Lee Williams: Discus
Tsharlia Shepherd: 800m
Haylie Hammond: 800m

Tsharlia Shepherd broke a Gobondery/NARRAF record on the day for the 800m taking an amazing 5 seconds off the current record held from 2010.

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Ridley/Trudgett Netball Gala Day
On Thursday 20 August selected students from 3-6 will be competing in the Ridley/Trudgett Netball Gala Day at Victoria Oval Warren. Students have been training hard and will continue to train until the day. Please come along and cheer the girls on.

Senior Team
Lakkari-Lee Williams, Maya Barclay, Haylie Hammond, Chelsey Hewett, Sophie Hopkin, Mackenzie Pardy, Tsharlia Shepherd and Bobbie Toomey.

Junior Team

Backyard League
Last Tuesday 11 August students in Years 3-6 began the first of three sessions of Backyard League. The Backyard League program is run over three 45 minute sessions. The first session started with basic skills, advancing to some more difficult skills in week 2 and finishing with an in-school gala day in week 3. Students may receive a Mod Rugby League Ball at the end of the program. It is a free program and we are very fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in this program.
Gobondery/NARRAF Soccer Gala Day
On Friday 4 September selected students from years 3-6 will participate in the Gobondey/NARRAF Soccer Gala Day at Trangie. We are very fortunate this year to receive some funding to help subsidise the bus and therefore only a small fee will be charged to attend. Students will receive notes this week. Please help us by returning them as soon as possible with the money required.

Recycle, Recycle, Recycle

Help our School by recycling your oral care waste.
Every year in Australia, over 30 million toothbrushes and 80 million toothpaste tubes are thrown away. Our school is participating in the Colgate Oral Care Brigade, a unique recycling solution in partnership with Terracycle. Simply collect your used/empty oral care waste (any brand accepted), send it to school with your child and we’ll ship it to Terracycle to be recycled. You can provide a second life for the following acceptable items and their outer packaging (ie boxes).

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste tubes
- Toothpaste caps
- Floss containers

For each approved item received, our school will be awarded points which can be redeemed for funds for the school. Colgate will award $1,000 in local currency to the registered school from which they receive the largest total shipment of oral care waste in Australia before 1 November 2015.
Thank you for your participation.
To learn more go to [www.terracycle.com.au](http://www.terracycle.com.au)

K – 6 HAPPENINGS

Out of School Activities
We are seeking the assistance of all parents and caregivers with the return of permission notes. Every trip made by students out of school requires a signed permission note from the parent/caregiver. If possible we send these notes home with the student usually 2 weeks before the event.
Each form has a return by date and states that “No late permission notes and money will be accepted after the due date”.

From this term (Term 3) we will be upholding this rule. All permission notes MUST be returned by the due date otherwise the student will be removed from the team and if necessary the whole team will be removed if not enough notes are returned.

We are having great difficulty organising days, teams and transport due to non-return of permission notes by the due date.
Thank you for your assistance with this concern.

Calara House
On Tuesday 11 August selected students from Kindergarten performed a song at Calara House. A few selected students from year 3-6 also performed a dance. Thank you Mr Leman for organising this opportunity. We will be visiting Calara House the first Tuesday of each month with a different selection of students each time.
Premiers Spelling Challenge
Our finalists for the Premiers Spelling Challenge are:
Years 3/4 – Natalie Walters, Zephyr Nielsen
Years 5/6 - Charlotte Scotson, Logan Hewett

Congratulations to these students who will now compete at Dubbo West on Thursday 10 September 2015.

BOOK WEEK
Last Thursday 13 August our annual school Book Week assembly and parade were held. Mrs Whittaker and Mrs Ridley put a huge effort into organising this every year. Once again this year’s assembly was a wonderful showcase of our very talented students and the students all looked fantastic in their costumes. Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair and bought some of the beautiful books available.

Year 3 Maths
Students in Year 3 have been learning about symmetry. Miss Williams taught them how to make symmetrical patterns with shapes. Students had to work with a partner and use a ruler to make a pattern that is the same on both sides. They then drew the pattern onto graph paper. All the students really enjoyed doing this and worked cooperatively.

Mrs Westgarth – Assistant Principal
Mrs Perry – Rel. Assistant Principal
Hearing Bus Visit
The Hearing Bus returned to the Warren Central School on Tuesday 4 August. Fourteen students were tested, four of which require follow up which includes:

- a re-test in 3 months to monitor
- fluid in the middle ear and a visit to the GP
- further assessment at Australian Hearing in Dubbo

The Hearing Bus Team again commented on the high level of good ear health at our school as a result of the daily and persistent efforts of staff and parents in children’s nose blowing. They reported that Warren Central and Dubbo South PS are their best schools for nose blowing in the Hear our Heart bus route.

If you would like your child assessed by the Hearing Bus on their next visit, we have new referral forms which are to be completed by the classroom teacher and parents. Please see Mrs Brooker or your child’s classroom teacher for a form. The forms must highlight a concern for the Team to assess your child.

P & C News
Our first meeting for Term 3 was held on Monday 10 August with a pleasing attendance although it would be lovely to see some more parents, carers and community members turning up to share their ideas with us.

We welcomed our new principal Mr Duncan Lovelock and were pleased to hear him speak very highly of our wonderful school. Duncan put great emphasis on the fantastic resources we have at our school and our highly skilled teaching staff. He has some great plans for our school which we’re all eagerly looking forward to seeing put in place.

The P & C will be holding a No Bake Cake Stall in Term 4 so keep an eye out for envelopes which will be sent home in the near future.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 14 September 6.00 pm at the school library and we look forward to seeing some new faces. We promise we won’t put you to work straight away!

Mrs L. Barnett – Secretary
Exciting things happening in the TAS Department

Year 11 Primary Industries
Kaitlyn Ledger and Paula Gordon calculating the fence perimeter to determine the materials required to repair the existing fence around the vegetable garden.

Year 11 Primary Industries
Laine Stephens using the trundle wheel to make the initial measurements of the fence perimeter.

Year 11 Agriculture
Kaitlyn Ledger, Brooke Mitchell and Emily Graham checking the progress of their vegetable gardens.

Year 11 Agriculture
Kaitlyn Ledger, Brooke Mitchell and Emily Graham in the wheat crop.

Kaitlyn Ledger checking Laine’s measurements with a tape measure!
Year 11 Exploring Early Childhood (EEC)
Tiffany Williams and some of the kindergarten students, Emily Brown, Bindy Kilgour and Holly Fitzgerald.

The EEC students have been making regular visits to Kindergarten to observe the teaching and learning of Kindergarten. In class they have discussed positive behaviour and how it is best promoted to ensure that students are encouraged to always do their best. Thank you to Mrs Whiteley and Kindergarten for sharing your expertise and enthusiasm with the EEC class!

Tiffany Williams and Shania Park with the virtual babies. These are simulation babies which are programmable and are used to introduce the students to the reality of caring for a baby full time. They cry intermittently, register the amount of crying time as well as the number of incidents of neglect or mishandling. Tiffany managed to care for her baby for approximately 3 hours whilst Shania very bravely took her baby home for an overnight experience. Both girls agree that caring for a baby requires a huge amount of responsibility, patience and selflessness!

We have been very busy this term in the Trade Training Centre.

9/10 Food Technology - have been studying the new topic ‘Food Service and Catering’. Within this unit they are learning about the diverse range of menu types and the development of these menus. Practically they have cooked, Sushi, Spring rolls, Shepherd’s pie, Cheesy meatballs and spaghetti and Savoury muffins with milkshakes.
Senior and Adult Food Technology have welcomed three new students this term. All students’ culinary skills are developing steadily and they have been creating some amazing meals. Their favourites have included Creamy Garlic Chicken Crepes, Steamed Pork Buns and this week we are attempting Banoffee Pie.

11 Hospitality have welcomed an exchange student Josh (Johannes) from Norway, who is a delightful addition to our class. This term the students have been studying the ‘basic methods of cookery’ and French terminology associated with each method during their theory lessons. When they are in the Trade Training Centre they have the chance to practise what they have been studying. Lately they have cooked Baked Chicken en Papillote with Rice Pilaf and Poached Chicken with Cashew Nuts.

12 Hospitality are nearing the end of their course so they have been very busy studying for their Trial exams and tying up all loose ends. Lately, when they have had a break from their theory work they have cooked a delicious Roast Beef dinner with White Chocolate and Berry Cheesecake and Banana Bread with Passionfruit Butter. I wish them all the best for their exams.

Mr Greenslade’s classes displaying their talents in Visual Arts, Technology Mandatory, Photography and Ceramics.
Notes from the Music Room
The Primary Choir has been working very hard under the direction of Mr Davis and Mr Leman (who very generously donates his time and expertise), performing with distinction at the Education Week Assembly and, most recently, at the Book Week celebrations.

The Choir is keen to extend its repertoire, so keep your ears open for some exciting new projects.

Mr Davis is also working with 3/4 and 5/6 class groups, introducing the students to musical concepts and activities intended to broaden their background knowledge and provide a solid platform for Secondary music education.

The Secondary music ‘master class’ is developing into a creative and competent unit, the main aim being to have fun with music while developing individual and collaborative skills. After some preliminary experiences ‘searching for the groove’ the students have started working on a Sam Smith song, which is coming together very nicely.

Thank you Kayla, Savannah, Jane, Sunny, Courtney, Zoie, Hayden and Kayne. Sam deserves a special mention as equipment manager. Nothing works unless Sam has set it up and performed a safety check.

Mr Davis – Music Teacher

Assessment Notifications for Term 3 2016 Weeks 7 & 8

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SUBJECT SELECTION NIGHT
All students in Years 8, 9 and 10 and their parents/caregivers are invited to the 2016 Stage 5 and Stage 6 Subject Selection Night on Tuesday 25 August in the Professional Learning Studio from 7pm. Years 8 & 9 students need to select their electives for Stage 5 and Year 10 their pattern of study for Stage 6 Preliminary Course. Teachers will be available to discuss the subjects on offer. All selection forms will need to be completed by Friday 28 August and handed to Mrs Hamilton.

Please attend this very important night in determining what subjects your child will complete in 2016.

Mrs D Hamilton - Maths Head Teacher
A big thank you to our Yellow Band recipients for attending the Yellow Band morning tea on Wednesday. It was great to see over 80 students enjoy some time out with each other and a wonderful spread of food from the canteen. This reinforces that our PBL values of being Respectful, Responsible Learners is truly engrained with our students.