

Jumbunna



2025 • Issue 1 • Term 1



Welcome back

Welcome back to school! We are excited to see both familiar faces and new ones as we begin another year. To our new students, we extend a warm welcome and hope you feel at home in our school community.



On Friday 21 February, WCS students, along with Ms Taylor and Mrs Robertson, welcomed Dr. Mary Isklander, a paediatrician who will be offering consultations on a monthly basis at RFDS Warren Medical Centre .



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WHAT'S ON AT WCS WEEK 6 & 7

- 4 MARCH** P & C AGM Meeting 6.00pm at Warren Services Club
- 6 MARCH** WSSA CHS Swimming Carnival at Dubbo
- 7 MARCH** WSSA CHS Swimming Carnival at Dubbo Primary Assembly at 2pm
- 10 MARCH** CHS Lawn Bowls – Secondary
- 11 MARCH** Speech
- 12 MARCH** NAPLAN
NAPLAN is a literacy and numeracy assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 from Wednesday 12 March to Monday 24 March 2025.
- 13 MARCH** NAPLAN

P&C MEETING AGM
to be held at the RSL on the 4 March at 6.00pm, in the conference room.
All Welcome

Breakfast Club
At WCS Breakfast Club is opened each day from 8.00am. All students welcome.

ANY PARENT WHO WOULD LIKE THEIR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

CONTACT TANYA STORER THROUGH THE ST MARY'S OFFICE
PH:68474488

FIRST COMMUNION RECONCILIATION CONFIRMATION

Principal	Ms Taylor
Deputy Principal	Mrs Robertson (Relieving)
Head Teachers	Mrs Hamilton Mrs Steele (Relieving)
Assistant Principal	Miss Squires (Relieving) Mrs McCormack
Assistant Principal - Curriculum & Instruction	Mrs Noonan (Relieving)
Well Being	Mrs Kater

YEAR 11 FUNDRAISER EASTER RAFFLE

We're looking for donations of Easter eggs, chocolates and any old baskets you no longer need to help create raffle hampers.
It would be much appreciated if you could contribute. Donations at the office.

WARREN COMMUNITY TRIATHLON

EVENTS

- Mini - 9am
- Short Course - 9.20am
- Long Course - 9.45am

MARCH 30TH 2025
CHECK IN - 8-8.30AM

@ WARREN SWIMMING POOL

ENTRY FEE PER PERSON PER EVENT

\$10

NO REGISTRATIONS ON THE DAY

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0416052563
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OR FIND US ON FACEBOOK

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WARREN COMMUNITY TRIATHLON

REGISTRATION

- Mini - 9am - 100m swim, 2km cycle, 1km run (Individual event only)
- Short Course - 9.20am - 200m swim, 14km cycle, 3km run (Individual & Team event)
- Long Course - 9.45am - 400m swim, 21km cycle, 5km run (Individual & Team event)

NO REGISTRATIONS ON THE DAY
ENTRY FEE - \$10 PER PERSON PER EVENT

Complete both pages & sign page 2. Scan & email to warrenclub@yahoo.com & EFT fee to Warren Triathlon Club BSB 062617 A/C 1008 5286, surname as reference.
Registrations close COB Wednesday 26th March 2025

Individual entry
Event: MINI/SHORT/LONG COURSE (please circle) Name: _____
Address: _____ Mobile: _____ M/F: _____ DOB: _____

Team entry (Short and Long Course only)
Event: SHORT/LONG COURSE (please circle) Team name: _____
Swimmer: Name: _____ Mobile: _____
Address: _____ M/F: _____ DOB: _____
Cyclist: Name: _____ Mobile: _____
Address: _____ M/F: _____ DOB: _____
Runner: Name: _____ Mobile: _____
Address: _____ M/F: _____ DOB: _____

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REGISTRATIONS OPEN!!

REGISTER BY 28TH FEB TO RECEIVE AN EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT!!

WARREN & DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

Register now for the Bulldogs in 2025!

Age groups: 6s, 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s, 11s & 12s

**Please note that U6's are tag for the whole year and U7's move into tackle half way through the season

Registrations close 31st March 2025



40km/h school zones

40km/h school zones slow traffic on the roads around schools. This is to help protect children on their way to and from school at the times and places where they are often in high numbers. The lower speed limit reduces the risk and potential severity of a crash.

40km/h school zones operate between 8.00am and 9.30am and from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. There are a small number of non-standard school zone times in NSW. The designated school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.

40km/h school zones operate on all notified school days including staff development days (student-free days). While some schools may operate on different term dates, school zone speed limits must be followed during NSW Government determined school terms.

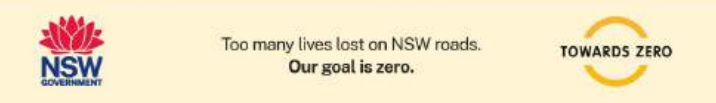
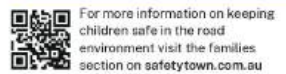
You can find the school term dates on the following websites:

- transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety
- education.nsw.gov.au

To increase motorists' awareness of 40km/h school zones, triangular 'dragon's teeth' road markings indicate that the vehicle is entering a school zone.

Fines and a loss of demerit points will apply if the designated school zone speed limit is not followed. For more information on fines and demerit points, visit transport.nsw.gov.au

Children learn safe road user habits from you and will continue them when they are old enough to travel alone.



ICPA & YOU

ICPA Aust advocates on members' behalf at a national level. Most States and the NT have their own State Councils which focus on issues relevant to that State.

Early Childhood

- Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) for 3-4 year olds accessing approved Distance Education early learning programs
- Funding for Mobile Early Childhood services
- More facilities and teacher incentives for early childhood education in rural & remote regions
- An In Home Care program which better supports rural & remote families

Primary & Secondary Students

- Increases to the Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) - Distance Education, Boarding and Second Home Allowances
- The inclusion of Primary Production in the Australian Curriculum
- Access to adequate services for students with specific education needs
- Fares allowance for student travel to access education
- Adequate internet connections and data requirements for all rural and remote students

Tertiary & Training

- Youth Allowance for Tertiary students and Australian Apprentices
- Increases to Commonwealth Living Away From Home Allowance for Australian Apprentices (LAFHA) and trainees
- Access to appropriate relocation assistance
- Working to ensure rural & remote students and young people can access a tertiary/career pathway of their choice



Become a Member of the Quambone and District Isolated Children's Parents Association (ICPA)

ICPA is a voluntary organisation that advocates for families living in rural communities geographically disadvantaged in accessing an education for children. Members include those from rural communities, small business, schools, national and state-based organisations, who support equity of access to education for geographically isolated kids.

Our local branch, Quambone and District ICPA, currently represents the communities of Quambone, Carinda, Marra Creek, Warren, Coonamble, Gulargambone, Tooraweenah and Baradine. We encourage you to sign up and become a member of the Quambone and District branch today.

Want to know more? <https://icpa.com.au/nsw>

Want to sign up? <https://icpa.com.au/nsw/membership>

Principal's Message



Dear parents, carers and community

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students, families, and staff members –Mrs Alex Dewson, Ms Anna Dawson, Mrs Airlie Bruce and Mr David Jenkins. We are thrilled to have you join our school community.

At Warren Central School, our commitment to student success remains a top priority. Our teachers will be setting high expectations in the classroom, emphasising explicit teaching. This approach involves clear instructions, structured lessons, and ongoing support to help every student reach their full potential.

Attendance plays a crucial role in student success. Every school day is important, and we encourage students to attend regularly and on time. If your child is unable to attend, please inform the school office within 7 days and provide an explanation. Ensuring punctuality by arriving on time each morning helps students start their day ready for learning.

I would like to remind everyone that our school uniform is compulsory. This includes wearing enclosed shoes for safety and minimal jewellery. Wearing the uniform with pride fosters a sense of belonging and school spirit.

We highly value open communication between parents, carers, and teachers. If you wish to speak with a teacher, please contact the office to arrange an appointment. This allows teachers to give you their full attention while maintaining a focus on student learning during class time.

I look forward to a fantastic year ahead, filled with learning, growth, and success. Let's make 2025 a great one!

Kind regards
Ms Taylor
Principal

Be an Attendance Hero...



Here Every day Ready On time

- Good attendance means our children will...
- Achieve well and be successful
 - Know the value of hard work and efforts
 - Be kind
 - Dream Big!
- Work hard. Be kind. Dream big**



Year 12, 2024 and their Amazing Achievements!

Congratulations to Zoey Daley, Shamika Kentwell, Gracie Leonard and Chevy Eldridge, proud Aboriginal students who successfully completed their HSC in 2024.

Shamika has successfully enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to teaching Early Childhood/Primary)/ Masters Teaching (EC/Primary) at Western Sydney University.

Zoey has been accepted into the University of Sydney and will also pursue Primary Teaching.

Gracie is about to sit a math screening test to gain entry into Enrolled Nursing at the Dubbo campus of TAFENSW.

Chevy is pursuing a welding apprenticeship. We wish them all the best!

YOUNG CITIZEN AND YOUNG ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR

Young Citizen and Young Achiever of the Year A big congratulations also to Gracie and Zoey for being awarded Young Citizen and Young Achiever of the Year (with Duncan Harrison:) respectively at Warren Shire Council's Australia Day Awards 2025!!



YOUNG CITIZEN AND YOUNG ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR

Zoey has also been awarded the inaugural Young Language Champion of NSW by the NSW Aboriginal Languages Trust! There were over 50 nominees aged between 18 and 30 and Zoey shone above them all as a true trailblazer in the community of Warren to reawaken our Wayilwan language.

We are so proud of all these students and their achievements - well done!

A BIG Thank you goes to Education and Training Out West and Warraan Widji Arts for partnering with us at Warren Central School so that our students can achieve their dreams!

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with the AL&EC team - we are here to support your child!!

Mr Mackay, Ms Oates and Mrs Irving



Aboriginal Learning and Engagement Centre (AL&EC) NEWS



WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU

All students and parents/carers in 7-12, please contact Mr Mackay or Mrs Irving if you need any additional support for your Secondary school journey!!

If you are a parent or carer of a K-6 student and need additional support, please contact Ms Oates or Mrs Irving. We are here to help!

WAYILWAN LANGUAGE 2025

We are excited to be delivering Wayilwan language in both the Primary and Secondary schools this year!!

Ms Oates, supported by Mr Mackay, Mrs Irving and Warraan Widji Arts, will be delivering Wayilwan language experiences for K-6.

Wayilwan language is the mandatory LOTE language for Year 7 2025. Mr Mackay and Mrs Irving will be teaching Wayilwan language to year 7 with Mrs Harrison supporting. Warraan Widji Arts will be providing additional Language learning experiences.

Year 7 have had a wonderful start! We are very proud of them. They are learning Wayilwan quickly!

Wayilwan language has been classified as a critically endangered language by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). All K-6 students and Year 7 are active contributors to the reawakening of Wayilwan language and preservation of Wayilwan cultural heritage!!

- ### WELCOME
- ✓ We welcome our Kinder students to the Community Room (Ms Oates' room) in 2025!
 - ✓ We welcome our Year 7 students to the Secondary AL&EC (Our Place room) in 2025!
 - ✓ We welcome all new students too!



Swimming Carnival



Swimming Carnival

Students from years 2-12 came together on Friday, 14 February, for a fantastic day of competition and camaraderie at the annual Swimming Carnival. Students in year 1 and 2 enjoyed a variety of activities in the baby pool.

A special mention goes to George Denston for breaking records in the 11 years boys 50m Breastroke and 50m Backstroke and Hayley O'Hara for breaking the record in 11 years girls 50m Butterfly. Also, to Bindi Kilgour and Emmy Scotson for their generosity and leadership in assisting the younger primary students with their races.

After a series of thrilling races and close finishes, it was Mitchell House that emerged victorious, claiming the title of champions for the day.

Congratulations to all participants for making the Swimming Carnival a resounding success. With such a positive start to the year, we look forward to many more exciting sporting events in 2025. Secondary students will compete on the 6th of March and Primary students on the 7th of March at the Western Swimming Trials in Dubbo. We wish them the best of luck!

Mrs R Hamilton
Sports Coordinator



Results

1st	Mitchell	1252
2nd	Macquarie	801
3rd	Oxley	791
4th	Sturt	310

Broken Records



Hayley and George

Hayley O'Hara - 11yrs 50m Butterfly
George Denston - 11yrs 50m breaststroke and 11yrs 50m backstroke

Learning in the classroom



SECONDARY NEWS

Welcome back!
 We are excited to welcome Mr Jenkins, who will be teaching Science, Agriculture, and Primary Industries. Congratulations to Mr Jenkins on the arrival of a new baby girl.
 Congratulations to Shamika, Zoey, and Duncan as they head off to university! A special congratulations to Shamika for receiving the AFF scholarship. We wish you all the very best.
 Welcome to Year 7 as you transition to secondary school; we hope you enjoy the experience of learning in various classrooms.
 Please note that NAPLAN will take place from 12 March for Year 7 and Year 9, ending on 24 March 2025.
 Mrs Hamilton|Head Teacher



Mr Jenkins



Year 7



Secondary Age Champions

- 13 Years girls
Breanna Boyd Mitchell
- 14 Years girls
Emmy Scotson Macquarie
- 15 Years girls
Isobel White Macquarie
- 16 Years girls
Bindi Kilgour Mitchell
- 13 Years boys
Brody Darlington Oxley
- 14 Years boys
Ben Oriel Macquarie
- 15 Years boys
Ben Brown Oxley
- 16 Years boys
Angus Appleyard Mitchell
- 17 Years boys
Joey Walker Mitchell

House Champions

- Girls:** Breanna Boyd Mitchell
Emmy Scotson Macquarie
Amielia Sayers Sturt
- Boys:** Joey Walker Mitchell
Ben Brown Oxley
Ben Oriel Macquarie
Darby Brien Sturt



Fastest 50m Freestyle

- Derek Cole Darby Brien
- Wendy Haywood Breanna Boyd



Primary Champions

Junior

- Girl - Phoebe Counsell
- Boy - Jock McCormack



Tllys

- Girl - Hayley O'Hara
- Boy - George Denston

Senior

- Girl - Savannah Callaghan
- Boy - Harlem Ward



Best Dressed

Issobel White, Tiffany Conrads, Harry Taylor and Mason Hall



House Captains

Congratulations to the following students who were elected Primary and Secondary house captain and vice captain for 2025:



Sturt: Lucy, Rhani, Spiranza and Billie



Mitchell: Harlem, Bindi, Harry and Jack



Macquarie: Hannah, Chloe, Hayley and Hamish



Oxley: George, Hugh, Ben and Braith



LIBRARY MATTERS



Mrs Whittaker, Ms Azar and Mrs Noonan

It is wonderful to see so many students using the library already this year. The library is open to students Monday-Thursday at lunchtimes and throughout the day to teachers and their classes. It will also be open on Fridays with Ms Azar holding the fort. Mrs Whittaker and Mrs Noonan will be sharing the Teacher Librarian role this year. Ms Azar will continue in her role as library school administration officer. We welcome Mrs Noonan who is looking forward to this new experience. Mrs Whittaker will be working on Monday-Tuesday and Mrs Noonan on Wednesday - Thursday.

Students in K-2 require a library bag and students in 3-6 are encouraged to have a library bag as well for protection of our amazing library books. Please encourage your children to borrow regularly from the library as reading for pleasure significantly benefits children's learning across all areas.

Book Club

Keep an eye out for the Scholastic Book Club brochures which will come home once a month. There are always amazing bargains and beautiful resources to purchase. Our school library benefits from purchases made by families.

If you have any questions pertaining to our library, please don't hesitate to contact our library staff or call in.

Mrs Whittaker

LIBRARY CLASSES FOR THIS YEAR WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- Monday - Year 1 Comets and 3/4 Neptunes.
- Tuesday - Year 1/2 Lasers and 3/4 Protons
- Wednesday - 5/6 Matter
- Thursday - Kindergarten Stars and 5/6 Supernovas



Kindergarten Stars



The first day of Kindergarten was special for students, families, and staff, highlighted by all the smiles in the classroom.

PRIMARY NEWS



Welcome to 2025

Welcome to all our families for 2025. This school year is shaping up to be another busy one, with excursions, sport and learning.

START AND SUPERVISION

A reminder that students in K-6 should not be arriving at school before 8:25am, this is when teacher supervision starts. Students that arrive before this time must sit quietly and wait before play. Classes begin at 8:55am.

CLASS STRUCTURE

We are very fortunate to have such skilled and dedicated staff across the school. In 2025 we will have seven classes in the primary area.

- Kindergarten Stars - Miss Blewer
 - Year 1 Comets - Mrs Storer
 - Year 1/2 Lasers - Mrs Laws
 - Year 3/4 Protons - Mrs Bruce
 - Year 3/4 Neptunes - Mrs McCormack
 - Year 5/6 Supernovas - Miss Vincent
 - Year 5/6 Matters - Miss Squires.
- We also have very talented Learning Support Officers in each class.



School swimming carnival

Our students had a fabulous day at the carnival on 14 February, showcasing their swimming abilities. Students who qualified to attend the Gobondery/NARRAF carnival attended that carnival on 21 February. From that carnival we had Hayden Darlington, George Robinson, Braxton Boyd, Chloe Jenkins, Jock McCormack, Adam Oriel, George Denston, Hannah & Hayley O'Hara, Savannah Callaghan, Hugh McCormack and Harlem Ward gain selection to compete at the Western region PSSA carnival on Friday 7 March. We wish them all the best at this upcoming event.

And the Winner is...



The WCS Gobondery/Narrarf swimming team have brought back the trophy.

GOBONDERY/NARRAF SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Warren Central School were very successful at the Gobondery/NARRAF carnival achieving the following results:
 Junior Boy Champion – Jock McCormack
 Junior Boy Runner-up – Braxton Boyd
 11yrs Boy Champion – George Denston
 11yrs Girl Champion – Hayley O'Hara
 11yrs Girl Runner-up – Hannah O'Hara
 Senior Boy Champion – Harlem Ward
 George Denston broke the 50m Backstroke record.
 Warren also won the champion school for the carnival. We have not won this trophy since 2011. Congratulations to our swimmers for putting in their best efforts!

NAPLAN

Students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit the NAPLAN assessment each year. The schedule for 2025 will be sent home to relevant parents shortly. Please ensure your child is at school, well rested and having had a filling breakfast during the weeks that NAPLAN is held.

WESTERN PLAINS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Students in Years 5 and 6 will travel to Dubbo for the Western Plains science and engineering challenge on Friday 28 March. Please keep an eye out for the permission note and return with payment promptly.

Sports during Term 1

Term 1 is a very busy time for sporting events. At this stage, we will have the Rugby Union trials, Rugby League trials Netball trials. To attend these trials, participants must play in a community run competition and have all their own equipment. Gobondery/NARRAF cricket gala day, Richardson/Peachy shield, NSW netball schools cup, and the PSSA swimming carnival will also be held this term. Please keep an eye out for permission notes as they need to be returned promptly. Some events have a limited number of places.

CANTEEN

Students in K-6 will be able to visit the school canteen on Wednesdays at lunch. They will be able to purchase ice blocks, chips, drinks and snack items. Lunch and recess orders should continue as usual using the Spriggy app or by sending in cash in a lunch bag.

ATTENDANCE

At WCS we recognise and celebrate regular school attendance. However, we also realise that children sometimes can't come to school due to illness or other reasons beyond their control. If your child is absent, please send a note or phone the school to provide the reason so your child does not have an unexplained absence on their records.

If your child is sick, they should be kept at home to try and reduce the spread of illness in the community and school.

Primary Classes



3/4 Protons

We're thrilled to welcome Mrs Bruce back and extend a warm welcome to Mrs Dewson at WCS!



Year 1 Comets



1/2 Lasers



5/6 Supernovas



5/6 Matters