

## Principal's Notes

## Values

Mendooran Central School, as a Department of Education and Training school, is underpinned by a set of core values. These values represent the aspirations and beliefs of the Australian community as a whole, including its concern for equity, excellence and the promotion of a caring, civil and just society. Our nine core values are:

- Integrity
- Excellence
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Cooperation
- Participation
- Care
- Fairness
- Democracy

I believe that these are not only fine values for a school to display, but also those of a reputable person, who is sound in character and able to make a positive contribution to their community - the type of character we strive to develop in our students.
As with every era of education and society, we have our own new and unique challenges. Modern communication and social networking sites are some of our challenges. They are not wrong or bad; in fact I believe and advocate that they should be embraced. The challenges arising with these new technologies surround the issue of what is socially acceptable in the way that we utilise and interact with them. One of the major traps of social forums such as Facebook is that people think that just because they are not actually facing the person that they are talking to or about, they can lower their standard and not be held accountable for what is said or implied. Unfortunately, once items are put out to the public on the internet, they are there for the whole world to see and judge. One should never underestimate

Next P\&C MEETING
Wednesday
11th August 2010
3:00 pm

## CALENDAR

## WEEK 2

WED 28.7.10
Active After School Sports

FRI 30.6. 10
*Jump Rope For Heart
*Coonamble School Horse Sports

WEEK 3 Education Week Tue 3.8.10 ICAS English

WED 4.8.10
*Education Week Open Day
*Active After
School Sports the profoundly positive, or indeed negative, effect their words can have on a situation.
As a school and as families we need to ensure that we constantly set a positive example to our children/students. Whatever the situation, if we want our school, our town or our society to reflect the above values, we need to ensure that our individual actions replicate the above values.

## Avoid Danger When Using Heaters This Winter

We have been contacted and asked to pass on the following message regarding the safe use of heaters. The Children's Hospital at Westmead recommends these top tips to help your children avoid burns, falls and electrocution:

- Make sure your heater meets Australian standards
- Use a guard
- Keep your heater on a level floor surface
- Ensure your heater isn't blocking any exits or high traffic areas
- Do not dry clothing items by placing them over an electric heater
- Ensure you install and maintain at least one smoke detector on each floor of your home.

More information at:
www.chw.edu.au/parents/kidshealth/safety_factsheets/pdf/heaters_and_fireplaces.pdf

## Michael Spora (Principal)

Merit Awards
K/1: Ella Hartley
Sam Bennetts
2/3/4: Marcus Lau
Annabel Finemore
4/5/6: Shanoa Hartley
Emma Bennetts

Class Award Ribbons
K/1: Noah Harris
2/3/4: Jordan Mitchell
4/5/6: Kerrie Ward

## PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS

## KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 NEWS

This week students will be looking at Natural and Built Environments. They will be sorting and categorising different environments and looking at our local environment to see natural and built environments. In writing students will be reading and writing poetry.
 Students are focusing on counting forwards and backwards in maths.

## YEAR 2/3/4 NEWS

The students have settled back into school very well. We welcome Marcus Lau who has joined us for six weeks. Marcus comes from Hong Kong, China, so it will be
 great to explore the different roles that groups, such as family, special interest and community groups, have in our lives.
Our COGs unit for this term is on "Our Families" where we hope to better understand others by understanding what is similar and unique about our families and groups to which we belong.
In Maths we have been counting forwards and backwards by tens or hundreds on and off the decade. This assists in using mental calculations to solve addition and subtraction tasks. The students might teach you the game of "Make 100" at home. All you need is pencils, paper and dice.
Thank you to all parents who have enabled students to start Term 3 with their own set of equipment such as coloured pencils, lead pencils, a ruler, a rubber and a glue stick. They are very excited to have their own set. It is anticipated that it will help give them some responsibility in managing their own equipment and allow them to be ready to commence tasks quickly each day. Year 4 only are allowed to use pens - black or blue for writing and red for ruling lines and margins.
Homework commenced last week, however Conduct Cards will be sent home this week.

## YEAR 4/5/6 NEWS

This week we will be starting our new Literacy and Numeracy initiative to support Years 2, 3 and 4 in these areas. Our first lesson will be tomorrow in period 2 when we will be testing the children to create benchmarks so we can gauge the progress of the students as we progress through the term.


In class, Year 4 will be revisiting nouns of different types and consolidating our understanding of these. Years 5 and 6 will be revising verbs and doing activities putting the correct form of the verb to match the subject.
In our HSIE/COGS Unit we have already touched on some of the things that help to create our unique Australian Identity, including our democratic system of government.
In Maths, Year 4 will be practising expanded notation, Year 5 will be rounding off to hundreds and thousands and Year 6 will be reading and writing decimals.

G Davis

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 26.7.10:
Tue 27.7.10:
Wed 28.7.10:
Thur 29.7.10:
Fri 30.7.10:

B Williams
A Leven
K Latham
M Ward/J Smith
J Rushton


Mon 2.8.10:
K Bennetts
Tue 3.8.10: M Eyles R Thomson
K Hyde
B Drew

## PRIMARY/SECONDARY PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Will be held on Tuesday, 10 August 2010 from 3:30pm until 5pm in the new BER building.
Primary and Secondary teachers will be available to speak to parents. Please telephone the school office on 68861149 to schedule an appointment.


## GET ON THE FAST LANE TO SUCCESS!

This week, as part of our National Partnerships project, the LANE program (Literacy and Numeracy Extension) begins in Years 2/3/4. What does this mean?
As always, our main focus at MCS is to improve the literacy and numeracy skills of our students. We have listened to parents who are happy with the Reading Recovery program for literacy and the Middle Years lessons in Secondary, who feel our children in 2/3/4 classes
 should receive an extra boost if required or extension work if required. Therefore, children in Years 2/3/4 will be tested tomorrow and Thursday and divided by ability into one literacy group and one numeracy group.
From next week, Miss Miles and Mrs Davis will team teach numeracy twice a week (once a week to each of the two groups) and Mrs Young and Mrs Peter will, together, teach the literacy component. The classes will have access to SMART boards and focused around our NAPLAN data - targeting where we need to improve. The two groups of students will therefore, receive an extra numeracy lesson and an extra literacy lesson each week BUT taught in a different manner to try and improve and extend results. If you like, imagine it as a mini Middle Years program but for our younger individuals.
I am available to discuss these extra classes and so is Mrs Peter. Students will be tested again at the end of term to measure growth.

## WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION

This year's Whole School excursion is a BIG CITY EXPERIENCE travelling to spectacular Sydney! The trip is for one week, from Monday $6^{\text {th }}$ September through to Friday $11^{\text {th }}$ September. This year the excursion is open to students from Years 4 through to 12 , a maximum of 50 students can attend. The group will be staying in the brand new Sydney Harbour YHA, with a whole floor dedicated to accommodating our staff and students for the week. Major attractions we will be seeing include:

City Lights Bus Tour
Ferry ride and Taronga zoo
Bondi Beach Lifesaver Tour
Shopping in the CBD
Night visit to Sydney Observatory

Sydney Harbour Cruise
Darling Harbour
Power House Museum
Maritime Museum
Sydney Tower


Costs will be $\$ 290$ per student which has been heavily subsidised by Mendooran Central School. B Bearman

## SECONDARY NEWS

## SECONDARY GENERAL

The students have made a conscientious start to the term. Middle Years will this term be focussing on Comprehension in Literacy and Measurement in Numeracy. Year 12
 should be busily revising work for their Trial HSC in Week 4, beginning Monday, August $9^{\text {th }}$. Beau and Blake are working to complete their practical projects and portfolios for Design and Technology. Beau has almost completed a video production for his distance education course. We are extremely excited about the number of students who qualified to represent our Zone at the Regional Athletics Carnival in Tamworth.
The results of our annual anti bullying survey has demonstrated that students are generally happy at Mendooran Central School and feel comfortable in reporting problems they may encounter. We also welcome communication with parents.

J Waters

## COONAMBLE HORSE SPORTS

Coonamble High School Horse Sports will be on Friday, 30th July entries close 26th July. Good luck to Kerrie and Brad Ward who will be attending this event.

D McCormack


## UNIFORM PRICE RISE from Monday, 26 July, 2010

Please be advised that, due to price rises from our suppliers, we have put the purchase price for Sloppy Joes and Polo Shirts up by $\$ 2.00$ per garment. New prices are listed on the Uniform Supplies sheet in this newsletter. The school endeavours to keep costs down for parents and uniforms are passed onto parents at cost price.

Mendooran Central School Uniform Supplies @ 26.7.2010

CLOTHING
BLACK SLOPPY JOES
(with school crest) Large (Size 16y, 16, 18, 20)........................... \$16.00
T-SHIRTS (with school crest) ............................................................ \$9.90
TRACKPANTS (microfibre) Small (Size 12,14).......................... $\$ 18.00$
(for upper primary/secondary) Large (Size 16, 18, 20)........................ \$20.00
TRACK PANTS (fleecy) (infants K-4) (Size 6, 8 and 10).................. $\$ 11.00$
POLO SHIRTS (grey or white) Small (Size 6, 8, 10, 12, 14).................. $\$ 12.00$
(with school crest) Large (Size 16y, 16, 18)...................... \$14.00
SPRAY JACKETS (black and white/school crest)................................... $\$ 55.00$
HATS
Caps (Black with school emblem) $\quad \$ 5.00$
Bucket Hats (Black: Size 53, 55, 57, 59 \& 61cm).................................. $\$ 7.50$
EQUIPMENT
Calculators (Scientific)............................................................................. \$21.00
Library Bags (range of colours)................................................................... $\$ 3.50$
Sunglasses (black)....................................................................... $\$ 9.90$
Student Pen/Pencil Sets (eraser, sharpener, blue/black/red pens \& 2 pencils) \$4.00
Pencil Cases (Tartan)............................................................................ $\$ 1.50$
Mendooran Central School has purchased black jumpers, tracksuit pants and polo shirts to help parents buy locally for your convenience. Prices have been kept down as much as possible and the School has passed on the savings by buying in bulk. The school crest has been included on jumpers and shirts to make our students look great in their uniforms.
Please contact the school office in advance if possible if you would like to purchase uniforms.
The correct money is a huge help to the office staff.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

## MENDOORAN PONY CLUB NEWS

Last weekend after, being cancelled twice, the Zone 4 Dressage and Showjumping Championships were finally held at Dubbo Pony Club grounds. Bligh did very well in the Dressage on Saturday and on Sunday we had 7 riders jumping - we missed Laura who is studying hard. It was great to see Kerrie competing on Lad for the first time and she did so well ending the day with the Reserve Champion ribbon. Brad jumped some HUGE jumps in the Championship Grade but unfortunately had to retire after Bob knocked himself badly on one of the jumps. It was Sam's first day of jumping B Grade and she did really well and ended up with Reserve Champion. We all had a great but very late day. Mendooran as always did incredibly well.
This Friday Coonamble Horse Sports are on followed by their Gymkhana over the weekend - I still have not received a program for this- good luck to all who attend this fun weekend. We also have Kathryn, Bligh, Brad, Rach, Sam and Belle attending the Denman Pony Club One Day Event next Sunday. Good Luck .
We have a Meeting to be held at the Health Centre next Tuesday of next week.


## MENDOORAN PRESCHOOL NEWS

Don't forget the photo day at the Preschool on Sunday, 15th August 2010 from 10am to 2pm. All entries can be delivered to the Preschool by 3 pm Tuesday, 10th August 2010. Entry fee is $\$ 1$ per photo. Entry forms are available from the school office.

L Monk

THANK YOU TO THESE BUSINESSES AND LOCAL PEOPLE WHO HAVE
ALREADY AGREED TO SPONSOR THE FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT

Bush Café \& Restaurant
Mendooran Butchery
Mendooran Bowling Club
Mendooran Rural Hardware
Mendooran Memorial Club
Amanda and Rhonda Hupp
Central Motors
Australia Post Mendooran
Mendooran Newsagency
Avon
Royal Hotel
Mill-a-Bill
Bob Hobbs
Kate's Kuts
Warrumbungle Shire Council
Coona Foods
AQHA
Dunedoo Pharmacy


Harris Scarf
Kings Hall Jewellers
Myer
Lawler's Max Value Chemist
Dubbo Culinary \& Homewares
Café 33
Orana Mall Pharmacy
Reward Distributors
BBQ Galore
Toyworld
Lowes
Golden West Holden
Book Connection
Bunnings Warehouse

Dubbo Printing Works
Bakers Delight
Dominoes Pizza
Taronga Western Plains Zoo
Music Matters
Reece plumbing
KC Print
Officeworks
Homeart
Hendersons Menswear
Woolworths Riverdale


B \& B Lighting
Lenard's
Forty Winks
Bluegum
Chemist Outlet
Eagle Boys Pizza
Dubbo Bait and Tackle
Furneys
Carpet Choice
Dubbo City Council
Big On Style
Frank Cross Tyres
Commonwealth Bank
Hing Wah Chinese Café
Whitneys
Sarah Jane Fine Foods
Bob Jane
Metroll
Free Choice Tobacconist
Good Guys
Astleys
Dubbo Powerhouse
Sportsman's Warehouse
Dubbo City Toyota
Lakeside Rendering \& Painting Services
Village Hot Bake
Blowes' Trousers
Reading Cinemas
Spotlight
Dubbo Autobarn
Dick Smith


| CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS ROSTER 2010 - T |  |  |  | TERM 3 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Canteen Manager: Bronwyn Drew 68861580 |  |
| WEEK | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| 1 | 20.07.10 2 | 21.07.10 | 22.07.10 | 23.07.10 | 24.07.10 |
|  | Pupil Free | B Drew | L Monk/K Skinner | S Bracken | S Sladden |
| 2 | 26.07.10 27. | 27.07.10 28 | 28.07.10 | 29.07.10 | 30.07.10 |
|  | B Williams | A Leven | K Latham | M Ward/ J Smith | J Rushton |
| 3 | 2.08.10 | 3.08.10 | 4.08.10 | 5.08.10 | 6.08.10 |
|  | K Bennetts | M Eyles | R Thomson | K Hyde | B Drew |
| 4 | 9.08.10 10. | 10.08.10 | 11.08.10 | 12.08 .10 | 13.08 .10 |
|  | B Collins/T Swan | B Drew | L Monk/K Skinner | B Hobbs | S Sladden |
| 5 | 16.08.10 | 17.08.10 | 18.08.10 | 19.08.10 | 20.08.10 |
|  | K Knight | A Leven | K Latham | S Bracken | B Hobbs |
| 6 | 23.08.10 2 | 24.08.10 | 25.08.10 | 26.08.10 | 27.08.10 |
|  | B Williams | M Eyles | R Thomson | M Ward/ J Smith | J Rushton |
| 7 | 30.08.10 31. | 31.08.10 | 1.09.10 | 2.09.10 | 3.09.10 |
|  | K Bennetts | B Drew | L Monk/K Skinner | K Hyde | B Hobbs |
| 8 | 6.09.10 7.0 | 7.09.10 8 | 8.09.10 | 9.09.10 | 10.09.10 |
|  | B Collins/T Swan | A Leven | K Latham | B Hobbs | S Sladden |
| 9 | 13.009.10 14, | 14.09.10 | 15.09.10 | 16.09.10 | 17.09 .10 |
|  | K Knight | M Eyles | R Thomson | S Bracken | J Rushton |
| 10 | 20.09.10 | 21.09.10 | 22.09.10 | 23.09.10 | 24.09.10 |
|  | B Williams | B Hobbs | L Monk/K Skinner | M Ward/ J Smith | h B Drew |
| CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS STILL REQUIRED PLEASE CONTACT THE MANAGER ON 68861580 Training provided |  |  |  |  |  |

## SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS \& ELECTIVE FEES- 2010

$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Infants/Primary Contributions: } & \mathbf{\$ 2 5 . 0 0} \text { per child } \\ \text { Secondary Contributions: } & \mathbf{\$ 5 0 . 0 0} \text { per child } \\ \text { FAMILY MAXIUMUM: } & \mathbf{\$ 8 0 . 0 0} \text { (not including electives) }\end{array}$
Both Voluntary contributions and Elective fees may be paid by instalment. ELECTIVES COST
Year 7/8 Electives: Technology Mandatory $\quad \$ 20.00$ (enables students to take work home)
Year 9/10 Electives: Industrial Technology $\$ 40.00$ first project ( $\$ 30$ per project thereafter)
Food Technology
$\$ 15.00$ per term ( $\$ 60.00$ per year)
Design \& Tech (Textiles) \$20.00
Art
\$25.00
Agriculture $\quad \$ 10.00$
Year 11/12 Electives Primary Industries $\$ 20.00$
Hospitality $\quad \$ 15.00$ per term (\$60.00 per year)
D\&T Mixed Media \$20.00
Please tear off the following section and fill in details accordingly to the number of students you have attending Mendooran Central School to calculate the amount owing

FAMILY NAME: $\qquad$

| No. Infants/Primary |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Students |$\square$| No. Secondary |
| :--- |
| Students |$\quad \square$

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { TOTAL } \quad \$ \\
& \text { SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS } \\
& \text { (Maximum \$80.00) }
\end{aligned}
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## SECONDARY ELECTIVE FEES

| Year 7/8 Electives: | Technology Mandatory | \$20.00 | \$. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year 9/10 Electives: | Industrial Technology | \$40.00 |  |
|  | Food Technology | \$60.00 |  |
|  | Design \& Tech (Textiles) | \$20.00 |  |
|  | Art | \$25.00 |  |
|  | Agriculture | \$10.00 |  |
| Year 11/12 Electives | Primary Industries | \$20.00 | \$. |
|  | Hospitality | \$60.00 | \$. |
|  | D\&T Mixed Media | \$20.00 |  |

## TOTAL ELECTIVE FEES

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$\qquad$
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE \$ $\qquad$ THIS MONEY PURCHASES VALUABLE RESOURCES FOR THE SCHOOL

