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14TH NOVEMBER 2011

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY



Last Friday at 10.30am the school assembled under the COLA with members of the Mendooran/Merrygoen Memorial Club, the RSL Sub-branch, Honoured Guests and community members to commemorate those who made the ultimate sacrifice in war.

We were reminded by Reverend Robert



Bowman of the many privileges we enjoy because of the sacrifices these people have made. He spoke of the meaning behind the poppies worn on Remembrance Day and the significance of the playing of the Last Post, the minute's silence and then Reveille.



Lincoln Goldspink made a moving speech explaining the origins and traditions of Remembrance Day. Kerrie Ward and Levi Goldspink delivered a short Bible reading.

Afterwards all the guests enjoyed a morning tea in the Staff Room – waited on by School Captains and SRC Members. A huge thank you to Grace Leask who did an excellent job as MC and ensured the ceremony flowed smoothly.

Thank you also to the Cadets who formed the Catafalque Party, the flag raiser and Lt. Colonel Max Neal who co-ordinated the Cadets.



Principal

Michael Spora

HTSS

Julie Waters

Assistant Principal

Lynda Peter

Captain Secondary

Andrew Mulligan

Vice Caps Secondary

Grace Leask

Lincoln Goldspink

Captains Primary

Kerrie Ward

Levi Goldspink

Vice Caps Primary

Rebecca Sciberras

Hugh Finemore

Principal's Notes

Farewell Year 12

Last week, Year 12 students finished up their HSC exams with the completion of the Design & Technology and Hospitality exams. This is a momentous occasion for these students and I share in a small way the relief and satisfaction that two solid years of studies has successfully come to end. I would like to congratulate all students for the way in which they have conducted and handled themselves in the lead up and throughout the exams. Congratulations and thanks also must go to the families at home for the support given to these students. Whilst I am sure that while you too share in these student's relief, we acknowledge the support given over the past few months and the guidance for the past 18 years. As we meet this Wednesday for the Year 12 Graduation, we will be saying goodbye and congratulations to five students who have come of age and are ready to make a real and positive contribution to society. Well done Year 12, we are proud of you all!

Parent information session on Cyber Safety.

This Friday 18th November, we will be hosting Marty Paice, our Police Youth Liaison officer. Marty is visiting Mendooran Central School to speak to parents about the possible dangers of youth on the internet. Aspects such as cyber bullying, identity theft, predatory and grooming behaviour and the full story of Facebook will be some of the topics covered, with the focus being educating parents of the dangers and how to keep your children safe. The importance of this topic cannot be underestimated and I believe should be front and centre of any parents raising a child, adolescent or young adult today. I hope that every household in the school is able to send at least one parent or carer, if you have a friend or community member who wishes to attend, they are most welcome.

The parent presentation will be held at 9:30am at the school followed by morning tea. Students will be given their own sessions later on in the day. I strongly encourage all to attend – this is one aspect of parenting that an educated and proactive approach is required.

Remembrance Day ceremony

Thank you to the parents, ministers and especially the ex-servicemen and cadets who attended our Remembrance Day ceremony last Friday. Your attendance helps make such an occasion a meaningful event and we greatly appreciate your support.

*Michael Spora
Principal*



CALENDAR

TUES 15.11.11

Secondary Captain
Speeches 11.10am

WED 16.11.11

Kinder Transition
9 - 11.10am

Primary Captain
Speeches 2.20pm
Year 12 Graduation
RSL 6pm

FRI 18.11.11

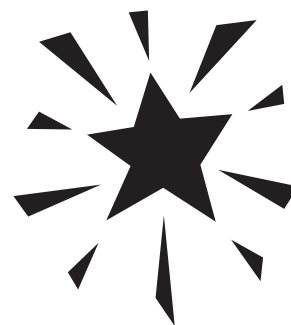
Cyber Safety Talk
Parents
9.30 – 10.30
Year 5 – 11
11.10 - 12.50

Merit Awards

K/1: Yasmine Taleb
Harrison Bracken
2/3/4: Steven Ashford
Anna Ward
4/5/6: Kyle Hartley
Jaika Mitchell

Class Award Ribbons

K/1: Ella Hartley
2/3/4: Angus Tudgey
4/5/6: Toby Adams



PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS



Birthdays: Lachlan Howarth and Sam Bennetts

Win Bins: Kevin Martin, Kaitlyn Reynolds, Kayleigh Rutter, Malcolm Hellyer

KINDERGARTEN / YEAR 1 NEWS

The summer heat is here so I would like to remind everyone to pack hats and drinks for school each day. Students have been tired and irritable so early to bed is also a good idea. I have started end of year testing, ready for school reports and all students can be proud of the achievements they have made this year. Year 1 will visit the library with Mrs Bush on Wednesday morning when the Preschool children visit Kindergarten. They will participate in literacy activities and return to class after recess. Next week, Week 7, is the start of our Intensive Swimming Program. I encourage everyone to return permission notes as soon as possible and start labelling all clothing. Kindergarten and Year 1 will participate in literacy activities until around 10am. They will stop for a fruit break so please provide a piece of fruit each day. They will then change into swimmers and swim shirts at school. Please do not allow students to wear their swimmers to school, and ensure that all clothes are labelled to avoid mix-ups. We will walk to the pool and swim from 10.30am until 11.20am. Students will change into school clothes at the pool and walk back to school for a recess break at 11.40am. Everyone MUST be wearing a hat.

S Reynolds

PRESCHOOL TRANSITION TO SCHOOL.

Last week Preschool Transition to School was cancelled due to the weather. I was lucky to visit the Preschool in the afternoon and read my favourite book, "Where is the Green Sheep?" We made our own sheep out of coloured paper and had a wonderful time.

This week 2012 Kindergarten enrolments are invited to attend our third Transition to School Session on **Wednesday 16th November from 9.00am – 11.10am.**

Children will arrive at school at 9.00am and participate in activities in the Kindergarten Room. They will stay for recess and they can be collected by parents at 11.10am. Children will need to bring a hat, water bottle and recess. Please sign in at the office upon your arrival. I look forward to a wonderful day. Any inquiries please ring me.

S Reynolds

PRIMARY CAPTAIN SPEECHES

Year 5 students will be presenting their Captain Speeches at the Primary assembly on Wednesday 16th starting at 2.20pm in the Music Room. Parents and carers are invited to join us as we share this special moment and prepare to vote for our 2012 Primary Captains.

S Reynolds

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 14.11.11: S Abbott

Wed 16.11.11: L.Monk/K.Skinner

Fri 18.11.11: S Abbott



Mon 21.11.11: M Ward/J Smith

Wed 23.11.11: S Tudgey/S Abbott

Fri 25.11.11: K Bennetts/S Abbott

CANTEEN

If anyone has any suggestions for additions or changes to the healthy food in the canteen, or would like to volunteer to work in the canteen please leave a note at the office or phone Sharon on 68861818. Thank you.

S Abbott

YEAR 4/5/6 NEWS

By now all Year 5 students should have their speeches ready to present at our Primary Assembly on Wednesday. Elections for Captains will be held this week, so all those who are eligible to stand for these positions need to give long and serious thought to the talents, character traits and leadership qualities they possess that they believe would make them good captains.

In class we have been practising the strategy of 'Summarising' research material to support our research for the Assessment Task which is due on Wednesday, Week 7.

This week there are another two extremely important dates on the school calendar. On Thursday the entire school will be voting for the new school captains for next year. On Wednesday all the Year 5 students will have the opportunity to address the Primary School with their Election Speeches. This will occur during the Primary Assembly and we would love as many parents, grandparents, friends, neighbours or relatives to come along and support their candidate.

This is a very important occasion and a wonderful opportunity for each of the Year 5 candidates to impress the rest of the Primary School as they describe the attributes they believe they have that will make them good captain material.

Please support, guide and advise your children in this very important venture. We all look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday.

G Davis

ROBO -TECH

Last Friday the students were entertained after lunch by "Robo-Tech". This highly entertaining and educational presentation gave the children excellent insights into the uses and applications of Design and Technology and Computer Science.

Algatron was the very talented robot and had the children mesmerised with his amusing antics, while his creator, Marshall, explained how he had designed, constructed and continually improved the robot over nine years.

Algatron sang, danced and flirted with Becci Sciberras, then selected various students to work with him. Emily Leask was lucky enough to have a ride on the robot, and there was much hilarity when Algatron tried to demonstrate how to make a milkshake but only succeeded in spilling water on the carpet!

This was a very entertaining, interesting, informative and motivating presentation.

G Davis

ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS

Active After-School Sports will be held this week on Wednesday from 3.10pm – 4.30pm. Permission notes to walk to the pool and participate in aquatic activities have been sent home. Please return these to school before Wednesday. Students will have afternoon tea at school at 3.10pm and get changed into swimmers. Students will walk to the pool with Mrs Reynolds and start activities at 3.30pm. Please collect students at 4.30pm from the pool. Please ensure all students have a hat.

I would like to apologise for the mix-up last week. If you have any questions about our program this week please give me a call.

S Reynolds



INTENSIVE SWIMMING

Intensive Swimming is an important program Mendooran Central School runs every year to help students become competent swimmers. Intensive Swimming will begin on Monday 21st November and run over ten days. Students will come to school and participate in literacy lessons as usual each morning. Please ensure that students wear their school uniforms to school and pack their swimming things in their swimming bag.

K/1/2/3 will have a fruit break around 10am each morning, dress for swimming and then walk with teachers to the pool. Students will participate in swimming activities in levelled groups for one hour and then change at the pool back into school clothes ready to walk back to school.

K/1/2/3 swimming session will run 10.30 – 11.20am

Year 4/5/6 swimming session will run 11.30 – 12.30pm returning to school by 12.50pm. Year 4/5/6 will dress for swimming at school after recess and walk to the pool starting their session at 11.30am.

Please ensure that all school clothing, including socks and underwear, towels and swimmers are marked with names to avoid losing clothing. All students will need a HAT, also a towel, sunscreen, a water bottle and of course swimmers. Please return permission notes to the office as soon as possible.

Year 9 and 10 swimming session will run 1.40pm – 2.10pm. Students will assemble for a roll call directly after lunch and walk to the pool with teachers returning to school by 2.20pm.

Year 7 and 8 swimming session will run 2.30pm – 3.00pm. Students will assemble for a roll call at 2.20pm and walk with teachers to the pool returning to school by 3.10pm.

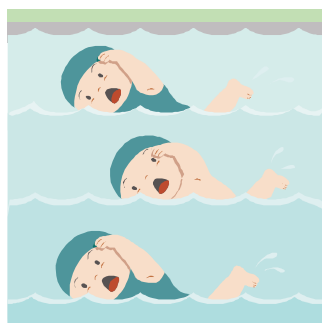
S Reynolds and D Althofer

VOLUNTEERS – INTENSIVE SWIMMING

Calling for Volunteers – Mendooran Central School Intensive Swimming Program will be running over ten days starting

21st November. We need your help to make this program a success. Please let the office know if you can help out at the pool. Students are organised into groups and each group has clear instructions outlining daily activities.

S Reynolds and D Althofer



IMPORTANT DATES

YR 12 GRADUATION

WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 6PM RSL

YR 10 CELEBRATION

THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER 6PM AT THE SCHOOL

PRESENTATION NIGHT

MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER 7PM



SECONDARY NEWS GENERAL

Congratulations to Year 12 on the completion of their secondary schooling with the final examinations held on Friday!! We look forward to their Graduation dinner at the Memorial Club on Wednesday night.

Candidates for School Captain and Vice Captains have the opportunity to present their speeches to the student body tomorrow at 11.10am in the BER. It is important for nominees and voters to consider the qualities of a good leader.

Next week Years 7-9 sit their final examinations. It is important that they thoroughly revise their work and ask any relevant questions of their teachers in preparation. Year 10, have the opportunity to participate in a week of work experience in week 8 (28th November - 2nd December).

Intensive Swimming also begins next week under the guidance of Miss Althofer. This will not interfere with the exams, as secondary sessions will be held after lunch.

J Waters

ENGLISH HOMEWORK

Year 7 and 8 have poetry essays due next week.

Year 9 and 10 have reading to do each night.

Year 11 have Module C essays due.

S Young

HOMEWORK CENTRE

Don't forget the school is running a homework centre on Wednesday afternoons. This is held in the computer room from the end of school until 5:00pm. Mr Neal will supervise the students and provide any assistance required.

STUDENT BOOKPACKS

In the past the school has made available book packs for Year 7 students ready for their stationery needs in secondary. These consist of: 6x96pg A4 exercise books, maths set, ruler, rubber, sharpener, pens (red/blue/black), pencils, grid book and A3 Art Diary.

We are now offering them for sale to all secondary students for purchase.

Cost is \$20.00 for entire book pack (cannot be separated except for art diary)

\$15.00 without the art diary, \$5.00 for the A3 art diary.



Mendooran Central School Uniform Supplies @ 26.7.2010

CLOTHING

(Includes GST)

BLACK SLOPPY JOES	Small (Size 6, 8, 10, 12, 14).....	\$14.00
(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 (fleece) (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)	\$5.00
Bucket Hats (Black: Size 53, 55, 57, 59 & 61cm).....	\$7.50

EQUIPMENT

Calculators (<i>Scientific</i>).....	\$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.

SRC DISCO



Thursday
24 November, 2011



Mendooran RSL Club

Primary 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Secondary 7:00pm – 10:00pm

Entry: \$2.00

Canteen: there will be chips/drinks & sweets available

cyber bullying

PLEASE ATTEND! CYBER SAFETY TALK

Facebook

Learn about possible dangers of youth on the internet.

Friday 18th November

Parent presentation 9:30am followed by morning tea.

RSVP for catering purposes: Thursday 17th November - 68861149

SEE YOU THERE!

identity theft



predatory and grooming behaviour

COMMUNITY NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!

RSL DANCE CONCERT - 2ND DECEMBER 2011

Those families involved, please bring a plate of finger food to share at the RSL Club after the concert, before the presentation. Last year we collected money for a gift to say thank you to Sam for her dedication to the kids and for being such a wonderful dance teacher. We will be collecting again this year, all donations can be sent/left at the school office, clearly marked "Dancing". Thankyou.

L Monk

COOLAH CENTRAL SCHOOL HORSE SPORTS

If anyone is interested in attending the Coolah Central School Horse Sports on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th November 2011 at Coolah Recreation Grounds please let me know. All entries are due by Friday 11th November 2011. The program is open to ages from 5yrs to 17yrs and over and incorporates team penning, team barrels and novelty events. Should be a great event.

D McCormack

ART AFTER SCHOOL

Art lessons have resumed on Monday nights from 5.00pm - 7.30pm at Mendooran Central School. Secondary students are most welcome. Please ring 68861149 to leave a message.

B McGirr

TOUCH FOOTBALL - KEEPING IN TOUCH

Round 1 was completed last Thursday. Each team had a good show out. Congratulations to the winning teams. The results for Round 1 are as follows:

Barbarians defeated **The Coconuts** 7 – 4
Mendooran Café defeated **Wild Boars** 5 – 4
The Rookies defeated **Royal Hotel** 5 – 3

This week will be Round 2 and the games are as follows:

Royal Hotel vs **The Coconuts**
Mendooran Café vs **Barbarians**
The Rookies vs **Wild Boars**

The table so far is as follows:

Teams	Points
Barbarians	3
The Rookies	3
Mendooran Café	3
Wild Boars	1
Royal Hotel	1
The Coconuts	1

There will be a BBQ put on at the Royal Hotel after each game as per usual. See you there.

M Burke

MENDOORAN / MERRYGOEN AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB 2010 – 2011 SEASON

What another great day last Friday – the kids did a great job helping each other and there were a number of personal best times beaten. Emma Tudgey blitzed her time so much she went up a group. Great job kids! Thanks to all the mums and dads for helping with timekeeping and scoring. It was greatly appreciated and helped things go so smoothly. We look forward to doing it again this Friday. Please note that I will not be around this Friday, so can all members please be at the pool by 3.45pm and report to Bec Collins so she can mark the kids off and group them for a 4pm start. As Bec will be on her own this week, it would be greatly appreciated if all parents could assist as much as possible with volunteering for timekeeping and scoring again.

At this stage, we have a couple of memberships still owing. For insurance reasons, we need these paid up before your children can swim. If their membership is not paid, unfortunately they will not be allowed to swim this week. If you haven't signed up for pointscore yet and would like your child/ren to join, it's not too late. New members are always welcome anytime. Call me and I'll talk you through the process. Feel free to call me if you have any questions – 6886 1131. Thanks.

J Rushton

AFTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS

A reminder that after-school swimming lessons with Gail Yeo will be on tomorrow (weather permitting) Tuesday 15th November @ 3.30pm. There will be two squads – one for the intermediates @ 3.30pm and one for the advanced squad at 4pm.

J Rushton

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS - 2011

Voluntary Primary Contributions:	\$25.00 per child
Voluntary Secondary Contributions:	\$50.00 per child
Voluntary FAMILY MAXIMUM:	\$80.00 (not including electives)

Both Voluntary contributions and Elective fees may be paid by instalment.

COMPULSORY ELECTIVES COST

Year 7/8 Electives:	Technology Mandatory	\$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	\$10.00
Year 11/12 Electives:	Hospitality	\$15 per term (\$60.00 per year)
	D&T Mixed Media	\$20
	Art	\$25
	Agriculture	\$10
	Metals & Engineering	\$40 first project (2 nd project dependent on cost)

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:.....

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

No Primary
Students

No. Secondary
Students

TOTAL \$ _____
SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
(Maximum \$80.00)

COMPULSORY COSTS SECONDARY ELECTIVES

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:	Hospitality	\$60.00	\$.....
	D&T Mixed Media	\$20.00	\$.....
	Art	\$25.00	\$.....
	Agriculture	\$10.00	\$.....
	Metals & Engineering	\$40.00	\$.....

TOTAL ELECTIVE FEES \$ _____

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE \$ _____