



# Mendooran Central School

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7TH NOVEMBER 2011

## ***SRC DISCO***



***Thursday 24 November 2011***

***Mendooran RSL Club***



***Primary 6.00pm - 8.00pm***

***Secondary 7.00pm - 10.00pm***

***Entry: \$2.00***



***Chips/drinks &  
sweets  
available***

***All proceeds go to SRC***

**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*

### **School Certificate**

This week, our Year 10 students are sitting their Year 10, Board of Studies set exams. We wish them well and hope that all of the hard work over the past two years pays off. As you may have heard in the media, this is the last year that students will be sitting exams set externally by the Board of Studies. There has been no other change to the curriculum, so that means that future School Certificate students will learn the same content as current students, however the assessments will all be school based.

### **Professional Learning**

Last week, Mrs Young and Mrs Reynolds and I spent two days in Dubbo at a DEC Western Region professional learning seminar and a series of workshops on Leadership. The Key Note speaker was Michael Fullen from Canada, Michael is well renowned throughout the world for his contribution to educational leadership. He has written many books and travelled extensively sharing his knowledge. Whilst the seminar was very interesting and informative, I was reassured that the vast majority of the theories and processes he spoke about are in line with our strategies and practice.

The second day was devoted to practical experiences from principals in Western Region. We were the only Central School asked to present at the whole seminar which is a vote of confidence in the direction of the school. In preparing the presentation and comparing it to other schools, it made me again realise the amazing amount of programs that we have in this school aimed at student support. I was proud to be able to state to other school our excellent rates of student growth. The data sets show that we are well above our region and indeed the national average in fourteen of the sixteen NAPLAN categories this year.

### **Remembrance Day**

Our Remembrance Day ceremony is again on this Friday starting at 10.30am. Parents and families are most welcome to join our school community for this event in our school calendar.

### **Student Laptops**

It has come to my attention that more and more students are coming forward with broken screens on their laptops. These are due to students not being careful with their own or other students bags or laptops. If this occurs it is not a warranty claim, therefore the students parents must pay for the repairs. This could be in excess of \$250. One way to prevent this damage is to purchase a TANC case from the office for \$55.

### **Headlice**

There has been an outbreak of headlice recently in Primary, particularly amongst the Infant children. We would ask parents please to be very vigilant in treating their children's hair. If you child is scratching there is a very good chance they have a case of headlice. It is very hard to eradicate them and several treatments are required. Please check your child.



### **CALENDAR**

**MON 7.11.11**

School Certificate

**TUES 8.11.11**

School Certificate

**WED 9.11.11**

School Certificate

**THUR 10.11.11**

Kinder Transition

9.30 - 10.30

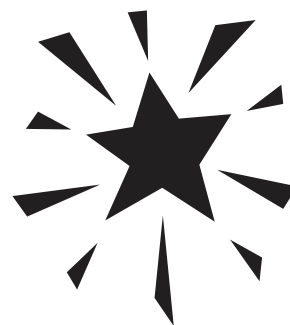
Duke of Edinburgh  
Camp

**FRI 11.11.11**

Remembrance Day  
Ceremony 10.30

Duke of Edinburgh  
Camp

Robo Tech  
Performance 1.30

**Merit Awards****K/1:** Brayden Thompson  
Victoria Monk**2/3/4:** Oscar Monk  
Anna Ward**4/5/6:** Kyle Hartley  
Liam Haron**Class Award Ribbons****K/1:** Ella Hartley  
**2/3/4:** Casey Adams  
**4/5/6:** Emily Yeo**PRIMARY ASSEMBLY  
AWARDS****KINDERGARTEN / YEAR 1 NEWS**

Kindergarten and Year 1 have been working on frogs this week looking at how they grow and change. We have been able to watch them grow in our frog container in the classroom and everyone is fascinated by what they see. Year 1 went to visit Mrs Bush in the library during our Preschool Transition last week. They used information books to research animals and write a report. Kindergarten helped welcome the preschool children and this will happen again this Thursday morning. The term is racing along fast now. Children need to keep practicing their reading every night. Testing is underway in the classroom in the lead up to the end of year reports. Please remind students to pack their hats and drink bottles as the days get hotter and to get to bed on time so they last through the day.

S. Reynolds

**PRESCHOOL TRANSITION TO SCHOOL**

Last Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, Mendooran Central School Transition to School program started. Preschool children and staff walked from the preschool and arrived at the Kindergarten room at 10am. This year's current Kindergarten class participated in activities with the preschool children which included building using different types of construction materials. Children did some cut and paste activities and then enjoyed a quick snack before finding their hats and heading back to preschool. Next Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> November, children and staff will walk from the preschool to the Kindergarten room to participate in the second session starting at 9.30am and they will return to the preschool at 10.30am. I would like to thank all the parents who joined us on the day. It was a full but happy classroom. Parents are welcome to participate in any or our entire transition program and please let me know if you have any questions. I would like to thank Michelle Skinner, Kylie Bennetts and all the staff of Mendooran Preschool for their support with our Transition to School Program.

S. Reynolds

**FOCUS ON READING**

Today our primary staff and Mrs Young, Secondary English, participated in a full day of Focus on Reading Professional Development. This program is an intensive professional learning program for teachers to support the explicit teaching of the key aspects of reading, namely comprehension, vocabulary and reading text fluency. The Focus on Reading Program provides key support to meet and develop the reading abilities of the students in our school and provide consistency in teaching reading across classrooms from Kindergarten to Year 12. Other aspects of the program include in-class support, observations and team teaching with Rosalee Whitely and staff within our own cohort to support the integration of Focus on Reading strategies into our classrooms.

S.Reynolds

**PRIMARY 2012 CAPTAIN / VICE CAPTAIN SPEECHES**

Next week  
Wednesday 16th November 2011

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 7.11.11: K Knight/S Abbott

Wed 9.11.11: C Dodkin

Fri 11.11.11: C Dodkin



Mon 14.11.11: S Abbott

Wed 16.11.11: K Skinner/L Monk

Fri 18.11.11: C Dodkin

## YEAR 4/5/6 NEWS

Our COGS Unit is going well and the students should all be well on the way with their research and information gathering. All students were given the task outlines in Week 3, giving specific instructions on the content required, and also the marking criteria. Stage 3 students are required to present their assessment task in a folder of plastic sleeves, Stage 2 students will submit their work on a large sheet of cardboard. In Maths last week we did lots of activities using 12 and 24 hour time. This week we will continue our work on measurement, but will focus on area, perimeter, length and weight. Our Reading Strategy at the moment is Summarising which will also support their research activities for the Assessment Task.

As always, I do ask that you encourage your children in their research efforts and help and support them to compile their work. Do remember, however, that this is their task and should be their work.

G Davis.

## SECONDARY NEWS GENERAL

This week is a very significant one in the educational life of two of our secondary groups of students. Year 10 sit the final School Certificate examination as we know it. English and Science are held today, with Maths and History Geography and Civics tomorrow, Tuesday. The School certificate will conclude for our students with the Computer online exam on Wednesday. Our Year 12 students have their final exams with Hospitality and Design & Technology being held on Friday. Maddy will also sit her Visual Arts examination on Wednesday. Good luck to all of our Year 10 & Year 12 students! Next Wednesday night, we celebrate the achievements of our Year 12 students; Monique Tattersall, Jessica Duce, Wayde Latham and Jacob Wood at their Graduation Dinner at the Memorial Club. Unfortunately, Andrew Mulligan will be away working on harvest so will be unable to attend the Graduation Ceremony.

Mr Bearman, Miss Yeo and myself travelled to Wagga Wagga late last week to take place in the first Australian Style Diversity roundtable dedicated to Learning Styles, hosted by Mary Brell. Our school was asked to present a story of our "journey" in our work on the individual learning styles of all of our students K-12 as well as the learning styles of our staff and the measures undertaken to address individual differences and strategies developed. It was clear that the considerable investment in this area of teaching and learning should pay dividends in our students' educational outcomes. Plans are underway to more comprehensively inform parents and carers of our findings and strategies that may enhance their children's learning. Mr Bearman is recognised as a leader in his implementation of these practices and led a very entertaining and informative workshop with the keen support of Miss Yeo and myself.

**Secondary prospective school leaders for 2012 have the opportunity to present a speech (Captain/Vice Captain) on Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup>, after recess ie 11.10 in the BER.**

J Waters

## 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.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY SPEECH - ORIGIN

At 11am on 11 November 1918 an armistice brought to an end four years of hostilities and destruction. In many nations around the world people celebrated the return of peace, while also reflecting on the extraordinary loss and suffering caused by World War I.

During World War I more than 60,000 Australians died – of these 45,000 died on the Western Front in France and Belgium and 8,000 died on the Gallipoli peninsula in Turkey. An additional 156,000 Australians were wounded or taken prisoner-of-war.

Until 1939, the anniversary day of the end of World War I was marked in Australia and allied countries as Armistice Day – a day to remember those who died in that terrible conflict.

Following World War II, the British and Australian governments changed the name of the day to Remembrance Day, making it one on which to commemorate all who have died in war.

# REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY 2011

Combined Community Service with Mendooran  
RSL Sub-branch and Mendooran Central School



Mendooran Central School and the Mendooran, Merrygoen  
Memorial Club extend a cordial invitation to all community  
members to attend our Remembrance Day Ceremony at Mendooran  
Central School, 10:30am on Friday 11th November 2011.

A morning tea will be provided after the Ceremony.

## 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 (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)	\$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.*

## 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





## *COMMUNITY NEWS*

### ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS.

Active After-School Sports will be held this Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November. We will be starting our aquatics program this week so please bring swimmers, towel, sunscreen and drink bottle. Active After-School Sports participants will share a healthy afternoon tea at school at 3.10 and then we will walk down to the pool to start our activities at 3.30. Please ensure that students are collected from the pool at 4.30pm.

S. Reynolds

### MENDOORAN / MERRYGOEN AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB 2010 – 2011 SEASON

What a great day last Friday – weather was beautiful and the kids did a great job of swimming, putting out the lanes, cheering on their fellow swimmers, and helping the little ones. Great job kids! We look forward to doing it again this Friday. Can all members please be there by 3.45pm to enable the Marshall to group everyone for their races for a 4pm start. Thanks to all the Mums and Dads for helping with timekeeping and scoring. It was greatly appreciated and helped things go so smoothly. As usual, we will be looking for volunteers again on Friday. 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. A reminder that all memberships need to be paid and up-to-date prior to kids swimming. If their membership is not paid, they will not be allowed to swim. Feel free to call me if you have any questions – 6886 1131.

Thanks Jenny

### AFTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS

A reminder that after-school swimming lessons with Gail Yeo start tomorrow, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm. There will be two squads – one for the intermediates at 3.30pm and one for the advanced squad at 4pm.

Thanks Jenny

### SWIMMING POOL FEES

When students attend Mendooran Pool for sport or intensive swimming, they only need pay \$1.00 entry. The normal entry cost is \$2.00 at any other time. If students wish to stay after Friday school sport, they must leave the pool and resign in and pay \$2.00 for the afternoon.

B Williams

### RSL DANCE CONCERT - 2ND DECEMBER 2010

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

### 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

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

Round 1 of touch footy commences this Thursday at 6pm. There are 6 teams in this years competition. All teams are to be there at 6pm for the start. Team rosters and draws will be handed out on the day. The games that will be played this week are as follows:

**BARBARIANS VS THE COCONUTS**  
**MENDOORAN CAFÉ VS WILD BOARS**  
**ROYAL HOTEL VS THE ROOKIES**

For those players who signed up without a team, you will be notified on Thursday which team you are in. Any further sign ups can let me know prior to Thursday or on the day and I will find a team for you. Start thinking about what shirts your team is going to wear. Good luck to all teams. There will be a BBQ put on at the Royal Hotel after each game as per usual. See you there.

M Burke



## OLD TIME DANCE LESSONS

**DANCE LESSONS WILL BE HELD AT THE  
MECHANICS**

**INSTITUTE HALL EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING AT  
7PM.**

**EVERYONE WELCOME! COME ALONG  
AND HAVE SOME FUN, DON'T FORGET  
THOSE DANCING SHOES!!**





# 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

<b>Year 7/8 Electives:</b>	Technology Mandatory	\$20.00 (enables students to take work home)
<b>Year 9/10 Electives:</b>	Industrial Technology	\$40.00 first project (\$30 per project thereafter)
	Food Technology	\$15.00 <b>per term</b> (\$60.00 per year)
	Design & Tech (Textiles)	\$20.00
	Art	\$25.00
	Agriculture	\$10.00
<b>Year 11/12 Electives:</b>	Hospitality	\$15 per term (\$60.00 per year)
	D&T Mixed Media	\$20
	Art	\$25
	Agriculture	\$10
	Metals & Engineering	\$40 first project (2 <sup>nd</sup> 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

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No. Secondary  
Students

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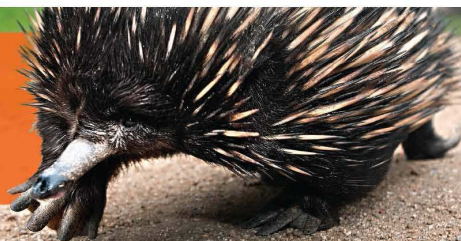
TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS (Maximum \$80.00)

## COMPULSORY COSTS SECONDARY ELECTIVES

<b>Year 7/8 Electives:</b>	Technology Mandatory	\$20.00	\$.....
<b>Year 9/10 Electives:</b>	Industrial Technology	\$40.00	\$.....
	Food Technology	\$60.00	\$.....
	Design & Tech (Textiles)	\$20.00	\$.....
	Art	\$25.00	\$.....
	Agriculture	\$10.00	\$.....
<b>Year 11/12 Electives:</b>	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** \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## 2012 Calendar

Taronga Western Plains Zoo Education Centre is excited to announce dates for next years special programs.

March 2012	6 <sup>th</sup> March – Sea Week Activities 22 <sup>nd</sup> March – World Water Day Activities 23 <sup>rd</sup> March – Ride to School Day
April 2012	23 <sup>rd</sup> April – Earth Day Rainforest Activities
May 2012	9 <sup>th</sup> May – World Migratory Bird Day Activities
June 2012	5 <sup>th</sup> June – World Environment Day Activities
July 2012	24 <sup>th</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> July – Australia Biota Study Day 27 <sup>th</sup> July – National Tree Day Activities
August 2012	7 <sup>th</sup> August – Meet a Keeper 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> August – National Science Week 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> August – Book Week with Literature Live 31 <sup>st</sup> August – Kids Teaching Kids
September 2012	21 <sup>st</sup> September – International Rhino Day
October 2012	16 <sup>th</sup> October – Meet a Keeper
November 2012	14 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> November – Maintaining the Balance 19 <sup>th</sup> November – World Toilet Day – Wipe for Wildlife 20 <sup>th</sup> November – Meet a Keeper

For further information on any of the above programs or to make a booking please contact the Taronga Western Plains Zoo Education Centre on 6881 1433 or [kwood@zoo.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kwood@zoo.nsw.gov.au)