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21ST NOVEMBER 2011

YEAR 12 GRADUATION NIGHT



On Wednesday night our Year 12 students formally celebrated their graduation with a dinner at the Memorial Club. It was a perfect opportunity for Jessica, Monique, Wayde and Jacob to celebrate with friends and families their achievements from the past 13 years. Unfortunately, Andrew was unable to attend the celebration due to work commitments. We are very proud of these students achievements and wish them all the best in the future.

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

CAPTAIN'S SPEECHES

Congratulations to our Year Six and the secondary students who nominated themselves for School Captain positions and delivered speeches last week for this. I was very impressed with the quality of each nominee and all of their speeches and I congratulate each nominee for their presentations. We are indeed very fortunate that we have so many high quality leaders to choose from.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING

This week is the start of the intensive swimming program. Students will be attending the pool each day for the coming two weeks. As parents, students and staff, we need to be aware of the physical demand that this places on students. Additional sleep at night and food in student's lunchboxes is recommended to keep student's energy levels up. Please make sure that permission notes and money are returned to the office so that your child can participate.

THE REAGH

The final draft of our annual book 'The Reagh' was completed and sent off to the printers last week. Many hours of work contributed by students and staff have resulted in a comprehensive and high quality account and reflection of 2011 at Mendooran Central School. As with last year, we will be enlisting the services of a printing and binding company to ensure that the finished product is totally professional. The Reagh will be available on Presentation Night, I encourage all families to purchase a copy of this special memento. The cost is \$18.00.

SCHOOL PLANNING

As classes are busy concluding the year with assessments and other associated activities, many staff members have been industriously evaluating the year and making plans for next year. Based on the ongoing evaluations, the 2012 – 2015 school management plan has been written in order to better accommodate the needs of our students and the school as a whole community. In conjunction with this, we have been asked to nominate three main areas of focus; these are three areas that will attract a higher level of regional support. The areas that we have nominated are building the capacity of our teachers focussing on the early years, by building stronger partnership with the pre-school and raising the expectations of our students by the students themselves and the whole school community. Details and more in-depth planning on each of these areas will continue for the remainder of this year.

Michael Spora
Principal

NEXT P&C MEETING

Thursday
1st December 2011
3.30 pm

NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday
1st December 2011
7.00pm



CALENDAR

MON 21.11.11

Yr 7-9 Exams
Intensive Swimming

TUES 22.11.11

Yr 7-9 Exams
Intensive Swimming

WED 23.11.11

Yr 7-9 Exams
Intensive Swimming
Kinder Transition
1.30pm-3.10pm

THUR 24.11.11

Yr 7-9 Exams
Intensive Swimming
SRC Disco- RSL
Pri: 6-8pm
Sec: 7-10pm
Senior Students
First Aid Course

FRI 25.11.11

Yr 7-9 Exams
Intensive Swimming
Senior Students
First Aid Course

Merit Awards

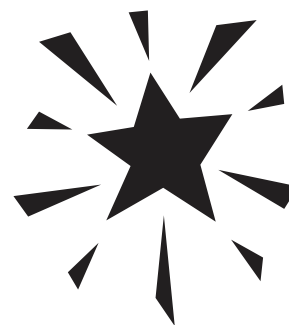
K/1: Alexander Yeo
Tori Rutter

2/3/4: Stephen Eyles
Thomas Yeo

4/5/6: Sophia Skinner
Emma Bennetts

Class Award Ribbons

K/1: Victoria Monk
2/3/4: Kayleigh Rutter
4/5/6: Levi Goldspink



PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS

KINDERGARTEN / YEAR 1 NEWS

We had a very busy week in Kindergarten / Year 1 last week. We have begun practicing our letter writing, ready for drafting our letter to Santa. We are reading a new book about a spider who invites some insect friends to dinner and thinking about what, where and who we eat dinner with. We will be continuing our literacy and numeracy activities over the next two weeks around swimming times. Intensive swimming starts on Monday and runs each day, depending on the weather, for ten days. Please return permission notes and money to the office. Students will need to bring swimmers, towel, swimming bag, HAT, and sunscreen every day and don't forget to write names in all items. Students will also need a piece of fruit each day for our fruit break at 10am. Students will need to be able to listen to and follow instructions at all times going to, at the pool and coming back from the pool, to ensure everyone has a safe and worthwhile time at the pool.

S. Reynolds

PRESCHOOL TRANSITION

Preschool Transition will be held this Wednesday 23rd November from 1.30pm – 3.10pm. Students will arrive with parents and sign in at 1.30pm and then line up with Kindergarten students at the Kindergarten room door. We will participate in activities in the K/1 room until 3.10pm. If you would like your child to catch the bus home please contact your bus driver and let me know at the start of the transition session.

S. Reynolds

SECONDARY NEWS GENERAL

Last week, we farewelled our Year 12 students with a graduation dinner at the RSL on Wednesday night. We wish Wayde, Andrew, Jessica, Monique and Jacob all the best in the future. Our Year 7-9 students are currently completing their final examinations. Year 8 also have their ESSA Science exam on Tuesday morning. This is an external online examination similar to NAPLAN. Year 10 have the opportunity to complete work experience next week. Intensive swimming begins today and will continue for the next two weeks. Exams will follow in Week 9.

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.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 21.11.11: M Ward/J Smith

Wed 23.11.11: S Tudgey/S Abbott

Fri 25.11.11: K Bennetts/S Abbott



Mon 28.11.11: B Collins/N Swan

Wed 30.11.11: A Martin/S Abbott

Fri 2.12.11: S Abbott

INTENSIVE SWIMMING.

Intensive swimming will start today and run for the next ten days with two days of testing in Week 9. Children can only attend swimming if permission notes have been returned signed to the office. Students will need to bring a swimming bag, HAT, swimmers, sunscreen and a towel every day. Please ensure that all items are labelled to avoid confusion. K/1/2/3 will need to pack a piece of fruit for our fruit break at 10am.

Students will get changed into swimmers, apply sunscreen and have the roll called at school and then walk to the pool with teachers. They will be placed into small, levelled groups and change out of swimmers at the pool when their lesson is complete. Children need to listen and follow instructions to ensure the safety of all students.

Session times are as follows.

K/1/2/3 10.30am – 11.20am

4/5/6 11.30am – 12.30pm

Year 9/10 1.30pm – 2.10pm

Year 7/8 2.20pm – 3.00pm

I would like to thank the parents who have volunteered their time to help out at the swimming sessions and if you are available to help please ring the front office. I am looking forward to a wonderful two weeks of intensive swimming.

S. Reynolds.

IMPORTANT DATES

YR 10 CELEBRATION

THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER 6PM AT THE SCHOOL

PRESENTATION NIGHT

MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER 7PM

REAGH ON SALE : \$15.00



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



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 @ 21/11/11

<u>CLOTHING</u>	<u>(Includes GST)</u>
BLACK SLOPPY JOES Small (Size 6, 8, 10, 12, 14).....	\$14.00
(with school crest) Large (Size 16y, 16, 18, 20).....	\$16.00
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
<u>HATS</u>	
Caps (Black with school emblem)	\$5.00
Bucket Hats (Black: Size 53, 55, 57, 59 & 61cm).....	\$7.50
<u>EQUIPMENT</u>	
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
Book Packs.....(with/without A3 art diary)	\$20/\$15.00

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

LEARN TO SWIM 2012

Learn to Swim will again be running during the school holidays, from 9th January to 19 January 2012. Children must be pre-booked to participate, a form is attached or additional forms are available at Mendooran Swimming Pool. The pool will have available a floating mat that holds up to 5 children. As well as diving toys and rings, a neo football and soccer balls for the older children.



TOUCH FOOTBALL - KEEPING IN TOUCH

Round 2 was rained out last week so we will replay the Round 2 games this Thursday.

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

See you at 6.00pm.

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

M Burke



TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2012 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, Scandinavia and the U.S.A will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaustr@scce.com.au or call us toll free on **1800 500 501**, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

STUDENT BANKING

Student Banking through the Commonwealth Bank is available at the school on a Tuesday.
 Starter packs are available at the office.

It only takes \$1.00 a week to get you started,

*Consider the benefits, save for that ipod, new X box, DS,
 motorbike or maybe a car*

PARENTS CAN NOW APPLY ONLINE VIA NETBANK FOR YOUTHSaver ACCOUNTS.

1. Once you have logged onto Netbank, select the "Offers & apply" tab.
2. Click on the Accounts sub-tab
3. Scroll down the page until you see the "Youthsaver and School Banking" tab
4. Click the "Apply now" button
5. Upon completing the child's information, enter postcode of the school ie 2842. The search will return the schools in your area. Ie Mendooran



BUSH FIRE SAFETY

FIREWISE™
 moving towards a FireWise community

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Leaving Early

LEAVE EARLY AND SURVIVE A BUSH FIRE

The safest option in a bush fire is always to leave early, well before the fire threatens. You should leave if:

- ☐ **The Fire Danger Rating is Catastrophic.** On these days fires will be so intense it is not safe to defend any home - no matter how well prepared. Extreme and Severe days are also very dangerous and leaving early will always be the safest option.
- ☐ **You have not** prepared yourself or your property to give you and your home the best level of protection from a fire.
- ☐ **There are children, elderly, or disabled people in your home.** People who are vulnerable due to age, health or any other reason should always leave early.
- ☐ **Your house is not defensible.** Some houses, because of their location, construction, or surrounding vegetation are not safe to defend. The NSW RFS Bush Fire Household Assessment Tool (www.rfs.nsw.gov.au) can help you assess your home's level of risk and make an informed decision. On some days no properties will be defensible.



You should never "wait and see what happens" during a bush fire. Leaving late means you will be on the road when conditions are the most dangerous, or you may not be able to get out at all. The longer you wait to leave the greater the risk to your life.

Preparing to leave early means:

- ☐ Completing a Bush Fire Survival Plan, available at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au
- ☐ Planning where you will go, how to get there, and what you will take
- ☐ Knowing the daily Fire Danger Rating in your area and what it means
- ☐ Having transport organised for all members of the family, including pets
- ☐ Actively seeking information on the fire situation and weather conditions from TV, local radio and the internet so you know when to leave
- ☐ Having a back-up plan in case you aren't able to leave early enough. What other safer places are there you could get to?
- ☐ Talking to family, friends, and neighbours about your plan to leave early

DID YOU KNOW

Being well away from a bush fire is the **ONLY** way to ensure your safety.

PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE. | BUSH FIRE INFORMATION LINE | 1800 679 737



Taronga Western Plains Zoo

Education



2012 Calendar

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

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

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 \$ _____