



# Mendooran Central School

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## LAND CWA COOKERY

Last Friday 5 finalists from the Junior Secondary school completed their entries for the Regional Land CWA Cookery competition. Jackson Adams, Kurt Williams and Brittany Rutter made rock cakes in the under 12 years competition. Shanoa Hartley and Abigail Skinner competing in the over 12 years category, made meringues under difficult circumstances due to the weather. The entries were taken by Mrs Henderson to the regional judging. Once again, many thanks to our local CWA members for providing this valuable opportunity to our students.



### 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*

### **2012 Staffing**

As mentioned previously, Mrs Peter will remain off work on Long Service Leave for all of 2012. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Reynolds will be relieving in the position for the year. Mrs Reynolds has made a fantastic contribution to the school whilst in the position this year and we are very pleased that this will continue for 2012.

### **Exams / End of Year**

During last week, most Secondary and many Primary classes completed assessments and exams. I visited many of these classes and was very impressed overall by the conscientious effort that was on display. I feel that the level of intensity has increased in classes this year and I commend all staff and students for this. As I have said on many occasions, I don't believe in tapering off Terms, Semesters or Years. I have asked that all classes have work that is meaningful and relevant and I expect that all students attend and participate.

### **Intensive Swimming**

Intensive Swimming continues this week. I thank everyone for being patient with the change of plans due to the weather last week and suspect the same interruptions may be occurring this Wednesday. By all reports though, the program is going well with all students participating.

### **Snakes**

Last week a young Gilgandra boy was bitten by a brown snake. The Mother of the boy actually works as an STLA consultant for our school, working with Mrs McGirr. I thought that it is an appropriate time to revisit the importance of snake awareness. Please remember to be very careful when near water or in long grass. If you see a snake, either freeze or back slowly away from it. Remember, experts say that a snake will only bite if he feels threatened or cornered. One of the most important things that we as adults can do is to ensure that every vehicle, including the kids motorbikes, carry bandages.

### **P&C**

There will be a P&C meeting this Thursday at 3:30pm. Please come along and support the school and discuss issues concerning the school.

Michael Spora  
Principal



### **NEXT P&C MEETING**

Thursday  
1st December 2011  
3:30 pm

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday  
7th December 2011  
7:00pm



### **CALENDAR**

#### **MON 28.11.11**

Year 10  
Work Experience  
Intensive Swimming

#### **TUES 29.11.11**

Year 10  
Work Experience  
Intensive Swimming

#### **WED 30.11.11**

Year 10  
Work Experience  
Intensive Swimming  
Kinder Transition  
1:30pm - 3:10pm

#### **THUR 1.12.11**

Year 10  
Work Experience  
Intensive Swimming  
Zoomobile  
2pm- 3pm  
7 - A - Side League  
Tag - Dubbo

#### **FRI 2.12.11**

Year 10  
Work Experience  
Intensive Swimming

## KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 NEWS

We had a great start to swimming last week but the weather did not hold for us. We will try again this week so please remember to pack swimmers, towel, hat and fruit for our fruit break.

This week we will be looking at a book called "Up the haystack" which is about a girl and the things she does on the farm. Many families will be focusing on harvesting so this is a relevant topic. Sam Bennetts has brought in some wheat stalks and cow peas in a pot so the class will be watching and measuring them as they grow. It will be time soon to write our letters to Santa and we are still practicing our letter writing skills.

S. Reynolds

## TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

Last Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November Preschool students enrolling in Kindergarten in 2012 participated in an afternoon session in the Kindergarten room. We looked at making patterns, first on the Smart Board, then with blocks and finally making the rays of a sun. Some students caught the bus home after an interesting afternoon. This week we will have another afternoon session in Kindergarten from 1.30pm-3.10pm. Children will participate in activities in the K/1 classroom and then join the Primary children for assembly at 2.40pm. Please let me know if you would like your child to catch the bus home afterwards.

S. Reynolds

## INTENSIVE SWIMMING

All students were keen to start our Intensive Swimming program last Monday but due to the weather we only attended the pool for two sessions. We will continue our swimming program this week, depending on the weather so please pack swimmers, towel and hats each day. Fingers crossed. Thank you to the parents who volunteered last week. More help will be needed this week if the weather holds so please let us know if you can help out this week.

S. Reynolds

## YEAR 4/5/6 NEWS

Only 27 sleeps until Santa comes!

This is a wonderful time of the year. The anticipation of the kids is amazing and with the Intensive Swimming Program able to begin again the children are all in good spirits. Let's hope the beautiful weather continues so we can complete the program. This is also the time of the year for assessments and reports so we all need to remember that we need to continue to work hard in class. I suspended homework for the last 2 weeks to allow the students to complete and submit their major Assessment Tasks. Thank you so much to all the dedicated parents who provided support, encouragement and guidance so their children could be proud of the work they submit. It is also important to remember these assessment tasks are designed for the children to demonstrate the skills they have mastered – researching, choosing relevant information, editing, collating, etc. Along the way they will also learn lots of interesting information on the topic they have researched, so you see, it is not just the finished product that is important, but also the skills and knowledge the students learned along the way.

We will continue to work hard this week and will be doing lots of Christmas activities as well.

G Davis

## ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS

Active After-School Sports will be held this Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November. Active After-School Sports participants will share a healthy afternoon tea at school at 3.10pm and then, depending on the weather, we will walk down to the pool to start our activities at 3.30pm. Please ensure that students are collected from the pool at 4.30pm. If it is raining yet again we will hold Active After-School Sports under the COLA at school. This Wednesday will be the last Active After-School Sport afternoon for 2011. I would like to thank the students and parents who supported this program throughout the year.

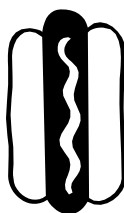
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## CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 28.11.11 S Abbott

Wed 30.11.11 S Abbott

Fri 2.12.11 S Abbott



Mon 5.12.11 K Knight

Wed 7.12.11 K Skinner/L Monk

Fri 9.12.11 S Abbott

## SECONDARY GENERAL NEWS

Years 7-9 completed their exams last week and staff are working on reports. The Senior First Aid course with Kirsty England was a great success for our Year 10 students. This initiative was funded by the School to Work program. Students are reminded to continue to collect documentation and accreditation evidence for their resumes. Intensive swimming continues this week, weather permitting. Year 6-7 Transition will take place after Intensive Swimming in Week 9. On Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup>, the Year 6 students will join this years' Year 7 class for a team building/ transition day. On the following day Year 6 will follow their own timetable, being taught by the Secondary Teachers. Year 6 parents are also reminded that book packs will be available from the office. These are great value and contain everything Secondary students need.

J Waters

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**YR 10 CELEBRATION**

**THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER 6PM AT THE SCHOOL**

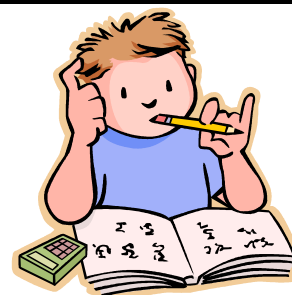
**PRESENTATION NIGHT**

**MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER 7PM**

**REAGH ON SALE: \$18.00**

## 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.



# **YEAR 10 PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

## **YEAR 10 CELEBRATION BBQ**



At  
Mendooran Central School  
BER Building

On Thursday, 8th December, 2011  
Starting at 6:00pm

**Cost \$12.00 per meal (excluding Yr 10 students)**

An invitation is extended to  
Year 10 parents/guardians and family  
to attend a Year 10 Celebration BBQ

Followed by a free Disco for Years 7-12  
From 7:30pm - 10pm  
(chips and drinks will be available)



**Year 10 Parents/Guardians**  
**Please telephone the School Office**  
**before Tuesday 6/12/11**  
**to let us know numbers to allow**  
**for catering - 6886 1149**





## COMMUNITY NEWS

### MENDOORAN PONY CLUB

Thank you to everyone who helped with the painting of the rails working bee. The rails look fantastic and the children will love jumping over such flash jumps.

The Christmas party invites have gone out and we hope you can all make it for a fun weekend.

J Smith

### MENDOORAN TENNIS CLUB

The Mendooran Tennis Club Inc would like to invite everyone to a farewell evening for the Goldspink family on Wednesday 7th December. There will be a barbeque tea with tennis starting at 6.30pm. A salad or sweet would be appreciated for catering purposes. Please contact Bev Bush 6886 1247.

B Bush

*Goodbye*



## 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:



TEAMS	POINT
BARBARIANS	3
THE ROOKIES	3
MENDOORAN	3
WILD BOARS	1
ROYAL HOTEL	1
THE COCONUTS	1

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

The table so far is as follows:

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

## SAVE THE DATE!

### RSL DANCE CONCERT - FRIDAY 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", please have all donations in by this Wednesday, 30th November. Thankyou.

L Monk

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

WOW what crazy weather we have been having – hopefully the sunshine will stay with us a bit longer. Although Point Score was on last week, we left it up to the kids to decide whether they wanted to go ahead – after their 5-minute play they all elected not to. Just a reminder to all that Point Score **WON'T** be on this Friday as we have the Dance Concert – how exciting for the kids! If last year's show is anything to go by, I'm sure we'll all be blown away, as the kids have been practicing so hard. Next Point Score will be on 9<sup>th</sup> December and the last one for this term will be 16<sup>th</sup> December. It will then resume again on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2012. Of course if you haven't signed up for Point Score, 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 Jenny

## AFTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS

A reminder that after-school swimming lessons with Gail Yeo will be on tomorrow (weather permitting), Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November @ 3.30pm. There will be two squads – one for the intermediates @ 3.30pm and one for the advanced squad at 4pm.



## 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](http://www.scce.com.au), email [scceaust@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaust@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 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.

These represent excellent value for money and cover all the Secondary stationery requirements.



### *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
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.*





# MENDOORAN PRESCHOOL

## Commemorative Initiative

# NAME PAVERS

***YOUR NAME WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY***

### Individual Paver

For \$25 you can have your name engraved into a paver as a lasting record of your valued support. The paver will be permanently installed at the entrance of Mendooran Preschool.

Return to Mendooran Preschool by the 13th December 2011.


Engraving details: Please print clearly in block letters. Each square represents one letter, number, space or punctuation mark. (34 max)

### **A unique and lasting record of your support**

*A special way to show your support, involvement and dedication to Mendooran Preschool*



Simply fill out this form and return with full payment by cheque, money order or cash to:

**Mendooran Preschool**  
**Napier Street Mendooran NSW 2842**

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please photocopy and pass on to business associates and friends  
**Mendooran Preschool** welcomes your involvement.

Thank <sup>9</sup>you.



## BUSH FIRE SAFETY

**FIREWISE**  
moving towards a FireWise community

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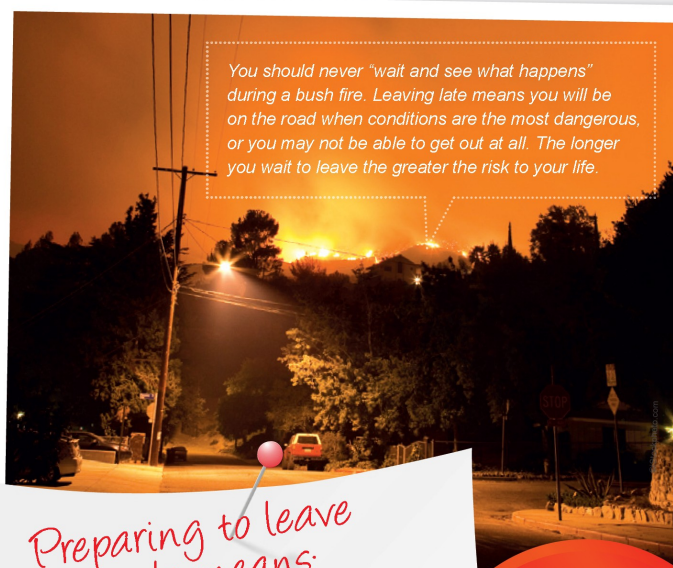


# Leaving Early

## 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](http://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:

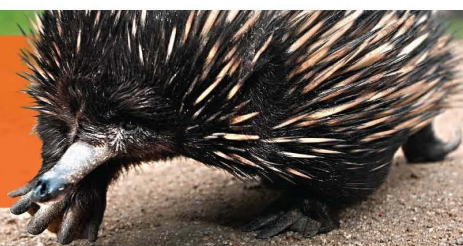
- ☐ Completing a Bush Fire Survival Plan, available at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)
- ☐ Planning where you will go, how to get there, and what you will take
- ☐ Knowing the daily Fire Danger Rating in your area and what it means
- ☐ Having transport organised for all members of the 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 <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)