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TERM 4 WEEK 9

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5TH DECEMBER 2011



Years 9 & 10 Work Experience

Eight of our Year 9 & 10 students completed very successful work placements in a variety of industries last week.

Placements included :

Hayden Rutter: Gilgandra Butchery.

Shaylah Taufah: NASCA Dubbo.

Lincoln Goldspink: Moolarben Coal.

Jayden Anderson: Secondary Teaching Mendooran Central School.

Kirra Watt: Infants Teaching Mendooran Central School.

Patrick Fallon: General Assistant Mendooran Central School.

Charley Wood and Amelia Washbrook: Mendooran farmhand.

Blake Washbrook also completed his TVET work placement for Electro Technology, which he studies through TAFE and the ACCESS program.

Work Experience is a very valuable opportunity to be part of the workforce and gain a greater understanding of the workplace. We really appreciate the generosity of the employers who offered placement to our students.

J Waters



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

Presentation Night

Our end of year Presentation Ceremony is on next Monday, 12th December at 7:00pm. I encourage all parents and extended family members to attend and help celebrate all of the successes your child has achieved throughout the year. Copies of our school year book, "The Reagh" will be on sale, I do encourage all families to purchase a copy.

Please note that next week's newsletter will be sent home on Tuesday so that results from Monday night's awards can be published.

School Management Plan

Throughout Term 4, we have been working on the School Plan for 2012 – 2014. The intended outcomes that we will be focused on include:-

- Increased levels of overall numeracy and literacy achievements for every student in line with state and regional targets.
- Strengthen teacher capacity in the explicit teaching of literacy and numeracy.
- Continue developing partnership with Pre-School to improve transition from Pre-School to Early Stage One.
- Increased use of set policies and procedures in managing and operating school processes.
- Improve support, supervision and accountability of curriculum implementation.
- Raise academic expectations of staff, students and community.
- Improve attendance and retention (especially in senior years) through focus on a more individualised school curriculum.
- Improve outcomes and options for senior students in areas of employment and further education.

This has been worked out by a combination of looking at our results based data and by listening to parents, students and community members. From this we have been allocating resources to appropriately support the above areas. Some of the areas that we have been approved to fund include:-

- Hiring of a curriculum mentor in the Primary school.
- Continue implementation of Focus On Reading professional learning.
- Use of Regional Home School Liaison team to improve attendance.
- Additional lessons in Stage 5 focussed specifically on Numeracy and Literacy.
- The purchase of additional classroom based technology.
- Staff Professional Development.
- Employing a Speech Pathologist to support students from Mendooran Central School and the Pre-School.
- Supporting the Pre-School in Staff Professional Development.
- Partner with local schools to explore opportunities for our senior school graduates with mining and other industries.

Any parent who would like any information on these or any of our strategies or who would like a copy of our School Plan, please contact me. Alternatively, our School Plan will be posted on the school website from the start of next year.

Michael Spora
Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday
7th December 2011
7.00pm

NEXT P&C MEETING

Thursday
16th February 2012
3.30 pm



CALENDAR

TUES 6.12.11
Stage 4 Transition

WED 7.12.11
Kinder Transition
8.30am-1.30pm

Year 6-7 Transition

THUR 8.12.11
Intensive Swimming
Testing
(Bring pool clothes)

Yr 10 BBQ - BER
6pm
Disco 7.30pm- 10pm
Years 7-12 only

FRI 9.12.11
Intensive Swimming
Testing
(Bring pool clothes)

Stage 5 Transition

Merit Awards

K/1: Trevor Martin
Jackson Hardes

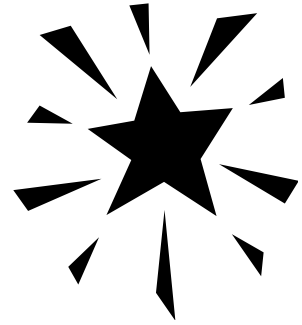
2/3/4: Malcolm Hellyer
Klayton Campbell

4/5/6: Mollee-Jane Johnson
James Eyles

Class Award Ribbons

K/1: Noah Harris
2/3/4: Kayleigh Rutter
4/5/6: Levi Goldspink
Charlie Smith

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS



Birthdays: Kaitlyn Reynolds, Carter Swan, Dylan Gray

Win Bins: Jacob Howarth, Steven Ashford, Casey Adams, Lisa Fish

KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 NEWS

We will be writing our letter to Santa this week. Mrs Bush has organised some special letter writing paper and envelopes for this activity and we will write a draft before committing to our final letter. We will be concentrating on our literacy and numeracy. With two weeks to go before school breakup I would encourage all students to get lots of sleep each night as our days will be very busy.

S Reynolds

PRESCHOOL TO KINDER TRANSITION

This week will be the last session of our transition program. Students will arrive at school at 9.00am. If children are catching the bus please ring and organise with your bus driver. Children will participate in literacy and numeracy activities throughout the morning. They will stay for recess and lunch so please pack food and water for these times and a hat for play. The session will finish at 1.30pm and children will be collected from the K/1 room door at the end of lunch.

All participants in the Transition to Kindergarten program are encouraged to complete the feedback sheet and return it to school. I would like your opinion on the program so that it may be improved for next year. I would like to thank the Mendooran Preschool Staff and all parents for your support with the Transition Program. It has been a busy and exciting time and I have enjoyed getting to know next year's Kindergarten students.

S Reynolds

ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS

Active After-School Sports has finished for 2011. I would like to thank all students and families for their participation. I look forward to recommencing the program next year.

S Reynolds

INTENSIVE SWIMMING

Last week we were lucky with our weather and we attended the pool every day for lessons. Lessons were cancelled today due to the cold and because transition activities are being held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Intensive Swimming will be held on Thursday and Friday only this week. On these days children will be tested on their swimming ability. Please pack swimmers, towel, HAT, sunscreen and fruit for fruit break each day.

I would like to thank our volunteers for their support each day. If you are able to help out this week at the pool please let us know. I would also like to thank Miss Althofer for her planning and implementation of this year's Intensive Swimming Program. Learning to swim, stroke development and lifesaving skills are important skills for our children to know. Thank you for your support and participation in this program.

S. Reynolds.

YEAR 4/5/6 NEWS

Only 19 sleeps until Santa comes!

The 'Intensive Swimming Program' has been a great success – in spite of the cold weather we have had thrown at us! The children have remained positive and enthusiastic, and we have had great support from parents. Thank you to everyone!

We have changed our normal routine a little bit to encompass the lead-up to Christmas. Most of our literacy and numeracy exercises will now be focused on and around Christmas activities. Today we will be putting our tree up and decorating it – this is always a popular tradition and an opportunity to showcase some of the creative work the students will be doing over the next 2 weeks.

Please remember that the Christmas period is not called 'The Silly Season' for nothing. It is a time when there is much excitement and anticipation, and a time when children and adults alike can become extremely tired and maybe a bit short on patience.

Over the next few days the students will be bringing home lots of work they have completed over the past semester. I do hope you can see how much your child has achieved over this time.

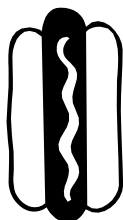
G Davis

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 5.11.12: S Abbott

Wed 7.11.12: K Skinner/L Monk

Fri 9.11.12: S Abbott



Mon 12.12.11: K Knight

Wed 14.12.11: S Tudgey

Fri 16.12.11: B Collins/T Swan

CANTEEN SPECIAL:

CRISPY FISH TACOS WITH CORN SALSA

For the last two weeks of school the canteen will have Crispy Fish Tacos for sale at lunchtime for \$3.00. Please make sure you have your orders in by recess. Thank you.

S Abbott



IMPORTANT DATES

YR 10 CELEBRATION

THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER 6PM AT THE SCHOOL

DISCO 7.30PM

PRESENTATION NIGHT

MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER 7PM

REAGH ON SALE: \$18.00



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the students who received a certificate signed by the Premier for their participation in the 2011 Premier's Reading Challenge. All of K/1, Jordan Mitchell (Year 3), Lisa Fish (Year 4), and Dokota Thompson (Year 5) were successful in reaching the goal of reading 20 books (Years 3-9) or 30 books (K-2 sharing, reading or having a book read to them). Particular mention should be made of Dokota Thompson who received a SPECIAL GOLD CERTIFICATE because of her 4th year of participation. Hopefully it will be supported by students next year. The 2012 reading list is now available. Ella Hartley has already started for 2012 and has read books on the list already.

B Bush/P Archer

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 @ 2.12.2011

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.

SECONDARY GENERAL NEWS

Last week we had variations to routine. Intensive Swimming continued under the guidance of Miss Althofer, with students gaining extensive training and assessment from Mr Henderson. Some of our Year 9 & 10 students completed work experience last week as part of their Work Education course (see front page article). Blake Washbrook completed his Electro Technology TVET work placement at AKE Electrical and Data in Dubbo. This work placement was half of his mandatory 70 hours necessary to complete his HSC course. This Thursday evening, we are holding our Year 10 BBQ to celebrate the completion of their School Certificate. This will be held in the BER and it will be catered for by the school. We also encourage parents and carers to join our students in celebrating their achievements at the annual Presentation Night next Monday evening.

J Waters

STAGED TRANSITION

As the Secondary department at Mendooran Central School are combining 7/8 and 9/10 into Staged classes next year, we are holding two transition days this week for our classes to get together. On these days, they will be doing peer skills building, in-depth analysis of their Learning Styles and anti-bullying and resilience training. Years 6/7 will be having their transition on Tuesday 6th and Years 8/9 will have their day on Friday 9th December.

B Bearman



MENDOORAN CENTRAL SCHOOL'S GREAT TEXTBOOK MUSTER!

It's that time of year again when we ask for your help! Throughout the year students may occasionally borrow text books for revision and study. Our School would greatly appreciate it, if parents and students searched at home for any stray text books and return them ASAP. If you do have them could you please return them to the School Office or to the appropriate classroom teacher. Thank you.

M Heazlett

YEAR 10 CELEBRATION DISCO *YEARS 7 - 12*



7.30pm - 10.00PM
in the BER

Drinks available



COMMUNITY NEWS

TOUCH FOOTBALL - KEEPING IN TOUCH

Round 2 was completed last Thursday. Congratulations to the winning teams. The results for Round 2 are as follows:

Royal Hotel defeated **The Coconuts** 11 – 0

Mendooran Café defeated **Barbarians** 7 – 3

Wild Boars defeated **The Rookies** 9 – 3

This week will be Round 3 and the games are as follows:

The Rookies vs **The Coconuts**

Mendooran Café vs **Royal Hotel**

Barbarians vs **Wild Boars**

The table so far is as follows:

Teams	Points
Mendooran Café	6
Wild Boars	4
Royal Hotel	4
The Rookies	4
Barbarians	4
The Coconuts	2



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

M Burke

MENDOORAN PONY CLUB

CONGRATULATIONS TO LACHIE TUDGEY and DJ CHAMPION ASSOCIATE AT THE STATE SHOW RIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS AT GLEN INNES OVER THE WEEKEND. WELL DONE LACHIE WE ARE VERY PLEASED FOR YOU.:-) Also well done to Emma Tudgey and Zeus, they came 5th in the Team of Four. The Tudgey family said it was a great weekend and they were made to feel very welcome by our other Zone 4 members, the level of competition was extremely high and it was a very cold weekend in beautiful Glen Innes. Get well soon to Kerrie Ward who is mending a broken arm. Our Pony Club Christmas party is on the weekend of 17th and 18th of December – you should have all received invitations by now, please call me and let me know numbers for catering purposes as soon as possible. Miriam has kindly offered to organise the food for the evening meal so if everyone could bring some nibblies that would be fantastic. I need all perpetual trophies as soon as possible please. Perhaps these could be left at the school for me to pick up. The chocolate wheel will be our last fundraiser for the year. This will be held Thursday night, 15th December at the Royal Hotel. Could everyone please come to help – this is a really fun night and the local community are always so generous to us. Good luck to all children competing this weekend at the Coonabarabran O.D.E and the Area 4 Trials.

J Smith

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 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!



Macquarie Regional Library Summer Reading Club 2011-2012

Wednesday 23 November 2011

Macquarie Regional Library's annual Summer Reading Club will launch on Thursday 1 December across the region and will continue throughout the summer holidays.

The Summer Reading Club aims to:

- Engage young people and their families in a fun, interactive and relevant reading program during the summer holidays.
- Support literacy development in young people including reading, writing, creative arts and multi-media technology skills.
- Promote public libraries to the wider community.
- Foster a love of books, reading, literature and the library habit.

This year's theme, The Amazing Read, explores the many different places that you can take your book and read. The program will promote reading as an enjoyable experience and encourage children to seek out new places to read, along with celebrating familiar reading spaces.

At Macquarie Regional Library young people can register for free and will receive a reading pack with fun activities, great incentives and a reading log. Alternatively they can download a reading log online at www.mrl.nsw.gov.au from Thursday 1 December.

Last year the Summer Reading Club was a huge success with almost 700 entries from across the region. This year, with the help of your school, it could be even bigger and better!

Would you please consider including details of the Macquarie Regional Library Summer Reading Club in your school newsletter.

For more information please contact Gary Furnell on 6842 1093.

Yours sincerely,

Gary Furnell
Manager, Coonabarabran Branch
Macquarie Regional Library



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