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1ST AUGUST 2011



Some of our talented students performed a rendition of "From Little Things, Big Things Grow"



SCHOOLS TREE PLANTING DAY

Last Friday we held a short ceremony to commemorate the planting of a tree in the newly paved area at the front of the school. A *robinia pseudoacacia* (Purple Robe) was planted in front of an assembly of staff and students by our two youngest students, Yasmine Taleb and Alexander Yeo. Mr Spora aided with the shovelling. Sunday was National Plant a Tree Day and it was fitting that we could plant a long lasting and what will become, a beautiful feature of our front yard. Thanks to Mrs Goldspink for selecting the tree and to Mr Robert Waters for caring for the gardens and putting so much work into the beautification of our school.

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

EDUCATION WEEK

This week is Education Week. As I stated last week, Education Week is a special time to showcase and reflect on some of the great aspects of our education here at Mendooran Central School. The special theme that classes will be looking at is "My Hero". Parents are invited into the school this Thursday, 4th August at 10.45. We will be having class assembly performances, a display of the "Great Schools Show-Off" video, morning tea with staff and open classes. I encourage parents to come in and participate in this wonderful opportunity to support your child's learning.

CANBERRA EXCURSION

This year's excursion is to Canberra and will be on in week 7, 29th Aug – 2nd Sep. I encourage all families to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity if possible. I am sure that in seeing the itinerary attached to the permission notes sent home last week, you will agree that this is outstanding value for an educational week that will also prove to be very interesting and entertaining.



CALENDAR

EDUCATION WEEK

TUES 2/8/11

ICAS English
7/8 Technology
Camp-Coolah

WED 3/8/11

* 7/8 Technology
Camp-Coolah
* Parent Forum BER
* Great Schools
Show Off
Presentation Sydney

THUR 4/8/11

Education Week
Open Day



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.

Michael Spora (Principal)

Mendooran Central school P & C would like to thank everyone who donated cakes, slice and biscuits for the Warrawong Clearing Sale. We had a very good day with many people commenting on the "yumminess" of the products.

Another thank you must go to the volunteers, Bronwyn Drew, Cathy Wood, Geoff Swain, Sara Reynolds, Barbara Hobbs, Sylvia Goldspink, Charly Wood and Dakota Ingram who helped serve and cook on the day. We couldn't have run it without you.

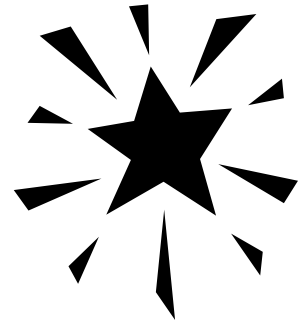


Merit Awards

K/1: Jackson Hardes
Trevor Martin
2/3/4: Malcolm Hellyer
Anna Ward
4/5/6: Lachlan Howarth
Bradley Hellegers

Class Award Ribbons

K/1: Ella Hartley
2/3/4: Kaitlyn Reynolds
4/5/6: Emily Yeo
Special: Kevin Martin



PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS



Birthdays: Jackson Hardes
Win Bins:

YEAR 4/5/6 NEWS

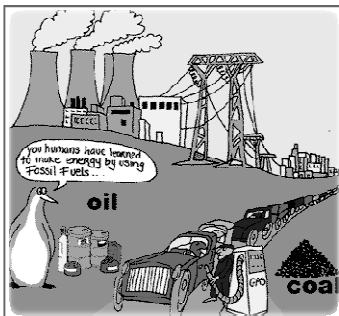
Most of the students have been working incredibly well over the last couple of weeks and have presented wonderful speeches informing us about the lives of a bee. They have also been practising judging other student's speeches and this has helped them to understand how important voice, stance and facial expression are in public speaking.

In Maths we have been focusing on naming measuring angles and the students are all becoming quite adept at using a protractor and we will continue this work next week.

I will be away for a few days this week as my Uncle Peter died last week and I will be attending his funeral in Sydney. Mrs Bush will be taking my place and will, as always, maintain a very high standard of work and expectation.

Our unit of work on "machines" and "energy" is progressing extremely well and the children have been fascinated by Mr Bearman's lesson on energy. Several of the students expressed their interest and surprise because they had never been consciously aware of the source of fossil fuel. Now they know.

Gayl Davis



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,

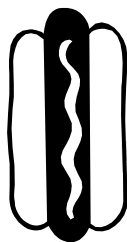
Consider the benefits, *save for that ipod, new X box, DS,
motorbike or maybe a car*

So call in today don't delay!!!



CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon: 1/8/11 M Ward/J Smith
 Tue: 2/8/11 K Hyde
 Wed: 3/8/11 L Monk/K Skinner
 Thur: 4/8/11 B Drew
 Fri: 5/8/11 K Bennetts/M Skinner



Mon: 8/8/11 B Hobbs
 Tue: 9/8/11 M Eyles
 Wed: 10/8/11 S Tudgey
 Thur: 11/8/11 S Heazlett/C Copland
 Fri: 12/8/11 K Latham

SECONDARY NEWS—GENERAL

This week is Education Week, and we encourage parents and community members to join us on Thursday for Open Day.

Our Year 12 students sit their Trial ACCESS HSC examinations this week. We wish them the best of luck. School based subjects will be examined in Week 8.

The ICAS English exam will be held on Tuesday of this week.

Congratulations to Andrew Mulligan and John Monk who represented our school at the State Cross Country championship. Well done!

Mr Bearman, three students and myself are excited about our trip to Sydney this Wednesday to take part in the "Great Schools Show Off" awards ceremony. The trophy will be available for inspection at Thursday's Open day.

I strongly advise students to bring in notes and money for the annual school excursion in week 7. The destination is Canberra.

J Waters

ALONE IN THE SNOW

The snow is here! All the kids jump out of bed, wrap themselves up and go out to play.

Everyone was allowed to play snowball except Koori Bunburn who was all alone in the snow.

All the kids laughed at him and threw snowballs at him but they all missed, Koori Bunburn realised he was faster than everyone so he threw them back... at the cool kids... at the parents... at the buildings.

No one was a match for him and his speed.

While he sat in his snow throne, a girl challenged him to a fight with snowballs.

The game was on, the seats were full and the game began. He threw, tossed, swung and spun.

None came into contact with the girl. He felt threatened, she made two snowballs. She threw the first one and Koori jumped and then quickly she threw the next one and hit him.

Koori was down and had lost the battle and the mystery girl became the new hero, but where did he go?

Ryan Brennan

TWO WEEKS WITH THE QUEEN

We have some exciting news for the community of Mendooran. Mendooran Central School is putting on a full scale theatrical production in Term 4! The play chosen is entitled 'Two Weeks with the Queen'.

You may remember that short snippets of the play were staged at presentation night in 2010.

This year, the full production is being staged with costuming, sets, lights, sound, the whole nine yards.

Auditions have been completed already and our cast has been assembled, rehearsals start this week!

Please see the rehearsal schedule to know which days you are involved in.

B. Bearman, S. Young, L. Yeo

TWO WEEKS WITH THE QUEEN

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

- All rehearsals will be held from 1.00pm to 1.30pm in the Music Room, bring your lunch.
- Please bring your script with you and a smile!

Date	Scene(s)	Cast Required
Mon 01/08	A1 S1, A1 S2	COLIN, LUCY, MUM, DAD, DOCTOR 1, DOCTOR 2
Tue 02/08	A1 S3, A1 S4, A1 S5	COLIN, LUCY, MUM, DAD, NURSE, MATRON
Wed 03/08	A1 S6, A1 S7	COLIN, MUM, DAD, ATTENDANT
Thu 04/08	A1 S8, A1 S9	COLIN, ATTENDANT, BUSINESSMAN, CAPTAIN, IRIS, BOB, ALISTAIR
Fri 05/08	A1 S10, A1 S11, A1 S12	COLIN, ALISTAIR, IRIS, BOB, AMERICAN, FRENCHY, GUARD, POLICEMAN
Mon 08/08	A1 S13, A1 S14, A1 S15	COLIN, ALISTAIR, BOB, IRIS, POLICEMAN
Tue 09/08	A2 S1, A2 S2	POLICEMAN, IRIS, BOB, COLIN, ALISTAIR
Wed 10/08	A2 S3, A2 S4	ENG NURSE, ENG DOCTOR, SUDENT DOCTOR, COLIN, TED
Thu 11/08	A2 S5, A2 S6, A2 S7	COLIN, TED, CAFÉ STAFF, BOB, ALISTAIR
Fri 12/08	A2 S8, A2 S9	COLIN, TED, DR GRAHAM, IRIS, BOB, ALISTAIR
Mon 15/08	A2 S10, A2 S13	COLIN, TED, IRIS, ALISTAIR
Tue 16/08	A2 S15, A2 S16	COLIN, ALISTAIR, IRIS, TED, BOB
Wed 17/08	A2 S17, A2 S18, A2 S19	COLIN, TED, AIRPORT STAFF, IRIS, BOB, ALISTAIR, BUSINESSMAN, MUM, DAD, LUCY





Mendooran Central School

Uniform Supplies @ 26.7.2010

<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
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
<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

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.

ICAS 2011

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

The ICAS tests are now closed. Thank you to the parents who encourage their children to sit these tests and to the students who do. The Maths and English exams will be sat in August.

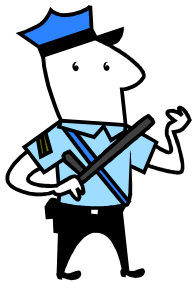
Name	School Year	Competition	Sitting Date	Cost (incl GST)	Closing Date for Entries
		Mathematics Years 3-12	Tuesday, 16 August, 2011	\$7.70	CLOSED
		English Years 3-12	Tuesday, 2 August, 2011	\$7.70	CLOSED

Education Week 2011



THEME: MY HERO

**HERO: A PERSON WHO, IN THE OPINION OF OTHERS, HAS
HEROIC QUALITIES OR HAS PERFORMED A HEROIC ACT
AND IS REGARDED AS A MODEL OR IDEAL.**



**EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY
THURSDAY 4TH AUGUST 2011**

**FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE
INVITED TO JOIN MENDOORAN CENTRAL SCHOOL TO
CELEBRATE EDUCATION WEEK.**

**MORNING TEA STARTS AT 10:45AM WITH
CLASS PRESENTATIONS FOLLOWING.**

CONCLUSION 12:30PM





CYBER-BULLYING

Unfortunately, there has been a recent spike in local cyber bullying. Whilst dealing with the situation(s) I said to those involved “If you wouldn’t like something to be on the front page of the Daily Telegraph or the Lion’s Pride, then you shouldn’t say it or upload it to the internet”.

I have downloaded the following information from

<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Teens/Tips%20and%20advice/Cyberbullying.aspx>

The same rules apply online as in real life about how to treat other people. Unfortunately, many people are yet to realise or understand this and you, or a friend, may find that you are the target of cyber-bullying. You might be teased or have false rumours spread about you online, receive nasty messages or even threats. It can happen in school, or out of it, any hour of the day, from people you know, and sometimes people you don’t know. It can leave you feeling unsafe and alone.

No-one has the right to bully another person. At its most serious, cyber-bullying is illegal and can be investigated by the police.

Tips

- **Ignore it.** Don’t respond to the bully. If they don’t get a response they may get bored and go away.
- **Block the person.** This will stop you seeing messages or texts from a particular person.
- **Tell someone.** Tell an adult you can trust. You may want to talk to your mum, dad or a brother or sister. Or you can contact the [Cyber-smart Online Helpline service](#), call Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800, visit their [website](#).
- **Keep the evidence.** This can be useful in tracking the bully down. Save texts, emails, online conversations or voicemails as evidence.
- **Report it to:**
 - your school—they should have policies in place about bullying and cyber-bullying.
 - your ISP and/or phone provider, or the website administrator— there are actions they can take to help.
 - the police—if there is a threat to your safety the police will help. Call Triple Zero (000) or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

If a friend is being cyber-bullied

It can be hard to know if your friends are being cyber-bullied. They might keep it to themselves. If they are being cyber-bullied, you might notice that they may not chat with you online as much, suddenly receive lots of SMS messages or are unhappy after they have been on the computer or checked their phone messages. They may stop hanging around with friends or have lost interest in school or social activities.

Help stop cyber-bullying

- **Stand up and speak out!** If you see or know about cyber-bullying happening to a friend, **support them** and report the bullying. You’d want them to do the same for you.
- **Don’t forward** on messages or pictures that may be offensive or upsetting to someone. Even though you may not have started it, you will be seen to be part of the cyber-bullying cycle.
- Remember to **treat others as you would like to be treated** when communicating online.

Michael Spora

COMMUNITY NEWS

“Curtains”

Come and enjoy the musical comedy “Curtains” at the Dubbo Regional Theatre.

- 2pm Saturday 6th August
- Tickets - \$35 per person
- Free bus - departs the CWA rooms at 12pm
- Contact Michele Southwell on 6886 1427

Transport funding by the Orana Arts Cultural Bus Community Transport Funding Program.

An initiative of Orana Arts supported by funding from the NSW Dept. Of Transport.



PONY CLUB NEWS

There will be a meeting on Tuesday night at 7pm at the Health centre. Please come along, we need to get organised for the gymkhana and organise a rally day and just get up to date on all that is going on.

Good luck to everyone going to Coonamble this weekend and to Bligh going to Denman.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

5TH, 6TH & 7TH AUGUST – Coonamble School Horse sports and gymkhana weekend

14th August – Gilgandra Gymkhana

21st August – Narromine Gymkhana

GO 4 Fun, MEND PROGRAMS AT GILGANDRA FITNESS CENTRE

GO 4 Fun, MEND Program helps overweight children get fitter, healthier and happier.

In July 2011 a program aimed at helping overweight children manage their weight will be commencing at the fitness centre. The MEND Program (Mind, Exercise, Nutrition...Do it!) is part of an initiative offering free healthy lifestyle courses for overweight 7 to 13 Year olds and their families. Gilgandra Youth and Fitness is working in partnership with the Division of General Practice to run the course, at the Gilgandra Fitness Centre running Monday and Wednesday from 4pm to 6pm. Families take part in fun 2 hour sessions twice a week for 10 weeks. The Program helps improve eating and exercise habits, thereby improving children's fitness, physical activity levels, nutrition and self-esteem. **It is essential the child is accompanied by a parent or guardian each session.**

Contact: Dianne McCormack or Rosalie Prout on 0432 500 330
or email: rprout@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au



**Mendooran
Mechanics
Hall**

Mendooran Debutante Ball

**SATURDAY
13 August,
2011**

A

Debutante Ball

will be held at the

Mechanics Institute Hall

On

Saturday 13 August, 2011 at 6pm

Honourable Guests:: Mr and Mrs Kevin Humphries MP

Tickets may be purchased at Mendooran Post Office now

They will not be available at the door on the night

Guests may arrive by 6pm and be seated.

Debutantes and partners will be presented at 6:30pm sharp

“DJ Schmak” will provide music for the evening

A light supper, tea and coffee will be provided

Softdrinks and water will be on sale

Please BYO Beveridges/Alcohol

COST: ADULTS \$30.00 ph

CHILDREN \$15.00 ph

DRESS: STRICTLY FORMAL

***FUNDS RAISED WILL SUPPORT THE
FLOOD RELIEF VICTIMS OF QUEENSLAND***

***Contact Mrs Sylvia Goldspink 68861056 or Mrs Cathlene Austin 6886 1111
for further enquiries***

Term 3 Calendar 2011 @ 2/08/11

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
1	<u>18.7.11</u>	<u>19.7.11</u> Canteen Thankyou Morning Tea 10am	<u>20.7.11</u>	<u>21.7.11</u>	<u>22.7.11</u> PSSA/CHS X Country	<u>23.7.11</u>	<u>24.7.11</u>
2	<u>25.7.11</u>	<u>26.7.11</u>	<u>27.7.11</u>	<u>28.7.11</u>	<u>29.7.11</u> Secondary Athletics trials	<u>30.7.11</u>	<u>31.7.11</u>
3	<u>1.8.11</u> Education Week	<u>2.8.11</u> ICAS English Tech Camp 7/8	<u>3.8.11</u> Tech Camp 7/8	<u>4.8.11</u> Education Week Open Day Starts 10.45am. Visitors welcome	<u>5.8.11</u>	<u>6.8.11</u>	<u>7.8.11</u>
4	<u>8.8.11</u>	<u>9.8.11</u>	<u>10.8.11</u>	<u>11.8.11</u>	<u>12.8.11</u> Zone Athletics— Coonabarabran	<u>13.8.11</u>	<u>14.8.11</u>
5	<u>15.8.11</u> National Science Week	<u>16.8.11</u> ICAS Maths	<u>17.8.11</u>	<u>18.8.11</u>	<u>19.8.11</u>	<u>20.8.11</u>	<u>21.8.11</u>
6	<u>22.8.11</u>	<u>23.8.11</u>	<u>24.8.11</u>	<u>25.8.11</u> Primary Athletic Trials	<u>26.8.11</u>	<u>27.8.11</u>	<u>28.8.11</u>
7	<u>29.8.11</u> Whole school exc Canberra Cost to parents \$350.00	<u>30.8.11</u> Whole school exc Canberra	<u>31.8.11</u> Whole school exc Canberra	<u>1.9.11</u> Year 10 to Year 11 Transition Night Whole school exc Canberra	<u>2.9.11</u> Whole school exc Canberra	<u>3.9.11</u>	<u>4.9.11</u>
8	<u>5.9.11</u>	<u>6.9.11</u>	<u>7.9.11</u>	<u>8.9.11</u>	<u>9.9.11</u>	<u>10.9.11</u>	<u>11.9.11</u>
9	<u>12.9.11</u>	<u>13.9.11</u> WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO DAY	<u>14.9.11</u>	<u>15.9.11</u>	<u>16.9.11</u>	<u>17.9.11</u>	<u>18.9.11</u>
10	<u>19.9.11</u> Year 11 Final exams School Cert trials	<u>20.9.11</u> Year 11 Final exams School Cert Trials Parent/Teacher in- terviews 3.30-5.30	<u>21.9.11</u> Year 11 Final exams School Cert trials	<u>22.9.11</u> Year 11 Final exams School Cert trials	<u>23.9.11</u> Year 11 Final exams School Cert trials	<u>24.9.11</u>	HOLS
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Term 4 Calendar 2011 @ 2/08/2011

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
1	<u>10.10.11</u>	<u>11.10.11</u>	<u>12.10.11</u>	<u>13.10.11</u> Life Education Van	<u>14.10.11</u>	<u>15.10.11</u>	<u>16.10.11</u>
2	<u>17.10.11</u> HSC Starts	<u>18.10.11</u> HSC English	<u>19.10.11</u>	<u>20.10.11</u>	<u>21.10.11</u>	<u>22.10.11</u>	<u>23.10.11</u>
3	<u>24.10.11</u> HSC Ag	<u>25.10.11</u> HSC Maths	<u>26.10.11</u>	<u>27.10.11</u>	<u>28.10.11</u> Immunisation Clinic No 3 Year 7 & 10 catchcup	<u>29.10.11</u>	<u>30.10.11</u>
4	<u>31.10.11</u>	<u>1.11.11</u>	<u>2.11.11</u>	<u>3.11.11</u> HSC Legal Studies	<u>4.11.11</u> HSC Geography	<u>5.11.11</u>	<u>6.11.11</u>
5	<u>7.11.11</u> School Certificate	<u>8.11.11</u> School Certificate	<u>9.11.11</u> School Certificate Year 6-7 Transition parent meeting	<u>10.11.11</u> Robo-Tech 1.30pm Performance	<u>11.11.11</u> Remembrance Day HSC Hospitality & D&T	<u>12.11.11</u>	<u>13.11.11</u>
6	<u>14.11.11</u>	<u>15.11.11</u>	<u>16.11.11</u>	<u>17.11.11</u>	<u>18.11.11</u>	<u>19.11.11</u>	<u>20.11.11</u>
7	<u>21.11.11</u> Year 7-9 exams	<u>22.11.11</u> Year 7-9 exams	<u>23.11.11</u> Year 7-9 exams	<u>24.11.11</u> Year 7-9 exams	<u>25.11.11</u>	<u>26.11.11</u>	<u>27.11.11</u>
8	<u>28.11.11</u> Year 10 Work Experience	<u>29.11.11</u> Year 10 Work Experience	<u>30.11.11</u> Year 10 Work Experience	<u>1.12.11</u> Year 10 Work Experience	<u>2.12.11</u> Year 10 Work Experience	<u>3.12.11</u>	<u>4.12.11</u>
9	<u>5.12.11</u>	<u>6.12.11</u>	<u>7.12.11</u>	<u>8.12.11</u>	<u>9.12.11</u>	<u>10.12.11</u>	<u>11.12.11</u>
10	<u>12.12.11</u> Presentation Night	<u>13.12.11</u>	<u>14.12.11</u> Reports out	<u>15.12.11</u>	<u>16.12.11</u> Students & Staff last day	<u>17.12.11</u>	<u>18.12.11</u>
11	<u>19.12.11</u> HOLS	<u>20.12.11</u> HOLS	HOLS	HOLS	HOLS (CHRISTMAS)	HOLS	HOLS