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15TH AUGUST 2011

COOLAH TECHNOLOGY CAMP 2011

During Week Three, students from Years 7 and 8 attended a Technology Camp designed to develop the student's Computer Literacy Skills. I was very proud of the way Mendooran Students participated in all activities over the two days. Throughout the Camp students were taught how to use a variety of software packages including software that would allow them to create computer animations, manipulate digital images professionally as well as learning how to present their work using cutting edge presentation software. Although all our students created wonderful pieces of work over the two days, Shanoa Hartley and Dani Sciberras had the honor of presenting their project to several other schools, showcasing their talents.

The students also should be proud of the way they conducted themselves at sporting activities and the multi school disco with many of them making some new friends from many schools across the Central West. Everyone had an enjoyable and productive time and we look forward to attending the Camp again next year.



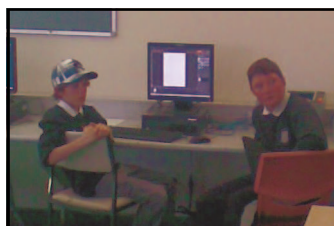
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FROM THE STUDENTS

Technology Camp

Last week on Tuesday and Wednesday, a group of Year 7 and 8 went on a Technology Camp at Coolah Central School. We learnt to use Photoshop and Audacity and how to do slow-motion on the computers, at the end of the two days we had to put it all into "Prezi" and present it to the rest of the schools. There was a disco and every one had a great time over the two days and can't wait till next year.

Robert Austin



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

Evaluation process

In order to evaluate where we are going with some current management strategies, and to plan for future directions, I have been asking staff and students to fill out a number of surveys. Some parents have also been asked to come to be interviewed as part of various focus group surveys. I thank all of those people involved for your time and providing such valuable information.

Today, Mrs Young, Mrs Reynolds and myself will be attending a meeting in Dunedoo where all schools in the Warrumbungle group of schools will be beginning the process of using the valuable information you have provided and start planning to specifically address areas of need for 2012 and beyond.

Excursion

There is only a couple of weeks to go until the major school excursion and we still have seats available for any student interested in attending. The itinerary is full of interesting and fun activities and I am sure all students will enjoy this experience and remember it for many years to come. As requested by some parents, the excursion will be more closely aligned to the curriculum, making it a valuable educational experience. The school has heavily funded this excursion and I strongly encourage families to utilise this wonderful opportunity.

Attendance survey

Last week we attached a survey relating to attendance to the newsletter. Parents please fill out the survey and return it to the school. The reason we are seeking this information is that we have been working with the Home School Liaison Officers (HSLO) and they need this information so that they can assist our community in raising the attendance levels of our school and its students. Parents who have not returned this survey may be contacted by the HSLOs later this week so that the information can be utilised.

Uniform

When talking to a number of parent groups lately, the one major issue that they have concerns about is the standard of uniform. I will be insisting that staff monitor this more rigidly in response to this and expect all students to comply. If any parent cannot afford a uniform, please contact me at the school and we will gladly arrange support in this area. Thank you for your support in this area.

Michael Spora (Principal)

NEXT P&C MEETING

Tuesday
25th August 2011
3.30 pm

NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday
25th August 2011
7:00 pm.



CALENDAR

MON 15.8.11

*National Science
Week*

TUES 16.8.11

ICAS Maths Test

THUR 18.8.11

Ag Quip &
Gunnedah excursion

FRI 19.8.11

Ag Quip &
Gunnedah excursion

Merit Awards

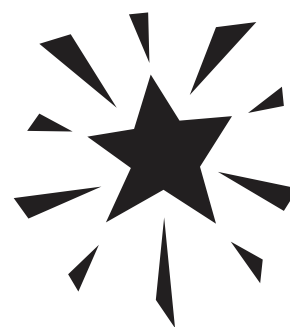
K/1: Griffin May
Reagan May

2/3/4: Klayton Campbell
Annabel Finemore

4/5/6: Emma Bennetts
James Eyles

Class Award Ribbons

K/1: Sam Bennetts
2/3/4: Thomas Yeo
4/5/6: Dylan Thompson



PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Birthdays: Annabel Finemore

Win Bins: Christopher Bracken, Klayton Campbell, Oscar Monk, Victoria Monk

YEAR 4/5/6 NEWS

I had the privilege this week of attending a class conducted by Inspector Steve O'Callaghan. This class on Fire Safety, discussed the various clothing and articles of safety apparel used by Fire Fighters, including hat, goggles, trousers, coat, gloves and boots.

Clothing varies for bush fires, house fires and educators. Fire extinguishers, fire blankets and smoke alarms were displayed and discussed.

Children were encouraged to discuss fire evacuation plans with parents and the importance of checking the batteries in smoke alarms.

Country children are encouraged to learn the rural address eg: 1478 Tooraweenah Road, Mendooran which is asked for by the Fire Brigade.

Drought conditions increase the risk of grass and bush fires and country residents are encouraged to prepare property and building against the likelihood of fire outbreak.

G Davis



SECONDARY NEWS GENERAL

The Maths ICAS test will be held tomorrow, 16th August. Our Agriculture students from Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 will visit the annual "Ag Quip" exhibition as well as a large poultry farm this Thursday and Friday on 18th and 19th August.

The Year 12 students are finalising their Design and Technology and Art major works and portfolios, which are due for completion by 9am on Monday 29th August. The projects are excellent examples of the students' skills and individuality.

The secondary staff are currently reviewing our homework policy and procedure. We thank parents who attended the National Partnership review forum and will be acting on suggestions made.

Communication remains vital to achieve the best possible outcomes for our students. J Waters



CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 15.8.11 K Knight
 Tue 16.8.11 A Martin/K Yeo
 Wed 17.8.11 B Collins/T Swan
 Thur 18.8.11 S Bracken
 Fri 19.8.11 B Hobbs



Mon 22.8.11 B Hobbs
 Tue 23.8.11 K Hyde
 Wed 24.8.11 L Monk/K Skinner
 Thur 25.8.11 B Drew
 Fri 26.8.11 K Latham

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 is available and will supervise the students and provide any assistance required.



CANBERRA MAJOR EXCURSION

It is only two weeks to go till 34 lucky students travel to Canberra for the week and visit a myriad of exciting places. There are still 10 available places on the bus. Thank you to all the parents who have returned notes and paid for their children. This is a great opportunity for the students and not many schools pay half the excursion costs to give students the opportunity to go on these excursions. If we do not fill these places the whole excursion may have to be cancelled and this would not only be a terrible shame but cost a great deal to the school. Please consider your child going and return permission and medical notes as soon as possible.

S Goldspink

2 Weeks to go! Premier's Reading Challenge!

Last week saw the Library full every morning and lunch-times with students madly reading, recording and encouraging each other to finish the challenge. If anybody is unsure of how close they are please come and see us and I will look up your details on the website.

We are thrilled to announce that Lisa Fish is the first to complete the challenge. Many other are close, so keep reading!! She was awarded with a prize at last Thursday's Assembly. Well Done, Lisa!



KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE PRIZE!!!!

With only 2 weeks to go students are reading full-steam ahead and it is important that all those who are close to finishing **do exactly that!** It would be a great shame for students who have read 18 books when their goal is 20 to not get there!! If you are one of these people we can help you finish. Come and see us and we will help with a strategy. We want to see you receive your signed certificate from the NSW Premier, Mr. Barry O'Farrell. You can do it!!

Bev Bush/Pip Archer
PRC Coordinators

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Friday 12th August, students from Mendooran Central competed at the Zone Athletics Carnival at Coonabarabran. They represented our school with pride and persistence. Mendooran proved very competitive against the other schools in the zone with the following students now going on to represent the Zone and Mendooran Central at the upcoming North West Carnival in Tamworth 25th August.

Toby Adams (800m), Levi Goldspink (High Jump) Arabella Smith (9yrs 100m).

I'd like to thank the parents who provided transport for our students and helped encourage and support them on the day.



PREMIERS SPORTING CHALLENGE

Over the past 4 weeks all students have been encouraged to complete at least 30 minutes of physical activity each day in order to achieve awards as part of the Premiers Sporting Challenge. Students record their activity on daily cards. At the end of this week the live school boards will be updated with Mendooran's progress and efforts to maintain a healthy lifestyle as well as noting those students on track to a gold / diamond award from the NSW Premier.



GETTING MORE FROM YOUR GROCERY SHOP COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

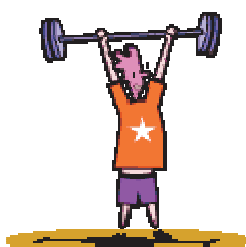
Coles has launched their 2011 Sports for Schools program and vouchers are now available in all Coles stores until 19 October. We are appealing to parents and guardians to collect as many vouchers as you can. By donating and encouraging friends and family to do the same, you are helping to provide a healthy and active education for our children.

It couldn't be simpler...

1. **Complete your grocery shop at Coles Supermarket**
2. **For every \$10 spent at the checkout, you will receive a Coles school sport voucher**
3. **Send or bring the vouchers in to the school where they are placed in the donation box located in the School Library**
4. **Upon completion of the program and tally of the vouchers Coles will donate sporting equipment of our choice to our school.**

Please visit coles.com.au/sports-for-schools for more information about the program or feel free to contact myself.

Miss Denise Althofer



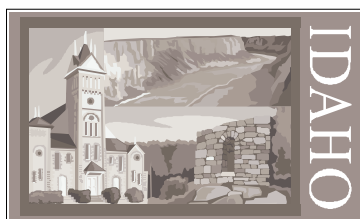
LIBRARY NEWS- BOOK WEEK!!

Book Week will be held in Week 6, from 22nd August to 26th August. The theme this year is:

"One World, Many Stories"

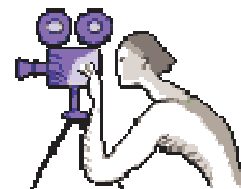
... and to celebrate the theme we will be collecting a display of post cards from around the world. If you have any used or unused postcards please send them in with your child (they will be returned) and we hope for an amazing display.

Bev Bush
Relieving Librarian



SCHOOL PHOTOS - WEEK 9

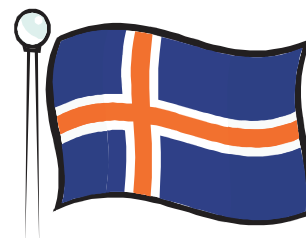
MONTAGE FOTOS



TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2011

ICELAND BOOKLETS AND POSTERS
DUE—17TH AUGUST!!

All Iceland booklets (4/5/6 with Miss Althofer) and posters (2/3/4 with Mrs Bush/Mrs Peter) are due in Week 5, on **17th August**. Please have students deliver them to the Library in plenty of time.



Bev Bush
Relieving Librarian

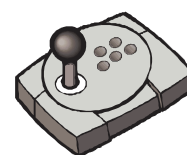
STUDENT BANKING

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!!!



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 (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

HATS

Caps (Black with school emblem)	\$5.00
Bucket Hats (Black: Size 53, 55, 57, 59 & 61cm).....	\$7.50

EQUIPMENT

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.

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 15/08	A2 S5, A2 S6, A2 S7	COLIN, TED, CAFÉ STAFF, BOB, ALISTAIR
TUE 16/08	A2 S8, A2 S9	COLIN, TED, DR GRAHAM, IRIS, BOB, ALISTAIR
WED	A2 S10, A2 S13	COLIN, TED, IRIS, ALISTAIR
THU	A2 S15, A2 S16	COLIN, ALISTAIR, IRIS, TED, BOB
FRI 19/08	A2 S17, A2 S18, A2 S19	COLIN, TED, AIRPORT STAFF, IRIS, BOB, ALISTAIR, BUSINESSMAN, MUM, DAD, LUCY



COMMUNITY NEWS



HIGH SCHOOL SCRIPTURE

Planning is underway to commence High School scripture teaching in Mendooran.

An Information Night
will be held at the School next
Wednesday 24th August at 7.00 pm

The local organising committee, the Area Advisor for school scripture in North West NSW and a scripture teacher currently working in Dubbo high schools will be there to tell us how it works, what is happening in other schools and will also be available to answer our questions.

Staff, students, parents and community members are all invited to attend. Supper provided.

C Knight

PONY CLUB NEWS

On Saturday, Lachlan Tudgey and Bradley Ward competed at the Gilgandra Showjumping day. Lachlan Tudgey, Abby and Sophie Skinner attended the Gilgandra Gymkhana on Sunday. They all had a great day coming home with lots of ribbons. Lachlan received Champion of the Associates. There was approx 60 riders on Sunday.

There will be no rally day this Sunday due to the Polo X Carnival. Our Rally Day will be held the following Sunday 28th August starting at 9 am for a 9.30am start. It will be great to have a Rally Day. We will also be having a Rally Day the day after the Mendooran Races, this is the Sunday before our Gymkhana weekend.

Remember Mendooran Pony Club Gymkhana Saturday 17th Sunday 18th September.

J Smith

TAFE WESTERN

Education Support—Certificate 111

This qualification covers workers in a range of education settings including public and independent schools and community education settings that provide assistance and support to teachers and students under supervision to facilitate students learning.

Career Opportunities

Job roles include Education Assistant, Teacher's Aide, Aboriginal Student Support Officer, Teacher's Aid Special, home tutor, literacy worker.

Workshops will be held the first Saturday of Terms 2,3 and 4 in Coonamble.

Expenses

The standard TAFE administration charge applies and a resources charge of \$50.00. Students will also be required to purchase textbooks/resources at an addition costs.

For further information, please contact: Head Teacher: Shane Kilby 68271621 or 0417780538
Campus Administrator: J Bogie 68478701



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 (2nd project dependent on cost)

Please tear off the following section and fill in details, according to the number of students you have attending Mendooran Central School, to calculate the amount owing.

FAMILY NAME:.....

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

No Primary Students	<input style="width: 40px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/>	No. Secondary Students	<input style="width: 40px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text"/>	TOTAL \$ SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS (Maximum \$80.00)
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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 \$_____