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AGQUIP & GLENWARRIE FARM VISIT

Mr Burke, Mr Hollingworth and seven keen Agriculture students departed at 6:00am last Thursday, heading for Gunnedah.

We had a great day in spite of the weather which included patchy showers and a little hail. The students were able to see many beef cattle breeds in the flesh and then eat them, reinforcing their classroom studies. It is a great opportunity for students to see plenty of farm equipment and the latest innovations used on farms.

At the conclusion of AgQuip we drove to Glenwarrie farm owned by Mr & Mrs Burke where we were treated to a lovely BBQ dinner and put up for the night. Friday morning, after a wholesome bacon and egg breakfast, again supplied by the Burkes, we packed up our swags and went on a guided tour of the farm.

Glenwarrie is a mixed enterprise consisting of cattle, wheat and laying chickens. The egg enterprise is the most automated and high tech set up in NSW, producing in excess of 100,000 eggs per day.

Mr Burke showed us the chicken raising sheds, the laying sheds and explained the climate control along with the feeding process.

The students thanked Mr and Mrs Burke for their hospitality, generosity and for taking the time to give an insight into the egg industry. We then headed home.

All students who attended behaved impeccably and were excellent ambassadors for both the school and their families.

B Hollingworth & M Burke



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

Equity Conference

Today and Tuesday, Mrs Young, Mr Bearman and I will be in Sydney as we attend the NSW Equity in Schools Conference. As well as attending to inspect and learn about new innovations and successful programs from throughout the state, we will also be presenting to the Conference and showcasing the innovations in curriculum and various extra programs that we run here at Mendooran Central School. Mendooran was the only school to be selected to present at the Conference from the Warrumbungle group of schools. This is a credit to Mrs Young as our National Partnerships coordinator and the whole staff for the innovation and dedication that is applied to curriculum at our school.

Absenteeism

Our Home School Liaison Officers (HSLO) have indicated to me that they have downloaded information from our system to ascertain who our students are with high absenteeism. These particular students will be monitored in the future to ensure that this pattern improves. Families need to remember their legal and I believe moral obligations these days to ensure their children attend school each day possible.

Canteen

As you would have already heard, unfortunately, our school Canteen had been broken into over the past week. This is the reason that the Canteen was shut last week. We thank Constable Bracken for getting to the bottom of the issue. This is an appropriate time to remind students and community members that if you know of a crime or any inappropriate activity, you have an obligation to inform appropriate authorities, i.e. the police or myself. This also includes inappropriate possession of keys. If anyone knows of anyone who has school keys please remember that this a serious breach of security and should be reported immediately.

Excursion

We still have three positions on the excursion to Canberra. If any student is interested in attending please see Mrs Waters or Mrs Goldspink as soon as possible.

NEXT P&C MEETING

Thursday
25th August 2011
3.30 pm

NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday
25th August, 2011
7:00 pm.



CALENDAR

TUES 23.8.11

K/1/2 & 3/4/5 Fire
Talk with Steve
O'Callaghan

WED 24.8.11

Scripture Information
Evening 7pm

THUR 25.8.11

Primary Athletics
Trials - Tamworth

1.40pm Bouncing
Around Performance

*Michael Spora
(Principal)*



***The 4 Way Sports Day scheduled to be in
Binnaway on Friday 26th has been
cancelled***

Merit Awards

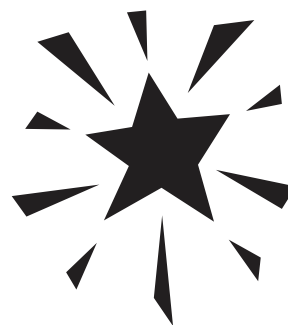
K/1: Yasmine Taleb
Austin Heazlett

2/3/4: Tayla Eyles
Jordan May

4/5/6: Levi Goldspink
Mollee Johnson

Class Award Ribbons

K/1: Victoria Monk
2/3/4: Arabella Smith
4/5/6: Kerrie Ward



PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS



Birthdays: Jake Swan

Special award: Austin Heazlett

KINDERGARTEN / YEAR 1 NEWS

Kindergarten / Year 1 would like to welcome Miss Rebecca LaBour to our classroom. Miss LaBour is a 4th Year University student from Charles Sturt University and she will be part of our class for the next few weeks. Welcome Miss LaBour, we look forward to getting to know you well.

Last week students continued to investigate needs and wants by thinking about the things we buy – products and services. We looked at where bread comes from and how it is made. This week we will be investigating the services people of our community provide. Students are learning about discussions during our literacy session. They will begin to understand that a discussion needs to address opinions both for and against a topic.



FOCUS ON READING

Primary teachers, together with Mrs Young, Secondary English, have been participating in the Professional Development Program, Focus on Reading. When students comprehend, they interpret, integrate, critique, infer, analyse, connect and evaluate ideas in texts. They strive to process the text beyond word-level to get to the big picture. Focus on Reading is an ongoing Professional Development which develops our teachers' ability to apply research-based comprehension strategies: Predicting, questioning, summarising, monitoring, making connections, visualising. Through these explicit teaching practices students learn the strategies that enable them to comprehend texts to a greater depth.

S Reynolds

YEAR 2/3/4 NEWS

Well, half way through term three already, before we know it the end of the year will be upon us. We are all working hard in 2/3/4 and this term we are studying the COGS unit "Machines". We have been really enjoying this unit so far, as it allows us to look at machines past and present, hypothesise on what we think machines will be like in the future, and also sink our teeth into some Drama and play acting, which we have enjoyed in past units and have been having a lot of fun with so far.

In Literacy we are looking closely at information reports as this ties in well with the COGS unit. We are all very keen and do well in literacy.

2/3/4 are meeting the Year 4's from 4/5/6 once a week and Mrs Davis and I have decided to use this time together to team teach grammar, parts of writing and speech. We have had a few lessons so far and this seems to be progressing well. Mrs Davis and I are hoping that this will have a positive impact on writing standards in both classes. Here's looking forward to a great rest of term.

L Yeo



CANTEEN ROSTER

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



Mon 29.8.11	M Ward/J Smith
Tue 30.8.11	B Drew
Wed 31.8.11	S Tudgey
Thur 1.9.11	B Hobbs
Fri 2.9.11	K Bennetts/M Skinner

YEAR 4/5/6 NEWS

Last week we combined Science, HSIE and Technology to play some very interesting and challenging games based on simple machines and the creation and use of energy. We will continue to explore these things this week.

This term I have made some changes to our normal reading lessons and each week have included doing CLOZE activities, vocab extension and strategies for reading from 'Focus On Reading, as well as normal comprehension activities.

In numeracy we have been focused on converting fractions, decimals and percentages, as well as comparing equivalent fractions. This week we will be looking at estimating and measuring area and perimeters. Estimating and rounding off numbers is an excellent activity for the children as they gain a real understanding of what they are doing.

This week we have a visit from the fire truck on Tuesday and a show on Thursday after lunch.

G Davis



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 back and will supervise the students and provide any assistance required.



1 Week to go!
Premier's Reading Challenge!
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Last week we were thrilled to present 16 students with encouragement awards for Premier's Reading Challenge. These students have read more than 50% of the books required and many are now close to finishing.

We would like all those students who received awards to come to the Library and we can help them choose the right books to finish with a flourish!

We are also pleased to announce that Dokota Thompson is the second to finish the challenge. Well Done, Dokota!

Bev Bush/Pip Archer
PRC Coordinators



LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK WEEK

This week we are celebrating Book Week in the Library. There will be activities for all during lunch-times surrounding the theme, "One World, Many Stories". Mrs Bush has spent time collecting a wonderful array of books from many different countries with wonderful illustrations and library classes will be exploring this theme during the week. Lastly, we are gathering postcards for our display which will begin today. I wonder how many countries we can cover?



CWA POSTERS/BOOKLETS - ICELAND

What a fantastic response to the Iceland project. Students have produced quality work to a high standard and they are to be commended. Miss Althofer's class will be finalising on Wednesday 24th August, so make sure that your students have their work ready to hand in that day.



OVERDUE BOOKS

We would like to compliment all students on their use of the library. Many people borrow three and four books a week. This is simply great! However, sometimes a new book is borrowed before the last book is returned. Would all parents please help their children return books especially if they have received a reminder from the school. Thank you.

Bev Bush
Relieving Librarian



THE CBCA NATIONAL PATRON
HER EXCELLENCY,
MS QUENTIN BRYCE AC

SECONDARY NEWS GENERAL

The Year 12 students are putting the final touches to their Design and Technology projects and portfolios. Monique is making a photo wall, Jessica decorated her bedroom, Wayde and Jacob made bars and Andrew built a pig/dog crate for his ute. The standard of work of all projects is high. The task now is to complete their portfolios, which involves thorough documentation of the design process they went through. The projects and portfolios are due to be handed in next Monday, at 9am. Madeline is completing her Art major work, due on the same day. It is a picture book for a child. 4 of our Stage 5 students are completing work experience this week. Grace Leask is at the Early Intervention Centre in Dubbo, Jamie is working at Westrac Dubbo, Amelia Washbrook is working at Mendooran Rural and Hardware and Charly Wood is doing PE teaching at MCS. Our Agriculture students from Years 9, 10 and 12 really gained a lot from their visit to the annual AgQuip and a Poultry Farm in Tamworth last week.

Next week some of our students have taken the opportunity to attend our annual excursion. It is to Canberra and the activities look amazing. The students who remain at school will be doing lessons as close to normal as possible. Please come prepared!

J Waters

YEAR 10 & 11 LAPTOPS

**THIS WEEK THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY RECALL OF ALL
RED AND BLUE STUDENT LAPTOPS.**

**THESE LAPTOPS NEED TO HAVE HARDWARE AND
SOFTWARE UPGRADES TO KEEP THEM IN LINE WITH THE
GREEN 2011 LAPTOPS.**



LAPTOPS WILL BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER



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.

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 organizing 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.

BARADINE CENTRAL SCHOOL/ST LAWRENCES COONABARABRAN HORSE SPORTS



Baradine Central School Horse Sports will be held on Thursday 15th September 2011.

This event will be the first of two days of competition. It will be run in conjunction with St Lawrence's Coonabarabran Horse Sports on Friday 16th September 2011. These events are open to all ages from Kinder to Year 12. The program incorporates a Campdraft Competition and should be a great couple of days. If you would like to nominate for these events please see

Dianne McCormack for a nomination form.

D McCormack

OLD TIME DANCE LESSONS

**DANCE LESSONS WILL BE HELD AT THE MECHANICS
INSTITUTE HALL ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 7PM.**

STARTING ON 7TH SEPTEMBER.

***EVERYONE WELCOME! COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME
FUN, DON'T FORGET THOSE DANCING SHOES!!***

ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT

BARRY & JUDY HENDERSON 68861221



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 \$_____