



# Mendooran Central School

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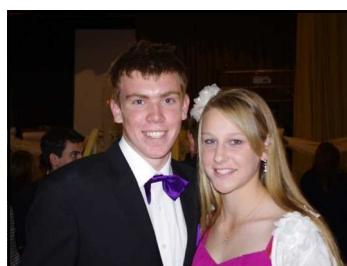
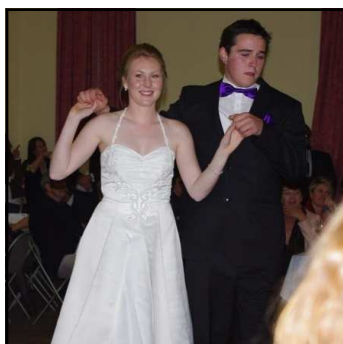
29TH AUGUST 2011

## MENDOORAN DEBUTANTE BALL 2011



A lovely night was held at the Mendooran Mechanics Institute Hall. On Saturday, 13th August six lovely young ladies were presented to the Mendooran community. They were: Lucy Goldspink partnered by Wayde Latham, Tammi Hellegers partnered by William Wood, Sara Austin partnered by Lincoln Goldspink, Grace Leask partnered by Jacob Knight, Alex Yeo (Dubbo MAGS) partnered by David Whittaker and Heidi Sherring (Dubbo Senior College) partnered by Daniel Runciman.

It was wonderful to have Dubbo girls want to have their Debut at our lovely old hall. Kevin Humphries MP and his wife Lindy travelled from Moree to be present and gave a stirring speech on the tradition of Debutante Balls. The young people were presented to Mr and Mrs Humphries, Constable Ben Bracken and his wife Skye and to Judy and Barry Henderson who did a marvelous job preparing the youngsters for the formalities of the evening. Everyone behaved impeccably. It was a credit to our local girls and boys and it was obvious that the kids enjoyed themselves immensely.



**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*



### CALENDAR

**MON 29.8.11**

\*Canberra major  
Excursion

\*HSC trials  
commence

**TUES 30.8.11**

\*Canberra major  
excursion

**WED 31.8.11**

\*Canberra major  
excursion

**THUR 1.9.11**

\*Canberra major  
excursion

**FRI 2.9.11**

\*Canberra major  
excursion

### **Parent information session on Cyber Safety**

Next Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September we will be hosting Marty Paice, our Police Youth Liaison officer at the school to speak to parents about the possible dangers of youth on the internet. Aspects such as cyber bullying, identity theft, predatory and grooming behaviour and the full story of facebook will be some of the topics covered. The focus will be educating parents on the dangers and how to keep your children safe. The importance of this topic cannot be underestimated and I believe should be front and centre of any parent raising a child, adolescent or young adult today. I hope that every household in the school is able to send at least one parent or carer, if you have a friend who wishes to attend, they are most welcome.

The parent presentation will be held at 9:30 at the school followed by morning tea. Students will be given their own sessions later on in the day. I strongly encourage all to attend – this is one aspect of parenting where an educated and proactive approach is required.

### **Equity Conference Presentation**

As mentioned previously, last week I had the privilege to travel to Sydney to attend the NSW Equity Conference with Mr Bearman and Mrs Young.

I wish to inform you, our school community of how well the school was represented by Mrs Young, and supported by Mr Bearman. I was very proud of the hour's presentation and can tell you that the audience was totally engaged, hanging onto every word and staying around to hear more about the great things that go on here at Mendooran Central School.

It also became clear to me in listening to two days of academics, researchers and numerous schools presenting their stories in just how well we do things here. Yes we have many aspects and areas that we are striving to improve on, however, we are student focussed, working with the community and being innovative, we are reflective and focused on improving outcome for the students and making substantial improvements. Yes, we keep focused, motivated and striving to improve, however we also need to celebrate our many successes.

### **Excursion**

We are finally off. As you read this we will be on our way to Canberra for our major excursion for 2011. Our thanks go to Mr Bearman and Mrs Goldspink for the outstanding organisation. Please remember that if you have children not attending, then regular attendance to school is still a mandatory requirement.

*Michael Spora  
(Principal)*

**Merit Awards**

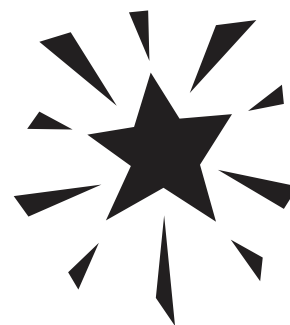
**K/1:** Breea Campbell  
Sam Bennetts

**2/3/4:** Kaitlyn Reynolds  
Annabel Finemore

**4/5/6:** Dakota Ingram  
Dylan Thompson

**Class Award Ribbons**

**K/1:** Alexander Yeo  
**2/3/4:** Christopher Bracken  
**4/5/6:** Charlie Smith



## PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS

**Special Awards:** Carter Swan, Lisa Hobbs, Tahlia Williams, Angus Tudgey

**Birthdays:** Jordan May, Charlie Smith

### KINDERGARTEN / YEAR 1 NEWS

On Tuesday the local Volunteer Firemen visited Mendooran Central School. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 asked questions about their job and the truck. It was a very interesting afternoon where students learnt about how people provide services that contribute to our community in different ways.

We have been learning about discussions in writing. Last week students gave an opinion on whether we should wear shoes to school. Many students were concerned about feet smelling badly or getting hurt so we agreed that shoes should be worn to school.

This week we are looking at a new and interesting book called The Iron Forest by Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson. We will be using strategies from the Focus on Reading Professional Development Program to gain a deep understanding of the text.



### ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS

Active After-School Sports will be cancelled this week. It will be on again next Wednesday at 3.10pm until 4.20pm.

S Reynolds

### YEAR 4/5/6 NEWS

Last week we said goodbye to Marcus Lau, a young boy from Hong Kong who spends few weeks with us each year when visiting family in the area. Marcus is a very bright and happy student and we enjoyed having him visit our class for the last six weeks.

This week is, of course, the much anticipated Major Excursion to Canberra. The bus left this morning with many very excited and happy students supervised by the Principal, Mr Spora capably assisted by Miss Yeo, Mr Heazlett and Miss Althofer. We wish them safe travel and lots of interesting and educational experiences.

A large proportion of the students on the excursion came from Class 4-5-6, so this week my senior students who stayed behind will be helping me look after Miss Yeo's class. I am sure there will be some challenges ahead but with my gorgeous people to help me and the lovely students from Miss Yeo's class, we are anticipating a week of hard work and lots of fun.

G Davis





## CANTEEN ROSTER

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



Mon 5.9.11	K Latham
Tue 6.9.11	B Hobbs
Wed 7.9.11	B Collins/T Swan
Thur 8.9.11	S Bracken
Fri 9.9.11	S Sladden

## SCHOOL PHOTOS – TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER, 2011

*It's Photo time again!*

Please remember to return your order form for the whole school photo day. The correct money should be enclosed. Please make cheques payable to Montage Fotos. We DO NOT open the envelopes and we CANNOT give change.

Envelopes should be returned no later than the day before photography, Monday 12 September, 2011. Envelopes returned on the day will not be processed.

If you wish, payment can be enclosed in the eldest child's envelope BUT every child being photographed must have their own envelope.

Students are required to wear full summer uniform.

Students who have represented the District in regional sporting events will require their sports uniform on the day also.

If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 6886 1149.



## 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.



Last Week!  
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 Premier's Reading Challenge!  
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Premier's Reading Challenge will conclude this Wednesday, 31st August. All participants must have read the required books by then and submitted their sheets to Mrs Archer for processing. A special congratulations go to Kindergarten/Year 1 who have all completed the challenge. Well Done!

Bev Bush/Pip Archer  
PRC Coordinators

## SECONDARY NEWS GENERAL

Approximately half our secondary students have taken the opportunity to take part in our annual school excursion. They will arrive in Canberra later today. The students remaining at school will continue with normal lessons. The staff have taken the opportunity to spend time with the Year 12 students, doing intensive revision sessions in preparation for their trial examinations later in the week.

Five very relieved Year 12 students put their final touches to their Design & Technology projects and portfolios over the weekend. They are now locked away and will be marked by external markers next Wednesday morning. Good Luck!

Our students really enjoyed the "Bouncing Around" performance last week. The skills of the gymnasts were outstanding and the dialogue was very funny and entertaining. The students really appreciate the opportunity to experience these performances.

J Waters

## 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



## WOOLWORTHS - EARN AND LEARN

This year, Woolworths is giving away \$5 million worth of equipment to Primary and Secondary schools right across Australia.

From now until 18th September 2011, they will give one Earn & Learn point for every \$10 you spend at Woolworths.

- Step 1      If you shop at Woolworths and spend more than \$10 - keep your docket.
- Step 2      Send your docket into the school and we will process it for you.
- Step 3      You may want to enter your points yourself:  
Go to [www.teaching.com.au](http://www.teaching.com.au)  
User Name:    WR117054  
Password:      929409
- Step 4:      Accept our thanks for helping obtain valuable resources for the school.

Denise Althofer  
Co-ordinator

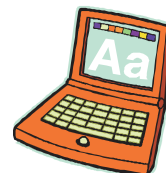


# STUDENT BANKING

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 (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 (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

### BINNAWAY U/14'S RUGBY LEAGUE

Congratulations to Binnaway U/14's for making the finals series. It is the first time in many years the side has made it this far. Mendooran has been well represented this year by Matthew Crothers, Robert Austin, Matthew Yeo, Joe and Gus Elton, Steven Rutter and Steven Leask.

Unfortunately the boys finals quest ended on Saturday in a very hard fought game going down to Gulgong 14-10. Well done boys.

Coach Peter Leask



### 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





## **Your School's chance to obtain a Family Guest Pass to Taronga Western Plains Zoo**

Taronga Western Plains Zoo Education Centre's Zoo Adventures is a school holiday program for students attending primary school aged 5-12 years, to be held during the September/October 2011 school holidays.

This education program is designed for school-aged students and all activities are run by qualified staff.

**Dates:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October

**Age:** 5-12 years

**Time:** 8:30am to 3:30pm

**Cost:** \$55.00 per day

### **How to Book:**

- \* All information including booking form and daily activities can be found on our website  
<http://www.taronga.org.au/western-plains-zoo/education/holiday-program.aspx>
- \* Contact the zoo on 6881 1433.