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CANBERRA EXCURSION

29 August—2 September 2011



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Vice Caps Secondary
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Lincoln Goldspink
Captains Primary
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Levi Goldspink
Vice Caps Primary
Rebecca Sciberras
Hugh Finemore

Principal's Notes

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tomorrow is our School Photo day. I ask all students and their families to please ensure that the full summer school uniform policy is adhered to. If your child has lost their jumper or other parts of their uniform please check with their teacher or the teacher's aides who help collect lost clothing. There is a large amount of clothing in the lost and found basket as well as the clothing pool, so the chances are that you own some of it. I was extremely surprised last year by some students turning up last year thinking that it was acceptable not to be in school uniform, especially on school photo day. I expect students to be in full school uniform, neatly presented with no individualised accessories showing.

CONGRATULATIONS JACKSON

Most regions of NSW have selective high schools where only the elite in academic standards are able to attend. They have extremely high academic standards and a rigorous application process. Because of the vastness of the DEC Western Region, covering from Lithgow to Broken Hill, and QLD to the Riverina, the Western Region has developed its selective high school to be a virtual high school with classes being taught by video conference and accessed from their home school. This way, students can remain at home rather than having to board away. This virtual selective school is called xsel. Earlier this year, Jackson Adams and Shanoa Hartley applied and were accepted into a smaller version of this, an extension program for gifted and talented students called iextend. Both students did extremely well in this, each receiving distinctions at the end for their grading. Jackson decided to take the next step and applied for placement into the xsel school, starting next year when he is in Year 8. So we are very excited and proud to announce that Jackson has been accepted into the xsel virtual school for gifted and talented students.

Just as we are able to broaden our curriculum for senior students and offer 34 HSC subjects via video conference as opposed to eight with our current staff allocations, we are able to arrange for Jackson to utilise the expertise of specialised gifted and talented teachers in the core subjects of Maths, Science and English from our school. All other subjects will be in regular classes. I stated some time ago that we were endeavouring to cater for the individual needs of students and am very pleased to be able to do this on an academic front as well as the numerous extra curricular, welfare and sporting activities that we pursue.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Please remember that parent-teacher interviews are on next Tuesday, 20 September. I encourage all parents to participate in this important part of your child's education.

Michael Spora



CALENDAR

MON 12.9.11

Warrumbungle Shire
Workshop
SRC/Year 10

TUES 13.9.11

**SCHOOL PHOTO
DAY**
Full Summer
uniform

WED 14.9.11

Two Weeks with the
Queen
Play rehearsal—Hall
3:30-5:30pm

FRI 16.9.11

Infant Tabloid Day
Coolah CS
K/1/2

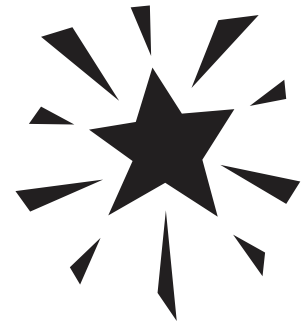


Merit Awards

K/1: Griffittin May
Noah Harris
2/3/4: Belle Smith
Stephen Eyles
4/5/6: Kevin Martin
Lachlan Howarth

Class Award Ribbons

K/1: Trevor Martin
2/3/4: Annabel Finemore
4/5/6: Toby Adams



PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Birthdays: Thomas Yeo

Special Awards: Austin Heazlett



CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 12.9.11: B. Drew
 Tue 13.9.11: M Eyles
 Wed 14.9.11: L.Monk/K.Skinner
 Thur 15.9.11: K. Knight
 Fri 16.9.11: K Latham
CANTEEN MANAGER REQUIRED



Mon 19.9.11: B Hobbs
 Tue 20.9.11: K Hyde
 Wed 21.9.11: S Tudgey
 Thur 22.9.11: B Hobbs
 Fri 23.9.11: B Hobbs
PLEASE SEE ADVERTISEMENT

Primary Touch Football Gala Day

Primary students have been exploring the game of touch football in sport and practical activity lessons in preparation for the touch football gala day scheduled for Thursday, 22 September. Permission slips for the day went home last week; please return notes as soon as possible so we can organise transport.

Miss D Althofer

Secondary PDHPE

7/8 PDHPE

Students have been exploring the qualities of caring and respectful relationships and over the next two weeks will be investigating the positive and negative use of power in relationships and protective strategies. In practical lessons students have begun exploring the concept of games for physical activity and will begin to design their own game to teach their peers.

9/10 PDHPE

Students are continuing their unit 'Choices and Consequences' and this term have been exploring issues surrounding sexual health of young people. We have looked specifically at gender expectations, safe sexual behaviors, prevention of sexually transmissible infections, discrimination and affirming diversity. Students are currently watching 'Philadelphia' to support their learning and to link the explored topics.

NSW Premier's
Sporting Challenge
 2011



Students should be finishing off their premier sporting challenge record cards as the program comes to an end next week. Students accumulating an average amount of an hour in physical activity over the 10 week period of the Challenge will be awarded a Premier's Secondary School Sport Challenge Gold Award.

D Althofer



OLD TIME DANCE LESSONS

DANCE LESSONS WILL BE HELD AT THE
MECHANICS INSTITUTE HALL ON THURSDAY
EVENING THIS WEEK AT 7PM.

STARTING ON 7TH SEPTEMBER.

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

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.*



Parents can now apply online via Netbank for Youthsaver Accounts.

1. Once you have logged onto Netbank, select the "Offers & apply" tab.
2. Click on the Accounts sub-tab
3. Scroll down the page until you see the "Youthsaver and School Banking" tab
4. Click the "Apply now" button
5. Upon completing the child's information, enter postcode of the school ie 2842. The search will return the schools in your area. ie Mendooran

CANTEEN MANAGER—URGENTLY REQUIRED

We would like to thank our outgoing Canteen Manager, Mrs Bromwyn Drew, for the really excellent job she has done running the school canteen. Mrs Drew will be leaving the school canteen at the end of this term and we require someone to take care of the smooth running of the canteen from the beginning of Term 4. There is a \$2000 honorarium attached to the job and training will be provided. The honorarium is paid in arrears on a per term basis. Please contact P&C President, Mrs Cathy Wood, on 68861986 or Mrs Genise Hollingworth at the school on 6886 1149 to register your interest.

P&C MARKET DAY

SUNDAY 30 October, 2011

Fun Day Out for the Whole Family

Stalls cost \$15.00

There will be a Canteen/BBQ and Jumping Castle for the kids

Please help support your local P&C to raise funds for school projects.
Please contact President Cathy Wood to book a stall or for further information 6886 1986.



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.

DUBBO COLLEGE HORSE SPORTS

Dubbo College Horse Sports will be held on Friday, 23rd September, 2011. This event is open for riders 10 years and over and entries close Friday, 16th September. If you would like to nominate for this event please see me for a nomination form.

D McCormack

RTA FREE WORKSHOP—PARENTS OF LEARNER DRIVERS

A free workshop for parents and supervisors of learner drivers will be held by the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) in conjunction with Warrumbungle Shire Council at;

**Coonabarabran Community Centre on 20 September 2011,
Coolah Sporting Club on 18 October 2011,
Dunedoo Sports Club on 15 November 2011,
Baradine Hotel on 6 December 2011, all start at 6pm.**

The two hour course, *Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers*, will offer parents and supervisors hands-on advice on how to provide the most effective driving practice for learner drivers.

“Parents and supervisors of novice drivers have a crucial role to play in making our roads safer, and that is why the RTA has developed a course to better support them.”

The course will cover topics such as:

- new laws for learner and P-plate drivers
 - how to use the ‘Learner driver log book’
- how to plan on-road driving lessons

“Parents and supervisors who have attended this course found it boosted their confidence, helped them better plan driving sessions and allowed them to share experiences with other parents and supervisors” Road Safety Officer, Ken Smith said.

The course also reinforces the important role of families in providing on-going support for young drivers in the early years of driving.

Bookings for the Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers course are essential and can be made by calling Ken Smith from Council on 68492000.

CONTACT: Ken Smith

6849 2145

MENDOORAN JUNIOR CRICKET

Expressions of Interest—Junior Players

If anyone is interested in playing Junior Cricket at Mendooran in the upcoming season please fill out the following information and tear off and return to the school office.

Interested parents are trying to gauge if we could get a Junior Cricket Club going in Mendooran rather than travelling away. Please return by the end of the school term.

JUNIOR CRICKET—MENDOORAN—Expression of Interest to play

Name: _____ Age: _____

