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TERM 3 WEEK 10

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Grace Leask
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Captains Primary
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Levi Goldspink
Vice Caps Primary
Rebecca Sciberras
Hugh Finemore

Principal's Notes

NAPLAN

Parents with students in Years 3,5,7 and 9 should have received their individual student NAPLAN results last week. Although a detailed analysis has not yet been made, from the information I have, as a school we have overall made positive gains. In fact, many of our whole school target especially in the areas of reading and numeracy have been fully met, there has been remarkable growth in these areas and I am extremely proud. These are not easy statistics to move and I commend all staff for their focus and planning and the cooperation from all students. As always there are still areas that need additional focus and improvement in the immediate future, these results indicate that we have not as a school done as well in the area of punctuation and grammar. There are also some students in the lower bands who have been allocated support and have still made lower than expected growth, this concerns me greatly and we will be looking at our strategies to support these students as a whole school.

WELCOME BACK MR BUSH

We welcome back Mr Phillip Bush after an extended break due to illness. Mr Bush will return on a part-time basis for the next month. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Robert Waters for helping the school out and filling in as General Assistant for this time. Mr Waters has taken great pride in his work at Mendooran Central School and we thank him for his efforts.

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

We are currently undergoing a review of our mobile phone policy. As I stated when first asked about my stance on students having mobile phones at school, I would prefer to have students allowed to have phones at school and expect that they are turned off or on silent during class time so that there is no interruption to learning. This is the same as our society expecting that we all have our phones off in a formal setting such as a meeting. I believe that schools have a responsibility to learn social graces and the ability to fit in with society's expectations. However, I also have a responsibility to every member of the school's health and welfare whilst at school. With the increasing amount of smart phones being used, the ease of access to facebook and other social media websites, there has been an increase in the amount of cases of inappropriate communication and public comments about others during the school day. I am looking at all options from banning mobile phones, through to increasing individual consequences for misappropriate use that does not occupy a large amount of staff time to monitor and implement. I will be seeking input from a number of members of the school community as we revise this policy. Please call me if you think that there are other aspects of this issue which need consideration.

END OF TERM

With this being the last week of term, I thank all staff and students for the effort and cooperation shown in all classes and wish everyone an enjoyable and safe holiday break. Please remember that there is no staff professional learning day at the start of Term 4 so school starts for staff and students on Monday 10th October.

*Michael Spora
Principal)*



CALENDAR

MON 19.9.11

School Certificate
trials commence
Yr 11 prelim exams
finals

TUES 20.9.11

Parent/Teacher
Interviews
3.30-5.30pm
School Certificate
trials
Yr 11 prelim exams
finals

WED 21.9.11

School Certificate
trials
Yr 11 prelim exams
finals

THUR 22.9.11

Touch Football Gala
Day - Primary
3/4/5/6 - Dubbo

FRI 23.9.11

Sunshine Day -
Wear yellow
Dubbo College
Horsesports

CHICKENPOX

There has been a report of some students being diagnosed with Chicken Pox.

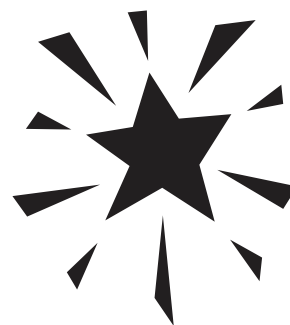
Parents please keep an eye out for rashes and fevers in your children.

Merit Awards

K/1: Victoria Monk
Griffin May
2/3/4: Malcolm Hellyer
Tahlia Williams

Class Award Ribbons

K/1: Jackson Hardes
2/3/4: Steven Ashford



PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Birthdays: Mr Devlin, Kevin Martin, Jack Vincx

Special Awards: Sam Bennetts, Yasmin Taleb x 3

KINDERGARTEN / YEAR 1 NEWS

On Friday Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students travelled to Coolah Central School to participate in the Tabloid Sports Day. Our students together with students from Binnaway, Dunedoo, Coolah and Sacred Hearts Coolah were organised into groups. Groups moved through a series of activities using a variety of skills such as balancing, throwing and catching, hitting, running and jumping. The day was lovely and warm and everyone had fun. A big "Thank you" to Alison Martin, Candy Copland, Louise Monk and the Taleb family for their help on the day.

Our last week of Term 3 has arrived! Everyone in Primary has had a very busy Term 3. I thank all parents and staff for your support this term and wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday.

S Reynolds

PRESCHOOL TO KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

Mendooran Central School Preschool to Kindergarten Transition will commence in Term 4. A Parent Information session will be held early in Term 4 with information about Transition Timetables and enrolment for 2012.

S Reynolds

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 20th September. Primary interviews will be held in the Library room. Please make an appointment at the Front Office.

S Reynolds



YEAR 4/5/6 CLASS NEWS

The weeks seem to be flying by! We are very busy and must be enjoying ourselves!

Last week we had the annual school photos taken so Tuesday was a bit disjointed, but despite the interruptions we managed to complete some work.

In Maths we have been calculating the area of a square or rectangle using a formula and last week we learnt how to calculate the area of a right angle triangle.

We have been focusing on the use of 'speech marks' – quotation marks – and we edited work using correct punctuation.

This week we will revisit decimals in addition and subtraction, as well as converting decimals, fractions and percentages.

G Davis

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

CANTEEN MANAGER REQUIRED



Mon ***HOLIDAYS***

Tue
 Wed
 Thur
 Fri

PLEASE SEE ADVERTISEMENT

WARRUMBUNGLE SHIRE COUNCIL'S 25 YEAR PLAN

Last Monday Mendooran Central School had the pleasure of hosting representatives from the Warrumbungle Shire Council. While hosting, Mendooran SRC Students had the privilege of assisting the Council in formulating the long term action plan that the Council will implement in the years to come.

The meeting had a very positive atmosphere and students forwarded a wide range of ideas for future development in Mendooran as well as providing the Council with their views on the positives and negatives of living in the central west region. Some of these ideas included; making improvements to Mendooran's sporting facilities, building a serviced truck stop in the town so that Mendooran can take advantage of passing traffic in the region, promoting Mendooran's scenic surroundings and further developing access to telecommunication services. All students were highly enthusiastic about promoting growth in the town and arresting the problem of population decline in the local area.

I would personally like to thank the Shire Council and all the SRC students for their positive attitude and forwarding ideas that hopefully will see Mendooran remain a wonderful place to live in the years ahead.

Michael Heazlett (SRC co-ordinator)

SECONDARY NEWS GENERAL

This week, our Year 10 students sit their trial School Certificate and our Year 11 students sit their final examinations. We wish them luck. Our Year 11 students have been completing ACCESS examinations last week and these will continue during our own MCS examination period this week. Year 11 begin their HSC courses from day one Term Four.

Year 12 will complete their final week of formal lessons this week. It is important for each of them to spend the study break revising work and thoroughly preparing for their HSC examinations to begin week two of next term, with English paper 1 on Tuesday October 19th. The Year 12 Graduation is planned after the final HSC examination and takes place for our students on November 16th. It is important to celebrate the successes of our Year 12 students, as we are extremely proud of them!

Progress reports are finalised and will be distributed early this week. Parents are cordially invited to attend parent teacher interviews this Tuesday afternoon in the BER. Please phone the office to book a time with teachers.

Mobile phones are presenting a challenge in the secondary school recently. As a staff, we are revising our policy. We look forward to parental input and will discuss our options with the students. The goal is responsible use of mobiles in preparing our students for the workforce. The recent access to immediate technology has seen some students making inappropriate decisions. It is also important that contact between parents/ community members and students is done through the correct channels ie. the school front office.

J Waters



7/8 PDHPE

Students have been participating in both traditional and modified sporting games aimed at promoting fun physical activity. This week will see the conclusion of their unit with students in their groups teaching their own created game to their peers.

PRIMARY TOUCH FOOTBALL GALA DAY



Primary students are entered in the All Schools Touch Football Gala Day in Dubbo this Thursday 22nd September 2011. This is a fun day of touch football whereby students will play against other primary school students from around the western region. The aim of the day is to promote the game of touch football, foster teamwork and engage students in a fun day of physical activity. This is a cost-free initiative and students need to return their note to the front office by Tuesday 20th September (Tomorrow). Private transport is required; If any parents are able to provide transport on the day it would be very much appreciated.

Students will complete their premier sporting challenge record cards as the program comes to an end this week. Students who have accumulated an average amount of an hour in physical activity over the course of this term will be awarded a Premier's Secondary School Sport Challenge Gold Award at the beginning of term 4.

NSW Premier's
Sporting Challenge
2011



FAR WEST



SWIMMING DEVELOPMENT WEEKEND

The Far West Academy of sport in conjunction with swimming NSW are hosting a swimming development camp in Warren for talented swimmers in the Far West region in the school holidays on the 8th and 9th October. One of the best coaches in Australia and coach for the New South Wales Institute of Sport (NSWIS) swimming program, Jim Fowlie, will be attending to work with the athletes.

Local coaches/parents are invited to attend and learn. Jim will be holding a 'coach the coach' session on Saturday 8th from 3:30pm - 5:30pm at the Warren Tennis Club.

Where: Warren Memorial Swimming Pool, Warren.

When: Saturday 8th October from 9am – 2.30pm for swimmers turning 13 to 17 years in 2011.

Sunday 9th October from 9am – 2pm for swimmers turning 11 or 12 years in 2011.

Who: Male and Female swimmers in the Far West region who would like to further develop their skills.

Cost: \$15 (includes coaching and pool entry)



If you or your child are interested in attending the camp or require further information please contact me

Miss Denise Althofer

SUNSHINE DAY- 23 September

This Friday is our (now) annual Sunshine Day to raise money for the Cancer Council. Everyone is welcome to wear something yellow and make a gold coin donation on the day.

Mrs Young will once again have her head shaved. Donations can be made in advance at the office. Thank you

WOOLWORTHS - EARN AND LEARN - EXTENSION!

Woolies is extending their Earn and Learn date to **18th October, 2011**. This means that everyone who shops at Woolies over the holidays has the opportunity to gain points for valuable resources for our school. Woolworths is giving away \$5 million worth of equipment to Primary and Secondary schools right across Australia and we have already got over 500 points. A big thank you to all those parents who have already sent in their dockets. What a great effort!

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

User Name: WR117054

Password: 929409

Step 4: Accept our thanks for helping obtain valuable resources for MCS.

Denise Althofer

Co-ordinator

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS – DUE DATE 18TH OCTOBER, 2011

A big thank you to all those parents and friends who have sent in bonus coupons in the Coles Sports for Schools. Our box is getting quite full!! We would be delighted if you would continue to collect the vouchers over the holidays and bring them in next term.



To re-cap, collecting vouchers is easy! Every member of your school's community will earn one voucher for every \$10 spent in a Coles, Coles Online, BI-LO or Pick 'n' Pay store from August 11th through to October 18th just for doing their regular shop!

**STUDENTS CAN COLLECT THESE VOUCHERS FROM FAMILY, FRIENDS AND
NEIGHBOURS, EVEN TEACHERS (IT'S A REAL TEAM EFFORT) AND DROP THEM
INTO THE VOUCHER COLLECTION BOX AT THE LIBRARY.**

The school will then return the voucher box to the nearest Coles Supermarket by 18 October and when the points are confirmed MCS will be able to redeem sporting equipment ready for the new school year. What a great way to get some extra sporting equipment!

Denise Althofer

Co-ordinator



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.

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.



PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Please remember that parent-teacher interviews are on tomorrow Tuesday, 20th September, in the BER room for Secondary and the Library for Primary from 3.30 to 5.30pm. I encourage all parents to participate in this important part of your child's education.

BOOK CLUB CLEARANCE – due Thursday 29th September

Your child will have received a Book Club Clearance flyer today. We are running this for 3 days only and anyone wishing to purchase from the clearance will need to get their money and order form to the front office by Thursday, 29th at the latest. Orders will be processed later that day and items will be waiting for students at the beginning of next term. There are some great opportunities to start putting away for Christmas – at great prices! If you do wish to purchase a present for a student please put the word **present** clearly on the order form and we will get the item to you on the quiet!

Pip Archer
Book Club 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*

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

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**



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 \$1000 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 to register your interest.



CANTEEN MANAGER POSITION

We would like to apologise for a misprint in last weeks newsletter.

The honorarium for the Canteen Manager is \$1000 per annum, not \$2000 as previously stated.



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 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: _____





MMASC Committee Members - President: Jenny Rushton
 Secretary: Bec Collins
 Treasurer: Stacey Hartley
 Registrar: Jakke Bogie

Mendooran / Merrygoen Amateur Swimming Club 2011 - 2012 Season

The swimming season is almost upon us again... 'yay' from the kids!

As like last year, the registration process will be done online. Swimming NSW brought in this new system 2-years ago and have advised that there will be no exceptions – all member registrations must be completed through their online system. So what does this mean?

Well, if you were a member of our Swimming Club last year, then you will be sent a username and password for paying your registration through their online system. If you listed an email address on your registration form last year, more than likely you will receive an email from Swimming NSW with your username and password. If you didn't list an email address, then this username and password will be sent via the post (Australia Post).

If you are a new member (and we would love to see new faces) that would like to join our Club, then you will need to contact Jakke Bogie on 6886 1159 so she can add your details into the system. Once she has done this, you will be sent a username and password.

All payments through Swimming NSW's online portal will need to be paid with a credit card. If you don't have one, I believe you can purchase \$50 and \$100 credit cards from Australia Post.

At this stage we are unable to advise on membership fees as we are waiting to hear about whether we were successful for a grant. If successful, this will reduce membership fees this year. If not, then unfortunately we will have to increase the fees again slightly due to an increase by Swimming NSW and payment to the Council for the use of the pool etc.

Of course, if there are any individuals or businesses that would like to make a donation to the Club to help us in keeping fees down, this would be greatly appreciated and definitely welcomed. Feel free to contact me on 6886 1131 if you are interested.

At this stage Council is planning to open the pool at the end of October, so we are proposing that pointscore will start on the first Friday in November (4th November), however, we will keep you posted on this.

A reminder that the Club will be looking for new members next AGM, as some of the existing members will be resigning, having held the positions for the last 3-years. The Committee welcomes anyone wanting to join as fresh ideas are always welcome.

Also, as usual, any parents wishing to help time keep are greatly appreciated as it all helps our kids. Feel free to call me if you have any questions – 6886 1131.

Thanks Jenny



Bush Fire Survival Plan

WHAT WILL YOU DO TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE?

The more prepared you are for a bush fire, the better your chances of survival

- ☐ The middle of a bush fire is no time to start thinking about what you should do. Having a Bush Fire Survival Plan will help you avoid making last minute decisions that could be deadly.
- ☐ Your Bush Fire Survival Plan outlines what you need to do to prepare yourself, your family, your pets and what actions each member of your family will need to do to be safe.
- ☐ Everyone's Bush Fire Survival Plan will be different - the important thing is that it works for you and your family.
- ☐ A good plan will consider the different situations you may be faced with and what you will do if things go wrong. In a bush fire, the situation can change quickly and your plan should cover this.
- ☐ Make sure everyone in your family knows and understands your Bush Fire Survival Plan. Practice it regularly and keep it where you can find it.
- ☐ Download your Bush Fire Survival Plan today at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au and for more information please call 1800 NSW RFS.

There are many benefits to completing a Bush Fire Survival Plan. Completing a Bush Fire Survival Plan will help you to...

- ☐ Make an informed decision on whether you will leave early or stay and defend your property.
- ☐ Understand your level of risk. Knowing your level of risk means you will be able to make the safest decision for you and your family.
- ☐ Prepare your property. A well prepared property is more likely to survive a bush fire even if you leave early.
- ☐ Prepare a back up plan. Sometimes, no matter how well prepared you are, things don't go to plan. That's why, whether you plan to leave early or stay and defend, you need a back up plan.
- ☐ Check that you have adequate insurance to cover your property from damage from a bush fire.
- ☐ Act quickly. Some fires start and spread so quickly that there is no time for any waiting at all.
- ☐ Have a trigger to put your Bush Fire Survival Plan into action with little warning. Hesitating or adopting a 'wait and see' approach could have deadly consequences for you and your family.
- ☐ Ensure that you have thought about care options for your animals.
- ☐ **PREPARE.ACT.SURVIVE.**

YOUR BUSH FIRE SURVIVAL PLAN
 will help provide protection for you, your family and your pets.



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 (2 nd project dependent on cost)

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

FAMILY NAME:.....

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

No Primary Students ☐ No. Secondary Students ☐ TOTAL \$ _____
 SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
 (Maximum \$80.00)

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	\$.....
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	D&T Mixed Media	\$20.00	\$.....
	Art	\$25.00	\$.....
	Agriculture	\$10.00	\$.....
	Metals & Engineering	\$40.00	\$.....
TOTAL ELECTIVE FEES			\$.....
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE			\$.....