



Mendooran Central School

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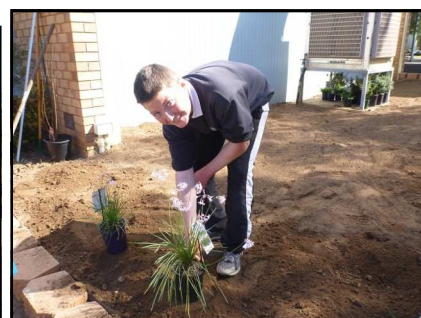
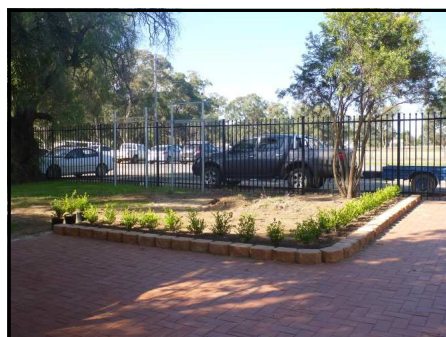
TERM 3 WEEK 8

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5TH SEPTEMBER 2011

SPRING IS IN THE AIR FOR MENDOORAN GARDENERS!!

Our school front entrance is finally coming together with help from some keen students and our General Assistant Rob Waters. The hedge was planted last week and the gardens will soon be filled with plants. All we need now is some rain.



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

Industrial Action NSW Teachers Federation

The NSW Teachers Federation are planning Industrial Action on Thursday 8th September.

Further details will follow later in the week. Students who attend school will be supervised by remaining teachers, however normal classes are not expected to run.

Canberra Excursion

I had the pleasure last week of attending the major school excursion to Canberra. All attending had a very busy week, visiting a large number of the major attractions in Canberra. Although most students were very tired by the end of the week, everyone in the group remained very positive and showed outstanding cooperation and behaviour throughout the whole trip. I am very thankful of the three teachers, Miss Althofer, Miss Yeo and Mr Heazlett for the professional and caring manner in which they managed all aspects of the excursion. I am indeed proud of everyone involved for the positive manner in which the excursion was embraced, making it a very valuable learning experience.

Parent information session on Cyber Safety

This Thursday 8th September we will be hosting Marty Paice, our Police Youth Liaison officer at Mendooran Central School to speak to parents about the possible dangers of youth on the internet. Aspects such as cyber bullying, identity theft, predatorily and grooming behaviour and the full story of facebook will be some of the topics covered, with the focus being educating parents of the dangers and how to keep your children safe. This importance of this topic cannot be underestimated and I believe should be front and centre of any parents 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.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will be held in the last week of this term on Tuesday 20th September. Please place this important date in your calendar.



CALENDAR

THUR 8.9.11

Police Liaison
Officer
Cyberbullying Talk
and Parents Morning
Tea 9.30am

WEEK 9

**Tuesday
13th September
School Photos**

**Michael Spora
(Principal)**

Merit Awards

K/1: Ella Hartley
Harrison Bracken

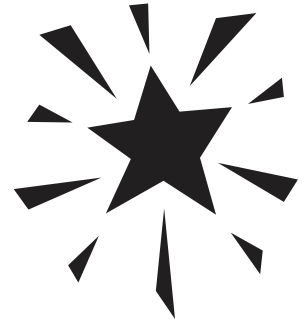
2/3/4: Klayton Campbell
Kayleigh Rutter

4/5/6: Sophia Skinner
Emma Bennetts
Mollee-Jane Johnson
Dokota Thompson

Class Award Ribbons

K/1: Trevor Martin
2/3/4: Anna Ward
4/5/6: Dylan Thompson

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS



Birthdays: Thomas Yeo, Roy Leven, Victoria Monk, Trevor Martin

Win Bins: Christopher Bracken, Jordan May, Emily Leask, Kevin Martin

KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 NEWS

Kindergarten and Year 1 had a very busy time last week. We read our new book "The Tin Forest" and talked about what a forest should look like, sound like and feel like. We thought about words that the text inspired us to think about and used those words in our writing.

We are continuing to identify products and services that we access in our school and in our community. Next week we have invited Mrs Frohmuller into our classroom to discuss the service she provides to our school.

I would like to thank our local Fire Brigade for visiting our school. The primary students were very lucky to have Mr O'Callaghan, Mr Monk and Mr Martin visit our school with the Fire Truck. What an exciting afternoon we had! K/1/2 asked questions about the service these men provided to our community and how the truck worked. We discussed the things they did, the clothes they wore and why they did their job. Students in 3/4/5/6 talked about the Fire Truck, as they are currently investigating machines. Thank you to our visitors for sharing their knowledge with us.

This is Miss LaBours last week in Kindergarten / Year 1. I would like to thank her for the contribution she has made to our class. We wish her all the best for the future and know we will see her again.

S Reynolds



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.



CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 5.9.11: K Latham
 Tue 6.9.11: B Hobbs
 Wed 7.9.11: R Collins
 Thur 8.9.11: S Bracken
 Fri 9.9.11: B Hobbs



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

YEAR 4/5/6 NEWS

In Week 6, we were lucky enough to have the local fire truck visit our school. This fits in beautifully with our unit on “Machines” and the students had a great time climbing under, over and -in some cases in - the fire truck. The children were able to identify several examples of ‘Simple Machines’ and Mr O’Callaghan explained how several pieces of the fire equipment works. We are very grateful to Mr Steve O’Callaghan, Mr Rob Monk and Mr Chris Martin for their very informative and interesting visit.

Last week, Week 7, most of Class 4/5/6 were away on the Excursion to Canberra, so I had the pleasure of having Miss Yeo’s class, 2/3/4 in my room, combined with those of my class who had not gone on the excursion. This made quite a large class but we were well supported by other staff members.

What a wonderful week we had! The students were full of enthusiasm and powered through all the work Mrs McGirr, Mrs Bush, several aides and I could provide. We all had a lot of fun and I am grateful to all the students and staff for making such a success of such a large class.

Thank you also to Mrs Waters and the secondary staff who gave some of the 5/6 people a couple of opportunities to join the secondary classes for some periods over the week. The students were very excited and came back to our class with tales of their experiences – especially in the cooking room. The students from 4/5/6 returned to our room today and all seem to have had a great week away. We are hearing about all the places they visited and the best and the worst of sharing a room with several others! Apparently sleep deprivation was not an issue for the young ones!

So here we are, back to our normal routine – it may take a few weeks for theses lucky students to share their memories – those suitable for repeating! - but for the moment it is clear they had a wonderful, exciting and very educational experience.

G Davis



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 by 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.



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

User Name: WR117054

Password: 929409

- Step 4: Accept our thanks for helping obtain valuable resources for the school.

Denise Althofer

Co-ordinator



SCHOOL PHOTOS
TUESDAY 13TH
SEPTEMBER 2011





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.

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!!!

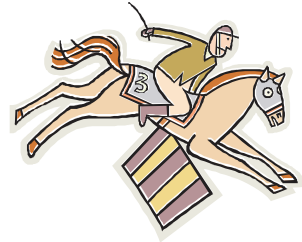


BARADINE CENTRAL SCHOOL/ST LAWRENCES COONABARABRAN HORSE SPORTS

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



COMMUNITY NEWS

CWA AWARENESS DAY

CWA Awareness Day will be held statewide on 14th September. To mark this occasion the local CWA branch will hold a morning tea in the park in Bandulla Street. Come along and enjoy a cuppa and some lovely fresh scones served from 10am. Hope to see you there.



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



MENDOORAN PONY CLUB

Hi everyone it's getting closer to our Gymkhana ☺ Next Sunday there will be a rally day - 9 am for a 9.30am start - we will do some setting up for the gymkhana and plenty of practice.



There will be a meeting this Tuesday night at the Health Centre at 7pm where we will get organised for the gymkhana. All are welcome.

Well done to Lachlan and Emma Tudgey – on the last weekend of August they both went to the Zone 4 Dressage and Show Riding Championships. It was fantastic to hear that Emma was back riding again after her terrible accident at Expo in June. Lachlan and Emma were both named champion in their age groups for the Dressage and on the Sunday Lachlan again won the Associate Champion sash for the Show Riding Day. Well done. Lachlan is the reserve rider for the Pony Club Nationals in October for Dressage- this is a fantastic achievement.

Dates to remember:

Tuesday 6th September – 7 pm meeting

Sunday 11th September – 9am Pony Club Rally Day

Saturday and Sunday 17th & 18th September – OUR GYMKHANA ☺

J Smith



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 26th to Friday 30th September

Tuesday 4th to Friday 7th 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.