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31ST JANUARY 2012

KINDERGARTEN 2012



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HTSS

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Assistant Principal

Sara Reynolds

Captain Secondary

Blake Washbrook

Vice Caps Secondary

John Monk

Amelia Washbrook

Captains Primary

Kyle Hartley

Emma Bennetts

Vice Caps Primary

Charlie Smith

Peta McCleod

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break. We also welcome some new students and their families to our school community. I hope that the start of the year is comfortable for everyone and remind all students and parents that if there are any problems, questions or concerns, to come in and talk to us.

**NEXT P&C
MEETING**
Thursday
16th February 2012
3:30 pm

STAFFING

We have some new staff members beginning the year with us. Mrs Lavender who spent a month on staff in 2010 will be taking the 2/3/4 class and Miss LaBour will be taking the 4/5/6 class. Unfortunately Mrs Davis's father passed away last week and Mrs Davis is now taking 6 weeks long service leave to spend time with family. We welcome these staff members to our team and I thank Mrs Reynolds for the additional work she has done in ensuring continuity with these classes. Our Year Advisors, who will be primarily responsible for Welfare and organisational issues for our Secondary students in 2012 are;

Year 7: Miss Althofer
Year 8: Mrs Young
Year 9: Mr Burke
Year 10: Mr Bearman
Year 11: Mr Hollingworth
Year 12: Mr Heazlett

Other variations in staffing include Miss Yeo moving to the library and Mr Bourke taking on Agriculture as Mr Hollingworth will only be working three days a week.

GETTING STARTED

At yesterday's assembly, we welcomed back all students and wished everyone a successful year ahead. I reminded students that success doesn't just happen, success takes personal effort. Often in a school such as ours, that has a relatively low level of social issues, it is easy to slip into an overly comfortable mode and focus more on the social side of school. Although being compliant and getting along with everyone is important, it is easy to fall into the trap of coasting along and not reaching ones potential. I encourage all students to ensure that they quickly focus on their class work and their personal learning strategies, and work hard from the start of the year. I also encourage all parents to take an active interest in your Child's learning. This can be done simply by asking more questions about what they are learning about in class this week and engaging in conversation about the topic.

LEADERS INDUCTION ASSEMBLY

Next Monday, we will be holding our School Leader's Induction assembly. We will be inducting our School Captains, SRC and Sports Captains. Parents are welcome to attend this assembly, starting at 10:30 am.

Michael Spora
Principal



CALENDAR

MON 6.2.12
Captains Induction
Assembly
10.30am

WED 8.2.12
Primary Parent
Information
Afternoon
3.30pm

FRI 10.2.12
Swimming Carnival

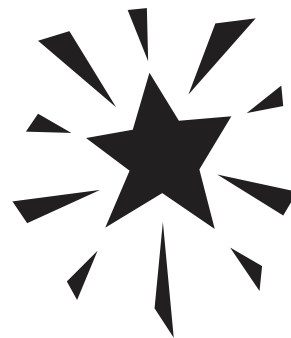
Merit Awards

K/1: Sam Bennetts
Joseph Frohmuller
2/3/4: Jordan Mitchell
Tom Yeo
4/5/6: Dylan Meyers
Kevin Martin

Class Award Ribbons

K/1: Breea Campbell
2/3/4: Stephen Eyles
4/5/6: Dylan Thompson

**PRIMARY ASSEMBLY
AWARDS
DECEMBER 2011**



Birthdays: Casey Adams, Miss Yeo

Special Awards: Speech Participation Awards - Joseph Frohmuller, Jake Swan, Austin Heazlett, Noah Harris, Harrison Bracken, Jackson Hardes, Carter Swan, Oscar Monk

PRIMARY NEWS

I would like to welcome everyone back to school for 2012. I would also like to welcome Mrs Lavender and Miss LaBour to the staff and welcome back Miss Yeo. We have some changes with Primary teachers but we have been working hard during the holidays and we are ready for the new year. Primary Parent Information afternoon will be held on Wednesday 8th February from 3.30pm and I would encourage all parents and carers to come along and meet our staff and find out what we will be doing in our classrooms. If you would like to meet with teachers at another time please ring the office to arrange a time.

S Reynolds

YEAR 2/3/4 NEWS

Welcome everyone to a new school year! I am pleased to be teaching Year 2/3/4 this Term and look forward to working with the students, parents/caregivers and the community to enable lots of learning and fun! In the first and second weeks of school we will be getting to know one another. During this time we will be starting Waddington Reading and Spelling testing, Burt testing, as well as our Sena testing for Mathematics. This testing will enable grouping of students and a starting point to extend learning. We will begin our COGS unit this week looking at Local Places and our Local Environment. Throughout the course of the Term our class will make a large wall display to show what we have been learning. Have a great week.

S Lavender

YEAR 4/5/6 NEWS

Hi, my name is Rebecca LaBour and I will be teaching Year 4/5/6 for the first six weeks while Mrs Davis is away. I look forward to getting to know all the students and families during this time. During the first week back we will be doing a lot of testing to assess where students are at in their learning. We will also be doing some fun activities to help us get to know each other.

R LaBour

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 30.1.12: S Abbott
 Tue 31.1.12: S Abbott
 Wed 1.2.12: L Monk/K Skinner
 Thu 2.2.12: S Tumbri
 Fri 3.2.12: B Collins



Mon 6.2.12: S Abbott
 Tue 7.2.12: S Tumbri
 Wed 8.2.12: S Abbott
 Thu 9.2.12: S Tumbri
 Fri 10.2.12: Swimming Carnival

SECONDARY GENERAL NEWS

Welcome back to an exciting new year full of challenges and opportunities. Our students have returned motivated and positive about the year ahead. This week the students vote for House Captains and compete in heats in preparation for the School Swimming Carnival on Friday of next week. A cordial invitation is extended to parents, carers and community members to our School Captain and SRC induction assembly next Monday 6th March. We look forward to a productive Term and I encourage parents to contact me with any concerns or questions they may have throughout the year.

J Waters

SWIMMING CARNIVAL AND TRIALS.

Our Annual Swimming Carnival will be held at the Mendooran Pool next week **Friday 10th February 2012**. All Primary and Secondary heats / time trials will take place during sport time prior to the carnival.

Primary: Friday 3rd February 2012 (1.30pm-3.10pm)

Secondary: Wednesday 1st February & Wednesday 3rd 2012 (1.30pm-3.10pm)

Students will need to return their local excursion permission slip before the above dates. Students will also be required to come to school prepared to participate, with appropriate equipment e.g. swimmers. Those who do not wish to participate will be required to provide a note from parents. Students also need to remember to have sunscreen, a hat, sun protective clothing and plenty of water.

Volunteers will be required for time-keeping, judging etc for both the Primary swimming heats and swimming carnival. Please contact the front office if you are able to help.

Miss D Althofer

STUDENT BOOKPACKS

In the past the school has made available book packs for Year 7 students ready for their stationery needs in secondary. These consist of: 6x96pg A4 exercise books, maths set, ruler, rubber, sharpener, pens (red/blue/black), pencils, grid book and A3 Art Diary.

We are now offering them for sale to all secondary students for purchase.

Cost is \$20.00 for entire book pack (cannot be separated except for art diary)

\$15.00 without the art diary

\$5.00 for the A3 art diary.



CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to all who have offered their time to help out at our School Canteen. Our School Canteen needs your support. If you could give a day a week, a fortnight, or a month to work at our School Canteen please ring Sharon Abbott on 6886 1818. Thank you.

S Abbott

LIBRARY NEWS

Through the efforts of our community and our school budget we have a well resourced Library. I would like to see students making more of the opportunity to use these resources for relaxation and enjoyment as well as supporting them in their learning.

Borrowing Procedures:

Children are encouraged to borrow during Library lessons and classroom lessons. Borrowing may also take place at lunchtimes and other appointed times. Returns may be put into the Returns Box in the Library at any time.

Infants/Lower Primary: May borrow one resource.

Upper Primary: May borrow one fiction for classroom, one fiction for home and one reference resource.

Secondary: May borrow two fiction and several reference resources plus text books.

Length of Borrowing: Fortnightly duration but resources may be returned at any time within that fortnight. TEXT BOOKS may be borrowed on a TERM BASIS.

After two weeks an overdue notice is sent home with the student. Please follow this up with your child and contact librarian if you have further concerns. If this is not followed up, a note will go home attached to the newsletter. If this is not followed up a letter will be sent home advising the parent of the replacement cost.

Please support your child by:

Providing a waterproof Library Bag. (Available for purchase at Main Office)

Monitoring their borrowing and caring for Library resources at home. Calling into the library to help select resources most suited to your child's needs.

BOOKCLUB

Mendooran Central School Library participates in SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB to provide quality reading resources for you and your children at lower competitive prices.

About every four weeks you will receive a brochure with offers. If you wish to purchase from Bookclub you need to cut out the order form and send with payment in an envelope to the MAIN OFFICE at school by the return date. **Cheques to be made out to Mendooran Central School.**

Purchases will arrive back at school within a fortnight after the return date. These will be sent home with your child.

IF AT ANY TIME YOU WOULD LIKE TO USE YOUR PURCHASES AS GIFTS PLEASE ADVISE THE LIBRARY STAFF AND WE WILL MAKE ALTERNATE DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU. From your purchases the school receives reading rewards which provide further valuable reading resources for the library and classrooms.

Brochures are related to students reading levels and interests:

Busy Bee (ages 0 to 4 years)
 Wombat (ages 0 to 5 years)
 Lucky (ages 5 to 8 years)
 Arrow (ages 8 to 10 years)
 Star (ages 10 to 14 years)



L Yeo and P Archer



Mendooran Central School Uniform Supplies @ 31.1.2012

CLOTHING

	<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

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
Book Packs(with/without) A3 Art Diary	\$20/\$15.00

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

KEEPING IN TOUCH - TOUCH FOOTBALL NEWS

Holidays are over and Touch Footy is back.

This week will be Round 4 and the games are as follows: Wild Boars vs The Coconuts
Mendooran Café vs The Rookies
Barbarians vs Royal Hotel

The table so far is as follows:

Teams	Points
Mendooran Café	7
Wild Boars	7
Royal Hotel	7
The Rookies	7
Barbarians	5
The Coconuts	3



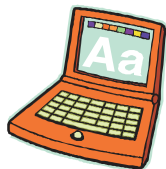
There will be a BBQ put on at the Royal Hotel after each game as per usual. See you there.

M Burke

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

MENDOORAN/MERRYGOEN AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB 2011 - 2012 SEASON

Welcome back everyone! Hope everyone had a great Christmas and a fantastic start to the New Year. Just a reminder to all that Point Score commences again this Friday weather permitting. Can all members please be there by 3.45pm to enable the Marshall to group everyone for their races for a 4pm start. Feel free to call me if you have any questions – 6886 1131. Thanks

J Rushton

PRESENTATION NIGHT



SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS - 2012

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 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)
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COMPULSORY COSTS SECONDARY ELECTIVES

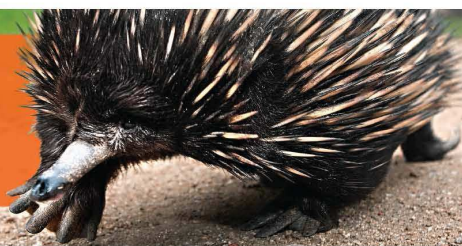
Year 7/8 Electives:	Technology Mandatory	\$20.00	\$.....
Year 9/10 Electives:	Industrial Technology	\$40.00	\$.....
	Food Technology	\$60.00	\$.....
	Design & Tech (Textiles)	\$20.00	\$.....
	Art	\$25.00	\$.....
	Agriculture	\$10.00	\$.....
Year 11/12 Electives:	Hospitality	\$60.00	\$.....
	D&T Mixed Media	\$20.00	\$.....
	Art	\$25.00	\$.....
	Agriculture	\$10.00	\$.....
	Metals & Engineering	\$40.00	\$.....

TOTAL ELECTIVE FEES \$ _____

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE \$ _____

Taronga Western Plains Zoo

Education



2012 Calendar

Taronga Western Plains Zoo Education Centre is excited to announce dates for next years special programs.

March 2012	6 th March – Sea Week Activities 22 nd March – World Water Day Activities 23 rd March – Ride to School Day
April 2012	23 rd April – Earth Day Rainforest Activities
May 2012	9 th May – World Migratory Bird Day Activities
June 2012	5 th June – World Environment Day Activities
July 2012	24 th to 26 th July – Australia Biota Study Day 27 th July – National Tree Day Activities
August 2012	7 th August – Meet a Keeper 15 th & 16 th August – National Science Week 27 th & 28 th August – Book Week with Literature Live 31 st August – Kids Teaching Kids
September 2012	21 st September – International Rhino Day
October 2012	16 th October – Meet a Keeper
November 2012	14 th to 16 th November – Maintaining the Balance 19 th November – World Toilet Day – Wipe for Wildlife 20 th November – Meet a Keeper

For further information on any of the above programs or to make a booking please contact the Taronga Western Plains Zoo Education Centre on 6881 1433 or kwood@zoo.nsw.gov.au