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26TH MARCH 2012

GRANDPARENTS DAY



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John Monk

Amelia Washbrook

Captains Primary

Kyle Hartley

Emma Bennetts

Vice Caps Primary

Charlie Smith

Peta McCleod

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Next Tuesday April 3rd will be our parent-teacher interviews. I encourage all parents/carers to come along for this opportunity to meet with your child's teachers and make a positive contribution to your child's learning. Often parents think that they only need to come along if their child is having difficulties at school, however these are a valuable opportunity for all parents to know where their children are at academically and more importantly what needs to happen for the student to progress and reach their potential in the future. Please ring the Office for an appointment time.

WINTER REP TRIALS

Congratulations to those students who travelled last week to participate in the winter sport representative trials.

THANK YOU

With a large amount of sporting and extra curriculum activities happening at this stage of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge the parents who transport their children and others children to sporting trips and class excursions. This is a very valuable contribution that you make to our school and we thank you immensely.

MENDOORAN SHOW

Classes are currently finishing items and collecting work samples to put into this year's show this weekend. Please come along to the pavilion at the show and see the collection and samples of student work on display.

APPS FOR LEARNING

With more and more smart phones and tablet devices being used by families, a lot of time gets spent on amusement on these by young children. Rather than just playing Angry Birds, why not download some educational apps that are fun too? You can find them at many different sites including:

www.apps4kids.net/

www.smartappsforkids.com/

www.bestappsforkids.org/

www.abc.net.au/abcforkids/sites/playschool/about/apps/

www.inkids.com.au/

www.australianmuseum.net.au/BlogPost/Web-2U/How-to-Choose-iPhone-Apps-for-Kids

Another very good free app that I (my children) use is School A to Z for smartphones and tablet devices at:

www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications.

*Michael Spora
Principal*



CALENDAR

WED 28.3.12

Moorambilla Choir
Visit

FRI 30.3.12

9/10 Science and
Engineering
Challenge - Dubbo

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 24

ANZAC Day
Ceremony

April 25

ANZAC Day
Public Holiday

May 7

MCS Horse Sports

May 9

P&C
Mothers Day Stall

May 11

Cross Country

June 1

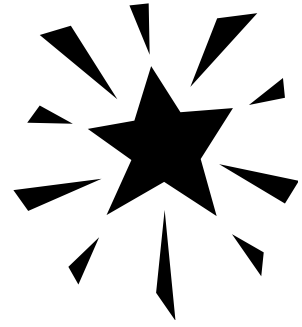
Athletics Carnival

MERIT AWARDS

K/1: Harrison Bracken
 Jake Swan
2/3/4: Jackson Hardes
 Klayton Campbell
4/5/6: Liam Haron
 Charlie Smith

Class Award Ribbons

K/1: Emily Leask
2/3/4: Sam Bennetts
4/5/6: Arabella Smith



PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Birthdays: Luke Heazlett

Special Awards: Malcolm Hellyer, Sophia Skinner, Sam Bennetts, Christopher Bracken

KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 NEWS

We have been looking at descriptions in writing and last week wrote a description of Mr McGee. *The adventures of Mr McGee* written by Pamela Allen is a short but exciting story about how Mr McGee evades three big brown bears. This text was presented to students as a visual, animated movie rather than a book, which enthralled everyone as we watched Mr McGee come to life. We have also used this book to develop comprehension skills such as predicting events and sequencing the story.

Over the final two weeks we will be looking at Jeannie Bakers *Window*. Students will be discussing and sequencing events and changes, adding their own text to the illustrations. This will coincide with our investigation of our school environment, and the features of natural and built environments.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in the library on Tuesday 3rd April from 3.30pm. I would encourage all parents and carers to take this opportunity to talk with teachers about your child's/ children's progress. Please ring the office and organise a time.

PRIMARY EASTER HAT PARADE

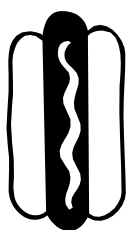
Parents and Community members are invited to attend our Primary Easter Hat Parade. This event will be held Thursday 5th April from 2.45pm. Kindergarten will sing an Easter song and students will parade their Easter Hats on our last afternoon of the term.

S Reynolds



CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 26.3.12: S Bracken
 Tue 27.3.12: S Abbott
 Wed 28.3.12: K Yeo/A Martin
 Thu 29.3.12: S Tumbri
 Fri 30.3.12: B Collins



Mon 2.4.12: S Bracken
 Tue 3.4.12: S Abbott
 Wed 4.4.12: S Abbott
 Thu 5.4.12: S Tumbri
 Fri 6.4.12: **GOOD FRIDAY**

CANTEEN NEWS

Starting next term, there will be some price rises so please check the prices on our menu before ordering. Also, please don't forget to put a name and class on lunch bags when you are ordering.

YEAR 2/3/4/5 NEWS

Last week we had a lot of visitors in our room for Grandparents Day. The students really enjoyed not only Grandparents, but also senior citizens and other family members who came in to have a look around the classroom. We had the pleasure of listening to Oscar Monk's Grandfather, who filled us in on the history of Mendooran Central School when he attended in war time. Mr Monk was also taught in the same classroom that his grandson is currently in, but the classroom was moved to its position today, from the area where the K/1 and 5/6 are located. The students learned that horses, ponies, bicycles and shank's ponies (walking) were the usual mode of transport then. Mr Monk also commented that air raid trenches; complete with sand bags were dug out at the back of the Principals residence-one curved trench for each class - in approximately 1941. A huge thank you to all who visited our room and our special speaker Mr Monk!

The students have been very busy learning "groups of" and times tables. Year 2 are learning their 2's, 5's and 10's whilst Year 4/5 are learning/reinforcing 3's and 4's as well. Please ensure your child is practicing their times tables from the yellow sheet sent home with homework 2 weeks ago. If your child doesn't know where this sheet is - I HAVE PLENTY OF SPARES!!! Keep practicing the 'My 100 word' sheet - of the most common sight words and misspelt words in sentences-it is due in next week with at least 3 ticks alongside if words are able to be visually read and also able to be spelt in a sentence (where and were for example are commonly mistaken). Have a great week!

S Lavender



SECONDARY NEWS GENERAL

This Friday our Year 9 & 10 students will be participating in the annual Science and Engineering Challenge in Dubbo. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to be involved in a group project, creating an engineered product. Mr Bearman and Mrs Hollingworth will be supervising the students. Students are adding finishing touches to projects made this term, in order to enter them in the Mendooran Show to be held this week. I encourage parents and carers to view the school display in the pavilion. Next week is Youth week and our students will be undertaking various activities to celebrate. Mr Bearman is organising these events in collaboration with the students and myself. Thank you to Mrs Jenny Lloyd for organising funding.

J Waters

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.

ICAS 2012 - INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

ICAS is an independent assessment for your child by sitting for competitions in Computing, Science, Maths, Writing, Spelling and English. Run by the University of New South Wales these competitions are an excellent way of getting your child used to exam conditions and paperwork as well as giving you a professional assessment of your child's ability in each subject area. The Competitions are held on different dates and a table follows showing when the exams will be run at Mendooran Central School. There is an administration cost involved payable to Mendooran Central School which will be forwarded onto the UNSW.

If you would like your child to participate, please fill in the following entry form with your child's name and year and send to the school office with the correct money enclosed.

Please note Spelling and Writing tests are individually marked by experienced teacher markers

This year ICAS medal winners in Years 11 and 12 are eligible for bonus points towards their ATAR when they apply to undertake an undergraduate degree at UNSW.

Name	School Year	Competition	Sitting Date	Cost (incl GST)	Closing Date for Entries
		Computing Skills Yrs 3-10	Tuesday 22 May 2012	\$7.70	Tuesday 24 April 2012
		Science Years 3-12	Wednesday 6 June 2012	\$7.70	Tuesday 8 May 2012
		Spelling Years 3-7	Tuesday 19 June 2012	\$11.00	Tuesday 22 May 2012
		Writing Years 3-12	Mon to Fri 18 to 22nd June 2012	\$16.50	Monday 21 May 2012
		Mathematics Years 3-12	Tuesday 14 August 2012	\$7.70	Tuesday 17 July 2012
		English Years 3-12	Tuesday 31 July 2012	\$7.70	Tuesday 3 July 2012

LIBRARY STOCKTAKE

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library will be closed for the last two weeks of term for Stocktake. Could you please make sure that all books that have been borrowed are returned as soon as possible. Class Library lessons will continue as normal. Thank You.



L Yeo

MOORIMBILLA SINGERS

On Wednesday this week Michelle Leonard, Coordinator of the Moorimbilla Festival will be visiting our school to audition anyone who is interested in trying out for a place in the Moorimbilla Singers Ensemble Choir. The auditions are open to anyone who is interested in trying out, and will be run by the Moorimbilla Committee. I'd encourage anyone who is interested in participating to have a go, and this is a really worthwhile experience and, if chosen, students will be asked to participate in music camps and workshops, as well as perform at the Moorimbilla Festival in Coonamble in October. Primary Auditions will be held at 9am, and Secondary at 10am. Please see me if you are interested in auditioning.



L Yeo



Mendooran Central School Uniform Supplies @ 30.1.2012

CLOTHING**(Includes GST)**

BLACK SLOPPY JOES	Small (Size 6, 8, 10, 12, 14).....	\$16.00
(with school crest)	Large (Size 16y, 16, 18, 20).....	\$20.00
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).....	\$14.00
(with school crest)	Large (Size 16y, 16, 18).....	\$16.00
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.

CLAIM THE DATE MENDOORAN AND DUNEDOO COMBINED SCHOOLS HORSE SPORTS

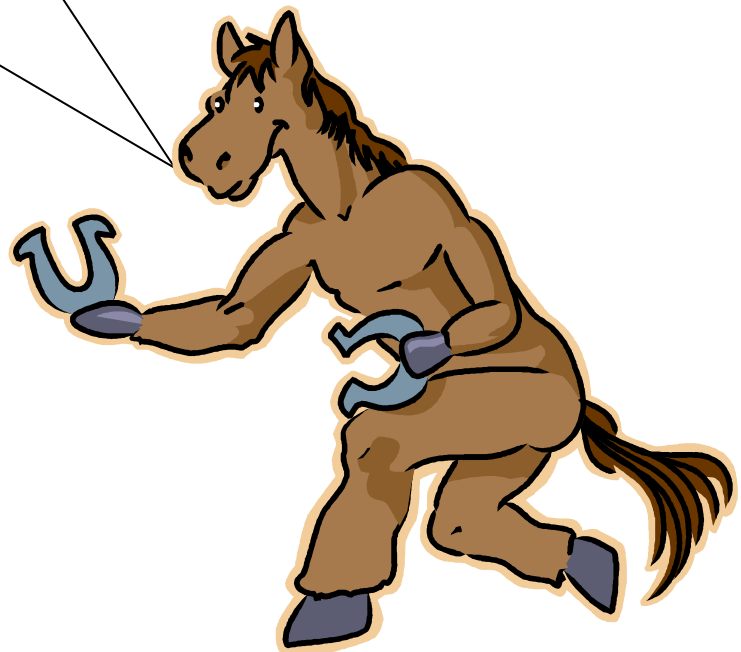
- *MENDOORAN - Monday 7th May 2012*
- *DUNEDOO - Tuesday 8th May 2012*

Enquiries:

Mendooran Central School, Dianne McCormack 6886 1149

Dunedoo Central School, Rosanne Stuart 6375 1489

*Log on to
www.mendooran-
c.schools.nsw.edu.au
Programs will be posted soon*



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 (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	\$.....
	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 \$ _____

COMMUNITY NEWS

NORTH WEST EQUESTRIAN EXPO

North West Equestrian Expo will be held Friday 1st June to Tuesday 5th June 2012 at Coonabarabran Showground. Entries close Thursday 5th April 2012. The entry forms are now available on the Coonabarabran High School website. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

D McCormack

MENDOORAN/MERRYGOEN AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Congratulations to all our swimmers last week for their achievements throughout the season. Our Champion Swimmers were Harrison Bracken, Victoria Monk, Kevin Martin, Shanoa Hartley, Lachlan Howarth, Kerrie Ward and John Monk. Also congratulations to our perpetual winners Ella Hartley, Victoria Monk, Gabe Rushton-Butler, Trevor Martin, Lachlan Howarth and Tahlija Williams. The swimming cap signed by Australia's Olympic swimmers was drawn on the day, and our winner was the Yeo family – YAY and congratulations! The cap is signed by Olympic swimmers Matt Abood, James Magnussen, Geoff Heugill and Eamon Sullivan on one side – the reverse side has Emily Seebohm and Alicia Coutts. The Club held their AGM on Friday after the presentation. As discussed at the meeting, once funds come through from Sports & Recreation for the fee relief, club members will be reimbursed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the previous committee for all their hard work over the last year and welcome the new committee. New committee members are:

President: Bec Collins

Secretary: Mandy Eyles

Treasurer and Registrar will be confirmed at a later date by Bec.

Thank you to all members for a wonderful Point Score season. The kids did a fantastic job of swimming and especially helping our Jellyfish swimmers moving up to the Octopus group. Of course it wouldn't all go smoothly without the assistance of our parents who did an awesome job of timekeeping and scoring. The club wouldn't be a success without the support of its members – so a big thank you to all. I wish you all the best and again welcome the new committee. See you all next season (fingers crossed the sun fairy is back from long service leave by then).

J Rushton



Do you have a spare hour?

**Mendooran PA&H Committee
need some extra helpers to
prepare the pavilion for the
Mendooran Show this weekend.**

Thursday 29 March 2012, 9am @ the Showground

ANY HELP WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED

MENDOORAN PONY CLUB NEWS

What a great day we had at Pony Club – it was really good to see so many riders especially all the new members. Welcome to Lily, Emily and Joshua Edwards and Becci Sciberras. Thank you to the many parents that helped out – your help makes so much difference. We had Bligh, Abby, Sophie, Kerrie, Anna, Belle, Airlie, Charlie, Emma, Kathryn, Victoria, Lachlan, Emma, Daniel, Jason, Lizzie, Becci, Emily, Lily and Joshua all riding. It was a great day.

COULD EVERYONE PLEASE RETURN THERE CAMP FORMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Good luck to all our riders competing at the Mendooran Show this weekend. And just a reminder that the Pony Club are running the second day of the show so please everyone can you offer to help wherever you can. Thank you.

J Smith

MENDOORAN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mendooran Neighbourhood Watch would like to invite parents and other family members to our next (and all future) meetings at the Court House at 7pm Tuesday 3rd April. We have been informed of a new and interesting concept for our organisation that has been developed by two police officers and can be accessed through Facebook. Why not come along and listen to Constable Bracken explain how it works. Everybody welcome. Any enquiries please ring 6886 1788.

E Morrow
President

MENDOORAN SHOW LAST CHANCE! PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION

ENTRY DATE FOR PHOTOGRAPHS IS

WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH AT 3.30PM.

*PLEASE HAVE MOUNTED PHOTOS WITH CORRECT
MONEY TO THE MENDOORAN CENTRAL SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE FOR A BRILLIANT DISPLAY
AT THE SHOW.*



“2842” Country Music Talent Quest

Presented by the Mendooran Singers

Saturday 14th April 2012

Mendooran Mechanics Institute Hall



Programme commencing at 9am

Adults \$10.00

12yrs - 16yrs \$5.00

Under 12 free

Competitors entry to daytime programme **free**

Great Raffle - Lucky Door Prizes



Evening Concert and Awards Presentation 7.30pm



Guest Artist **Justin Standley**
Backing Band “**At the Bar**”
(Shane Saffy & Co)

Adults \$10.00

12yrs - 16yrs \$5.00

Under 12yrs Free



Tea, Coffee, Cold Drinks and Sandwiches will be
available in the hall throughout .

NO ALCOHOL

Sunday 15th April– Songwriting workshop with Justin Standley at
9.30am - 12.30pm in the Mendooran Hall. \$15 per person.

Book now!

Contact 6886 1337 6886 1261

SECTION Q CHILDREN'S SECTION (OPEN)

Stewards: **Katrina and Emily Yeo**

Entry in this Section is Free Prizes: 1st \$2.00, 2nd .50c

*Children's Section kindly sponsored by
Mendooran Newsagency, Mrs. B McGirr, Mrs J Lloyd,
Ms W. Hill, Mrs P Kenny and Mrs B Monk .*

Handicrafts 8 Years and Under

- 1 Article from natural or synthetic fibre
- 2 Article from metals, plastic, leather or wood
- 3 Clown mask
- 4 Novelty article from recycled materials
- 5 Article from clay plasticine or play dough
- 6 Article made from Beados
- 7 Article made from Lego
- 8 Article made from Meccano

Handicrafts 12 Years and Under

- 9 Article from natural or synthetic fibre
- 10 Article from metal, plastic, leather or wood
- 11 Clown mask
- 12 Novelty article from recycled materials
- 13 Article from clay plasticine or play dough
- 14 Beading
- 15 Jewellery
- 16 Article from Beados
- 17 Article from Lego
- 18 Article from Meccano

Handicrafts 16 Years and Under

- 19 Article from natural or synthetic fibre
- 20 Article from metal, plastic or wood
- 21 Clown mask
- 22 Novelty article from recycled materials
- 23 Article from clay plasticine or play dough
- 24 Handmade Greeting Card
- 25 Beading
- 26 Jewellery
- 27 An article of scrapbooking (one page)
- 28 Article made from Beados
- 29 Article made from Lego
- 30 Article made from Meccano

Floral 8 Years and Under

31. Low arrangement in sand saucer, "Gold, Silver and Bronze" theme
32. Arrangement in egg cup

Floral 12 Years and Under

33. Low arrangement in sand saucer, "Gold, Silver and Bronze" theme
34. Arrangement in egg cup



Cooking 8 Years and Under

- 35. Honey Joys
- 36. Pikelets
- 37. Five decorated arrowroot biscuits
- 38. 3 decorated cup cakes (not muffins)

Cooking 12 Years and Under

- 39. Novelty Cake, theme of "London Olympics 2012"
- 40. Six Biscuits
- 41. 3 decorated cup cakes (not muffins)

**Cooking 16 Years and Under**

- 42. Novelty/birthday cake, theme of "London Olympics 2012"
- 43. Six cup cakes, iced (cake mix allowed)
- 44. Six pieces of slice to be judged on quality

ART Work

All art must be mounted with cord attached ready for hanging

8 Years and Under

- 45. Painting any medium, theme "The Future"
- 46. Creative veggie creature from any produce

12 Years and Under

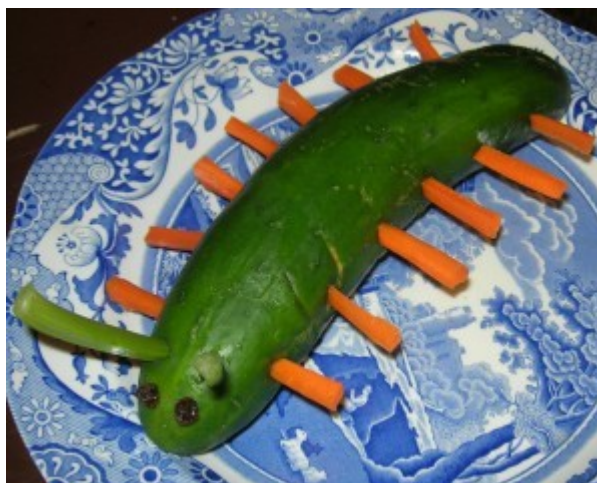
- 47. Painting any medium, theme "The Future"



All entries in handicraft and art sections to have been worked within the last 12 months

CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OPEN

- 48. Best Collage, plasticine or play dough figure
- 49. Best Painting
- 50. Vegetable Creature
- 51. Best Lego item
- 52. Best Beados item
- 53. Best Meccano item





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 April 2012 school holidays.

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

DATES: Tuesday 10th April to Friday 13th April 2012
Monday 16th April to Friday 20th April 2012

AGE: 5-12 years

TIME: 8.30am - 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/ZooAdventuresDubbo>
- ♦ Contact the Zoo on 6881 1433