



# Mendooran Central School

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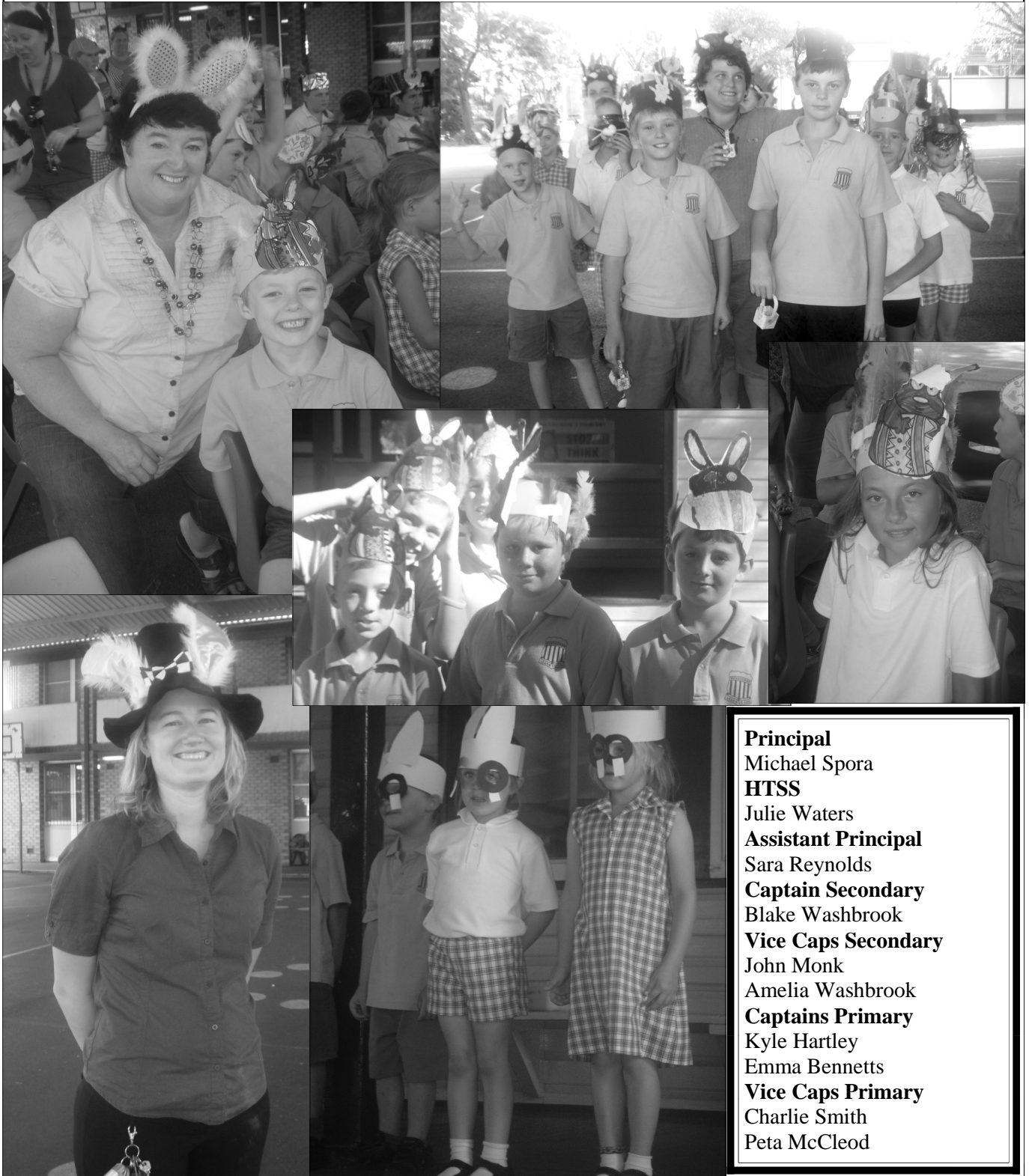
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TERM 2 WEEK 2

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30TH APRIL 2012

## EASTER HAT PARADE!



**Principal**  
Michael Spora  
**HTSS**  
Julie Waters  
**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*



## **CALENDAR**

**THURS 3.5.12**

After School Sport  
3.15pm to 4:30pm

### **Welcome back**

Welcome back everyone, I hope that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter and holiday break. We all offer a special welcome back to Mrs Davis who has been on leave for Term 1.

### **Staff Development Day**

On Monday of last week, all staff members participated in a joint staff development day with other schools of the Cudgegong Learning Community in Mudgee. As well as other specific seminars to cater for staff member's professional position, we all attended a key note address by Michael Fuller, a Clinical Psychologist. As you can imagine, in this day and age of increasing complexities of student behaviours and social pressures that make an impact on schooling, all staff found the day to be a very valuable learning exercise.

### **ANZAC Day**

Many thanks to the parents who attended our ANZAC Day service last Tuesday. We were fortunate to have Rev Ross Godfrey address the service with an insight on the conditions endured and the outstanding achievements of the infamous group of Australian soldiers known as "The Rats of Tobruk". Again, our cadets did a wonderful job of the Catafalque party and helped to make the ceremony a very meaningful experience.

I was again very proud of our School on ANZAC Day with such a large amount of our students showing our respect by marching as a school in the town parade. Other students were there on their horses and many assisted by laying books, in lieu of wreaths on behalf of many local families and organisations.

### **Horse Sports**

Next Monday, our school will be hosting our annual Horse Sports day. There has already been a lot of work and organisation going into arranging this event and I thank these key people. We will be having a working bee on Wednesday and would welcome anyone who is able to lend a hand for an hour or so. If you are able to help out at the working bee or on Monday, please ring Di at the office.

### **Regional Director's visit**

Also on Monday, we will be hosting Mrs Carole McDiarmid, the Western Region Regional Director, who will be visiting with Michael Cronk, our Warrumbungle group of schools' School Education Director. As well as meeting with myself, I am keen for Mrs McDiarmid to meet some of our students and visit classrooms.

### **Attendance and Uniform raffle**

Students are reminded that Miss Althofer will continue to be raffling sporting equipment, canteen vouchers and itunes cards for those students who constantly wear full school uniform and attend school every day. Please ensure that as a family you support your child to both attend school every day and to have the full school uniform.

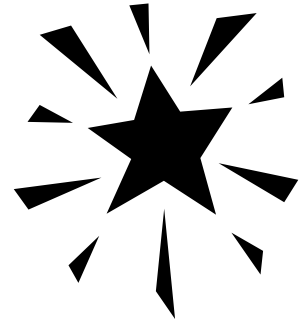
*Michael Spora*  
**Principal**

**MERIT AWARDS**

**K/1:** Brayden Thompson  
Shellby Adams  
**2/3/4:** Kayleigh Rutter  
Steven Ashford  
**4/5/6:** Dokota Thompson  
Liam Haron

**Class Award Ribbons**

**K/1:** Airlie Smith  
**2/3/4:** Stephen Eyles  
**4/5/6:** Tayla Eyles



## **PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

**Birthdays:** Belle Smith, Dylan Myers, Brayden Thompson.

**Special Awards:** Jacob Howarth, Harrison Bracken, James Eyles, Janet Hellyer.

## **KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 NEWS**

Welcome back to school. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. I would like to thank all the students who attended the ANZAC Day ceremony on Wednesday. Our school was well represented. It was good to see Kindergarten / Year 1 students being involved.

This term we are continuing our Jolly Phonics in Kindergarten. Sounds and home readers will go home daily for students to practice at home. Morning reading has commenced and I encourage all students to come into class at 8.45am to change and read their home readers. It is a great way to start the day. If parents are able to help with morning reading it occurs daily at 8.45am – 9am each morning in the K/1 room. Sight words have gone home for the term. Please help students to learn their sight words each night. When each word is known students can colour the animal shape and return it to me at school. Needs and Wants is the topic of investigation this term. We will be looking at what our pets, plants and people need. This will involve some experiments, predicting, observing and reporting. We will also be looking at persuasive texts in text type writing, learning about what an opinion is and talking and writing about how we feel on different topics.

S Reynolds

## **HORSE SPORTS P&C CANTEEN**

The Mendooran Central School P&C will be running the Canteen at the Mendooran Horse Sports on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May. The Canteen runs all day providing breakfast, from around 6am, and lunch with snacks, cakes, slices and drinks throughout the day. We are looking for volunteers to help out at the canteen throughout the day. Please contact Genise Hollingworth if you would like to help.

Donations of cakes and slices to sell at the canteen would also be appreciated. Cakes and slices can be left at the School Office and will be delivered to the Showground.

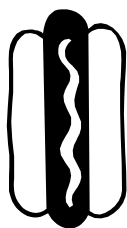
P&C Secretary

S Reynolds

**Canteen Special for the next two  
Weeks:  
from Wednesday 2.5.12  
Hot Dogs  
with Tomato Sauce  
\$2.50**

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 30.4.12: Sharon Abbott  
 Tue 1.5.12: Sharon Abbott  
 Wed 2.5.12: Sharon Abbott  
 Thu 3.5.12: Sharon Abbott  
 Fri 4.5.12: Sharon Abbott



Mon 7.5.12: Sharon Abbott  
 Tue 8.5.12: To be advised  
 Wed 9.5.12: Katrina/Alison  
 Thu 10.5.12: To be advised  
 Fri 11.5.12: Sara

## P & C MOTHERS DAY STALL

P & C will be holding a Mother's Day Stall on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at recess and lunch.

Gifts will be on sale from 50c to \$6.

S Reynolds

## YEAR 2/3/4/5 NEWS

This week we are looking forward to hosting the assembly on Wednesday at 2.40pm.

We begin our spelling lists today and have placed some students in higher spelling groups. Please let me know if there are too many words to learn or it is too difficult and I will adjust.

We have begun our Mothers Day presents and the students are looking forward to completing them in time!

Homework for the next two weeks will be structured differently. Year 3 are practicing for NAPLAN at school and some at home; so the students will be writing what their homework will entail in their homework exercise book- as we did last week. Homework needs to be completed by Friday please and handed in, to qualify for the end of term pick a prize. **Also** to be eligible for the pick a prize-the students need to return at least **2 home readers a week or 1 chapter book each week**. We are keeping a chart on return of both homework and home readers – so let's all get reading this term!!!

We are continuing our crunch and sip this term. Please remember your child needs to bring in water and/or a piece of fruit or vegetable-something that can be picked from a plant, not processed food. I will continue to provide oranges daily, so any donations appreciated!

Have a happy week!

S Lavender

## STUDENT BANKING

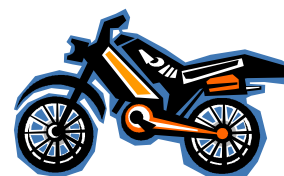
Student Banking through the Commonwealth Bank is available at the school on a Tuesday.

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.*





## Mendooran Central School Uniform Supplies @ 30.1.2012

<b><u>CLOTHING</u></b>	<b><u>(Includes GST)</u></b>
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
<b><u>HATS</u></b>	
Caps (Black with school emblem)	\$ 5.00
Bucket Hats (Black: Size 53, 55, 57, 59 & 61cm).....	\$ 7.50
<b><u>EQUIPMENT</u></b>	
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.*

## MCS SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We now have Size 16Y White polo shirts back in stock in the School Uniform Shop.

\$14.00	Size 6-14
\$16.00	Size 16y-18

Mandy Eyles is making girls shorts and skirts. For more information please call: 68861173 or 0467 666 701.

Grace's Uniforms in Coonabarabran will be selling MCS School dresses for \$45.00. They will be stocking dresses from Sizes 4-14. Mail order will be available. For more information please call Grace Uniforms on 68 421 670.

### FRIENDLY REMINDER!! MAJOR EXCURSION

Everyone wanting to go on the Major Excursion please get your notes and deposits in as we need to confirm numbers. The balance may be paid in full by Friday, 17 August, 2012.



# MENDOORAN SCHOOL HORSE SPORTS

## WORKING BEE!!

**Wednesday 2nd May  
At the Showground 9:00am  
Helpers Wanted!**



## SECONDARY NEWS GENERAL

It was pleasing to see some of our Secondary students marching and pony club riders participating in the town Anzac Day parade last Wednesday. The school ceremony on Tuesday was also a great success.

Staff development day enabled our staff to further explore the way our students think, with an inspiring presentation by Andrew Fuller. These experiences enhance teaching and learning strategies in our classrooms on a day to day basis. Mrs Young and Mr Bearman attended "Langford" training in Canberra. The strategies they learnt will be shared with other staff and employed in the classroom.

J Waters

## MCS ANNUAL CROSS-COUNTRY/FUN RUN

### HELP NEEDED!! VOLUNTEERS AS CHECKPOINTS!!

If you can spare a couple of hours from approx 1:00pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2012, we would really appreciate your assistance as checkpoint people. Please leave your name with the Front Office if you are able to assist.

Our Annual Cross Country/Fun Run will be held next Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Adidas is continuing as the major sponsor for the fun run (held in conjunction with our cross country). The support we received last year was extremely good as they continue again for 2012 providing ice-blocks and various other things to assist us on the day.

This fundraising event is one of the few times in a year that we are actually raising funds for our school instead of some other very worthy charity. Sponsorship forms for the Fun Run were distributed today enabling students to seek support from family/friends/relatives or other people that wish to sponsor a runner over the coming fortnight.

We have less than 2 weeks until the run, so please encourage and support your children to raise as much sponsorship as possible. All students will benefit from the addition of new equipment to the school with Adidas putting on offer extra incentives and prizes available to participating students.

D Althofer

## 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.

**NOTE: Science (Years 3-12) will be closing on Tuesday, 8th May, 2012.  
Spelling (Years 3-7) will be closing on Tuesday, 22nd May, 2012.**

Name	School Year	Competition	Sitting Date	Cost (incl GST)	Closing Date for Entries
		Science Years 3-12	Wednesday 6 June 2012	\$7.70	Tuesday 8th May 2012
		Spelling Years 3-7	Tuesday 19 June 2011	\$11.00	Tuesday 22 May 2012
		Writing Years 3-12	Mon to Fri 18th to 22nd June 2011	\$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

# *CLAIM THE DATE*

## *MENDOORAN AND*

## *DUNEDOO COMBINED SCHOOLS*

## *HORSE SPORTS*

• *MENDOORAN - Monday 7th May 2012*

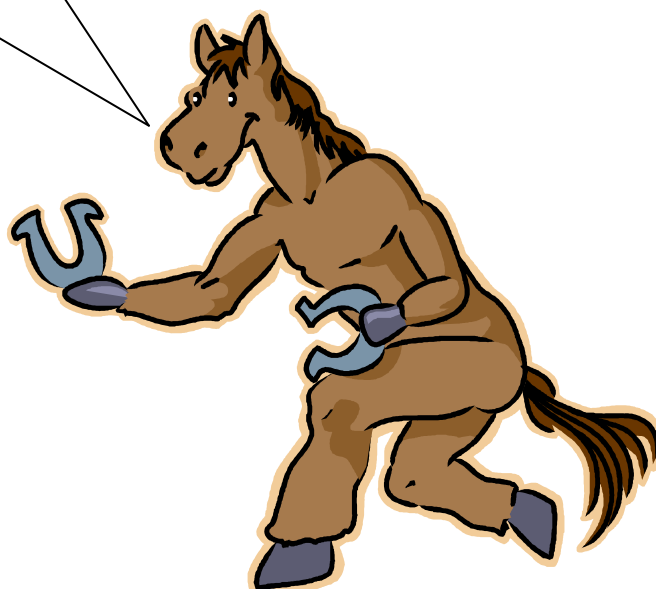
• *DUNEDOO - Tuesday 8th May 2012*

*Enquiries:*

*Mendooran Central School, Dianne McCormack 6886 1149*

*Dunedoo Central School, Rosanne Stuart 6375 1489*

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*[c.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mendooran-c.schools.nsw.edu.au)*





## ATTENDANCE AND UNIFORM RAFFLES

In order to promote the importance of attendance and uniform among students our fortnightly raffles will run again during Term 2 commencing today. Both raffles will be drawn at the whole school assembly each fortnight. The details of each are as follows:

### Raffle 1 – Attendance:

Every student who has had **full** attendance will be eligible to go into this raffle.

Full attendance includes students who are absent due to *illness* and returned a note explaining absence signed by parent.

### Raffle 2 - Uniform:

Students who are in **full** school uniform for the fortnight including the absence of personal accessories that draw attention will be eligible for this draw.

N.B. White joggers are **NOT** school uniform unless sport uniform is worn i.e. Wednesday (Secondary) and Friday (Primary). On days where students have PE students are to bring to school with them; a change of clothes (T-Shirt / Shorts), a hat and their joggers. This need not be school uniform. Students will change at the start and end of each PE Lesson.

We have loads of fantastic new prizes to give away each fortnight. **Get competitive!** Wear your uniform and make sure any absences from school are explained.

D Althofer

## CONNECT FIVE CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Connect Five will be visiting Mendooran on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June at the Mendooran Preschool.

All play sessions are from 10am to 12noon.

Everyone is welcome.

### BISCUITS AND SLICES WANTED!!

**We know you love cooking!**  
**Your P&C need slices and biscuits for the**  
**MCS HORSE SPORTS CANTEEN**  
**We always have a great day and really**  
**appreciate your support.**  
**SO COOK UP A STORM AND**  
**COME AND HELP ON THE DAY.**

**Cooking can be left at the School Office on Monday morning,**  
**7th May, 2012.**





Australian Government  
Australian Sports Commission

## Active After-school Communities

Helping kids and communities get active



### Active After-school Communities Program **MENDOORAN CENTRAL SCHOOL**

The Mendooran Central School AASC program for Term 2 will commence this **Thursday afternoon from 3.15pm till 4.30pm. Students will be staying at the school grounds during this time.**

Students will enjoy a healthy and nutritious afternoon tea followed by a range of fun, innovative and inclusive games aimed at increasing skill and fitness. This term we will be concentrating on athletics in the lead up to our school athletics carnival. We look forward to seeing all our active after school participants from last term and extend an invite to all infant and primary children who would like to join. If your child is not attending the program and you would like them to get involved or for further information please contact the front office for a parent consent form or contact Lyndall Yeo or Myself on 0268861149.

We look forward to seeing you all this Thursday!

D Althofer

## PONY CLUB NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO BRAD WARD 3<sup>RD</sup> AT STATE SPORTING. This is a fantastic achievement and our club is very proud of you.

Well done to everyone who competed at the Dunedoo sports weekend.

There will be a meeting on this Tuesday night 7pm at the Royal Hotel to finalise our weekend of showjumping and the school horse sports.

A working bee for the horse sports and showjumping will be held this Wednesday at the show ground. Many hands make light work – so please come along and help.

Don't forget your entries should be in to Miriam for our show jumping weekend by now.

Our next rally day will be 20<sup>th</sup> May.

Jenny Smith

## 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

<b>Year 7/8 Electives:</b>	Technology Mandatory	\$20.00 (enables students to take work home)
<b>Year 9/10 Electives:</b>	Industrial Technology	\$40.00 first project (\$30 per project thereafter)
	Food Technology	\$15.00 <b>per term</b> (\$60.00 per year)
	Design & Tech (Textiles)	\$20.00
	Art	\$25.00
	Agriculture	\$10.00
<b>Year 11/12 Electives:</b>	Hospitality	\$15 per term (\$60.00 per year)
	D&T Mixed Media	\$20
	Art	\$25
	Agriculture	\$10
	Metals & Engineering	\$40 first project (2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	<input style="width: 50px; height: 40px;" type="text"/>	No. Secondary Students	<input style="width: 50px; height: 40px;" type="text"/>	TOTAL \$ _____ SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS (Maximum \$80.00)
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	Agriculture	\$10.00	\$.....
	Metals & Engineering	\$40.00	\$.....

**TOTAL ELECTIVE FEES** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## OLD TIME DANCE LESSONS



Dance lessons will recommence at the Mechanics Institute Hall on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm. Starting 2nd May 2012.

Everyone welcome, especially beginners. Come along and have some fun and don't forget those dancing shoes!!

Enquiries please contact Barry & Judy Henderson 68861221

## *DUNEDOO JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE AND NETBALL*

**Thank you** to everyone who helped on the weekend at our Carnival. The day was successful and it would not have been possible without the help of the volunteers for the day.

This weekend we head to Coolah to verse Gilgandra. Times will be given to all players at training.

**Peachey Shield** will be held on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May at Robertson Oval and the canteen and BBQ will be run by DJRLN. If anyone can lend a hand on this day in either the canteen or BBQ please let either Debbie Dean on 0414 764 599 or Fabien Boyd know. Debbie Dean on 0414 764 599 or Fabian Boyd.

**Code of Conduct** will be hand out to all players, parents and coaches at training on Wednesday. Please read the Code of Conduct with your child and adhere to this at all times.

A **Rugby League Referees Course** is available to all people over the age of 14 years. The course is a 10 step online course that you must complete, then after you have passed this you will be assessed face to face. A tentative date for the final assessment is either the 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> May (to be confirmed). DJRLN will cover costs involved on your behalf. If you are interested in completing this course contact Mel Bampton on 0429 040 679/6375 1919.

Registrations can still be done if you wish you child to play. Registration can be done at training on Thursday. Please see Matthew Guan for football and Maria Harrington for Netball.

See you all at Training on Thursday, 4pm.

## TENNIS COACHING

Tennis Coaching commences this Thursday, 3rd May. Pat Dries, the tennis coach will be available at the town courts from 3:15pm.