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MENDOORAN CENTRAL SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CONGRATULATIONS BENI



Well done to all students who participated in the school cross country and congratulations to Beni who has narrowly won the carnival by a mere 2 points! The shield and awards as indicated below will be presented at the whole school assembly tomorrow following recess.

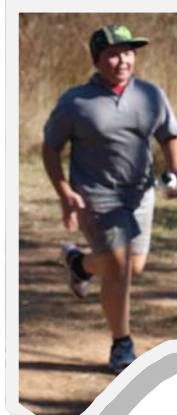


Primary

9 Years and Under Girls 1st Anna Ward; 2nd Tori Rutter; 3rd Jordan Mitchell
9 Years and Under Boys 1st Carter Swan; 2nd Jane Harkup; 3rd Joseph Frohmuller
10 Years Girls 1st Arabella Smith; 2nd Kaitlyn Reynolds; 3rd Jade Tumbri
10 Years Boys 1st Casey Adams; 2nd Thomas Yeo; 3rd Jacob Howarth
11 Years Girls 1st Emma Bennetts; 2nd Amy Tumbri; 3rd Mollee-Jane Johnson
11 Years Boys 1st Toby Adams; 2nd Kyle Hartley; 3rd Liam Haron
12 Years Boys 1st Zac Sando; 2nd Charlie Smith; 3rd Lachlan Howarth

Secondary

12 Years Girls 1st Rebecca Sciberras; 2nd Jesika Harkup
13 Years Girls 1st Kerrie Ward; 2nd Britney Rutter
13 Years Boys 1st Jackson Adams; 2nd Dylan Gray; 3rd Kurt Williams
14 Years Girls 1st Amanda Sladden; 2nd Shanoa Hartley
14 Years Boys 1st Derek Washbrook
15 Years Girl 1st Tiarney Crothers; 2nd Danielle Sciberras
15 Years Boys 1st Steven Rutter; 2nd Steven Leask; 3rd Robert Austin
16 Years Girls 1st Amelia Washbrook; 2nd Bella Moffatti; 3rd Shaylah Taufah
16 Years Boys 1st Bradley Ward
17+ Years Girls 1st Shakirra Watt
17+ Years Boys 1st Brendan Roberts; 2nd Patrick Fallon



Students who achieved a placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Primary are eligible to participate in the Zone Cross Country this Friday 25th May in Coolah. Secondary students will go straight through to the North West Cross Country in Coolah on Friday 15th June 2012.

D Althofer



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

Local Schools Local Decisions

Today I am pleased to announce that the submission that our school community made under the "Local Schools Local Decisions" initiative has been successful. This will ensure that we as a school community will be able to make more decisions about how our funding is spent. Currently, between 10 - 15% of funding is flexible, as opposed to approximately 70% in the future under LSLD. There are 2200 DEC schools throughout NSW, all funded from head office in Bridge Street Sydney, all under a similar model or formula whether they cater for metropolitan, coastal or far remote communities. The increased flexibility that this will give Mendooran Central School will enable us to better utilise funds to suit the learning needs of students at Mendooran as we as a school community decide.

Attendance – Exemptions

There are times during the school year that children cannot attend school. Most absences, whilst are best avoided, are necessary for the family. We are endeavouring to initiate a roll monitoring program where these absences do not count on your child's record. Absences for reasons such as: **medical** (whooping cough, measles, family visits to the doctor, dentist, paediatrician, etc) and **exceptional circumstances** (floods, funerals, family holidays, etc) apply here.

These absences will be able to be granted as exemption from attendance.

To ensure this exemption is granted the Department Of Education has requested that the school (Principal, classroom teacher or office staff) be informed of the absence beforehand. The school will then ensure that the necessary paper work is completed. This will also require a parent/carer signature at the first available opportunity.

Warrumbungle Principal's Meeting

Today we are hosting all Principals from the Warrumbungle Group of Schools for a meeting all day. I thank those staff and students who have been involved in hosting and catering for our guests.



CALENDAR

MON 21.5.12

Yr 11 Prelim Exams

TUE 22.5.12

*Yr 11 Prelim Exams

*ICAS Computing Exam

*ICAS Spelling Closes

WED 23.5.12

*Yr 11 Prelim Exams

*Tertiary Info Day Dubbo

THUR 24.5.12

*Yr 11 Prelim Exams

*Active After School Sports

FRI 25.5.12

*Yr 11 Prelim Exams

*Coolah Zone Cross Country

*Stamp Out Bullying Performance 9:30am

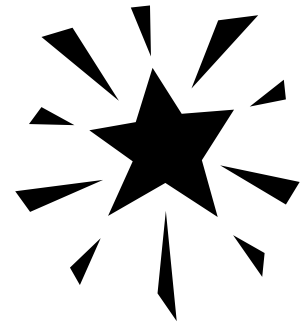
Michael Spora (Principal)

MERIT AWARDS

K/1: Trevor Martin
Shelby Adams
2/3/4: Oscar Monk
Kane Harkup
4/5/6: Peta McLeod
Annabel Finemore

Class Award Ribbons

K/1: Airlie Smith
2/3/4: Noah Harris
4/5/6: Charlie Smith

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY
AWARDS

Win Bins: Casey Adams, Toby Adams, Zachariah Sando, Jordan Mitchell

Special Awards: Kyle Hartley, Breea Campbell, Emily Leask

KINDERGARTEN/YEAR ONE NEWS

This week we will continue to investigate 'Needs and Wants' by talking about different kinds of foods. Students will also decide which fruit is their favourite and try to persuade me. We stop for a fruit break at around 10am each morning so please provide a small amount of chopped up fruit for students to eat at this time. We will continue to read the text 'Little Bat' this week and talk about the main character, Little Bat, who is learning to do something new while being supported by family and friends. Students are also in training for the upcoming Athletics Carnival. Last week Miss Althofer introduced the skills of shot put while I revised relay running and sprinting. In computers, students are learning about typing sentences and inserting clip art. We are also getting much more confident logging onto our Reading Eggs website. Logon details were sent home last week but if you need another copy please let me know.



S Reynolds

YEAR 2/3/4/5 NEWS

Again there were very pleasing results from our Spelling assessment last Friday-keep up the good work! Our sounds this week are 'ch' as in Christmas ('k' sound) and 'oa' as in coat. We are also revising 'ph' words. To add a bit of interest whilst practicing spelling words ask your child to practice sounding out their spelling in front of a mirror and/or clap the syllables eg: the word echo 'ech' and 'o' – 2 claps. This week we begin our wall display for our COGS unit. The students will also be finding out what it feels like in the shoes of Captain Arthur Phillip, a soldier, a convict or an Aboriginal, when the First Fleet arrived.

Homework - With NAPLAN over we will now practice some 'DOLCH' sight words, the list is coming home today. Please practice these words, tick them at least 3 times when known by your child and return at the end of term. Mathematics problems will be in the orange homework book and also a booklet with some fun rhyming word families-please just complete **1 sheet a week** and return for me to mark every week.

I must thank all the parents and caregivers for the great improvement in the children practicing 2, 5 and 10 times tables over this term-we are now having fun playing mathematical games and challenging ourselves in times table speed tests! Well done to all!
Have a great week!



S Lavender



Year 2/3/4/5 enjoying 'crunch and sip'

Please send in a small portion of **peeled** fruit or vegetables daily in a container for your child, ready to eat in about 2-3 minutes.

S Lavender

YEAR 4/5/6 NEWS

With the NAPLAN testing finished we have again resumed our normal routines in class.

This week in Maths we will be looking at reading, writing and recording fractions.

In Grammar we will revisit verbs, looking at the different types of verbs, and we will look at the different types of sentences.

Our HSIE topics are proceeding well and the students are beginning to focus on collecting information for their Assessment Tasks: Stage 2 (Year 4) have to write letters or diary entries from the perspective of a person at the time of the First Fleet and the early settlement of Sydney. Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) will be researching a prominent figure in the development of Australian democracy.

Please encourage and support you children in their work, remembering this activity is to assess your child's progress.

G Davis

FOCUS ON READING

Primary teachers, Mrs Young and Mr Spora have been participating in a Professional Development over the last twelve months called Focus on Reading. Next Monday will see the continuation of this Professional Development, one of four full day sessions held at school that will be held over the next two terms. Focus on Reading develops knowledge and understanding to apply research-based, practical and theoretical knowledge to meet the learning needs of students in comprehension, vocabulary knowledge and reading texts.



S Reynolds

LIBRARY NEWS

A huge thank you to all the local businesses and organisations who donated books to our Library for ANZAC day! These have all now been accessioned and are in the process of being covered, ready to be enjoyed by our students. Come on in and check them out! Below are just a few to tempt you!

"The Magic Folk Collection" by Enid Blyton. A classic.

"Crack Hardy" By Stephen Dando-Collins. A true story of three Australian brothers at War, set in Gallipoli, Flanders and the Somme.

"If Only I Had A Green Nose" By Max Lucado. A very sweet story about a little elf named Puncinello who just wants to fit in.

"The Magic Forest of Goonoo" By Pat Clarke. A beautifully illustrated book about our local area.



These are just a taste!! Come on into the Library and check out all our fantastic new books! We are so grateful to our local supporters and organisations! Thank you again!

L Yeo

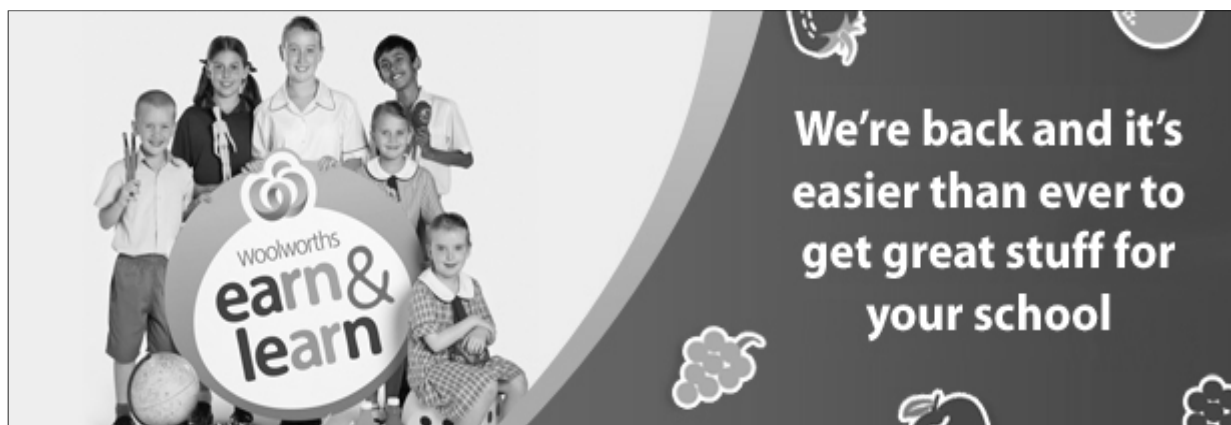
WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Mendooran Central School is excited to be taking part in the 2012 Woolworths Earn and Learn program. Last year, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, from students and the support of the community with the collection of tokens. From Wednesday 9th May until 1st July 2012, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn and Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker card. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box at the front of the store. The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 7,000 educational resources including Mathematics and English resources, art and crafts materials and much, much more! We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at the school.

D Althofer



WOOLWORTHS - EARN AND LEARN

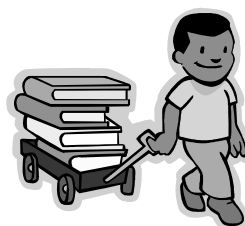


It's back and easier than ever to participate and get valuable resources for our school. If you are shopping in Woolworths you can collect stickers from the checkout operator and place them on the sticker card (one has been given to each child).

There'll be one sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). When completed, you can place your sticker cards in the collection box at the school.

Last year we received some beautiful books from this program and we think it is well worth doing.

Happy Shopping!!



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 Years 3-10	Tuesday 22 May 2012	\$7.70	CLOSED
		Science Years 3-12	Wednesday 6 June 2012	\$7.70	CLOSED
		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



PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SPORTS NEWS

COONABARABRAN PRIMARY ZONE CROSS COUNTRY COOLAH

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Mendooran Central School Cross Country carnival. Cross country is a challenging event and whilst some make it seem easy it was wonderful to see students giving their best and challenging themselves and their fitness.

Primary students selected to represent Mendooran at the Zone Carnival this Friday include:

Anna Ward, Tori Rutter, Jordan Mitchell, Carter Swan, Kane Harkup, Joseph Frohmuller, Arabella Smith, Kaitlyn Reynolds, Jade Tumbri, Casey Adams, Thomas Yeo, Jacob Howarth, Emma Bennetts, Amy Tumbri, Mollee Johnson, Toby Adams, Kyle Hartley, Liam Haron, Zac Sando, Charlie Smith and Lachlan Howarth.

Permission slips have gone home with these students today. In an attempt to organise transport please return the slips to the front office no later than Wednesday 23rd May 2012. Students who are successful at the Zone Cross Country will be selected to represent the Zone at the North West Cross Country held in Coolah on Friday 15th June 2012.

MENDOORAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Mendooran School Athletics Carnival is quickly approaching and students have been busy preparing for the day during practical PE lessons and sport. The carnival will be held on Friday 1st June 2012 commencing at approximately 9am.

Volunteers are required for time-keeping, judging etc. Please contact the school if you are able to help.

MENDOORAN ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT

The Active After School program will continue this Thursday afternoon from 3.15pm till 4.30pm.

Students will be staying at the school grounds during this time.

D Althofer

MENDOORAN CENTRAL SCHOOL COMBINED SCHOOL HORSE SPORTS

Champion Results:

10 Yrs Champion:	Megan Seis - Dunedoo Central School
10 Yrs Reserve Champion:	Georgia Bennetts - Sacred Heart
11 Yrs Champion:	Elizabeth Wythes - Parkes Public School
11 Yrs Reserve Champion:	Megan Dickinson - St Matthews Mudgee
12 Yrs Champion:	Zeb Pearce - Farrer
12 Yrs Reserve Champion:	Maddie Cox - Dunedoo Central School
13 Yrs Champion:	Anastacia Martin - Merriwa Central School
13 Yrs Reserve Champion:	Prue Anderson - St Johns College Dubbo
14 Yrs Champion:	Brad Maxey - Farrer
14 Yrs Reserve Champion:	Matthew Lather and Samantha Cormie both of Coonabarabran High School
15 Yrs Champion:	Taylor Bartley - MAGS
15 Yrs Reserve Champion:	Gareth Garnsey - Farrer
16 Yrs & Over Champion:	Lachlan Tudgey - Coonabarabran High School
16 Yrs & Over Reserve Champion:	Kathryn Perry - St Johns College Dubbo

Combined Pointscore Trophy for both Mendooran and Dunedoo
Combined Schools Horse Sports, donated by Sullivans CRT
Won by: Zeb Pearce –Farrer. Congratulations!



GULGONG HIGH SCHOOL/PUBLIC SCHOOL

HORSE SPORTS

Nominations are now being accepted for the Gulgong High School/Gulgong Public School Combined Schools Horse Sports day on Monday 25th June 2012.

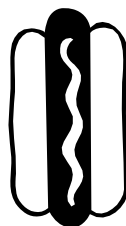
Please see Dianne McCormack if you would like to attend this event, I encourage our horse sports team to support Gulgong as they have been very supportive to us.



D McCormack

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 21.5.12: S Abbott
 Tue 22.5.12: S Tudgey
 Wed 23.5.12: S Abbott
 Thu 24.5.12: S Tumbri
 Fri 25.5.12: S Abbott



Mon 28.5.12: S Abbott
 Tue 29.5.12: S Abbott
 Wed 30.5.12: L Monk/S Bracken
 Thu 31.5.12: S Tumbri
 Fri 01.6.12: S Abbott



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 (<i>Scientific</i>).....	\$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.

NSW SCHOOL-BASED VACCINATION PROGRAM

CLINIC 2: WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE

Each year NSW Health offers the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school-based vaccination program.

In 2012 the following vaccines will be offered:

Hepatitis B vaccine for all Year 7 students who have not received 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine when they were a baby

Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine for all Year 7 students who have not previously received varicella vaccine or had chickenpox disease.

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine will be offered to Year 7 girls only as a 3-dose course over a six-month period.

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (Whooping Cough) vaccine will be offered to all Year 7 and Year 10 students.

Parent Information Kits will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to read all the information provided, complete the consent form and return it to their child's school. Please ensure that your child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation.

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year.

Please note that for HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child's name) on the consent form, as this is required to record the student's information on the National HPV Vaccination Register and link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at the clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.



Compulsory Elective Fees are now due

Please pay as soon as possible

Many thanks

COMMUNITY NEWS

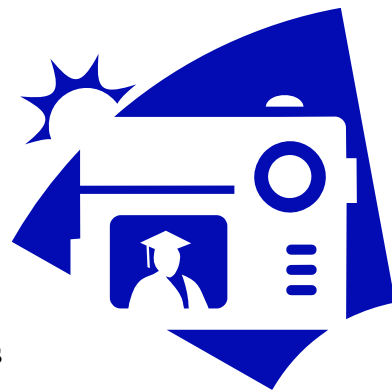
DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Anyone interested in learning digital photography? We are hoping to get a digital photography class to run in Mendooran. These classes will be in the evening and we need a minimum of 13 interested persons before the course can begin.

If you are interested please call Kylie Bennetts on 68 863 550 or 0427 863 550 as soon as possible.

Kylie Bennetts



CWA LUNCHEON

The Mendooran CWA branch extends an open invitation to all to attend a luncheon for the CWA State President, Elaine Armstrong, at the CWA rooms on 22nd May at 12pm at a cost of \$8 per person. Come along and meet her personally and share some of her experiences then enjoy a delicious luncheon, hope to see you there.

RSVP 15th May to Jenny Lloyd 6886 1480 (RTC) or 6886 1261.



St Michael's School

Presents a fun day of
Billy Cart Racing



When: Sunday 27th May 11am

Where: St Michaels School & surroundings

Rules: Billy Carts must be non-motorised with functioning brakes. Rules will apply – see below

And More: Rip-stick course, age races, parent and child and best dressed billy cart!

BBQ lunch available!

Help: Like to be involved with this great event. For further information contact:
 Anthony Jones – 6375 9606

Rules:

Entry fee applies.

All drivers must wear a helmet, gloves, covered foot wear, elbow and knee pads.

All billy carts must be of sturdy construction and have a fixed seat.

All billy carts must have an adequate steering mechanism and working brakes.

Organisers will check the billy carts on the day and carts will be graded.

Remember safety first!

We are here to have a fun day!

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	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	No. Secondary Students	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	TOTAL \$	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS					
(Maximum \$80.00)					

COMPULSORY COSTS SECONDARY ELECTIVES

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TOTAL ELECTIVE FEES \$.....

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE \$.....