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FANTASTIC MENDOORAN HORSE SPORTS !!



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Vice Caps Secondary

John Monk

Amelia Washbrook

Captains Primary

Kyle Hartley

Emma Bennetts

Vice Caps Primary

Charlie Smith

Peta McCleod

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

My congratulations go to all responsible for the horse sports day last Monday. The whole day was another huge success, one which we as a school and a community can be immensely proud. Many people were involved in the organisation, including school staff, students and many parents, community and Pony Club members who gave much of their time to ensure the success and smooth running of the day, my sincere thanks and congratulations goes to all of you. Special acknowledgment must go to Dianne McCormick and her team of helpers for the months of planning and preparation that underpinned the success and smooth running of the day. Well done Mendooran School and Community!

Monday of last week also saw our School Education Director, Mr Michael Cronk and the Western Region's Regional Director, Mrs Carole McDiarmid visit our school. They were both very impressed with the Horse Sports day, particularly the community support shown by so many parents and community members of Mendooran. I was then very proud to take both of our guests to each classroom. They were able to observe every student happily engaged in well planned and delivered lessons enjoying being taught and expressed very high complements to all staff and students at Mendooran.

Please remember that all students in Years 3,5,7 & 9 will sit the NAPLAN exam tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday. They have all been preparing in class, however we ask that without causing undue stress over the occasion, parents ensure that students are ready for the exams by having a good night's sleep the night before and an adequate breakfast on the day. Finally, I trust that all of our Mums had a very Happy Mother's Day yesterday. Mums are special and I hope that you were made to feel so on your day.

*Michael Spora
Principal*



CALENDAR

MON 14.5.12
ICAS writing closes

TUE 15.5.12
ICAS spelling closes
NAPLAN

WED 16.5.12
NAPLAN

THUR 17.5.12
NAPLAN catchup

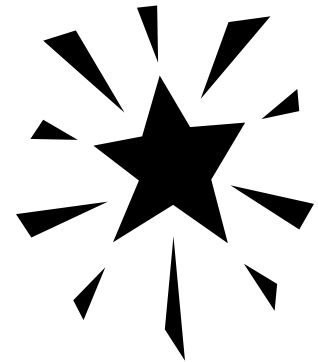


MERIT AWARDS

K/1: Alexander Yeo
Harrison Bracken
2/3/4: Kayleigh Rutter
Stephen Eyles
4/5/6: Jaikie Mitchell

Class Award Ribbons

K/1: Breea Campbell
2/3/4: Jacob Howarth
4/5/6: Kyle Hartley

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY
AWARDS

Birthdays: Malcolm Helleyer, Brian Helleyer, Kyle Hartley.

Win Bins: Toby Adams, Lachlan Howarth, Harrison Bracken.

KINDERGARTEN / YEAR 1 NEWS

I hope all our mums had a wonderful Mother's Day. I hope your small gifts made it home. There was a huge temptation to check to see if they tasted OK. We enjoyed making your gift and I hope you got to enjoy them, too.

Congratulations to all the students who competed in the Mendooran Central School 2012 Infants Cross Country/Fun Run. Students who are turning 5, 6, 7, and 8 years old assembled out near the sand pit for a short course that took us along the fence line and past the equipment. We were all winners for participating and having fun. Thank you to the parents who helped out, it was a great afternoon.

Kindergarten and Year 1 have been trialling a new Internet site called Reading Eggs. This is an Internet program that supports student development in reading. We will be accessing this site during our reading group time at school but students can also access this program from home. In the coming days I will send home a letter with details about your child's login and password details and then students will be able to practice what they have learned in class. This program is being trialled by our school by students in K/1 and in 2/3/4/5. Please let me know what you think of the program. Last week we looked at the topic of litter in persuasive writing, sharing our opinions on this topic. A persuasive text in Kindergarten/ Year 1 needs to clearly show the authors point of view and at least one reason to support that view. This week in COGS we are looking at the jobs that need to be done around the classroom and at home so in our persuasive writing we will discuss whether we should all help to do the jobs and why?

This week I will be supervising the NAPLAN testing on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and Miss Yeo will be working with K/1 during that time. Lessons will be as usual otherwise for K/1.

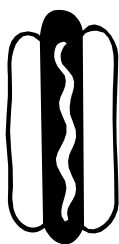
*P & C MOTHERS DAY STALL*

The Mendooran P & C would like to thank Genise Hollingworth and Bec Collins for running the Mother's Day stall last Wednesday. The stall was a success as many students purchased a gift for their mums.

S Reynolds

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 14.5.12: S Ogden/S Sladden
 Tue 15.5.12: S Abbott
 Wed 16.5.12: S Bracken/L Monk
 Thu 17.5.12: S Tumbri
 Fri 18.5.12: K Bennetts/
 M Skinner



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

Sharon Abbott has a new phone number: 0403 342 399

CANTEEN SPECIALS!! WEEK 1 ONLY!

Hash Browns .50c
 Honey Soy Chicken Pieces .80c



YEAR 2/3/4/5 NEWS

Congratulations to Jordan Mitchell and Jacob Howarth for being the first Year 4 students to receive their pen licences today.

This week we will place our family trees into our COGS books. Thank you to all who researched this activity with the children. One family have traced their family back to the 2nd Fleet! This week we are plotting Captain Cook's journey this week when he 'discovered' Australia and we will learn about

Sir Josephs Banks role on this journey.

This term every morning before crunch 'n sip, we practice skills in fitness. As well as being great fun, we have found the activities for the crossing of the left and right brain beneficial for coordination amongst others. The improvement is evident when we settle into handwriting, spelling or story writing after the activities.

Could you please provide a small container of fruit or vegetable for your child every morning - encourage your child to prepare it and pack it. Grapes, mandarins, oranges, pineapple slices, celery, sunflower seeds, beetroot, corn or peas are a few suggestions.

NAPLAN begins on Tuesday; so beginning the day with a healthy breakfast will assist children to concentrate. Also as the weather becomes cooler some children's appetites are increasing! Please pack a little extra for growing bodies and minds!

Homework this week will consist of Look, Write, Cover, Check spelling and for Maths most will practice 2's, 5's and 10's times tables, whilst others will be concentrating on other times tables or division. I will set a small sketching task for COGS.

Have a great week!



S Lavender

Congratulations to Jacob Howarth and Jordan Mitchell
 who today got their pen licences. Well Done!!

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: Writing (Years 3-7) will be closing Monday, 21 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
		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



YEAR 4/5/6 NEWS

Everyone appears to have had a great day last Friday with the M.C.S. Annual Cross Country / Fun Run held after lunch. Fortunately, the weather was fine and once again we raised funds for sporting equipment for our school.

This week the NAPLAN tests will be happening for Primary Year 3 and Year 5. Please support your child/children by keeping them calm and positive and ensuring they eat a wholesome breakfast before coming to school.

Our COGS unit on dealing with the First Fleet is progressing well and the children have enjoyed researching 'unusual' facts and information about life back then.

We have been using our knowledge of Persuasive Language to write a brief Exposition based on life back in the days of Captain Philip.

Despite changes to our normal timetable for the NAPLAN Tests, we will endeavour to stay as close to 'normal' as possible for the Years 2,4 and 6 students not involved with NAPLAN.

G Davis



CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

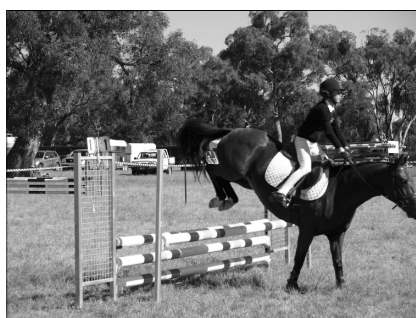
Can all volunteers please remember to let the Canteen Manager, Sharon Abbott, know if you are unable to attend on the day. This will give her time to organise someone to replace you. Thank you, we really appreciate your contribution and know that there are times when you have to cancel.



Mendooran Central School Uniform Supplies @ 30.1.2012

<u>CLOTHING</u>		<u>(Includes GST)</u>
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
<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
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.



GULGONG HIGH SCHOOL - GULGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

COMBINED SCHOOLS HORSE SPORTS DAY

Monday 25th June 2012

GREAT DAY AT THE HORSE SPORTS

Once again we had another successful horse sports day on Monday, 7th May 2012. From 30 schools we had 110 riders competing in Show Jumping, Riding Classes and Sporting. The weather was perfect and all the students were under their best behaviour, obviously enjoying the day. The Mendooran Central School Team consisted of Sophie Skinner, Arabella Smith, Emma Bennetts, Kerrie Ward, Abby Skinner and Brad Ward. Our team rode very well and presented their horses beautifully competing to a high standard displaying great horsemanship and sportsmanship. Congratulations!



Many thanks to Mendooran Pony Club who helped coordinate the day, without their expertise and equipment this event would be impossible to run. Thank you to all the Stewards, Pencillers, and Ring Judges: Sharon Kirby and Kaye Howard, with pencillers, Louise Monk and Steve Birt; Jump Judges, Tom Ward and Nerida Althofer, with pencillers, Jenny Smith and Bev Woodlock. Thanks to Kim Skinner and Rohan Perry for the time trial and to all who jumped in and helped with the sporting events. Stuart Skinner did a great job announcing and marshalling, Thank you. Thank you to Rob Waters who helped both on the day and with the working bee. Our student helpers, John Monk, Jamie Sharpe, Robert Austin, Steven Rutter, Matthew Crothers, Jake Sladden, Amanda Sladden, Britney Rutter, Shaylah and Shania Taufu, Charly Wood, Shanoa Hartley, were fantastic many thanks. Thank you to Shaylah Taufu who was a brilliant photographer on the day. Thank you also to Mr Spora for your support and allowing us to run this event for the students who love it so much.



Results:

Champion results are written down with result sheets in the boxes.

The day was taken out by Farrar Memorial Agriculture High School, winning both the School with the Highest Pointscore trophy and The School with the Highest Average Pointscore trophy. Farrar's team consisted of Rohan Garnsey, Zeb Pearce, Brad Maxey, Gareth Garnsey and Charles O'Leary. Congratulations Farrar!

Di McCormack



HORSE SPORTS

The Mendooran P&C would like to thank the volunteers who helped in the canteen at this year's Horse Sports. The canteen ran all day and we had a successful day. The tea and coffee was hot and the breakfast, morning tea and lunches were greatly appreciated by those working out in the ring and in the office. Thank you also to those people who made donations of cakes and slices.

S Reynolds

SECONDARY NEWS

Congratulations to our two wonderful public speakers John Monk and Abby Skinner. Both students competed last Friday in the Sydney Morning Herald Plain Speaking competition at Farrar Agricultural College in Tamworth.

John spoke for 8 minutes on 'Human Rights' and Abby spoke for 9 minutes on 'euthanasia'.

Considering all the other contestants were in Year 11 or 12 our children acquitted themselves in an outstanding manner. John, in fact, was placed in the top three. Abby's speech brought tears to the eyes of a few and I had several comments from other teachers at the event about what a great future she has.

Thank you to both Mrs Skinner and Mrs Monk who made the overnight trip with us.

S Young



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 type="text"/>	No. Secondary Students	<input type="text"/>	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			\$ _____

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.

MENDOORAN / MERRYGOEN AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Just a quick note to let our 2011/2012 members know that the grant from Sports & Recreation for the fee relief has gone into the Club's bank account. As per the grant requirements, members will receive up to a 50% reimbursement of the fees. Bec and myself sat down on Friday writing cheques, so you should receive a cheque from either of us this week. If you don't, please contact me.

Keep yourselves warm and snuggly over these colder months and we'll see you next swim season.

Jenny Rushton-Butler

PONY CLUB NEWS

Well done to Miriam for organising our inaugural show jumping championships – it was a great weekend. Well done to all the competitors and winners of the championship rugs which looked fantastic.

A big thank you to every one who helped with the running of the School horse sports. And well done to all our riders who competed in the Mendooran and Dunedoo School horse sports.

There will be a rally day this weekend 9am for a 9.30am start.

Best of luck to Bligh and Sam riding at Camden for the State Equitation Championships this weekend.

Narromine will have their gymkhana on 27th May, I will email the program to everyone .

Jenny Smith

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!