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ANZAC DAY

Many thanks to the parents who attended our ANZAC Day service. 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.

We were 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.



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

Horse Sports

Today we are holding our annual Horse Sports Day. We are expecting 120 students and their horses, from 30 schools to compete. Already there has been a tremendous amount of effort go into supporting the event and we appreciate the contribution from the whole school and Mendooran community. We wish all of those students who are competing the best of luck in all events.

Regional Director's Visit

Today we are fortunate to have Mrs Carole McDiarmid, DEC Regional Director Western Region visit our school. We will proudly show the tremendous Mendooran volunteers in action at the Horse Sports before returning to the school, where we will give a tour of the new BER classrooms and the Trade Training Centre. Most importantly, I am eager to show Mrs McDiarmid the wonderful work that is going on in our classrooms and to meet with some of our students.

NAPLAN

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy testing will take place next week on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May. Every year, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across the state are assessed on the same days using national tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The results help determine if students are reaching important educational outcomes. We offer these students our encouragement and hope that all of the hard work in class pays off. Parents and students are reminded that all students in these classes must complete these assessments so attendance is mandatory. As well as this, in order to allow your child to reach their potential please ensure that your child has a settled night prior and a wholesome breakfast on the three exam days.

Public Speaking

This Friday, Abby Skinner and John Monk will travel to Tamworth to compete in the Sydney Morning Herald – Plain English Speaking Award - public speaking competition. This will entail each student delivering an eight minute prepared speech as well as a three minute impromptu speech where they are given the topic on the spot and have to deliver a speech without any preparation time. We are very proud of these students and are thrilled that they have taken on the opportunity to gain such a valuable experience.



*Michael Spora
Principal*



CALENDAR

MON 7.5.12
MCS Horse Sports

TUES 8.5.12
Dunedoo Horse
Sports

WED 9.5.12
P&C Mother's Day
Stall

Secondary Central
Schools Touch
Footy - Dubbo

Year 12 English
Poetry workshop
- Dunedoo

FRI 11.5.12
Cross Country/Fun
Run

Sydney Morning
Herald English
Award
Farrar Tamworth

MERIT AWARDS

Class Award Ribbons

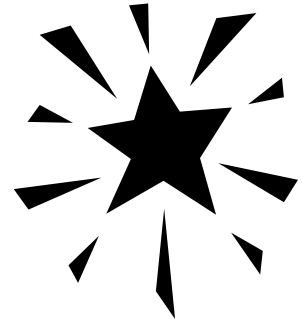
K/1: Nahcia Thorton
Riley McLeod

2/3/4: Oscar Monk
Jackson Hardes

4/5/6: Kevin Martin
Mollee-Jane Johnson
Sophia Skinner

K/1: Victoria Monk
2/3/4: Ella Hartley
4/5/6: Anna Ward

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS



Birthdays: Tahlia Williams (last week)

Win Bins: Jordan Mitchell, Patrick Bracken, Shellby Adams.

YEAR 2/3/4/5 NEWS

Last week's Spelling results were most pleasing, with improvement in every student! Keep up the good work at home!

This week in spelling we concentrate on the short 'u' sound and is spelt 'ou' such as in trouble and the 'oo' as in the short 'oo' sound eg: wool. Your child can practice saying and spelling these words in front of a mirror-this really does help your child see and remember how the mouth is forming the sounds of letters in words! Another way is to also place your hand across the neck as in the sound 'oo' and 'u' this week and works well for 'z' as well as other sounds!

Again this week homework will be placed in the Orange Homework book, with the Spelling homework sheet to be pasted in please. Thank you to all the parents and carers who went to trouble to fill out the family history information- great research! This week could you or your child fill in the **family tree sheet** being sent home and not pasted into book-this will go into the COGS book at school. There will be a small amount of Maths homework due to Yr 3 studying at home and at school for NAPLAN. This week for most children it is the 10 times tables-others it will be other times tables and division or extension booklets.

Please all Yr 2 and 3 keep practicing your 2,5, and 10 times tables!

In Year 4, students are working very hard at handwriting to gain their pen licence. As well; all students are trying to gain a Principals award for excellent handwriting.

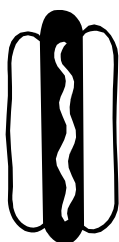
Have a great week everyone!

S Lavender



CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 7.5.12: Sharon Abbott
 Tue 8.5.12: TBA
 Wed 9.5.12: Katrina Yeo/Allison
 Martin
 Thu 10.5.12: TBA
 Fri 11.5.12: Sara Ogden



Mon 14.5.12: Sara Ogden
 Tue 15.5.12: TBA
 Wed 16.5.12: Louise Monk/Skye
 Bracken
 Thu 17.5.12: TBA
 Fri 18.5.12: Kylie Bennetts/Michelle
 Skinner

YEAR 4/5/6 NEWS

I am back in the saddle and enjoying every minute with my wonderful 4-5-6 students. I would like to thank Miss Rebecca LaBour for her work with my class last term and the students would like to wish her well for the future.

This term is a busy one with the NAPLAN tests due to be administered in Week 4. We feel our students are well prepared and confident as they approach the tests.

In Maths last week we revised 'Time', looking at 'a.m.' and 'p.m.' and twenty-four hour time. If you could keep working on their recognition of analog time (a clock face), digital time (numbers on a clock) and twenty-four hour time (as used by the armed forces, airports etc) the children will gain greater fluency and confidence when dealing with time. We also revisited 'Perimeter' and the students had fun measuring the 'Perimeter' of the COLA.

Our work on 'Persuasive Text' is progressing well. The students are very familiar with several devices and strategies they can use to make their arguments more convincing and persuasive.

Our COGS unit this term for Stage 2 is "Our Fleeting Past" and for Stage 3 "Traditions and Heritage". Already most of the children have made a brief oral presentation about some interesting facts about 'The First Fleet'. We have looked at some of the reasons England needed to send convicts to Australia and what the living conditions were like in England at the time and also on the ships coming over here. We will be exploring the changes white settlement brought to Australia and how cultural differences impact on society.

Some of my students participated in the 'Horse Sports' today and I would like to congratulate them all on their showmanship and sportsmanship.

G Davis

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 11th May 2012, we would really appreciate your assistance as checkpoint people. Please leave your name at the Front Office if you are able to assist.

Our Annual Cross Country/Fun Run will be held this Friday 11th 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 last Monday enabling students to seek support from family/friends/relatives or other people that wish to sponsor a runner.

We have less than 1 week to 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: 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



BATHURST/SNOW EXCURSION ITINERARY

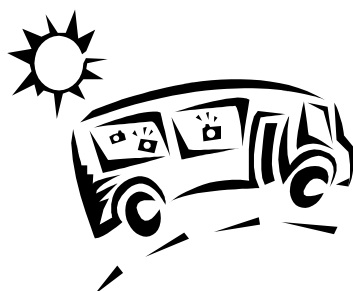
(20 - 24 August 2012)

Day 1 - Monday 20/08/12 (dinner provided at motel, please provide morning/tea lunch for Day 1)

7.30 am	Coaches arrive at school. Load bags. Farewell parents! Board coaches.
8.00 am	Depart MCS. Travel to Bathurst via Mudgee.
10.00 am	Arrive at Mudgee for morning tea (packed from home) and comfort stop.
10.30 am	Depart Mudgee and travel to Bathurst.
12.30 pm	Enjoy a driving experience on Mount Panorama Raceway while entering Bathurst Goldfields. Lunch (packed from home) on arrival.
1.30 pm	Bathurst Goldfields – Gold Tour.
3.30 pm	Bathurst Goldfields – Panning.
4.00 pm	Bathurst Goldfields room allocations and free time before dinner.
6.00 pm	Dinner at Bathurst Goldfields.
7.30 pm	Campfire and Sing-along at Bathurst Goldfields.

Day 2 - Tuesday 21/08/12 (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner provided)

7.30 am	Breakfast at Bathurst Goldfields.
9.00 am	Bathurst Goldfields – Life in the Goldfields.
11.00 am	Depart Bathurst Goldfields and travel to National Motor Racing Museum
11.15 am	National Motor Racing Museum – self guided visit.
12.15 pm	Depart the Motor Racing Museum and travel to Bathurst Park. Lunch (packed by Bathurst Goldfields) at Bathurst Park.
1.00 pm	Depart Bathurst and travel to Cooma. Comfort stops en route, at suitable times and locations
7.15 pm	Arrive at High Country Motel, Cooma. Room allocations on arrival (time permitting).
7.30 pm	Dinner at High Country Motel.
8.30 pm	Depart High Country Motel and travel to Rhythm Snowsports.
8.45 pm	Arrive at Rhythm Snowsports for collection of your snow clothing and equipment. Depart Rhythm Snowsports, travel to High Country Motel.



Day 3 - Wednesday 22/08/12 (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner provided)

6.30 am	Breakfast at High Country Motel (45 minutes)
7.30 am	Depart High Country Motel, travel to Smiggins Snowfields. National Park Entry.
9.00 am	Arrive at Smiggins Snowfields . Assemble ready for ski lessons.
10.30 am	Ski Lesson at Smiggins.
12.30 pm	Lunch (packed by Motel). Free time for skiing or snow play.
2.30 pm	Depart Smiggins Snowfields, travel to the Snowy Hydro Discovery Centre in Cooma.
4.00 pm	Arrive at the Snowy Hydro Discovery Centre, Cooma for your 'Mountains of Power' program.
5.00 pm	Depart the Snowy Hydro Centre and travel to High Country Motel.
5.15 pm	Arrive at High Country Motel, time to freshen up before dinner.
6.00 pm	Dinner at High Country Motel.
7.00 pm	Evening entertainment - 'Mendooran's Got Talent' (student singing/dancing talent quest)

Day 4 - Thursday 23/08/12 (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner provided)

7.00 am	Breakfast at High Country Motel
8.00 am	Depart High Country Motel and travel to Smiggins Snowfields.
9.30 am	Arrive at Smiggins Snowfields , assemble ready for your second ski lesson.
10.30 am	Ski lesson at Smiggins Snowfields.
12.30 pm	Lunch (packed by Motel). Free time for skiing or snow play
4.00 pm	Depart Smiggins Snowfields
5.30 pm	Quick stop at Rhythm Snowsports to return snow clothing.
5.45 pm	Arrive at High Country Motel, freshen up before dinner.
6.30 pm	Dinner at High Country Motel.
7.30 pm	Evening entertainment – Board Games, Nintendo Wii etc.

BATHURST/SNOW EXCURSION ITINERARY

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Day 5 - Friday 24/08/12 (Breakfast, Lunch provided)

6.30 am	Breakfast at High Country Motel and pack-up.
7.30 am	Depart High Country Motel and travel to MCS. Comfort stops and lunch (packed by High Country Motel) en-route, at suitable times and locations.
5.00 pm	Estimated time of arrival at Mendooran Central School.

SECONDARY NEWS GENERAL

Mr Bearman and I, attended training in Canberra last week to learn about an innovative educational model called 'Langford' (named after the American founder David Langford). The philosophy promotes self directed learning for students and aims for profound knowledge amongst children of all ages.

The course includes a secondary component focussed on school improvement. Data collection tools were explained and modelled and Mr Bearman and I had the opportunity to explore a number of aspects regarding school development.

Overall, the week was extremely challenging but very rewarding. We are both grateful to be reminded that education is a life long journey...

S Young



SECONDARY NEWS

This week some of our students have volunteered to help at the annual MCS Horse Sports day. This follows several of our students working tirelessly at the working bee last Wednesday. Many thanks to those students!

This week our boys and girls touch football team will represent our school at a Gala Day on Wednesday. Best of luck: to Abby Skinner and John Monk at the public speaking competition at Tamworth on Friday.

Our Year 12 English students will be attending a poetry workshop in Dunedoo on Wilfred Owen's work on Wednesday afternoon.

J Waters

ELECTIVE FEES

Elective Fees are now due!

Could all parents who have secondary students doing electives please pay for these this week. If you are unsure please contact the front office.



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.

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



DJRLN NEWS

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who helped with setting up, canteen and BBQ at the Peachey Shield last Wednesday. We appreciate all the help given to our club!

On Saturday we travelled to Coolah to play against Coolah and Gilgandra. For the first game of the competition there were some great results, and everyone seems to be in the swing of things. Well done to all players. This weekend we travel to Binnaway. Times will be given at training on Thursday.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Netball Umpire course yesterday. It was a great day, and was so wonderful to see so many people attend. Thank you to Ailsa Brydon and Maria Harrington for organising this course.

A **Rugby League Referees Course** is available to all people over the age of 14 years. DJRLN will cover costs involved on your behalf. We would love to see some younger members of DJRLN gain their Referee certificate. Remember you only have to be over 14 years of age. If you are interested in completing this course contact Mel Bampton on 0429 040 679/6375 1919.

Secondary Students Brad Ward and Robert Austin tending the MCS Ag Plot.

