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MCS CELEBRATES NAIDOC WEEK



Students, staff and parents were enthralled by a visit from Ralph Naden, Aboriginal guest speaker, and a group of Aboriginal dancers who ran workshop sessions and performed some traditional Aboriginal dances during NAIDOC Week celebrations. The students were introduced to a variety of artefacts and were told stories about symbols used by Aboriginals of the past.



Principal

Michael Spora

HTSS

Julie Waters

HTMY

Susan Young

Assistant Principal

Lynda Peter

Captain Secondary

Amelia Washbrook

Vice Caps Secondary

Kaitlyn Thomson

Steven Rutter

Captains Primary

Anna Ward

Thomas Yeo

Vice Caps Primary

Annabel Finemore

Casey Adams

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

NAIDOC Day

Thank you to everyone involved last Thursday as we celebrated NAIDOC Week. We were very fortunate to have Ralph Naden present to each class about important aspects of the Aboriginal culture throughout the morning. As a whole school we then had a very entertaining display of traditional dancing performed by Ralph's dance group with Ralph on the didgeridoo. Thank you to Mrs Peter for the organisation of the day.

NAPLAN

Late last week we received the results from the NAPLAN tests. These tests were completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9. The parent copy of these results will be sent home with students today. As a school we will be analysing these results to see where we need to place more of an emphasis on a class by class basis. All individual student results will also be analysed to see where students need additional support in particular areas. If parents would like to discuss these results, teachers will be available at the parent teacher interviews next Tuesday 16th September.

Student Representatives

Last week at the whole school assembly we congratulated Arabella Smith, Victoria Monk and Jacob Howarth for their individual performances in sport. Arabella was selected to go to Sydney to attend the State Trials for Softball and Victoria and Jacob went to Tamworth for Regional Athletics. We congratulate all of these students especially Jacob who has been selected to go to the State Championships for high jump.



Primary Leaders Camp

Last week our Primary Captains, Anna Ward and Tom Yeo and Vice-Captains, Annabel Finemore and Casey Adams attended a Leadership Camp at the Warrumbungle Educational Centre. All students found the experience to be a very valuable experience. I commend our student leaders for the way in which they embraced the opportunity offered to them.

Surveys

My sincere thanks to those families who have returned our planning surveys. I ask that those who are yet to return their surveys to please complete and send it into the office ASAP.

A reminder that all surveys completed and returned will give each of the students in the family a ticket and the winner will receive an 'Ipod'.

Parent Teacher interviews

Parent Teacher interviews will be held next Tuesday 16th September. I encourage all parents to attend these meetings as they are a valuable process in your child's education.

As of this Friday, I will be taking leave until Monday 20th October. Mrs. Waters will be relieving Principal for this time. I thank Mrs Waters for allowing me this opportunity, I have full confidence that the school will be in sound hands.



CALENDAR

MON 8.9.14

Sport & Rec
Team Building
Primary & Years 7/8

WED 10.9.14

Years 6-7 Transition
3.30pm in the BER

THUR 11.9.14

Yr 10 - 11 Parent
Information Session
3.30pm in the BER

FRI 12.9.14

Infants Tabloid Day
MCS



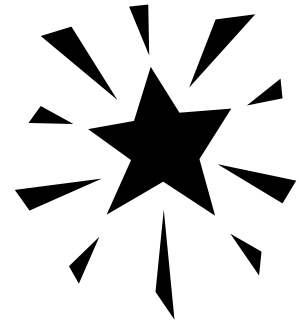
*Michael Spora
Principal*

MERIT AWARDS

K/1: Stella Valler
Grace Sando
Bailey Thompson
Hannah Sando
2/3: Breea Campbell
Janet Hellyer
4/5/6: Jackson Hardes
Kayleigh Rutter

Class Award Ribbons

K/1: Xanthia Turnbull
2/3: Alexander Yeo
4/5/6: Jacinta Averillo

**PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

Win Bins: Annabelle Tincknell, Harry Beer, Hollie Carey, Jordan Mitchell
Birthdays: Trevor Martin, Victoria Monk, Thomas Yeo

KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 1 NEWS

We hope that all fathers had an enjoyable Father's Day yesterday. The students thoroughly enjoyed making items for you.

We were very fortunate to have Mr Ralph Naden, guest speaker, and a group of aboriginal dancers perform for us last week. Mr Naden's workshops were extremely interesting and enlightening. This day fitted in perfectly with the different identities and languages that we are learning about in our COGs unit.

In Maths the students made a multi-coloured fractionpillar (similar to a caterpillar) and they were able to tell us how many parts out of the whole were different colours, for example, two parts out of six were red.

In Sport the students have been mastering the skill of catch. They need to ensure that they watch the ball not their hands when catching.

Students need to return their home readers each day so that a new reader can be sent home. All students need to place their blue folder on their desk each morning when they arrive at school so that their reader can be exchanged.

L Peter

PRIMARY NEWS**Infants Tabloid Day**

Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 will host a Tabloid Day at our school on Friday 12th September. We have invited students from Binnaway, Coolah and Dunedoo to attend the day. All parents are welcome to attend.

L Peter

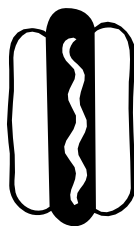
INFANT TABLOID DAY

On Friday 12th September all students in Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 will be participating in the Infants Tabloid day held at Mendooran Central School. We have Dunedoo Central, Coolah Central and Binnaway Central Schools coming to join us for the day. Schools will be arriving at 10am with activities planned to start at 10.30. The day will conclude by 2.00. Students will need to be in sports uniform with a hat. Our canteen will be operating on the day, please pack plenty of water. All parents are welcome to come and watch.

K Norwood

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 8.9.14: A Naef
 Tue 9.9.14: Closed
 Wed 10.9.14: S Sladden
 Thu 11.9.14: Closed
 Fri 12.9.14: S Abbott



Mon 15.9.14: A Naef
 Tue 16.9.14: Closed
 Wed 17.9.14: T Tobin, L Monk
 Thu 18.9.14: Closed
 Fri 19.9.14: S Abbott

REGIONAL ATHLETICS

On Friday, Victoria Monk and Jacob Howarth travelled to Tamworth to compete in the Regional Athletics Carnival. Both students have done extremely well to get this far. Well Done.

Victoria completed in the 9 years 100 metre sprint and came 16th out of 29. Jacob came 7th in 12 years 100 metre sprint, jumped 4.03 metres in long jump and came 2nd in High Jump. Jacob is off to State for high jump, Congratulations!!!



K Norwood

STATE SOFTBALL

In Week 7 Arabella Smith travelled to Sydney to compete in the State Trials in Softball. Due to the rain unfortunately Arabella could only play 5 games out of the 11 she was meant to play. Arabella made home runs and also got opponents out. Well done Arabella in making it to State, I'm sure you have gained a lot out of your week with your team.



K Norwood



YEAR 6 - 7 TRANSITION SESSION 2014

Mendooran Central School staff would like to invite you to an information session to discuss your student's transition and options for entry into High School in 2015.

Included in the discussion will be:

- ◆ Subjects available next year
- ◆ Administration details including Roll Call teacher for Year 7
 - ◆ Expectations around Secondary schooling
 - ◆ Question and Answer session

The meeting will commence at 3.30pm on Wednesday 10th September 2014 in the BER.

We hope to see you there.

THE LEADERSHIP CAMP

Last Thursday we went to a Leadership Camp. When we got there we made name tags. We used clay and a solar oven to harden them. To put our name in the clay, we used a stick. We let them cook while we went inside to make an earth cake. We used no electricity to make it, only the sun and a solar oven to cook it.

We also did a birthday activity outside where you had to get in order without talking. We used clapping signals and hand signals. We got the order correct!

For lunch we had a veggie sandwich. They were very good. After that we went on a bushwalk, while using iPads to make a story book. We were put into groups of 3s and 4s. On the bushwalk we saw lots of kangaroos and a wombat hole.

When we got back from the bushwalk, we got out the earth cake which was a carrot cake. It was really yummy. We went back to the motel to have a shower and have dinner. We did some activities about our town, before going to bed.

On Friday we got up to go to breakfast and then we had a play on the equipment. After that we had to pack our bags and leave. When we arrived at the educational centre, we went inside for a presentation about what we will be doing over the next few weeks.

After we had recess we made smoothies without electricity. We used a bike as the energy source to blend the smoothies. It had strawberries, honey and yogurt. We drank the smoothies and they were very nice.

After that we went on a bushwalk. We did postcards for everyone then headed back to do some GPS work. It was great fun. We had lunch and went over to the Information Centre which was across the road. Then Katrina Yeo came to pick us up around 1:30pm.

We had a great time and it would be a great thing for people to go and experience it next year.

Annabel Finemore and Anna Ward



ASPIRE UNSW VISIT

In Week 6 Aspire visited our school and presented Kindergarten with certificates. They also dressed the children up in formal dress with academic gowns and mortarboards encouraging them to aspire to tertiary education. Pictured here are Hannah Sando, Xanthia Turnbull, Harry Beer and Paige Campbell. Unfortunately a lot of students were away that week with the dreaded flu.

SCHOOLBIZ - PRIMARY

How much screen time?

'Screen time' used to mean how many hours you spent watching TV and playing on the computer. However, with the growing number of digital devices on offer today, the question of what screen time means now is far more complex.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/QFlqyz>

When lunch comes home ... again

Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children's resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds. But it's a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/K7IoJD>

SECONDARY NEWS GENERAL

The Year 6 - 7 Transition afternoon will be held at 3.30 pm this Wednesday in the BER. The transition process for the remainder of the year as well as subject information will be presented. The Year 10 - 11 transition afternoon will be held this Thursday in the BER at 3.30pm. The subjects available face to face and through Distance Education and the Western Access Program will be outlined. BOS requirements will also be explained.

Our Year 12 students are completing their last 2 weeks of formal lessons in the lead up to the Higher School Certificate Examinations early next term. Thank you to Mr Newberry, Mrs Mulligan and Mrs Francis for their commitment to the students in their care and dedication in preparing the Year 12 students for their examinations. 3 of our Year 12 students registered last Friday for UAC (University Admission Centre) and for the SRS (Student Recommendation Scheme) for Early Entry for University.

J Waters

YEAR 10 – 11 TRANSITION MEETING 2014

Mendooran Central School staff would like to invite you to a meeting to discuss your student's transition and options for Senior school in 2015.

Included in the discussion will be:

- ◆ Senior subjects available next year
- ◆ Board of Studies requirements
- ◆ Administration details including Roll Call teacher for Year 11
 - ◆ Access and Distance Ed subject options available

The meeting will commence at 3.30pm on Thursday 11th September 2014 in the BER.

We hope to see you there.

SCHOOLBIZ - SECONDARY

Exam stress busters

The mere thought of an exam can make kids nervous. Help create the right study conditions for your child in the lead-up to exams and know the warning signs if it's all getting too much.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/LleZfV>

Cyberbullying - prevention tips for parents

The statistics around cyberbullying are sketchy, mainly because it often goes unreported. What we do know is that the likelihood of children being bullied online or over the phone increases as they get older and use technology more frequently.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/xHLLDH>

HORSE SPORTS CALENDAR

Quirindi Public School Horse Sports Day - Monday 13th October 2014.
(Minimum Age 8 yrs), Entries close 12th September 2014.

St Matthews Catholic School Mudgee Equestrian Day - 13th October, 2014.
(Age 8 years and over), Entries close 19th September 2014.

Calrossy Anglican School Interschool Horse Sports Day - Friday 17th October.
Entries close Wednesday 8th October 2014.

Coolah Central School Horse Sports Day - Friday 17th October 2014.
(Kinder - Year 12), Entries close Friday 19th September 2014.

2014 Inter-Schools Horse Extravaganza - 18-20th October 2014.
(Age 5-16 years+) at AELC, Tamworth - Entries close 1st September 2014.



COMMUNITY NEWS

MENDOORAN/MERRYGOEN AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Mendooran/Merrygoen Amateur Swimming Club is having a general meeting on Thursday 11th September at 3.00pm at the Mendooran Community Health Centre. Everyone Welcome.

Michelle Ward

GILGANDRA COOEE FESTIVAL 2014

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4th



**ALL TALENTED
TEENS WELCOME!**

**TEENS
HAVE
TALENT**

\$\$\$ NOW \$500

**Great prize money for First, Runner-up
& Encouragement Award**

2 pm at Sound Shell at Cooee Park

More details phone Noelene Charters 68472 369



WINTER MENU

HOT FOOD

- Junior Meat Pie \$2.00
- Party Pies \$0.60
- Small Sausage Roll \$0.60
- Large Sausage Roll \$2.40
- Pizza Single \$2.40
- Chicken Nuggets \$0.70
- Homemade Quiche \$3.20
- Noodles (Beef /Chicken) \$1.50
- Macaroni & Cheese \$2.50

HOT CHIPS & GRAVY - FRIDAYS ONLY

Small \$1.60

Large \$3.00



BURGERS

- Hamburger \$4.20
- Chicken Burger \$4.20
- Cheese Muffin \$3.20
(Meat, cheese & sauce only)
- Egg & Bacon Burger \$4.50
(BBQ Sauce)

WRAPS

- Chicken Wrap sm \$2.40
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- Sausage, Egg & Bacon \$4.30
Wrap with BBQ Sauce

RECESS ONLY

- Hash Browns \$0.60

SANDWICHES

- Devon \$1.20
- Cheese \$1.20
- Vegemite \$1.20
- Chicken or Ham Salad \$3.50
- Toasted EXTRA \$0.20

SNACKS

- Fruit Chews \$0.20
- Chips \$1.20
- JJ's \$0.10
- Popcorn \$0.60
- Homemade Biscuits \$0.50

ICE BLOCKS

- Zooper Dooper \$0.60
- Animal Pops \$0.20
- Shaky Shaky \$2.00

DRINKS



Hot Chocolate \$1.00

- Water \$1.00
- Quench Drink \$1.70
- Fruit Juice \$1.00
- Choc/Strawberry Milk \$1.50

OTHER

- Sauce EXTRA \$0.20
- Brown Bags \$0.20

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS - 2014

Voluntary Infants/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: 60px; height: 40px;" type="text"/>	No. Secondary Students	<input style="width: 60px; height: 40px;" type="text"/>	TOTAL \$ _____ SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS (Maximum \$80.00)
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COMPULSORY COSTS SECONDARY ELECTIVES

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	Art	\$25.00	\$.....
	Agriculture	\$10.00	\$.....
	Metals & Engineering	\$40.00	\$.....
TOTAL ELECTIVE FEES			\$ _____
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE			\$ _____