

Mendooran Central Schoo

Term 4 Week 1

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St. Lawrence's Horse Sports



Xanthia Turnbull, Kiera Turnbull, Victoria Monk, Anna Ward And Kerrie Ward all represented Mendooran Central School at St Lawrence's Horse Sports in Coonabarabran on the 14th and 15th September. The girls had a great time in their ring events, sporting, jumping, cross country, novelty events and polocrosse. Over the two days the girls performed well and came home with many ribbons.

We all had a great time camping and the girls represented Mendooran Central in the parade on their horses carrying our school flag with pride.





CALENDAR

6th October School Resumes Term 4

8th October Touch Football Registration (Royal Hotel 6pm)

4th November School Photos



Principal Julie Waters **Assistant Principal** Lynda Peter HTSS Trov Newberry **Captain Secondary** Kaitlyn Thomson Kurt Williams Vice Caps Secondary Kerrie Ŵard Becci Sciberras **Captains Primary** V Pettiford Carter Swan Vice Caps Primary Ekala Geesu Oscar Monk

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Welcome back to Term 4. We hope that everyone had a safe and restful break. Term 4 promises to be a busy term with three excursions running. Kindergarten/Year 1&2 will be going to the Zoo Snooze on 5th-6th October. Years 3-6 to Burrendong Sport and Recreation Camp in Week 4 and the Secondary students to The Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens in Week 8.

Staff Changes

We welcome Mr Kevin Smyth (pronounced Smith) as our new Hospitality and Design and Technology teacher. This is a permanent appointment. Mr Smyth is an exchef and has been teaching at Canowindra for 11 years. Mrs Rayner is continuing teaching at Binnaway Central School three days a week. Mr Langes will continue with two days Woodwork and Design and Technology teaching. Miss Langley will be teaching PD/H/PE for this term.

Year 10-11 Transition

Year 10 students and parents are invited to a year 10 to 11 Transition afternoon next Wednesday 14th October at 3.30 in the BER. Information will be provided by Mr Newberry and Secondary teachers about courses and options for Year 11 for next year.

Aspire

The University of NSW Aspire team are visiting this Thursday. They will be running workshops with all students from Kindergarten to Year 11. We invite Kindergarten parents to join us at 10am for a mock Graduation Ceremony that the students will be involved in. In Week 4, Year 9 travel to Dubbo to take part in the "Year 9 We're Doing Fine" workshops.

Year 8 students can nominate to travel to Sydney to take part in "Beyond the Gate" workshops in Week 9 of this term. There are four places available to us.

Work Placement

Next week some of our Year 11 Hospitality students will be completing Work Placement in Dubbo and Dunedoo. Brittany Rutter is not required to do Work Placement as she is undergoing a School Based Traineeship at Hogsbreath in Dubbo. Placements include Kaitlyn Thomson at Kidszoo, Kurt Williams at the Castlereagh Hotel and Shania Taufa at the Kakadoo Café.

HSC

The HSC examinations begin next week. We are also hosting three Distance Education students for some examinations. Our three Year 12 students, Jake McKenna, Steven Rutter and Bronwyn Drew will graduate at a ceremony on 5th November.

Kookaburra March

Our students have been invited to join the Kookaburra re-enactment March on Monday 5th November as it passes through town. Dinner will be on sale at the Memorial Club that night. Bookings are necessary. The Hospitality students will provide breakfast at the school on the morning after for the diggers.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 4th November. There is an opportunity for families to have a family photo taken. It is important that all students are in full summer uniform. If students are sports representatives, they are required to bring their sports uniform and change into their uniform for the photo. Horse sports team to bring their team attire. Please refer to page 5 for an outline of the current summer school uniform.

J Waters

ATHLETE PROFILE



KERRIE WARD

Event: St Lawrence's Horse Sports Results: Champion 16 Years Girls Reserve Champion in Team Events Year: 10 Favourite Subject: PD/H/PE Hobbies: Horse Riding and Swimming Training: Rode my horse everyday Inspiration/support person: Mum and Dad Other Accomplishments: State Show jumping and NW Swimming Ambitions: Primary School Teacher



ANNA WARD

Event: St. Lawrence's Horse Sports Results: Reserve Champion 12 Years Girls Year: 7 Favourite Subject: Agriculture Hobbies: Horse Riding and Netball Training: Rides every day Inspiration/support person: Dad and Mum Other Accomplishments: State Show jumping Ambitions: Not sure at this stage

ATHETE PROFILE



VICTORIA MONK

Event: St Lawrence's Horse Sports Results: Reserve Champion 12 Years Girls Year: 4 Favourite Subject: Sport Hobbies: Horse Riding Training: Rides a couple of days a week Inspiration/support person: Kerry Ward Other Accomplishments: Zone & NW Athletics, Zone Swimming and Zone Cross Country Ambitions: To become a Professional Show Jumper



XANTHIA TURNBULL

Event: St Lawrence's Horse Sports Results: Reserve Champion 7 Years Girls Year: 1 Favourite Subject: Sport Hobbies: Horse Riding Training: Rides a couple of days a week Inspiration/support person: Dad Other Accomplishments: 1st in Barrels at Coonabarabran Ambitions: To become a Vet

YEARS 6/7 NEWS

In term two Rebecca Freeth and I attended a two day conference in Sydney for the English Concept Continuum. My virtual English faculty has been working hard all year with the Board of Studies and English teachers all around NSW to better develop the ways in which we teach the subject of English to our students. One of the methods developed is for high school teachers to work closely with primary school teachers to smoothly transition our year six students into year



seven. At this conference we were asked to develop a program that would do just this. As Mendooran is a Central School we found this task to be easier than some. Mendooran and Dunedoo Central Schools were chosen to have the stage four teachers (year seven) move into stage 3 (year six) for a period of two lessons over four weeks, so year six students are given the chance to see what a high school English lesson is like. From Week Two I will be teaching the 4/5/6 class for two lessons every week. During this time we will be focusing on the picture book *The Stone Lion* and the concepts of 'Character' and 'Narrative' within the story. Whilst this transitional program has been developed for year six students it has been altered to suit years four and five as well. The entire class will be learning the same content, just on differing levels. I am extremely excited for this transitional period and the chance to get to know my future year seven students. If anyone has any questions about this transitional program please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

M. Galiatsatos

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Recently the School Council had a meeting in regards to the School Uniform. Next week a ballot will be going out in the School Newsletter, giving all families the opportunity to have input into the changes being made.

Currently the Summer school Uniform is as follows:

Boys Primary: grey shirt, grey shorts, grey socks and black shoes.

Girls Primary: check dress or white polo, black shorts, with white socks and black shoes Secondary Girls: white polo, checked skirt or black shorts with white socks and black shoes Secondary Boys: white polo and black shorts with white socks and black shoes.

STUDENT WORK:

OUR GARDEN

I was sitting in my front garden. It was mid-spring so the sun was shining so bright that it was almost blinding. The rays fell upon the shadows and lit them up like it was a disco light. I watched as the ants scrambled about in the lawn, scurrying to find food and bring it back to the nest. White and blue butterflies flitted about my head and birds chirped cheerily as they flew. It was a day just like the one I found out about the Vietnam War conscription. I was 19 and a group of us boys were gathered at the Town Hall to hear the verdict. My three mates and I were some of the hundred or so men conscripted from our town. I was at first happy when I heard the news – soldiers were well respected and the girls loved them. I looked around my garden. There was a rustling noise in the tree. Suddenly I was back in Vietnam, trooping through the jungle with four other guys. I was in the lead so I had to tread carefully in case of a mine. We were constantly looking about us, scanning the dark green and brown for the enemy. There was a noise in the tree in front of us about 40 feet away. We all stopped and were silent for a few minutes. Then, I heard a gunshot and Number 43 was down, thick red blood oozing from his chest. He let out a cry, shuddered and was still. He was dead. I heard another gun shot. I felt a sharp and throbbing pain in my arm and looked down at it. A line of red trickled down my arm.

I got a better look at it but it was just a berry that had dropped. I looked up and saw a bird fly away from the tree above me in my garden. It was ok. It wasn't a bullet wound that happened back in Vietnam. I was safe.

I resumed watching the little creatures weave their way through the grass and flowers. There was this one bee that was working his way through the flowers quite efficiently. From flower to flower he few until he decided that he'd collected enough and flew up into the sky. I watched him go. Some clouds were coming over and slowly, they covered up the sun. It was darker now. I looked back down.

My mates were hurrying around, grabbing any kind of weapon they could find. Gunshots rang in the air like bells and I watched as my tent went up in flames behind me. I noticed a gun on the log in front of me and quickly went to grab it, but someone else got there before me. Hesitantly, I advanced, thinking it was one of my mates but the man turned around and pointed the gun at me; right at my chest. As if it were a sudden miracle, a bright light lit up the night sky and blinded him.

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I blinked. I was back in my garden watching the insects and animals go about their daily life. The clouds had moved and the sun was shining brightly again. There was no sign of the man with the gun. I looked out onto the street. It was quite a pretty street really, with pink and white flowered trees lining it. I heard my neighbour start his car and I watched him back it onto the street. It was one of the older ones that make a bit of noise and backfire regularly. I turned back to look at my garden. Suddenly I heard a loud noise.

I turned around in shock and saw one of my men dead on the ground, another man with a gun only a few feet behind him. In my haste to find 'safety', I stepped forward quickly, placing my full weight on the ground and BOOM! I was thrown up into the air and landed back near camp. I felt a sharp stinging pain in my legs, but when I looked, I had none. I opened my eyes. Still no legs but at least I wasn't in a jungle anymore. It was peaceful and I watched my neighbour's car drive off down the road. Petal from the trees on the street floated down from the slight gust of wind that had picked up and some alighted in my garden. I could feel them in my hair. A group of teenagers walked past, chattering loudly. I was being wheeled off the ship and into the mass of people. I had expected them to be cheering and waving flags proudly as we went past. But to my surprise, none of them were happy. They were yelling things and jeering at us soldiers. Some threw rubbish and hit me saying that it was a useless war and that we were stupid for going. There was only one person that was happy to see me, Meg. When she saw me she started crying and held me in a hug so tight that I thought she was never going to let go. I squeezed my eyes tight, partly because I was so happy to see her, partly to hold back the tears.

After what seemed like only a few seconds, I opened my eyes. I was back in my garden. There were a lot of things that had changed since the war but I looked up into Meg's eyes and though she was a little older than back then, she was still my beautiful wife. We sat in my garden together, watching the sun set, ending another day. The hues of pink, red, orange and purple fell upon the plants in my garden, tinging them all sorts of beautiful colours. It was our beautiful garden.

By J. Pettiford 17/09/15

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CANTEEN ROSTER

 Mon
 5.10.15:
 Closed

 Tue
 6.10.15:
 Closed

 Wed
 7.10.15:
 S Abbott

 Thu
 8.10.15:
 Closed

 Fri
 9.10.15:
 S Abbott



Mon	12.10.15: TBA
Tue	13.10.15: Closed
Wed	14.10.15: TBA
Thu	15.10.15: Closed
Fri	16.10.15: TBA

YEARS 11/12 NEWS

This term our year 11 students begin the Year 12 course work for English and Modern History. In English we will be diving into our Area of Study; Discovery and we will be doing this through a close study of the play *Rainbow's End. "Rainbow's End"* was written by acclaimed Australian playwright, Jane Harrison. It tells the story of three generations of Aboriginal women who live in a humpy on the river flats in northern Victoria in the 1950's. The play focuses on Dolly, a young Aboriginal woman who meets and falls in love with Errol, a white encyclopaedia salesman. The story centres on their developing relationship and the obstacles they encounter within the

contexts of often rigid social and cultural viewpoints, conflicting expectations and pervasive economic and personal hardships. Set within a particular social and historical context, the play deals with the secrets the characters feel compelled to keep in order to protect each other and comply with perceived obligations of family, race and class." (English Stage 6 Annotations of Prescribed Texts, BOSTES). As our students are now in their final year of their secondary schooling they will be expected to study harder than ever to achieve the best grades they possibly can.

In Modern History this term we will be embarking on the Core HSC Study: World War 1 and Its Aftermath 1914-1921. This interesting topic will look at concepts of imperialism, militarism, nationalism/internationalism and peacemaking. In addition to this we will be looking closely at key features such as; civilians: the workforce and women, military: officers, infantry and political leaders. Our students should find this to be an enjoyable and interesting topic. Again if



they study hard they should be able to achieve the best possible results they can in their HSC.

M. Galiatsatos



REGIST

COMMUNITY NEWS

MENDOORAN DANCE GROUP NEWS:



Our Dance Concert is held on 19th October 2015. We would like everyone to bring a plate to share at the Memorial Club at the presentation, this will be held after the dance concert. We are also collecting \$10 from each family to buy Shanoa a gift for such a great dancing year and for all her time, organising and dedication to our dancers. Money can be handed to Louise Monk.

TOUCH FOOTBALL NEWS:

Registrations will be held this Thursday, 8th October,

at the Royal Hotel Mendooran from 6 -7:30pm.

Cost is as follows:

\$25 Juniors (12-17 years before June 2016)
\$35 Seniors (18 years before June 2016 & up)
Teams of 14 (min) to 17 (max) players, including juniors and females.
A BBQ will be available for a gold coin donation at the hotel.

All Enquiries: Lucy Pickering 0447 839 973 or 0447 839 973



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HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR TEAM IN YET?

MENDOORAN - OLD TIME & NEW VOGUE DANCE

Saturday 31st October – 7.30pm Start Mendooran Mechanics Institute Hall

"DANCING WITH TONY"

Come and enjoy the dancing - or just listen to Tony's wonderful old time music favourites

Cost: \$10 per person.

Supper: Please bring a plate to share at supper time.

Tea/Coffee - provided

For Bookings or further information contact Judy on 6886 1221



Proceeds from the night going towards Interpretative Signage for Mendooran.



SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS - 2015

Voluntary Infants/Primary Contributions:\$25.00 per childVoluntary Secondary Contributions:\$50.00 per childVoluntary FAMILY MAXIUMUM:\$80.00 (not including electives)

Both Voluntary contributions and Elective fees may be paid by instalment. <u>COMPULSORY ELECTIVES COST</u>

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	No. Secondary Students		OTAL \$
COMPULSORY COS	STS SECONDARY ELECTIVES		
Year 7/8 Electives: Year 9/10 Electives: Year 11/12 Electives:	Technology Mandatory Industrial Technology Food Technology Design & Tech (Textiles) Art Agriculture Hospitality D&T Mixed Media Art Agriculture Metals & Engineering	\$20.00 \$40.00 \$60.00 \$20.00 \$10.00 \$60.00 \$20.00 \$20.00 \$25.00 \$10.00 \$40.00	\$ \$
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What's coming up in Term 4?

October 2015

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1	2
Wк 1	5	6 1st Day back at school	7	8 Aspire School visit	9
WK 2	12 Yr 11 Hospi Work Placement Wk HSC English HSC	13 HSC English	14 Yr 10 –11 Transition	15 Immunisation Clinic #3 Yr 7,11 & 12	16
WK 3	19 Kinder Orientation #1, 10 - 10.50 HSC BIO	20	21 NRL Session - Infants HSC Gen Math HSC Math	22	23
WK 4	26 Kinder Orientation #2 10 - 10.50 3-6 Excursion Burrendong	27 3-6 Excursion - Burrendong HSC Physics	28 3-6 Excursion - Burrendong Yr 9 Aspire NRL Session - Infants	29 3-6 Excursion - Burrendong	30 3-6 Excursion - Burrendong

November 2015

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
WK 5	2	3	4	5	6
	HSC D&T	Kookaburra March	School Photos NRL Session - Infants	Yr 12 Graduation K/1/2 - Zoo Snooze	K/1/2 - Zoo Snooze
Wк 6	9	10	11	12	13
			Remembrance Day	"Let the Music Move You" Performance	Kinder Orientation #3 9-11am Deb Ball (Saturday)
WK 7	16	17	18	19 Public Speaking K - 10 Special Assembly	20 Kinder Orientation #4 9-1:30pm
WK 8	23	24	25	26	27
	Yr 7 - 11 Exc The	Yr 7 - 11 Exc The	Yr 7 - 11 Exc The		Kinder Orientation #5
	Great Aussie Bush	Great Aussie Bush	Great Aussie Bush		9-3:10 pm
	Camp	Camp	Camp		
WK 9	30				

December 2015

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
₩к 9		1	2 Yr 8 Beyond the Gate	3 Yr 8 Beyond the Gate	4 Yr 8 Beyond the Gate
W к 10	7	8	9	10	11
WK 11	14	15 Presentation Day	16 Student's Last Day	17	18