



# NEWSLETTER

## Mendooran Central School

*Learn to Live*

Term 3 Week 4

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018

# What Does Fairness Mean To You?



# PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

## Morning Duty

Just a reminder that there is no teacher on playground duty before 8.30 in the morning. Please encourage students to arrive after that time.

## Thank you

A big thank you to David McKechnie for arranging and donating the uniforms for the Mendooran Central Boys Under 16s State Touch Football team. They compete at Dubbo on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August. Good luck!

## Bailey is off to Nationals!

Best of luck to Bailey Thompson when he competes at the National Cross Country Championships at Maroochydore on Friday August 24<sup>th</sup>. Bailey has been training hard!

## Driver Awareness Day

The Driver Awareness Day was a great success last week on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at the VRA shed. Many thanks to Senior Constable Carlton Kopke for his incredible organisation. Thank you also to the Mendooran VRA members, Jamie Manning, Pavlina Kubikova and Senior Constable Jamieson, for their role on the day. Mr Dave Cook was full of praise for our students on the behaviour and participation. Well done!

## Book Fair Success

As the wonderful photos in last week's newsletter showed, our annual Book Fair was an enormous success last Wednesday. The costumes were AMAZING! A big thank you to Mrs Davis and Sharne Cook for all of the organisation! Thank you also to all of the parents, carers, relatives and community members who joined us for the day.

## Agriculture Skills Day

Mrs Wilson took Brian Hellyer, Amy and Emma Adams to the Ag Skills day at Coonabarabran last Thursday. They took part in various activities including ploughing, welding, pet care, horsemanship, firearms safety, wool classing and the "World of Ants". The students were complimented on their behaviour and positive attitude. Brian and Emma were interviewed on the radio.

## 5/6 Science Excursion

Our Year 5/6 students have been invited to a Science Day tomorrow in Binnaway. They join Binnaway and Coolah students in participating in a range of scientific workshops. The group will be supervised by Mr Ptolemy and Mrs Duce. We trust they have an educational and enjoyable experience.

## Claiming the Dates

Our Education Open Day will be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. NAIDOC day will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Both events will begin with a complimentary Sausage sizzle at 12.30. Parents, carers and community members are invited to join us for lunch and the following activities. Activities to follow on Education Day will be performances and then Open Classrooms. Following the NAIDOC Day lunch will be various workshops which the students will rotate through for the remainder of the day.



*Mrs Julie Waters*

Mendooran Central School Leaders	
<b>Principal</b> Mrs Julie Waters	
<b>Assistant Principal</b> Vicki Parnaby	<b>HTSS</b> Troy Newberry
<b>Captains Secondary</b> Peta M <sup>c</sup> Leod Lachlan Howarth	<b>Vice Caps Secondary</b> Kyle Hartley Bret Boneham
<b>Captains Primary</b> Shellby Adams Airlie Smith	<b>Vice Caps Primary</b> Felicity Cook



# PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

## WEEK 3

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK



K: Lachlan Sweeney



1/2: Rihanna Hunt



3/4: Lori Manning



5/6: Grace Sando

### MERIT AWARDS



K: Charlie Rindfleish



1/2: Skylia Mulligan



3/4: Ebonie Jolly



5/6: Nicholas Sweeney



K: Kaeden Williams



1/2: Isaiah Rose



3/4: Luke Bruckner



5/6: Mason Liddell

### UNIFORM DRAW



K: Rhayne Shepherd



1/2: Cooper Thompson



3/4: Nicholas Duce



5/6: Rachael Hunt



Happy Birthday



*Deegan Little, Christopher Chalker  
& Lachlan Sweeney*



## Kindergarten

Welcome to Week 4, I trust you all had a nice weekend. This Thursday, Friday and next Monday I will be away and Mrs Bush will be taking Kindergarten. This week we will be looking at Multiplication in Mathematics. In Writing, we will be looking at constructing our sentences correctly. In PD we are looking at personal and school safety, while in Science we will continue to study our Wild Life unit ready for the Zoo Excursion next term. Just a reminder that excursion money and notes are due 7th September.

C.Burns

## Year 1/2

Hello everyone! I am very excited to be writing my first newsletter article for the beautiful 1/2 class. I hope to make this transition as smooth as possible for everyone so please have some patience with me, I'm learning as quickly as I can.

This week we are focusing on the 'or' sound and continuing to finish off our current work. We will also be focusing on some strategies to make our amazing writing even better! Hope you all have a great week!

N Currall



## Year 3/4

This week we have been concentrating on subtraction in Maths. We have learnt some subtraction rules that will help us to always get our answers right. We have also completed several subtraction word problems. On Friday of Week 4, 3/4 will run the weekly assembly. Please join us in the 3/4 classroom at approximately 2:25pm for some awesome entertainment. We have discovered that some of our classmates are terrific at French Knitting. It is wonderful to see this skill being shared. In Science we have learnt about Producers, Consumers and Decomposers in the food chain. Ask your children about these and I'm sure they will enjoy sharing their knowledge with you.

Jan Elith

## Year 5/6

In Literacy this week we are focusing on procedures. We will examine a range of different procedures and discuss where they are useful.

For Spelling we are focusing on the "T" as in tiger sound. This is a relatively simple sound as there are limited graphemes that make the "T" sound.

In Maths this week we are concluding our focus on Area. Students are encouraged to ask for assistance if needed as I will be holding study sessions through the week during lunch time to help prepare for the test on Friday. The next topic we will be studying in Maths is Measurement and Volume.

Just a quick reminder that we have our excursion on Tuesday to Binnaway for our Science Day. Students are to wear **full sports uniform** as there may be practical activities. Please make sure students are at School before 8:45 am. Students will be back before normal bus departure in the afternoon.

Have a great week everyone.

N Ptolemy

## Nominations are now open for the 2018 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Award

Who can nominate an excellent teacher?

### YOU CAN - IT'S EASY!

For 24 years, the National Excellence in Teaching Awards has provided communities with the opportunity to formally recognise and thank outstanding teachers and leaders across the following categories:

- ⇒ Early Learning Centres
- ⇒ Primary Schools
- ⇒ Secondary Schools
- ⇒ Special Schools

Now it's your turn - tell us all about your inspirational teacher! Parents, members of the community and students are invited to nominate an excellent educator. Winners receive a \$5000 grant they can use for their school.

#### **Criteria for Eligibility**

Nominations for the National Excellence in Teaching Awards are judged on examples on:

- ⇒ Outstanding leadership
- ⇒ Expert knowledge
- ⇒ Exemplary & innovative teaching practice
- ⇒ Professional engagement with colleagues, parents, carers and the community

Teachers must have at least 2 years experience and work 5 days a week for primary, secondary or special schools. Teachers from kindergarten, preschool and prep programs must work 28 hours a fortnight to be eligible for nomination.

To nominate go to: <https://www.asg.com.au/about-asg/neita>



## 7/8 English

This term we have been immersed in the picture book *The Dream of the Thylacine*. *The Dream of the Thylacine* is a lament for a lost species. It interposes arresting text and images of the last known thylacine in a concrete cage with sweeping colour paintings of the animal in its natural environment. Last week our students attempted to write their own poems. Below are some samples of their work.

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### **A Place Beyond My Life**

All you know is what you see,  
but deeper down I lack sleep.  
An everlasting fear I seek no hope for me.

For all I could sleep and dream, and be  
as happy as I could ever be.  
But then you start to glare at me, and  
pinch and poke and yell at me.

I feel trapped and scared inside,  
for I could run and hunt and seek  
the mountains and oceans outside.  
But I am trapped and pinned inside.  
An everlasting pain, I find.

I want it all to end and for my spirit to fly,  
fly, fly free.

For I am free and I can rest,  
run with the sky and play with the trees.  
For I am free and peaceful inside.

### **Caged Forever**

By Katie Quick

Are the flashing lights normal?  
In my cage of despair  
everything so formal  
compared to the jungle out there.

Screaming of young humans  
makes my ears hurt,  
while I wander around fuming.  
Angry about my cage's fake dirt.

Climbing false trees,  
eating canned food,  
watching busy bees buzz.  
Wandering when the day will  
conclude.

I don't know what is out there,  
I've been trapped all my life,  
I don't know why I'm in strife,  
I'm just a little panda bear.

### **Peacock**

By Tori Rutter

I am a peacock  
I was bright and free  
I have not seen the forest in almost a week.

People walk past my cage without a doubt,  
then grab for their cameras  
and wave them about.

The only thing I eat is seed and weeds  
but I don't even like them, being so green.  
Every night I lay down on hay and close my  
eyes until I slowly drift away to the  
midnight light.

I dream of my home, the forest.  
Down by the lake where I sprint in the moist  
dirt flakes.

Then I wake up and repeat my day.  
Then slowly wonder if I will ever be  
free again.

I am a peacock  
I was bright and free  
I have not seen the forest in many weeks.

### **Buffalo**

By Ella Hartley

My paddock bare empty,  
surrounded by a thin wall of wire,  
around the outside people who smile.

Rejected, Rejected, Rejected again.

My life as thin as ice.  
My weight slowly decreasing.  
My hay damp like washing.

Rejected, Rejected, Rejected again.

Me with heels  
that look like watermelon,  
yet so hard to walk on.

Rejected, Rejected, Rejected again.

I am now moving homes,  
to a big paddock all of my own,  
my life to hopefully change.

# Driver Awareness Day

On Thursday 2nd July, thirty Year 9, 10 and 11 students attended a Driver Awareness Day held at the local VRA shed. The day was organised by Senior Constable Carlton Kopke, our local Policeman, and incorporated presentations by special guests Jamie 'Dodge' Manning, Mendooran VRA, Pavlina Kubikova and Senior Constable Jamieson.

The students participated in a practical exercise during the afternoon session. They had to drive a golf buggy around an obstacle course while wearing "Drunk Goggles" and then repeat the same course while texting on their phones. The purpose of the course is to enlighten students on how their behaviours can impact on not only their own lives, but the lives of others while being irresponsible and under the influence.

Dave Cook, Mendooran VRA Captain, would like to extend his praise to the students on their exceptional behaviour throughout the day. Mr Cook said the students listened intently during the presentations and they also showed great responsibility while demonstrating the cutting gear. He would also like to thank Carlton for providing an amazing opportunity for the students to attend this event in their local community.

Thank you to Senior Constable Carlton Kopke for running a very successful event and for the hard work you put in to keep our students safe.



Senior Constable Kopke and Deputy Captain Cook in the golf buggy sporting "Drunk Goggles".



Guest Speaker 'Dodge' Manning speaks about the importance of driver awareness.





Shanisha Sunderland using the "seatbelt cutters" with the assistance of Carlton and James.



Dylan Myers learning how to correctly hold the equipment before using it.



Amy Adams feels first hand how heavy the "cutting gear" is while cutting a door frame.



Students enjoying the presentations organised by Carlton.  
NSW VRA Commissioner Mark Gibson also attended the day and commented on how well the students interacted.





Aisha Konza is instructed on how to break the glass in a window by James.



Tayla Eyles was very surprised at how quickly the glass can shatter.



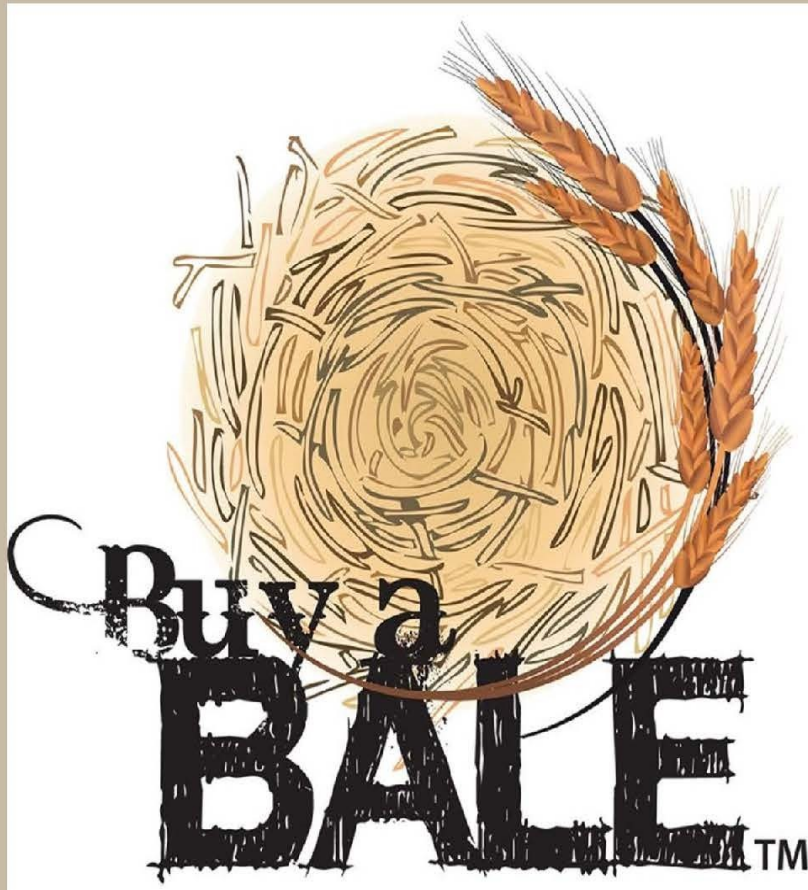
Brian Hellyer using the "cutters" during the practical demonstration.



Amy Adams learnt how to break the glass on a car door window.



Steven Ashford making light work of the door frame.



# FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 'HAY DAY'

Mendooran Central School SRC are holding a fundraiser for 'Buy a Bale' Campaign in Week 8. All money raised will go towards our Australian farmers suffering in the drought.



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**Sausage Sizzle**  
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**Cupcake Stall**  
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**Photo Booth**  
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**Mufti Day**  
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# Community News

## Tennis News

Junior Tennis is on today, Monday 13th August from 3:30-4:30pm. Cost is \$3 per child and a 1 year membership is \$15. If your child is interested, please contact Natasha Tobin on 0438 760 287. Ages from 4 years and up are all welcome. Senior Night Comp is also on tonight with games starting at 7pm. Team 2 (Scott Miller's team) has the Bye this week. If you are unable to make it to tennis, please get in contact with one of the subs listed on your draw or a player from a team that has the Bye for the week.

N Tobin

## Pony Club News

There will be a Rally Day this Sunday, 19th August. Arrive at 9:30am for a 10am start. Please everyone come along as this will be the last Rally Day before our Gymkhana set for September 9th. Some of us have been attending the Gymkhanas around our zone lately. Well done to Anna and Airlie who competed at Trangie Pony Club's two days of Show Jumping, Dressage, Sporting and Ring Events on the 4th and 5th August. Anna and Airlie were both Age Champions and represented their club beautifully.

Yesterday we had four riders attend Gilgandra Pony Club's Gymkhana. Laura Enks, Anna Ward, Laura Moorhouse and Airlie Smith with all girls riding really well in the cold windy weather and Anna receiving her Age Champion Trophy.

Could each family please donate something new for our raffle. Let's see if we can get a monster raffle of horse related items for our Gymkhana. If you could bring an item to this Sunday's Rally Day, that would be greatly appreciated.

Items could include: horse feed, brushes, saddle cloth, etc.

J Smith

<p>Members,</p> <p>Binnaway Community Health centre telephone system has been upgraded and as a result, there is now a new phone number, as follows:</p> <p><b>02 6849 1640</b></p>	<p>People are asked to please change their phone records accordingly.</p> <p>Anyone calling the old number will be redirected for a period of time, after which a recorded announcement will advise the caller of the new number.</p> <p>They have also just posted this information on facebook if you would like to share it with your networks <a href="https://www.facebook.com/wnswilhd/">https://www.facebook.com/wnswilhd/</a></p>	<p>Linda Miller   Acting Manager Children's &amp; Community Services</p> <p>Nominated Supervisor - Yuluwirri Kids &amp; Connect Five</p> <p>Warrumbungle Shire Council PO Box 191, Coonabarabran NSW 2357 P 02 6849 2000   F 02 6842 1337 E <a href="mailto:Linda.Miller@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au">Linda.Miller@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au</a></p> <p><u>Excellence in Local Government</u></p>
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**Please note**  
**Price changes**

**Slushies are not available until Term 4. LOL Drinks are no longer sold as they've been discontinued by the distributor.**




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Menu available from

May 7th 2018 to September 28th 2018



# Term 3 2018

4	13.8	14.8	15.8	16.8	17.8
		<b>Years 5/6</b> <b>Science</b> <b>excursion</b> <b>to Binnaway</b>			<b>Primary District</b> <b>Athletics</b> <b>Carnival</b>
5	20.8	21.8	22.8	23.8	24.8
					
6	27.8	28.8	29.8	30.8	31.8
	<u><b>Year 12</b></u> <u><b>Trials</b></u> <u><b>ALL WEEK</b></u>	<b>UNDER 16'S</b> <b>STATE</b> <b>TOUCH</b> <b>FOOTBALL IN DUBBO!</b>			<b>ASPIRE</b> <b>Roadshow</b>
7	3.9	4.9	5.9	6.9	7.9
	<u><b>Year 11</b></u> <u><b>Exams</b></u> <u><b>ALL WEEK</b></u>				<b>K-2 Tabloid Sports</b> <b>Day in Binnaway</b> <b>K-2 Excursion</b> <b>Payments Due</b>