



NEWSLETTER

Mendooran Central School

Learn to Live

Term 4 Week 7

Monday 23rd November 2020

Brian, all round extraordinaire!

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As part of Brian's Mathematical journey, he was challenged to build the Jeep pictured above by his teacher, Mr Lovegrove. The Jeep is also battery operated and can be steered by the cog on top of the vehicle. Brian's brother, Malcolm, helped him complete the task.

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES



Off Site Fire Drill

There will be a whole school bushfire, off site fire drill tomorrow 24th November. These drills are vital in preparing all of us in the event of a bush fire.

NAIDOC Day

NAIDOC Day will be held this Thursday, 26th November. Staff and students are encouraged to dress in Indigenous colours. There will be indigenous activities all day with Aboriginal Elder Ralph Naden in attendance.

Year 7-10 PDHPE Excursion

There will be an excursion for Years 7-10 students this Friday, 27th November to Dubbo. Notes have gone home, please return ASAP.

Year 12 Graduation

Our Year 12 Graduation will be held this Friday, 27th November at the Memorial Club. We trust Jacinta, Tahlija and Harley along with their families and friends will have a great night. Congratulations!



Intensive Swimming

Intensive Swimming for Primary students will be held in Week 8 & 9, beginning on 30th November to the 11th December. Students are required to bring swimmers, a rash shirt, a hat and drinking water. Parent volunteers, please contact Mrs Norwood if you are able to assist.

Santa's Mailbox

Santa's mailbox will arrive at school on Tuesday, 1st December and leave on Thursday, 10th December. Students should be busy preparing to write their letters.



Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day was commemorated in two different events on November 11th. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we could not have visitors to the school. The students paused for the Last Post, The Ode and Reveille, including one minute's silence. Eloise Tobin laid the wreath with Ella Hartley, Charlotte Walden and Kaiyah Dillon raising the flags.

Meanwhile our School Captains and Vice Captains attended a service at the Cenotaph with returned servicemen. Aisha Konza performed the Welcome to Country, with Emma Adams speaking about the meaning of Remembrance Day. This was followed by a lovely morning tea.

I was extremely proud of our leaders who represented the school exceptionally well!

Yearly Examinations

Our Years 7-10 Examinations were held last week, with staff complimenting the students for their effort. Staff are busy marking exams and all staff are writing annual reports.

Kindergarten Orientation

Our whole day orientation on Friday was a great success! The students were keen and engaged under the watchful eye of Mrs Parnaby and Mrs Norris. We look forward to seeing you next year.



Presentation Day

Presentation Day will be held on Tuesday, 15th December. We are hoping we can welcome parents, carers and community members to join us. We will need to follow COVID 19 guidelines and confirm closer to the day about visitors within the school.

Bus and Walking Changes

Just a reminder to parents about the importance of communicating with the school regarding any changes of routine with buses/walking home/pick up.

Please notify the Front Office by 2:30pm to ensure students and staff are notified in a timely manner.

All pick ups and students walking home are required to use the bottom gate, near the 5/6 room, to avoid congestion at the top gate and to ensure student safety in the bus zone.

All changes to bus routines must be coordinated with bus drivers. Letters are going home today to be returned to the school indicating your child's regular routine

Farewell

It is with great sadness that we farewell Miss Galiatsatos and Ms Suttor. Miss G has received a transfer to Orange High School and Ms Sutter is moving to Tullamore. We wish them both the best for the future!

Holidays

Our School Christmas holidays are fast approaching. Our last school day is 16th December, with school resuming for students on Friday 29th January 2021. Kindergarten begin on Monday 1st February.



Mrs Julie Waters

Mendooran Central School	
Principal Mrs Julie Waters	
Assistant Principal Nicholas Ptolemy	HT Secondary Studies Troy Newberry
Instructional Leader Natalie Johnson	HT Curriculum Gianni Standing
Captains Secondary Aisha Konza Kayleigh Rutter	Vice Caps Secondary Carter Swan Emma Adams
Captains Primary Bailey Thompson Byron Fraser	Vice Caps Primary Nazarena Greenaway Hannah Sando

The Reagh - The School Yearbook

Many of you may have noticed that there was no Reagh presented to students last year in 2019. The lengthy production of the 150th commemorative yearbook as well as the impact of COVID-19 delayed the creation of the 2019 yearbook.

We are pleased to announce that the 2019 yearbooks have now arrived at the school, and will be distributed to students this week.

The 2020 yearbook is currently being assembled and students can expect their 2020 Reagh in Term 1 Week 2 next year.

In future, students can expect their yearbooks in Term 1, rather than on Presentation Day in Term 4. This allows for the inclusion of special events like the Year 12 Graduation and documenting Presentation Day. These are events which are usually not included due to publisher deadline constraints in order for students to receive their Reagh on Presentation Day.

Outgoing students will still receive their Reagh's, and if they cannot be collected from the school, they can be mailed out. One Reagh will be presented to each family of the school.

A small number of additional Reagh's will be available from the Front Office at a cost of \$30 for any parents or carers who wish to receive an additional copy.

BUSH FIRE SEASON 2020—2021

In preparation for the 2020-2021 bush fire season our WHS committee has been planning and updating our emergency management plan. The emergency management plan outlines the following:

- Measures our school has undertaken before and during the bushfire season, such as the maintenance of facilities and a plan to reduce vegetation.
- Response actions our school will take when faced with local bushfire activity, including evacuation or shelter in place locations.
- Recovery measures to support the return of normal school services.

Bush Fire Drill

We are conducting a bush fire drill next Tuesday, 24th November at 12midday to our self—relocation site at Mendooran Mechanics Institute Hall. Please be aware a siren and announcement of a bush fire assembly will audible at that time. Students and staff will walk to and from the hall and cars will be available to transport students with special needs if required. Please ensure students have a hat and water bottle. This is an important step to ensure bushfire readiness for our students and staff to reinforce familiarity with our procedures.

The Kindergarten and Year 3/4 rooms have been identified as our shelter in place rooms - this procedure will only be implemented as a last resort and under the guidance and advice of emergency services.

Staff Training:

All staff have been directed to complete our mandatory 'preparing and responding to bushfire' e-learning module to access key information to assist in planning and response for the bushfire season.

Nearby Bush Fire Activity:

In the event of a nearby bushfire we will take steps to minimise exposure to bushfire smoke where possible. Considerations can include changing planned activities to indoors and the use of fans rather than air conditioning. We will be aware and monitor the situation by staying up to date during periods of increased fire danger and when there is local bushfire activity by monitoring and following departmental procedures outlined in our emergency management plan.

While every effort to prepare for the current bush fire season is taken we hope never to have to implement these procedures in a real situation and wish everyone all the best for the remainder of the 2020-2021 bush fire season.

D McCormack WHS Representative

INTENSIVE SWIMMING

The Intensive Swimming Program has been organised to run in Term 4 again this year. The sessions will run every day for 10 days during Weeks 8 and 9. The classes will attend the pool at the following times;

3/4 & 5/6 11.10am – 12.00pm

K,1/2 12.00pm – 12.50pm

Notes are overdue so please send them in as soon as possible.

Students are required to bring a hat, sunscreen, swimmers, towel and **ALL** students are to wear a rash or a T shirt. Due to COVID restrictions, students will get changed at school. Please ensure girls have a pair of shorts to walk down to the pool and everyone will need a swimming bag to carry towel and goggles. Students will be walking, accompanied by a staff member, to and from the pool.

If you wish to discuss anything further, please to contact me at the school on 68861149.

K Norwood

SECONDARY EXCURSION

This Friday students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will have the opportunity to visit the Royal Flying Doctors Service and play ten pin bowling.

Students will leave MCS at 8.50am and return to MCS by 3.00pm. Please ensure students have money for lunch or they may bring a packed lunch on the day.

Neat and tidy sports uniform is to be worn on the day.

If you wish to discuss anything further, please to contact me at the school on 68861149.

K Norwood

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

WEEK 5

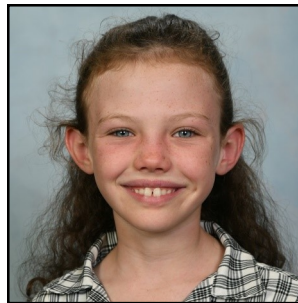
STUDENT OF THE WEEK



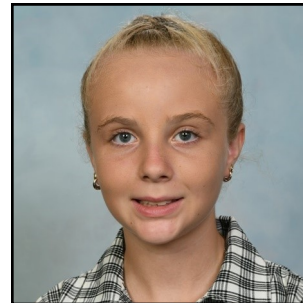
K: Georgie Hill



1/2: Phoebe Kopke



3/4: Alexis Norwood



5/6: Sharna Gray

UNIFORM DRAW



K: Rebecca Donley



1/2: Mia McKenna



3/4: Ally Hall

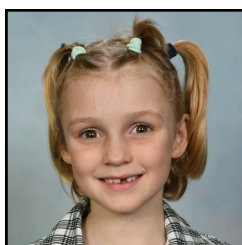


5/6: Grace Hall

MERIT AWARDS



K: Nate Dundas



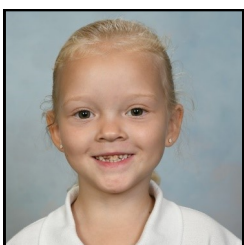
1/2: Josephine Donley



3/4: Stephanie Bruckner



5/6: Alex McDuff



K: Lyla Dillon



1/2: Kelsey Mulligan



3/4: Chloe Sciberras



5/6: Erik Rogers

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PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

WEEK 6

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



K: Georgie Hill



1/2: Kaeden Williams



3/4: Jacqueline Rogers



5/6: Georgia Sweeney

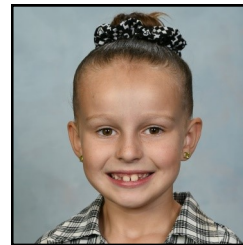
MERIT AWARDS



K: Elsa Knight



1/2: Jye Williams



3/4: Amarni Thompson



5/6: Nazarena Greenaway



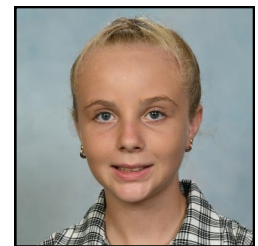
K: Nate Dundas



1/2: Marcus Fraser



3/4: Abigail Rogers

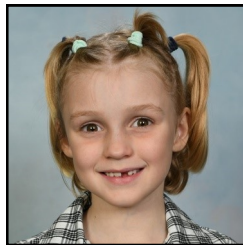


5/6: Sharna Gray

UNIFORM DRAW



K: Riley Mitchell



1/2: Josephine Donley



3/4: Stephanie Bruckner



5/6: Lori Manning

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Kindergarten News

What an amazing term of learning we are having in Kindergarten! We have been super busy reading and writing. We are up to looking at words that use different letters to make the same sound. This week we are working at 'ie' as in tie, 'i-e' as in bike, 'y' as in try, 'i' as in spider and the tricky sound of 'igh' as in night. We are adding numbers using the counting on strategy and looking at three-dimensional shapes in Maths. We have started some Christmas craft that is displayed around the classroom, while also looking at various celebrations around the world. Our class continues to enjoy joining with Year 1/2 for PE/Sport and Fun Friday activities.

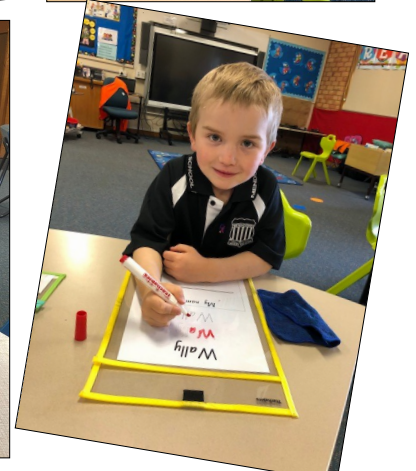


During the last two Fridays we welcomed six superstars (Preschool students) who will be starting school in 2021. They enjoyed activities such as listening to stories, making letters from playdough, playing on the equipment and making mini Christmas trees.

We look forward to these wonderful students joining us at school next year.

After Book Week we chose our favourite class book, deciding on Pig the Pug, by Aaron Blabey!

V Parnaby



Year 1/2 News

Year 1/2 have been lucky to have some learning time in the Hospitality Room this term.

Following on from our Science topic last term of "All Mixed Up" students have worked in groups to make their own muffins.

The first lesson involved mixing wet and dry ingredients to form the muffin mixture before cooking.

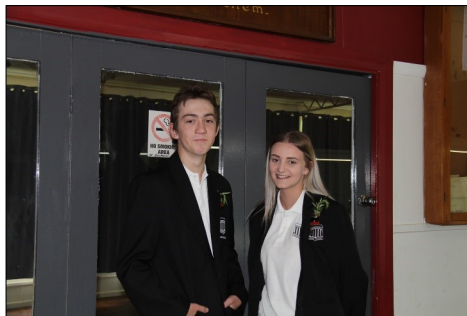
The second lesson involved making icing and decorating the muffins with tasty toppers. From one activity, students were engaged in many of the Key Learning Areas including Mathematics, English, Science and of course working as a team.

I would like to thank Miss Enks for organising the lessons and the Year 9 and 10 students for being group leaders. Year 1/2 thoroughly enjoyed their cooking lessons.

O Batten



Remembrance Day 2020



Community News

Mendooran and Merrygoen Memorial Club

The Memorial Club will be holding a memorial for Terry Pixton and Craig Devlin on Saturday, 28th November at 5pm.

There will be lamb and gravy rolls for \$6.

Please come along any time and share some memories you have of the time knowing these two men.

Join both families for some happy conversations and memories.

M Southwell

Please contact Sharne Cook on 0415 525 700 to place an order. Orders to be finalised by the end of November with delivery mid December



Mendooran Regional Hampers

Black Gate Fudge

For a sweet treat with a hint of rum, this little sample will hit the spot.

Blue Sky Cheeses

Pepper Tree Feta - Make your salads pop! This full-bodied creamy feta is versatile and delicious.

Castlereagh Camembert

A traditional creamy cheese with a soft white bloom. Perfect in every cheese platter.

Pippy Wippy Swiss

A smooth, full-bodied cheese with a delicious twang!

Mudgee Honey Haven

Drizzle this delicious honey over our camembert for an incredible taste sensation.

Regional Tea Towel

Hand embroidered tea towel featuring one of our local destinations.

Blue Sky Cheese Cooler Bags

This insulated cooler bag is the perfect size for your cheese platter picnic.

Midnight Downs - Fig Jam

Made fresh from locally sourced figs this jam pairs beautifully with our Blue Sky Cheese.

Murrungundy Pistachios

These salty, crunchy pistachios will compliment every gourmet cheese platter.

Dreamtime Tuka - Biscuits with an Indigenous Twist

Usually on the Qantas menu, try these indigenous flavours for yourself.

This Farmhouse - Potter Extraordinaire!

These beautifully crafted stiers are a quality keepsake.

The Dill Tickle - Tomato Relish

No words ... just awesome!

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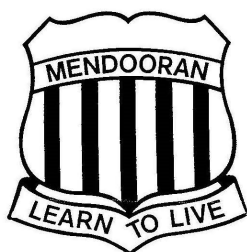
TRIVIA NIGHT
FUNDRAISER

DECEMBER 12TH AT 7:30PM

MENDOORAN/MERRYGOEN MEMORIAL CLUB – TABLES OF 6
CONTACT WENDY HOBBS FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES ON 6886 1255

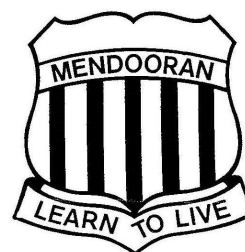
UPCOMING DATES

Off Site Fire Drill - 24th November
 Book Club #8 due - 25th November
 NAIDOC Day - 26th November
 Year 7 to 10 PDHPE Excursion - 27th November
 Year 12 Graduation Dinner - 27th November
 Intensive Swimming - Week 8 & 9
 Santa's Mailbox - 1st December
 Presentation Day - 15th December



Uniform Sales

Updated 09/11/20



CLOTHING

Black Sloppy Joes (with School Crest)	Small (6, 8, 10, 12, 14)	\$16.00
	Large (16y, 16, 18, 20)	\$20.00
Woollen Jumper (with School Crest)	Small (8, 10)	\$60.00
	Large (12 & up)	\$65.00
Microfiber Sports Pants (New School Crest)	Kids Sizes (6, 8, 10, 12, 14)	\$35.00
	Adult Sizes (XS -5XL)	\$35.00
Microfiber Sports Jackets (New School Crest)	Kids Sizes (4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14)	\$45.00
	Adult Sizes (XS -5XL)	\$45.00
Polo Shirts (White & Grey)	Small (6, 8, 10, 12, 14)	\$14.00
	Large (16y, 16 - 24) (S - L)	\$16.00
Sports Polo Shirt	All Sizes	\$25.00
Primary Checked Dress	Size (4 -16)	\$50.00
Primary Winter Black Tunic	Size (4 -16)	\$50.00
Black shorts	Size (4 - 16)	\$12.00
Black skorts	Size (4 - 16)	\$16.00
Secondary Checked Skirt		\$50.00
Secondary Winter Black Skirt		\$50.00
Checked Material (Per Metre)		\$14.00

HATS/BEANIES

Black woollen beanie with school emblem	\$20.00
Black Bucket Hat with Emblem	\$15.00
Black Cap with School Emblem	\$10.00
Black Cap without School Emblem	\$10.00

EQUIPMENT

Book Packs - <u>NEW SUPPLIER</u> - DURABLE QUALITY BOOKS	\$22.00
(2x Blue, black & red ballpoint pens, 2x HB pencils, 9x quality A4 exercise books, double sharpener, glue stick, eraser, ruler, 2x highlighters)	
Scientific Calculator	\$25.00
Art Diary	\$ 6.00
Maths Kit	\$4.00

NO EFTPOS FACILITIES