



NEWSLETTER



Mendooran Central School

Learn to Live

Term 1 Week 10

Wednesday, 3 April 2024

Welcome to Week 10!

I hope all our families had a lovely Easter Long Weekend and the Easter Bunny was kind!

Our Easter Hat Parade was certainly a wonderful spectacle and it was so nice to see so many parents in attendance.

I was particularly impressed by the enthusiasm and participation of some of our older students during the parade, and it was lots of fun dancing the Macarena with you all!

The inaugural Great Mendooran Duck Hunt was a big success, with 98/100 ducks being found and traded for an Easter egg or lollipop! Thank you, Ms Norwood and Year 11 and Year 12, for helping to hide the ducks.

Congratulations to all our MCS sporting stars who represented our school with skill and pride last week in Touch Football and Cricket. Special mentions to Sam (cricket) and Hannah, Kelsey and Hailee (touch footy) who have made it to the next level trials.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the Mendooran Show, and everyone - students, teachers, parents and community - is to be congratulated on such a fabulous event. So many happy, smiling faces, and the school displays and entries were just AHHHMAZING! Special thanks to Mrs Parnaby and Mr Waters for their hard work in assembling our displays.

A few reminders...

Parent/Teacher Interviews - if you haven't already made a Parent/Teacher Interview time, please do so as soon as possible. Ideally, this is through the Sentral Parent App, however if you're having difficulties accessing this, please call the office and we can help.



Canteen - Please have ALL canteen orders in by 10am. Late orders may not be able to be accommodated. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Attendance - Remember, attendance matters! Every day at school is an opportunity to learn and grow! If your child is absent from school it is really important to respond to our absence text message so that we can mark the roll accurately.

Parent Portal - We are now moving towards using our online Sentral Parent App and ask that parents and carers please download and log in using the details that were emailed last week. You will view our newsletter, your child's attendance, pay for uniforms and excursions and be able to view school reports. If you could do this before the end of term, it would be greatly appreciated and you will be ready for the information influx in Term 2.

If you have any questions or concerns about attendance, Parent/Teacher Interviews or anything else, please don't hesitate to make an appointment to see me.



Ms Michelle Winston

Important Notices for Parents and Carers

Vaccinations

Have you registered your child yet? Please follow the information on the flyer below to complete.

IMPORTANT

News From The Office...

Sentral Finance

Our Sentral Finance Module is now up and running and our office staff are undergoing training to become familiar with this program. We ask for your patience during this time, as we work hard to smooth out any rough edges.

It is recommended that all parent/carers download the Sentral Parent App to access the online payment portal. Payments can still be made at the Front Office with cash or cheque only.

You should have already received an email with your access key to register an account.

You will need to download the Sentral Parent App for Apple or Android devices.

This needs to be done as a priority for you to access information regarding your child.

If you have completed this in the past you will not need to do this again.

We will be gradually releasing the many helpful features available on the Sentral for Parents App, however, right now, we need you to join our Sentral for Parents App so that you can:

- Begin to pay for excursions and give your permission for these activities,
- View our Newsletter,
- View our school calendar, and
- View/read/download Academic Reports for your child, when they are finalised.

To learn more about the Sentral for Parents App and see how to add this app to your digital device, please follow the link: <https://www.sentral.com.au/app-getting-started> webpage.

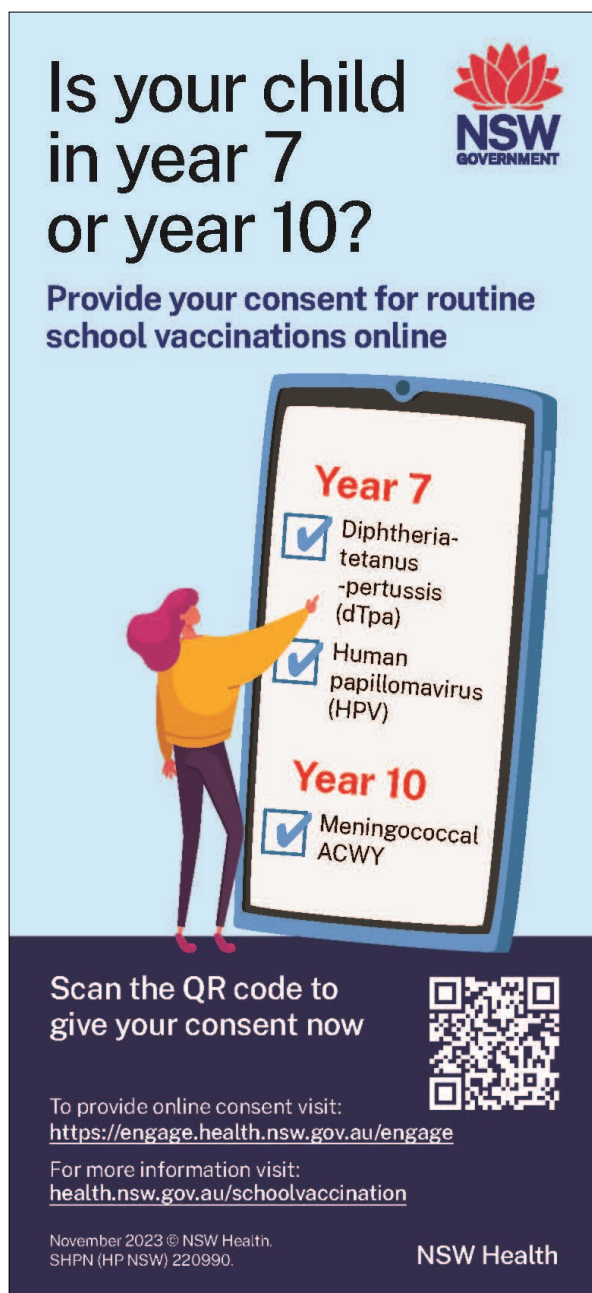
Newsletter

From Term 2, our Newsletter is going digital. We will be using Microsoft Sway to create the electronic publication, and we are very excited to share this with you. Our first Newsletter will be ready for viewing in Week 2 next term.

Newsletters will be published onto the school website, the Sentral Parents Portal, Facebook, and a copy of the link will be emailed to all families.

If members of our school community would also like to receive a copy of the link, please contact us on 6886 1149 and we can add you to the list.

The Admin Team



The flyer features the NSW Government logo at the top right. The main text asks 'Is your child in year 7 or year 10?' and 'Provide your consent for routine school vaccinations online'. It shows a smartphone screen with a checklist for Year 7 (Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa) and Human papillomavirus (HPV)) and Year 10 (Meningococcal ACWY). A QR code is provided for scanning to give consent, along with the URL <https://engage.health.nsw.gov.au/engage>. For more information, the URL health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination is listed. The footer includes the date 'November 2023 © NSW Health, SHPN (HP NSW) 220990' and the 'NSW Health' logo.

Return and Earn

Just a reminder that the 5/6 class at Mendooran Central School are continuing to collect Return and Earn containers as part of the School Representative Council fundraising for this year. All students will be encouraged to place any eligible containers into the Return and Earn tubs that are located in the playground.

We are also happy to accept donations from our families and the wider school community. If you wish to donate any eligible Return and Earn containers please arrange for them to be delivered to the school when it is suitable.

If you would like to donate any eligible containers there are a couple of things we would like your help with, as follows:

1. Containers must not be crushed
2. Containers must have a barcode on them
3. Check that the container is eligible for Return and Earn
4. Remove any straws from your containers
5. Ensure your container is empty, rinsed and dry
6. Please separate glass from plastic and cans

The students in 5/6 will collect the donated containers each day and rinse them out. All containers will then be taken to a Return and Earn centre where all money raised will be donated to the Mendooran Central School's SRC committee.

Teacher and Parent/Carer Interviews

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reminder - Semester 1 2024 Parent/Carer and Teacher Interview afternoon.

The Interview afternoon will be held on Monday 8 April 2024 (next week, Week 11) from 3:30pm until 5:30pm for Primary and Secondary.

You will have received an email on Monday last week that provided you with further information in regards to how to access the link / app and your access key, which is vital to link your child/ren's profiles with your account.

The Student and Parent portal link is: <https://mendooran-c.sentral.com.au/portal/login>.

There is also an App available for free through the Apple Play Store and the Google App store. If you have previously registered on the Portal, you will be able to log in and book an interview for your child/ren. If you are unable to make an interview during the available timeslots please contact the school to arrange a suitable time to meet with your child/ren's teacher.

Please note that the interview timeslots "opened" at 9:00am Monday 25 March. You will be able to select an available interview timeslot with your child/ren's teacher from 9:00am, Monday 25 March until 5:00pm Thursday 4 April 2024. For any bookings or changes to bookings after 5:00pm on Thursday 4 April please contact the school directly.

Please note, if you encounter an issue when attempting to register or schedule an interview with your child/ren's teacher, please contact the school on 02 6886 1149 or mendooran-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au for assistance.

E Champion

ANZAC Day Book Donations

Each year our local community and families purchase books to donate to the school on ANZAC Day, in lieu of flowers being laid at the Cenotaph.

Our Admin Team have a lovely display of books available for community and families to purchase from. The books range from \$10 to \$40 in price.

We ask that these donations be finalised by **Wednesday, 10 April**, so they can be wrapped and organised for the ANZAC Day Service that falls during the holidays.

The Admin Team

YEAR 1/2 NEWS

We spent quite a bit of time creating our 'Jitterbug Jamboree' for the Show and were really proud of our efforts! Our little critters were bright, colourful and oh so cute! We very much hope that all our parents and friends enjoyed seeing them as much as we enjoyed creating them.



We have moved classrooms this week! A huge task that saw us lugging all our belonging and resources up the stairs and into what was previously the 3/4 room. We have spent some time sorting everything and finding new homes for our 'stuff', and have mostly settled in, meaning that we can return to our regular routines after the Easter break. Phew! It is exciting to be in such a large classroom, giving us lots of room for different activities. Slowly but surely all our posters and decorations are going back on the walls, and we are making the classroom ours.



To add to the excitement and stress of moving, we had the Easter Hat Parade last week. This saw us feverishly cutting, pasting, sticking and re-sticking colourful, fluffy and cute decorations on our Easter hats. The highlight, of course, was dancing and moving for our parents and friends, and showing off our handy work and creativity. A big thank you to all our parents who attended and danced 'The Macarena' with us!

Our school ANZAC Day Ceremony will be held on Tuesday in Week 11 and we hope that some of you will be able to join us for this. Week 11 also sees our Parent/Teacher Interviews being held, so be sure to secure your timeslot if you'd like to have a chat about your child's progress.

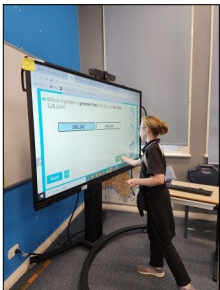
Next stop. HOLIDAYS! Only nine days to go, but who's counting?

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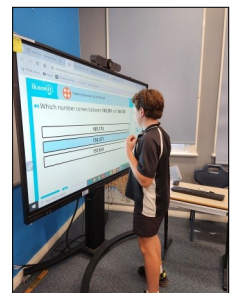
YEAR 5/6 NEWS

We have had a very busy last few weeks.

Week 7 was a big week with Year 5's sitting the annual NAPLAN assessment. Well done to all Year 5 students for completing the annual NAPLAN assessments. From all accounts you all completed the assessments with confidence and persistence, working hard right up until the time finished. Thank you to Year 6 for working independently with Mrs Corbett, Mrs Semmler and Mrs Mulligan across the four NAPLAN days.

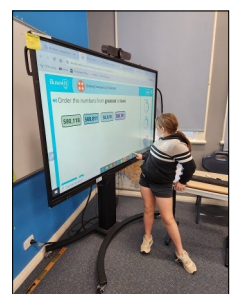


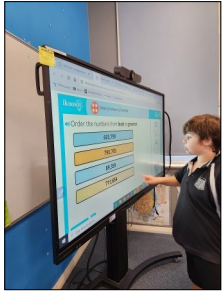
Week 8 was all about preparation for our artwork for the Mendooran Show. Our Insect Name art looked amazing, thanks Mrs Semmler! Congratulations to Kelsey Mulligan for outstanding effort, Hannah Norwood and Bridget Lindeman for awesome creativity, and Charlie Rindfleish and Sam Tobin for being highly commended. Thank you to all students who made all of the Origami Butterflies for our display, great find Kelsey!



Week 9 was a busy week with the Easter Hat parade, the Great Mendooran Inaugural Duck Hunt, GRIP Leadership, and the Richardson/Peachey Footy. Congratulations to all 5/6 students on some amazing hats and I hope everyone found a duck in the Duck Hunt on Wednesday. I am sure that all students at the Richardson/Peachey Footy had a great day too.

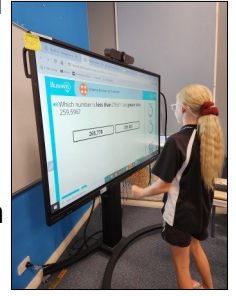
In Literacy, we finished our text 'The Wild Robot' and we have started a new text called 'Bright New World'. We are working our way through the text, learning all about how we can look after the planet for future generations.





In Maths, we have been learning about Addition, Subtraction and Measurement over the last four weeks. We will continue Measurement during Week 10 before starting a new topic in Week 11.

I hope that all of our MCS families had a wonderful Easter break.
E Champion



GRIP Leadership

On Wednesday last week, the Mendooran Central School Primary Captains and Vice Captains attended the GRIP Leadership Conference in Dubbo with over 350 other student leaders from across the Central West.

The GRIP Student Leadership Conference is unique in that it concentrates specifically on training student leaders for their role as a school leader. The style, topics, and content of this conference all focus on what the students can do right now in their school. The goal of the conference is that all student leaders leave the conference with a clear vision, a solid understanding and dozens of ideas for their time as a leader.

Hailee Cook (Captain): My favourite part of the day was the different 'Loud Noises' sessions, where students competed against each other and were helped by the audience to answer a range of questions. Throughout the day I was making notes of a few questions I would like to ask the GRIP Leadership team and I was luckily able to ask my question at the end of the day. The question I asked was about if the GRIP Team had been leaders when they were at school. I had a great time at the session, I even saw my cousin there, all the way from Bourke Public School!



Lachlan Sweeney (Captain): I really enjoyed the conference workbook and we started the day with a really good word search. We worked through the workbook all day. My favourite session was session 2 because there was a lot of opportunities to make friends from different schools.

Sam Tobin (Vice Captain): I liked going to the GRIP Leadership conference as I really enjoyed all of the booklet activities and the games that we played. The first session of the day was the most fun and I think Year 6 leaders should go there every year!

Charlie Rindfleish (Vice Captain): At the GRIP Leadership day I liked all of the games in the booklet and that the team played on the day. I also liked the 'Loud Noises' games as it was great to help out other students as part of a team. I also think that Year 6 leaders should attend again next year, it was a great conference!

All students represented Mendooran Central School with pride and their behaviour was impeccable. It was a pleasure to spend the day learning about leadership with Hailee, Lachie, Sam and Charlie.

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SPORT NEWS

Russell Ricardson Cup and David Peachey Shield Rugby League Gala Day

Last Thursday, eighteen Primary boys and girls travelled to Dunedoo to compete in the Russell Richardson Cup and David Peachey Shield Gala Day.

Our teams were filled with players from Ballimore Public School and Sacred Heart Catholic School in Coolah. MCS would like to thank these players as we could not have participated in the day without them.



Mr Batten and I are very proud of our MCS students who all performed with skill, displayed sportsmanship on and off the field, and represented our school with pride on the day. It was fantastic to see students who have not played Rugby League before demonstrating the skills they have learnt during our school training sessions at lunchtime and the more confident students helping their team mates on the field.

Congratulations to Lachlan Sweeney, Charlie Rindfleish, Marcus Fraser, Hannah Norwood, Kelsey Mulligan, Bridget Lindeman, Mia McKenna, Riley Hand, Nate Dundas, Georgie Hill, Riley Mitchell, Elsa Knight, Jack Bell, Wally Semmler, Jock Norwood, Kody Thompson, Hennessy Hacking and Lucy Mitchell representing our school on the day.

A Players Player award was chosen for each team on the day from each school. The 3/4 recipient was Elsa Knight and the 5/6 recipient was Hannah Norwood. Congratulations girls on a massive effort you both put in on the field on the day.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who travelled across and cheered our students from the sideline on the day. Your support is appreciated. Thank you to Mr Batten for your dedication to our training sessions and support on the day. The 5/6 team will travel across to Dubbo this Friday to participate in another Gala Day, and we wish them all the best. The 3/4 team will get another chance next term. Notes will go home in Week 1 of Term 2.



Dubbo District Touch Trials

Last Monday afternoon, six MCS students travelled to Dubbo to trial for the Dubbo District Touch Football Trials.

Charlie Rindfleish, Lachlan Sweeney and Sam Tobin trialled with approximately 40 boys from the district while Kelsey Mulligan, Hannah Norwood and Hailee Cook trialled with approximately 25 girls.

Both trials were put through a variety of activities to display their touch football skills and finished off with a game.



Congratulations to Kelsey, Hannah and Hailee who were successful in gaining a position on the Dubbo District Team. The girls will attend three training sessions before competing at the Western Selection Carnival in May. Good luck!

Western Cricket Trials

Last Thursday Bridget Lindeman trialled in Dubbo at the Western Girls Cricket Selection Trials.

Bridget trialled with girls across the Western area and demonstrated her skills to the best of her ability.

Although unsuccessful this year, Bridget will have the opportunity again next year and we have no doubt she will use the next 12 months to build on the skills she learnt on the day.

Earlier in the term, Sam Tobin was selected in the Dubbo District Cricket Team and last Thursday he trialled for a spot in the Boys Western Cricket Team.

He came up against the best cricketers in the Western area and proved to be one of the best by being selected in the Western Team. Congratulations Sam, what an amazing achievement.

Sam will now compete at the weeklong State Carnival in Term 4. MCS are very proud of you and can not wait to hear about your experience later in the year.



Western Open Touch Trials

Hollie Carey travelled to Mudgee on Thursday to trial in the Open Western Touch Trials.

Hollie joined Canobolas High School on the day in the girls team and proved to be an asset, as the girls won four round games, gaining a spot in the semifinals. Although the team were defeated in the semis, Hollie has gained a valuable experience, and we hope she will continue to develop her skills this year and trial again next year, in her last year of school.

Well done Hollie on your efforts on Thursday, you have represented MCS with pride.

D Skinner and K Norwood



HSIE

Stage 4 have enjoyed having Miss Soper back this term with her enduring enthusiasm for History. Ancient Egypt has been the topic. This has included looking at the River Nile as the life blood of Egypt and the regular fertile flooding as the enabler of Egyptian civilisation due to surplus food production. Time has obviously been spent looking at the pyramids and of cause Egyptian Gods, funerary practices and mummies.

The students of Stage 4 have also had a great time writing their names in hieroglyphics, the ancient pictographs of Egypt. This unit will culminate with a trip to Sydney to see the acclaimed exhibition "Ramses and the Gold of the Pharaohs" during the last week of this term.

In Stage 5 we have been exploring Sustainable Biomes in Geography this term. Students have been examining the correlation between the world's climatic zones and spatial distributions of biomes leading to their capacity to support food and non-food agricultural production. The impact that humans have on biomes in an effort to produce food and increase agricultural yields has been analysed and population trends examined with relation to food supply and demand issues. Will Stage 5 have solutions to the world's food distribution issues? Watch this space.

D Barry

TAS- Stage 5 Industrial Technology Timber and Stage 4 Technology Mandatory



For the Stage 5 students, Term One has centred around work, health and safety and fundamental hand skills. Students have completed practise dovetails joints which will be used in their project in the future.

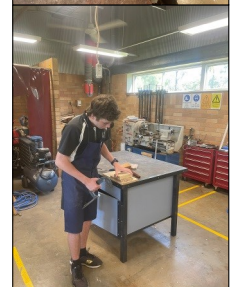
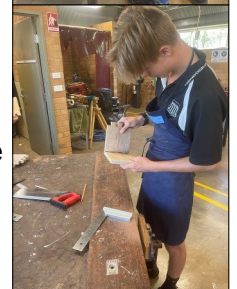
Opportunities to work timber has given the students an understanding of how the timber grain structure affects how you manipulate tools such as hand planes and chisels.

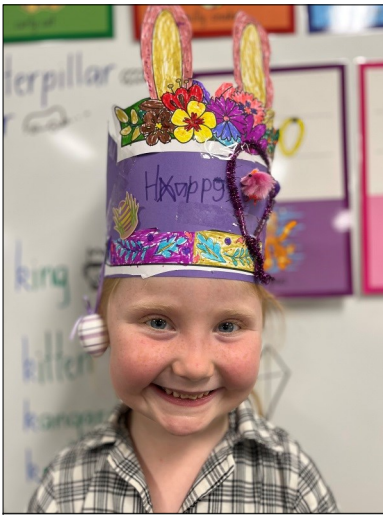
Project planning through drawing interpretation and formulating spreadsheets for cutting lists and project costing has been the base for our theory throughout the term.

Year 7 Technology Mandatory has been introduced to design using timber in the making of a chopping board. Safety, timber types, adhesives and assembling techniques have made up the student experience.

Our Year 8 class have been introduced to a range of hand tools and techniques as they work towards completing their BBQ trays. Understanding working drawings and why we create timber joints for added strength in our projects. Students use mathematical skills to measure and check the quality of the construction.

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Our students have been engaging in various practical activities in the classroom and they always love an opportunity for a photo shoot!

Looking incredibly dapper in their lab coats, Year 7 and 8 were completing an experiment on magnetic outcomes. Ask your children what they learnt during this lesson and I'm sure they'll have plenty to tell you. We look forward to the many upcoming experiments throughout the year and the multiple opportunities to dress up and look the part!

The Stage 5 Agriculture class have added some fancy work shirts to their uniform, sporting a pop of colour to match their bright and bubbly personalities. The students will wear these shirts during practical lessons in the Ag Plot and also when they attend excursions to local farms. They look amazing! Many thanks to Miss Soper for organising them.



P&C REPORT

Term 1 is nearly over and everyone is looking forward to the school holidays. Thank you to the Mendooran PA & H Association for allowing us to run the canteen on show day. This is a great fundraiser for the P&C. We would not be able to do this without the help of the dedicated team of the P&C and wider community. A huge thank you to everyone.

The P&C held their AGM on Tuesday, 26 March 2024 with a high attendance of approximately 15 members.

The Executive members are:

President – Scott Mitchell.

First Vice President – Cameron Hill.

Second Vice President - Damien Sweeney.

Secretary – Dianne Mulligan.

Treasurer – Michele Southwell.

On behalf of the P&C I would like to thank Michele Southwell for having been both the Secretary and Treasurer for the last 2 years.

It was great to see so many come and join in the Primary Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday. Congratulations to all the students on their wonderful creations.

The Mothers Day stall will be held in Term 2 Week 2 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8/9/10 May 2024 from 12:50pm to 1:30pm.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday, 30 April 2024 at 6:30pm at the school. All welcome. Hope to see you there.

S Mitchell

ANZAC DAY 2024



We will remember them - Lest we forget



MENDOORAN CENTRAL SCHOOL ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Tuesday 9 April at 10:30am

Please join us at Mendooran Central School for our student led service in front of the Commemorative Garden.

A morning tea will follow for our special guests, student leaders and school community.

Attendance letter to parents

Dear parents and carers

It's been great to have our students back in classrooms and settling into the school year. I know all our teachers are looking forward to a successful 2024 and are excited to work with you to make this a memorable year for your child.

The evidence is clear that consistent attendance is the essential first step for your child to have a positive experience at school.

Every day matters for your child's learning. In recent years we've seen too many students miss a day of school here and there. Missing school for students means missing assignments, time with friends, an important math lesson or getting picked for a sports team. With days missed, years are lost.

Students are required to attend school every day, whether it's the first or last day of the term, Mondays, Fridays or days dedicated to sports carnivals, school excursions and incursions.

Help us make sure your child is achieving their best and stays ahead in their learning with regular school attendance. The more time your child attends school, the greater their opportunity to learn, make new friends and improve their wellbeing. Together, let's build positive attendance habits for a lifetime.

If your child is absent from school, please let us know why as soon as possible, even if it's just a few minutes at the start or end of the school day. Of course, there will be times when your child is unable to be at school (like when they are unwell). Medical appointments should take place outside school hours where possible and family holidays should be taken in term breaks.

If your child is feeling anxious about coming to school and you need support, please reach out to your child's teacher or me directly. Our staff are here to work with you and your child to help them attend school each and every day. There are also helpful resources for parents and carers on the [Every Day Matters website](#).

Thank you again for working with our teachers and support staff to make sure your child is at school, on time, every day. We all want to see our students learn, grow and belong in our equitable and outstanding education system.

Yours sincerely

Michelle Winston – Relieving Principal

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3 April 2024

Dear Parents,

It is necessary to inform you that we have had a case of head lice reported to school today. This is an on-going problem in most schools. All children (and teachers) can fall victim to the problem.

When children are working together in the confines of a classroom, their hair often comes into contact with that of others. This is one way that lice are transmitted from one child to another.

The following extract comes directly from the Department of Education's web site:-

“Chemical solutions for head lice can be bought from your local pharmacy and you may have to treat bedclothes, hair brushes and combs as well as your child's hair. It may be a good idea to treat other members of the family as well.

Managing head lice is an ongoing challenge for parents/caregivers and school communities. Advice from NSW Health indicates that resistance to head lice treatments appears to be increasing. This means that some children may undergo treatment with anti-lice lotions or shampoo and still have head lice.

Weekly combing with a fine tooth comb using white conditioner is a recommended strategy when other treatments have not worked.”

As a health measure could you please check your child's hair and treat if necessary. Your child need not stay home from school once treatment for the problem has begun. We recommend that you speak to a pharmacist about the best way to treat your child's hair.

Thank you for helping to clear up this problem as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely,



Michelle Winston
Relieving Principal

Term 1 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10	1.4 Easter Monday Public Holiday	2.4	3.4	4.4	5.4 5/6 David Peachey Shield in Dubbo Women in Construction Excursion in Dubbo
11	8.4 Parent Teacher Interviews Primary Netball Trials	9.4 ANZAC Day Ceremony at 10.30am	10.4 HSIE Excursion \$100 payment DUE Primary Boys and Girls Touch Football Knockout in Mendooran	11.4 HSIE Excursion to Sydney	12.4 HSIE Excursion to Sydney Last day of Term 1



Stay safe and enjoy your two week holiday!



Term 2 2024

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