What a wonderful week we’ve had and what an even more exciting one ahead. Our school played host to the Broken Hill School Education Group which takes in 37 schools from Tibooburra in the North, Euston in the South and East to Ivanhoe. It was a bitter-sweet occasion for our School Education Director Trish Webb, as this was the last time this group will meet. An announcement by the Director General late last week detailed a major realignment of schools in NSW. Details of the realignment can be found on the DEC website.

The school spectacular excursion looms large and although some details have been late in coming, whether the students are travelling as a ‘tourist’, rewarded for their excellent behaviour, or as a performer, it is shaping up as a trip of a lifetime.

I’ve turned a little shade of green having seen some wonderful photos of ‘The Rock’. It appears the year 11 excursion is going well and we wish them safe travels! All these events really highlight what a fabulous education students receive here at Menindee Central School.

The Connected Community Strategy continues to gather momentum and after recent discussions with some partner agencies I can again say how far along we already are and that the next steps will be that much easier given the level of cooperation that already exists between government agencies. These meetings will continue next week after which I will be convening Community consultations, please keep an eye on next week’s newsletter for details of when they will occur.
The NSW Government launched the Connected Communities Strategy in May 2012. The aim of Connected Communities is to use stronger partnerships between schools, the local community and government agencies so that schools can become community hubs driving better educational opportunities for students.

Progress, planning and partnership

The Department, in partnership with the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AEAG) have selected 15 schools in some of our most complex communities, to become Connected Community Schools.

The schools that have been selected will be linked with other service providers such as health, welfare, early childhood education and care and vocational education and training at the local level to ensure the needs and aspirations of students are addressed in a holistic way.

The Connected Community Schools

Boggabilla Central School
Bourke High School
Bourke Public School
Brewarrina Central School
Coomabie High School
Coomabie Public School
Hillvue Public School
Menindee Central School

Moree East Public School
Moree Secondary College
Taree High School
Taree Public School
Toomeelah Public School
Walgett Community School
Wilcannia Central School
Leadership

Ms Michele Hall has been appointed as Executive Director, Connected Communities and commenced in the role on 17 September 2012. Michele was previously the Director, Aboriginal Education and Training, in the NSW Department of Education and Communities. Michele has extensive experience in a range of senior roles and in Aboriginal education. She also brings a deep understanding and knowledge of current issues in education and training at a state and national level.

Michele’s immediate priorities have been to progress the recruitment of the Executive Principals and commence working with the communities.

The first recruitment round resulted in the following appointments to the Executive Principal position this term:

- Bourke Public School
  - Kylie Pennell
- Coonamble High School
  - Margaret Mulcahy
- Menindee Central School
  - Daryl Irvine
- Moree Secondary College
  - Hilton Humphries

Acting Executive Principals will be appointed to the other Connected Communities schools for the first two terms of the 2013 school year to allow planning to start with local communities. Further recruitment action will occur in 2013 to finalise all Executive Principal appointments.

Governance and next steps

The Connected Communities Strategy is a new way of delivering services through strong local partnerships. A local school governance group made up of the local Aboriginal community, AEGG, parent and teacher representation will be established in each school community to work with the Executive Principal to develop the planning for the Strategy in each school. As school leadership teams are formed, planning will start with local communities for the 2013 school year.

The Director-General has established a Connected Communities Steering Committee to provide advice to her on the implementation of the Strategy. The Steering Committee comprises senior department officers and representation from the following stakeholders: NSW Teachers Federation; NSW Secondary Principals’ Council; NSW Primary Principals’ Association; Public Schools Principals’ Forum; NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc (AEGG); and the Federation of Parents’ and Citizens’ Council.

Two meetings of the Steering Committee have already been held.

A Connected Communities Management Group is also being established to oversee implementation of the strategy and ensure cross-government links. This Group will include senior officers from the Department, the AEGG, Aboriginal Affairs and representatives from across other government departments and non-government agencies as required. These may include representatives from health, housing, police, industry and communities services.

Recent announcements

The Minister for Education recently announced that $10 million in capital funding would be provided to Connected Communities schools to improve their facilities. There will be consultation with local communities to inform the development of scopes of work so that the works undertaken meet local needs.

Also announced recently by the Minister is funding for the establishment of community-based preschools at the six Connected Communities locations that do not have a Department preschool. Up to $500,000 will be available for each location to develop a preschool presence. Children from disadvantaged families will be able to attend the preschool at little or no cost to their families for up to two years. The six sites are Bourke, Brewarrina, Menindee, Toomelah, Moree East and Hillvue.

Further information go to www.schools.nsw.edu.au/connected-communities
Term 4—Week 6

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House T-Shirts available for $20.00 from the Front Office.

Student Banking each Thursday. Please have your money and deposit books to the front office before the start of the school day.

Important notice for parents

Supervision for students is from 8:30am.
Please do not send your child/Children to school before this time.

School Bus Reminder to parents

Students need to be at their designated collection points in the mornings at the correct time.

The bus will not wait for students who are not at their stops on time.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

To subscribe to the distribution list email: menindee –c.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website: www.menindee-c.schools.nsw.edu.au

Available for 50c at:
Albermarle Hotel, Australia Post, Coombes Service Station, Darling River Supermarket,
Maiden’s Hotel, Red Sands Takeaway

If you like Rugby League you’ll love...

MIXED OZTAG

6 pm Wednesday Evenings @ the Town Oval Starting 31st Oct
Great Prizes.
Get a team of 8 or more together or just put your name down and we’ll put you in a team!
$20 nomination per team.
ESKY sales and entry fee to support Yr 12.
Nominate at the School, Post Office or Police Station

Start the term with a nice new school shirt.

We have yellow and white polo shirts, with the school emblem available from the front office.
Sizes 4 to 16 $20.00
Sizes small to 4XL $25.00
Presentation Night Contributions

The school will be conducting its annual Presentation Night on Thursday 13th December 2012, at the school hall commencing at 6:00pm. The awards presented on the night recognise student achievement and effort in a variety of academic and sporting areas as well as service to the school and local community.

We depend on financial support from individuals, organisations and business houses that the school has contact with throughout the year so that we can purchase prizes for award recipients. Any contribution, no matter how small, will be gratefully appreciated and acknowledged.

If you are able to support our Presentation Night, please send your contribution to the front office by Wednesday 5th December 2012.

If you have any questions please contact Georgia Shephard at the school.

The school would like to thank you for considering this matter.

“Parents with Babies”
Music Classes

This Friday
(and every second Friday thereafter)

Where: Music Room

Time: 10.30 – 11.15

Calling for performers for Menindee Carols by Candlelight 14/12/12
Contact William Mafi
At the school.

Mc Grath Foundation Fundraiser

Saturday 24th November 2012.
School Oval 10 am start.
Cricket and Softball Fun Day.
All players $10 donation to the Mc Grath foundation.
Food and drinks on sale.
Raffles.
All welcome.
Parent tips for use in school newsletters and on school websites

Mobile behaviour

AUDIO: What do parents need to know about sexting – the use of a mobile phone to send sexual images or messages? Learn about the consequences and get tips to help you educate your child.


High School

Gap year ideas

If your child is taking a gap year they might like to consider volunteering. Check out options on the Youth NSW website. Find out how to get started and connect with the right organisations.


Schoolies safety

Want to know how to prep your child for schoolies week? The Turning 18 website offers savvy advice for parents and students alike. Get the facts on drugs, alcohol and celebrating, with top tips for staying safe.


Primary school

Holiday planning

Holiday camps are a great way for kids—7-12 years or 13 and over—to have an adventure and make new friends in a supervised environment. Packages include accommodation, activities and meals. Bookings are now open at camps across NSW.


Changing schools

Research shows that when parents take the time to get children ready for a change of school they settle in quickly. Find out what to do if you’re planning to make the move, whether across town or interstate.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Classified Ads

All submissions for the school news are to be in by Monday 3pm. A written copy can be left at the school/Post Office addressed to ‘SCHOOL NEWS’. Your advert must have your name, address, phone number and signature—this same limit applies to teachers. Every endeavor will be made to print all submitted articles; however, due to a ‘space limit’ some articles may have to be held over or reduced to suit our requirements. Advertising costs are: $4.40 (basic advert), $11.00 (quarter page), $22.00 (half page) and $44.00 (full page) per week.

Payment is required when placing advert.

PLEASE REMEMBER: IF SELLING A CAR OR MOTORBIKE YOU MUST INCLUDE THE REGISTRATION NUMBER OR ENGINE NUMBER. Adverts without this information will NOT be included, phone 8091 4409.

Lucky ball Numbers 3-4-5-9-11-14 Winners NIL, Jackpot: $928.00 Numbers 1-19.

PLEASE NOTE THE SCHOOL NEWS DEADLINE FOR ADVERTISEMENTS IS MONDAY 3:00 PM.

Pooncarie Cricket Trip

On Sunday December 2nd a Menindee team will travel to Pooncarie take on the locals in a game of cricket.

Travel will be by school bus departing at 9am.

Expressions of interest to Adam Bailey. Players and supporters welcome.

ANECLICAN CHURCH SERVICES

Are held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 2.00pm.

All welcome

For further enquires please phone Alisa Jackson on 0428793890

Catholic Church Services

10:00am

1st Saturday of the month

Remainders on Sunday

All Welcome

Bag Party

When:
Wednesday 14th November

Where:
School Library

Time:
6:30pm

Contact
Marissa Bennett
For more information on
0447824055

Hope to see you there!!!

Bush Fire Danger Season

Season 1st October to 31st March

Permits must be obtained from permit office before lighting or using a fire in the open during the fire danger period

Gary Rolton 0427914469

Flying Padre

The dates I will be at the school and the communities are:

October: 16th, 23rd
November: 13th, 20th
December: as required

People can contact me anytime if they need support or a chat.

Church Services

September 23rd
October 28th
November 25th

December - to be advised but there will be a Christmas Day service on the 25th

Jorge Rebolledo
0459318083
0880884404
jorgefrebolledo@gmail.com
LITTLE KIDS AND BOOKS @ MCC

Where:
Menindee Children’s Centre

When:
Term 4 fortnightly
Starting:
Thursday 18th October
Thursday 1st November
Thursday 15th November
Thursday 29th November
Thursday 13th December

Time: 10:30am -12:00pm

What is little kids and books?
A fortnightly activity for families with little kids 0 - 3 years

What do you do?
Enjoy songs, action rhymes, eat a healthy morning tea and share a book together with your little kids.

For more information contact: Prissy & Dimity
(08) 08 80 914 209 Menindee Health Service
November 12, 2012

THE LATEST NEWS FROM CSU
Information for consideration in your next school newsletter to parents

You + CSU = $20,000

Entries are now open for Charles Sturt University’s ‘You + CSU’ competition, which gives school leavers a chance to win $20,000 towards the cost of study at the University.

All you have to do is upload a video describing what your ultimate CSU experience would be like and you could pocket the $20,000 and land a role as CSU’s Digital Ambassador for 2013.

Entry is open to all Australian school leavers and TAFE graduates from 2010, 2011 or 2012 who intend to begin their first university degree, full-time, on campus at CSU next year.

More details are available at www.csu.edu.au/experience and entries are open until December 9, so grab your camera or smartphone and start shooting!

Facebook information session

And to hear about the CSU experience straight from the horse’s mouth, the University’s ‘CSU Future Students’ page will be hosting a forum on December 20.

School leavers curious about what life on a CSU campus is really like can log in via www.facebook.com/csufuture and ask current students about their own experiences.

All the information will remain on the page for others to read in future, so your questions could soon be helping other future students get a feel for the CSU experience too.

But Facebook is just one of the ways you can connect with CSU… you can find us on Twitter (@CharlesSturtUni) and the web (CSU.edu.au) or you can call us on 1800 334 733.
JOHN WILLIAMS MP
Member for Murray-Darling

will be available for appointments in
Menindee on

Friday 23 November 2012

Success for CentaCare’s Learner Driver Activity in Menindee:

CentaCare Wilcannia- Forbes’ Manage Your Income (MYI) Program has been engaging participants in Broken Hill for Strive 2 Drive. Strive 2 Drive not only helps participants obtain their learners licence but also participate in road safety and road responsibility activities, state debt fines, identification issues, learning about insurance, car registrations and budgeting for a vehicle.

Having a licence allows the possibility of getting appropriate employment and to have transport when needed.

Earlier this month Menindee CDEP participants Brenton Sloane and Dennis Sloane were able to do just that. By attending the 10 week course delivered by Jennifer Higgins who is the Financial Literacy Worker with the MYI program in Broken Hill, both Brenton and Dennis, with the help of Summit Employment who looks after the CDEP in Menindee, travelled to Broken Hill to sit the DKT Test and both passed with 100%.

Congratulations to Brenton and Dennis and good luck as they are both very keen to now get their P plates and look to a brighter future.

If anyone would like to take part the Strive 2 Drive activity should contact Jennifer Higgins at the CentaCare WF office in Broken Hill on 08 8087 3477.
ATTENTION MENINDEE LEARNERS

Cadigal Alternative Entry Program

Applications for 2013 are now open.

The Cadigal Alternative Entry Program is an access and support program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who want to study at the University of Sydney. Any course offered by the University (excluding block-mode and away-from-base courses) can be studied through the Cadigal Program.

Applicants need to be in one of the following two categories:

- people under 21 years of age who have completed the NSW Higher School Certificate or an equivalent examination (HSC applicants);
- people over 21 years of age (mature-age applicants).

Applications for the Cadigal Program must be submitted to the Cadigal Officer at Student Support Services or Yooroorang Garang before the end of November 2012. Applicants must also submit a UAC application showing preferred courses at the University of Sydney.

Students admitted under the Cadigal Program may be offered enrolment with a full-time course load or a reduced load. Students with a reduced load may still be eligible for full Abstudy.

Students admitted under the Cadigal Program are also required to attend the Cadigal Orientation and Academic Skills Workshops.

- Cadigal Orientation and Academic Skills Workshops

Application forms

- Cadigal application form (PDF 265 KB)
- Eligibility Step by Step Application Process (PDF 136KB)
- Koori Centre Proof of Aboriginality Policy (PDF 112KB)

Contact details

For Cadigal Program enquiries and further information please contact:
Tanya Griffiths, Cadigal Officer
Location: Room 519, Level 5
Jane Foss Russell Building, G02
The University of Sydney NSW 2006
Telephone: 02 8627 8619
Fax: 02 8627 8482
Email: tanya.griffiths@sydney.edu.au
**EXPRESSİONS OF INTEREST SOUGHT**

**INDIGENOUS MALE PROJECT OFFICER**

Expand your horizon. Live in Broken Hill and explore the outback while being involved in an innovative Indigenous research project.

With skills in health, social sciences, education or community development and experience working with Aboriginal communities you will be a valued member of a small team involved in ALL aspects (development, implementation and evaluation) of an adult and child study and an associated innovative cultural healing program. The emphasis is on identifying strategies to reduce the long-term effects of stress and violence at the individual, family and community level.

Maari Ma is collaborating with the University of New South Wales Schools of Psychology and Psychiatry for this research, under the guidance of an Indigenous Advisory Committee.

The position is available to December 2013, with the possibility of extension.

There are two job descriptions available for this position, one non-graduate and one graduate. Salary is dependent of the qualifications and experience that are brought to it. Maari Ma offers five weeks annual leave, professional development opportunities and generous salary packaging provisions.

The position is based in Broken Hill, with travel to the communities of Wilcannia and Menindee involved.

In this position, gender and Australian Aboriginality are genuine occupational qualifications and are authorised by sections 14 and 31 of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977.

If you are interested please contact Sue for further details. EOI closes on 23rd November 2012.

**Dr. Sue Selden PhD**

**CSRP Project Manager / Research Leader Broken Hill**

Email: Sue.Selden@maarima.com.au

Community Safety Research Project

Phone: 08 80829860 or 0408782766 (Fax: 08 80829889)

443 Argent Street, Broken Hill NSW 2880.
INTRODUCTION TO CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

3 DAY GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP

Broken Hill

Tuesday 20 November – Thursday 22 November 2012

The Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) invites you to nominate directors and members from your corporation to attend the Broken Hill, Introduction to Corporate Governance workshop.

The 3 day workshop will:

- introduce some basic principles and concepts of good corporate governance
- demonstrate some techniques and tools to help your decision making
- show you how to comply with the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (CATSI Act)

ORIC will accept applications from directors and members of ORIC corporations and key staff who are endorsed by their CEO or supervisor. Application forms can be downloaded from the ORIC website (www.oric.gov.au). If you are not able to download the application form please contact me.

ORIC will cover all costs associated with attendance at the workshop including reasonable travel costs where participants reside outside the local geographical area as determined by ORIC.

Please note the accommodation for this workshop is on a twin share basis. However, ORIC provides no sitting fees or payments for attendance. Corporations/employers may wish to reimburse participants for work time loss and ORIC can provide evidence of participant attendance at the workshop if required.

Participants who successfully complete the 3 day workshop are eligible to apply for a fully funded place in the Certificate IV in Business (Governance).

Please contact Allan Sambono on (02) 6146 4751 or toll free (not free from mobiles) on 1800 622 431 if you require further information.

Yours faithfully

Allan Sambono
Training Section
Child Safe Organisation Seminars

Details: Workshop is being run over 2 days
Participants MUST attend both days

Dates: Monday 19 November 2pm-4pm
Tuesday 20 November 10am-1pm

Venue: Rural Transaction Centre – 35 Reid St Wilcannia NSW

Cost: FREE – Registration essential

To register online Click here or register by sending completed form by fax or email

The NSW Commission for Children & Young People is running a Child Safe Organisations seminar.

At the seminar you will gain an understanding of what risk management strategies your organisation needs to adopt to help make it Child Safe. The session will include information on keeping kids safe from abuse in your organisation and your obligations under the Working With Children Check.

Who should attend: Managers, coordinators and HR staff for organisations that work with children and young people such as welfare, child care, education, sports, recreation and the arts. Both Non and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services are welcome to attend.

Certificates will only be given to participants who attend both days
Tea and Coffee will be provided, participants are encouraged to bring or purchase their own lunch

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Monday 19 Nov 2012 2.00pm-4.00pm AND Tuesday 20 Nov 2012 10.00am- 1.00pm
Rural Transaction Centre 35 Reid St, Wilcannia NSW
*Participants MUST attend both sessions to receive certificate

• Ms • Mr • Mrs
First name __________________________ Last name __________________________
Organisation _________________________ Position __________________________
Postal address __________________________
Suburb __________________________ State ___________ Postcode ___________
Email __________________________ Ph ___________ Fax ___________

Subscribe me to the NSW Commission for Children and Young People e-newsletter (Check box) • Yes • No

Send your completed registration form NO LATER than five working days prior to the session to: NSW Commission for Children & Young People

Fax: 02 9286 7267
Email: childsafe@kids.nsw.gov.au

Or by post:
NSW Commission for Children and Young People
Level 2, 407 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills, NSW, 2010

Enquiries: Phone 02 9286 7276 or email childsafe@kids.nsw.gov.au
REMOTE JOBS AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM 2013-2018

JOBS AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES FOR PEOPLE IN REMOTE AUSTRALIA

Call for Expressions of Interest for the conduct of the Remote Jobs and Communities Program 2013-2018

The Australian Government is making major changes to remote employment, participation and community-development services, including Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP).

The new Remote Jobs and Communities Program (RJCP) will provide a simpler, more integrated and flexible approach to services in identified Remote Regions from 1 July 2013.

A call for Expressions of Interest (EOI) to conduct RJCP activities was released on 2 October 2012. To access the EOI interested parties must register with AusTender at www.tenders.gov.au. Once registered, the EOI can be downloaded from AusTender.

All organisations interested in conducting the RJCP activities are encouraged to apply, including smaller organisations that may form part of a provider partnership. All applicants will need to demonstrate their ability to work with communities in the regions they apply for, as well as the capacity to deliver services.

From 8 - 19 October 2012, Information Sessions will be conducted in the Remote Regions to discuss the EOI process with potential applicants. In addition, two web conference sessions will be conducted for those interested who cannot attend a face to face session in a Remote Region.

The locations of the information sessions are provided in the list below.

All enquiries about the EOI and to book in to attend an information session or web conference session must be directed to the Employment Services Hotline or mailbox:

DEEWR Employment Services Purchasing Hotline: 1300 733 514
(Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm Canberra time)
Mailbox: espurchasing@deewr.gov.au

For more information on the EOI, visit www.deewr.gov.au/esprocurement
For more information on the Remote Jobs and Communities Program, including maps of the regions, go to www.deewr.gov.au/rjcp
Inquiries on the Remote Jobs and Communities Program can be directed to:
Mailbox: remoteprojects@deewr.gov.au
LET’S LAUNCH THE MENINDEE CULTURAL GARDEN

Western CMA & Menindee Local Aboriginal Land Council

Wednesday, December 5
10:00AM - 4:00PM

Official Opening by The Hon. Sussan Ley
Federal Member for Farrer

Special Guest Appearance by David Shillington -
Captain of the Canberra Raiders

Onsite at Menindee Local Aboriginal Land Council
Yarla Street, Menindee
BBQ Lunch Provided
Self Defence ~ Kick Boxing
For Females 12 Years +

TUESDAY EVENINGS 6.00PM - 7.30PM
(Female Instructor with Male assistance)

For females only aged 12 years and up
8 Week program commencing on the 31st October 2012
COST: $10 per lesson or $65 for full 8 weeks
All Participants must be PCYC Club Members.
Adults $20, Junior/Concession $10.
Memberships lasts for 1 year.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE PCYC ON 8087 3723

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COMMENCING ON THE 15TH OCTOBER
Monday’s 6.15pm - 7.00pm
Wednesday’s 5.30pm - 6.15pm
For ages 12 and up
All levels of experience welcome!
COST: $9 per Session
(if you attend twice in one week second session only $5)
All Participants must be PCYC Club Members.
Adults $20, Junior/Concession $10.
Memberships lasts for 1 year.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE PCYC ON 8087 3723
Beyond Cafe
Menindee Enterprise Park

OPEN EVERY WEEK 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Special Guest
Tahlia Philp
From 3:00 pm

Cappuccino
Flat White
Hot Chocolate
Latte
Tea
Spiders
Milkshakes
Thickshakes
Cheesecakes
Pancakes
Mini Pavlova